



THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT  
OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

# Board Report

## Office of Safety, Security, and Protection (OSSP)

### • OSSP Monthly Activities Report for June 2026

#### Summary

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This monthly report provides a summary of OSSP activities for June 2026 in the following key areas:

- Safety, Regulatory, and Training (SRT)
  - Health and Safety Programs
  - Environmental Programs
  - Safety and Technical Training Programs
  - Apprenticeship Programs
- Security Management
- Emergency Management

#### Purpose

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Informational

#### Attachments

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**Attachment 1: Detailed Report – OSSP Monthly Activities for June 2026**



## OSSP Monthly Activities Report June 2026

### Objectives:

Improve the workplace and promote START values.

Strengthen safety training. Expand security and emergency management capabilities.

## SAFETY, REGULATORY & TRAINING (SRT)

### SRT Health and Safety Programs

The Safety Team issued a new quarterly Headquarters Safety Newsletter highlighting key safety topics to cover in celebration of June National Safety Month. Additionally, the team issued the Safety Forum Rundown to highlight key takeaways and successful safety initiatives implemented by local safety committees that are valuable for adoption at other locations.



Headquarters Safety Newsletter



Safety Forum Rundown



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Across the organization for June National Safety Month, field facilities held their own individual Safety Month events. The team hosted a safety display in the Headquarters Rotunda featuring personal protective equipment and other essential safety resources. In recognition of outstanding performance, the Safety Team presented awards to work groups that achieved key 2025 safety goals.



*Presentation of Safety Awards at field sites*



*Safety Table at Headquarters Rotunda*

### **SRT Environmental Programs**

The Environmental Team posted new Health, Safety and Environmental procedures for tank and scrubber pump-outs and decontamination. These procedures include comprehensive checklists that will improve work efficiency, minimize costs, conserve resources, and improve regulatory compliance. The team also supported the triennial internal audits of Process Safety Management at Diemer and Mills.



*Triennial Safety Audit at Diemer Plant*



### ***SRT Safety and Technical Training Programs***

The Defensive Driver Training course has been updated to improve efficiency while maintaining high safety standards. Course materials were refined to ensure all content fits within the allotted training time without sacrificing clarity, quality, or operational relevance.

### ***SRT Apprenticeship Programs***

The Electrical and Mechanical Apprenticeship Classes of 2027 completed their final exams and concluded their sixth period of instruction.

Additionally, the Mechanical and Electrical Apprenticeship Class of 2030 attended Study Skills, a course designed to strengthen time management, study habits, note-taking, and test-prep skills in preparation for their upcoming four-year apprenticeship coursework.



*New Mechanical and Electrical Class of 2030 Pre-Apprentices attending Study Skills*



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## Security Management

### ***SPOT Security Robotics Presentation***

Security Staff gave a PowerPoint briefing on the implementation of the Asylon robotic device for June National Safety Month. The presentation emphasized the justification, implementation, costs, limitations, constraints, and future of semi-autonomous robots to enhance both security and potentially future safety applications through the use of gas-sensor payloads, confined-space adaptations, or other emerging technologies that could mitigate potentially dangerous conditions previously undertaken by human workers. SPOT quadrupeds now successfully patrol facility perimeters and sensitive operational areas at multiple water treatment plants throughout the Metropolitan service area.

An Asylon representative was present with SPOT so that employees could physically see the robot in person, interact with it, and even control it with the local iPad controller. Security Specialists were on site to answer questions and actively interact with employees during the presentation and with online virtual attendees.



*SPOT is one of several semi-autonomous robotic quadrupeds now patrolling critical facilities across MET*



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### **WaterISAC H<sub>2</sub>OSecCon**

Metropolitan Security staff participated as national-level presenters during WaterISAC’s annual virtual Water Security Convention (H<sub>2</sub>OSecCon), both as solo subject matter experts on drone technology and on a panel featuring best practices for managing effective physical security programs, including foundational principles of access control, deterrence, surveillance, and protection of cyber assets.

Staff presented the challenges of emerging drone capabilities and threats to the water sector, as well as potential detection, mitigation, and countermeasures to these potent aerial threats. Feedback from the audience was exceptionally positive, and many members reached out to Metropolitan staff for additional information, guidance, and mentorship.



*WaterISAC H<sub>2</sub>OSecCon 2026*



## Emergency Management

### *Response*



*Bain Fire visible from Lake Mathews.*

Wildfire activity increased last month in Metropolitan's service area, with the Duty Officer monitoring five fires near Metropolitan facilities:

- The Sandy Fire in Ventura County burned in the Calleguas Municipal Water District's area.
- The Bain Fire in Riverside County was near Lake Mathews.
- The Placentia Fire, also in Riverside County, burned near a Metropolitan facility.
- The Grand Fire in San Bernardino County burned in Eastern Conveyance and Distribution's area.
- The Star Fire in Los Angeles County burned near the Garvey Reservoir.

Emergency Management staff monitored an Active Shooter incident at an Islamic Center in San Diego County, a protest in downtown Los Angeles near the Union Station Headquarters, and a Hazardous Materials Incident in Garden Grove that impacted some Metropolitan employees. Staff alerted Human Resources personnel of employees in the evacuation zone, who then reached out to check on them.



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## Preparation



*World Cup Fan Zone Prep at Union Station, and pitch prep at LA (SoFi) Stadium.*

Staff participated in numerous World Cup exercises and meetings to prepare for the upcoming World Cup 2026 events in Los Angeles. This included a FIFA-hosted tabletop exercise with outside partners at Los Angeles SoFi Stadium and a functional exercise at the Los Angeles County Emergency Operations Center (EOC). Staff are part of the Los Angeles City Major Special Events Task Force and have been attending monthly prep meetings throughout the year.

The Los Angeles SoFi Stadium will host eight matches, and there will be ten official Fan Zone events. Hundreds of other informal events are expected to happen throughout Metropolitan's service area during the month-long tournament. Given the magnitude of this event and the number of security and emergency preparedness variables involved, the Metropolitan EOC will be activated at a low level for all matches and the four-day Fan Zone Event near Headquarters at Union Station. The Metropolitan EOC will actively monitor the region for any incidents that may impact Metropolitan employee safety and/or operations. They will also maintain regular communications with the Los Angeles City and County EOCs throughout the World Cup.



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## ***Collaboration and Outreach***



*Joint HazMat Tabletop Exercise at LAFD Training Center*

Staff participated in a multi-agency hazardous materials tabletop exercise on May 20. This exercise was presented by the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency and brought together numerous water agencies and fire and police departments to plan through multiple hazardous material incident response scenarios.

Staff ran the monthly Member Agency Response System radio test with all Metropolitan member agencies.