

The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California

Agenda

The mission of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California is to provide its service area with adequate and reliable supplies of high-quality water to meet present and future needs in an environmentally and economically responsible way.

OWA Committee

T. Quinn, Chair
K. Seckel, Vice Chair
L. Ackerman
D. Alvarez
G. Cordero
R. Crane
D. Denham
D. Erdman
M. Gold
M. Katz
C. Kurtz
J. Lewitt
J. McMillan
C. Miller
B. Pressman
G. Shepherd Romey

One Water and Adaptation Committee

Meeting with Board of Directors *

March 9, 2026

3:30 p.m.

Monday, March 9, 2026 Meeting Schedule

**09:00 a.m. EOT
11:00 a.m. LEG
12:30 p.m. BREAK
01:00 p.m. OPE
02:00 p.m. AUDIT
03:30 p.m. OWA**

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1. Opportunity for members of the public to address the committee on matters within the committee's jurisdiction (As required by Gov. Code Section 54954.3(a))

**** CONSENT CALENDAR ****

2. COMMITTEE ACTION (ONLY)

- A. Approval of the Minutes of the One Water and Adaptation Committee of February 9, 2026 [21-5484](#)

Attachments: [03092026 OWA 2A \(02092026\) Minutes](#)

3. COMMITTEE ITEMS (FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION)

NONE

**** END OF CONSENT CALENDAR ****

4. COMMITTEE ITEMS (ACTION FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION)

- 8-1 Authorize the General Manager to develop and enter into an Agreement with the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power and the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works for Multi-Benefit Program Funding Pilot; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA [21-5451](#)

5. COMMITTEE ITEMS (INFORMATIONAL FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION)

- 9-4 Information on Implementing a Modified Operational Shift Cost Offset Program [21-5486](#)

6. COMMITTEE ITEMS (INFORMATIONAL)

- a. Provide an update on the current groundwater storage programs in the central valley and efforts to identify and evaluate potential new groundwater storage partnerships [21-5485](#)
 - b. CAMP4W Quarterly Update [21-5487](#)
- Attachments:** [03092026 OWA 6b CL](#)
- c. Update on Water Surplus and Drought Management [21-5488](#)

Attachments: [03092026 OWA 6c CL](#)

- d. Update on Conservation Program [21-5489](#)

Attachments: [03092026 OWA 6d CL](#)

7. MANAGEMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HIGHLIGHTS

- a. Bay-Delta Resources activities [21-5508](#)
Colorado River Resources activities
Sustainability, Resilience and Innovation activities
Water Resources Management activities

Attachments: [03092026 OWA 7a Bay-Delta Resources activities](#)
[03092026 OWA 7a Colorado River Resources activities](#)
[03092026 OWA 7a Sustainability, Resilience and Innovation activities](#)
[03092026 OWA 7a Water Resources Management activities](#)

8. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS AND DISCUSSION

- a. Report from Subcommittee on Imported Water [21-5509](#)
- b. Discuss and provide direction on Subcommittee on Imported Water [21-5510](#)

9. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

NONE

10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

11. ADJOURNMENT

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THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

MINUTES

ONE WATER AND ADAPTATION COMMITTEE

February 9, 2026

Vice Chair Seckel called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m.

Members present: Directors Ackerman, Alvarez, Cordero, Crane, Denham, Erdman, Gold (teleconference posted location), Kurtz, Lewitt, McMillan, Miller, Pressman (teleconference posted location), Seckel, and Shepherd Romey.

Members absent: Directors Katz and Quinn.

Other Board Members present: Directors Dennstedt, Faessel, Fellow, Fong-Sakai, and Jay.

Committee Staff present: Bednarski, Crosson, Deshmukh, Goshi, Harms, Hawk, Hudson, Rubin, and Schlotterbeck.

1. OPPORTUNITY FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COMMITTEE ON MATTERS WITHIN THE COMMITTEE'S JURISDICTION

None

CONSENT CALENDAR

2. COMMITTEE ACTION (ONLY)

A. Approval of the Minutes of the One Water & Adaptation Committee for January 12, 2026.

3. COMMITTEE ITEMS (FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION)

None

Director Erdman made a motion, seconded by Director Ackerman, to approve the consent calendar consisting of item 2A.

The vote was:

Ayes: Directors Ackerman, Alvarez, Cordero, Crane, Denham, Erdman, Gold, Kurtz, Lewitt, McMillan, Miller, Pressman, Seckel, and Shepherd Romey

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

Absent: Directors Katz and Quinn

The motion passed by a vote of 14 ayes, 0 noes, 0 abstentions, and 2 absent.

**** END OF CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS ****

4. COMMITTEE ITEMS (ACTION FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION)

None

5. COMMITTEE ITEMS (INFORMATIONAL FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION)

None

6. COMMITTEE ITEMS (INFORMATIONAL)

- a. Subject: Report on Metropolitan's State Water Project 2026 Statement of Charges and Audit

Presented by: Jaime Dalida, Senior Resource Specialist

Mr. Brandon Goshi, Group Manager, Water Resource Management, provided background information and introductory remarks.

Ms. Dalida presented the 2026 State Water Project Statement of Charges, noting the \$704 million budget (35% of expenditures) and a \$6 million decrease from 2025 due to higher transportation debt service offset by lower conservation and power costs. Richardson & Company's audit resolved seven findings and left 83 outstanding—mainly tied to the Water System Revenue Bond surcharge—with continued coordination and anticipated settlement discussions.

The following directors provided comments or asked questions.

1. Seckel
2. Alvarez

Staff responded to the Directors' questions and comments.

- b. Subject: Update on implementing a modified Operational Shift Cost Offset Program

Presented by: Jessica Arm, Resource Specialist

Mr. Brandon Goshi, Group Manager, Water Resource Management, provided background information and introductory remarks.

Ms. Arm outlined a modification to the Operational Shift Costs Offset Program (OSCOP), first used in 2021 to address drought conditions and preserve about 87,000 acre-feet of State Water Project supplies through compensated delivery shifts. The proposal would make OSCOP an active program that the General Manager can initiate for broader operational needs, with staff returning in March for additional information and in April to seek authorization.

The following directors provided comments or asked questions.

1. Sutley
2. Seckel
3. Kurtz

Staff responded to the Directors' questions and comments.

- c. Subject: Update on Water Surplus and Drought Management
Presented by: Noosha Razavian, Resource Specialist

Mr. Brandon Goshi, Group Manager, Water Resource Management, provided background information and introductory remarks.

Ms. Razavian reported the State Water Project allocation increased from 10% to 30% (about 570,000 acre-feet) due to improved reservoir levels, supported by Lake Oroville storage and near-full San Luis Reservoir capacity, though snowpack remains weak in the Northern Sierra and Upper Colorado River Basin. Metropolitan's estimated supply of 1.47 million acre-feet is slightly below the projected demand of 1.5 million acre-feet, leaving a 30,000 acre-feet gap that could shift to surplus depending on future hydrologic conditions and adjustments.

- d. Subject: Update on Conservation Program

Vice Chair Seckel stated that the written report has been posted; nothing additional to report.

- e. Subject: Update on Basin States Discussions Regarding Post-2026 Operational Guidelines
Presented by: Shanti Rosset, Special Projects Manager

Mr. Bill Hasencamp, Manager of Colorado River Resources, provided background information and introductory remarks.

Ms. Rosset updated the board on Basin State negotiations for post-2026 Lake Powell and Lake Mead operations and Reclamation's DEIS, noting a required October 1, 2026 decision, poor hydrology with Upper Basin snowpack at 58% of median, and unresolved issues including Powell releases, conservation commitments, reduction allocations, agreement duration, and waiver disputes. The DEIS will shape the final decision, with Metropolitan preparing comments by the March 2 deadline as negotiations continue without consensus.

The following directors provided comments or asked questions.

1. Seckel
2. Sutley
3. Gold

Staff responded to the Directors' questions and comments.

7. MANAGEMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HIGHLIGHTS

- a. Subject: Bay-Delta Resources activities
Colorado River Resources activities
Sustainability, Resilience, and Innovation activities
Water Resource Management activities

Assistant General Manager John Bednarski stated that there was nothing to report beyond the previously issued written reports.

Director McMillan left the meeting.

8. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS AND DISCUSSION

- a. Subject: Report from Subcommittee on Imported Water

Director Gold reported on ongoing discussions regarding Colorado River matters, the State Water Project, Central Valley Project, and Bay-Delta Water Quality Control Plan, as well as updates from the Delta Conveyance Design and Construction Authority, recent Colorado River Board meetings, and broader Colorado River negotiations.

- b. Subject: Discuss and provide direction to Subcommittee on Imported Water
None

9. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

Staff to consider input on the OSCOP Program and return with an informational and action item.

10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

The next meeting will be held on March 9, 2026.

The meeting adjourned at 4:18 p.m.

Karl Seckel
Vice Chair



One Water and Adaptation Committee

3/9/2026 Committee Meeting

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Subject

Climate Adaptation Master Plan for Water Quarterly Update

Executive Summary

The Climate Adaptation Master Plan for Water (CAMP4W) team made progress this quarter on testing and refining the Decision-Making Framework and underlying assumptions and on several other climate adaptation initiatives including the Fire Risk Management Plan and Community Engagement Standards. Progress is detailed below.

CAMP4W Assessments

As an initial step in implementing CAMP4W, staff conducted individual project assessments using the CAMP4W Decision-Making Framework as a first comprehensive test of the evaluation process across all criteria. These assessments involved collaboration across multiple departments to evaluate projects through the lenses of water supply reliability, system flexibility, equity, environmental co-benefits, financial considerations, and implementation feasibility. This cross-functional effort provided valuable insight into both the strengths of individual projects and the practical application of the framework itself.

In parallel, WRM updated the 2020 IRP underlying assumptions to ensure reliability analyses reflect current information and system conditions. The resulting revised Needs Assessment baselines focus on Scenarios C and D, which reflect the higher climate change impacts associated with RCP 8.5 and are consistent with prior Board direction to evaluate more severe hydrologic futures. These updated baselines incorporate revised demand projections, local supply and imported supply outlooks, storage levels, and system flexibility and demand management measures.

Using the revised Scenario C and D baselines, WRM evaluated two representative project portfolios under both expected project start dates and a “fully built” condition to assess near-term risks and long-term reliability value. The modeling demonstrated that, while portfolios reduce the severity and frequency of shortages by shifting impacts into more manageable ranges, shortages persist, underscoring the continued need for additional core supplies, storage investments, and demand management actions. At the same time, the analysis identifies increasing volumes of unmanaged surplus water under some conditions, reinforcing the importance of aligning future storage and operational strategies with supply investments. Together, this work advances both the individual and portfolio-level analyses under CAMP4W and provides a clearer understanding of trade-offs, risk exposure, and policy considerations for the Board’s ongoing deliberations.

CAMP4W Project and Portfolio Assessments

Since the approval of the CAMP4W Five-Year Implementation Strategy, staff has focused on the use and refinement of the CAMP4W Decision-Making Framework and Assessment Form. Specifically, the CAMP4W team has conducted the following CAMP4W Assessments:

Date of Report: March 9, 2026

Individual Project Assessments

- 1) Pure Water Southern California (45 MGD stage, 75 MGD stage, 150 MGD project)
- 2) Sites Reservoir
- 3) Delta Conveyance Project

Portfolio Assessments

- 4) Major Projects Portfolio (modeled for reliability benefits and potential rate impacts)
 - a. Pure Water Southern California (150 MGD project), Sites Reservoir, Delta Conveyance Project, AVEK Expansion, South of Delta Storage
- 5) Sequence 1
 - a. Enhanced Conservation Program, Sepulveda Pump Stage 2, Groundwater Augmentation, Pure Water Southern California (45 MGD), Regional Conveyance
- 6) Sequence 2
 - a. In Delta Investments, AVEK Expansion, South of Delta Storage Reservoir, Sites Reservoir, Delta Conveyance Project

To complete analyses for Sequences 1 and 2, staff also compiled significant information for all the projects listed to inform the portfolio analysis. The assessment and management teams overseeing the CAMP4W process have evaluated these efforts, and some of the most significant lessons learned and takeaways are listed below.

CAMP4W Individual Project Assessments: Lessons Learned

- The Decision-Making Framework and evaluative criteria work well for individual projects. Assessments demonstrate the strong points of each project as well as areas for improvement. The comprehensiveness of the form is useful in communicating a project's values in each of the six criteria categories.
- Delineation between the project lead and the assessment team in conducting the assessment is important. To ensure an objective and standardized approach, it is important to have the assessment team of subject matter experts conduct each assessment.
- Assessment forms could be simplified to improve readability and standardization. The team is working on refinements that help with the digestibility of the information without compromising the quality of the assessment or oversimplifying the complexity of the opportunities or challenges.
- It is difficult to compare different project types and projects in different stages of development. For example, core water supply projects and system flexibility projects yield distinct benefits and can pose significantly different challenges. It is important to evaluate investments in the context of the specific risk it mitigates and time-bound target/s it advances.

CAMP4W Portfolio Assessments: Lessons Learned

- The Decision-Making Framework is difficult to apply to a portfolio of projects under some criteria. Some aspects of a group of projects can be aggregated (costs, supply benefits, greenhouse gas emissions), but others are challenging to assess together.
- A portfolio of projects can be modeled and assessed for reliability benefits and cost impacts over time to demonstrate its effectiveness in reducing shortages in various scenarios. This type of analysis can help identify where further project and/or program development is needed to meet long-term water supply reliability goals and implications for rate impacts over time.
- The evaluative criteria and assessment approach could be refined to improve the applicability to groupings of projects.

Progress on Additional CAMP4W Initiatives

List of CAMP4W Initiatives included in **Attachment 1**

Fire Management Planning

Fire management planning and implementation efforts are ongoing and coordinated across multiple Metropolitan departments, including Landscape Maintenance Teams, Environmental Planning, Safety, Regulatory, and Training (SRT), and Sustainability, Resilience and Innovation (SRI). Facility walks are continuing to assess landscape fire management needs at treatment plants.

Landscape maintenance, in compliance with AB 3074, has been implemented at Eagle Rock, which is located in a high fire severity zone. Structural hardening and additional landscape improvement recommendations for the Eagle Rock facility are currently under review by Engineering and Operations in preparation for implementation. Landscape maintenance has also been completed within the 0–5-foot ember-resistant zone at Live Oak Reservoir and Etiwanda Reservoir.

In addition, SRI is collaborating with SRT Emergency Management to organize and streamline access to all emergency and fire-related plans, supporting the development of a comprehensive fire management plan. This coordinated, cross-departmental effort ensures clear roles and responsibilities and strengthens overall fire preparedness and planning effectiveness.

Public Workshop on Developing Community Engagement Standards

As part of the CAMP4W Implementation Plan, External Affairs staff hosted a public workshop titled Developing Community Engagement Standards for our Water Future on February 5.

Participants received an update on CAMP4W, reviewed Metropolitan’s current outreach practices, and discussed the need for clear community engagement standards. Approximately 75 people participated in person and online. Attendees shared best practices for engaging communities on drinking water issues and identified ways to expand participation in the water sector.

The workshop included representatives from nonprofit organizations, colleges and universities, public agencies, water industry professionals and members of the public. Their input will help inform the development of draft community engagement standards as CAMP4W advances.

Fiscal Impact

None

Applicable Policy

By Minute Item 53436, dated April 8, 2025, the Board approved the Climate Adaptation Master Plan for Water Five-Year Implementation Strategy.



2/26/2026

Elizabeth Crosson
Chief Sustainability, Resilience and
Innovation Officer

Date



2/26/2026

Shivaji Deshmukh
General Manager

Date

Attachment 1 – Adaptation Strategies: Studies, Programs, Policies and Initiatives

Ref# 12714231

Adaptation Strategies: Studies, Programs, Policies and Initiatives

Timelines are subject to change based on new and evolving information

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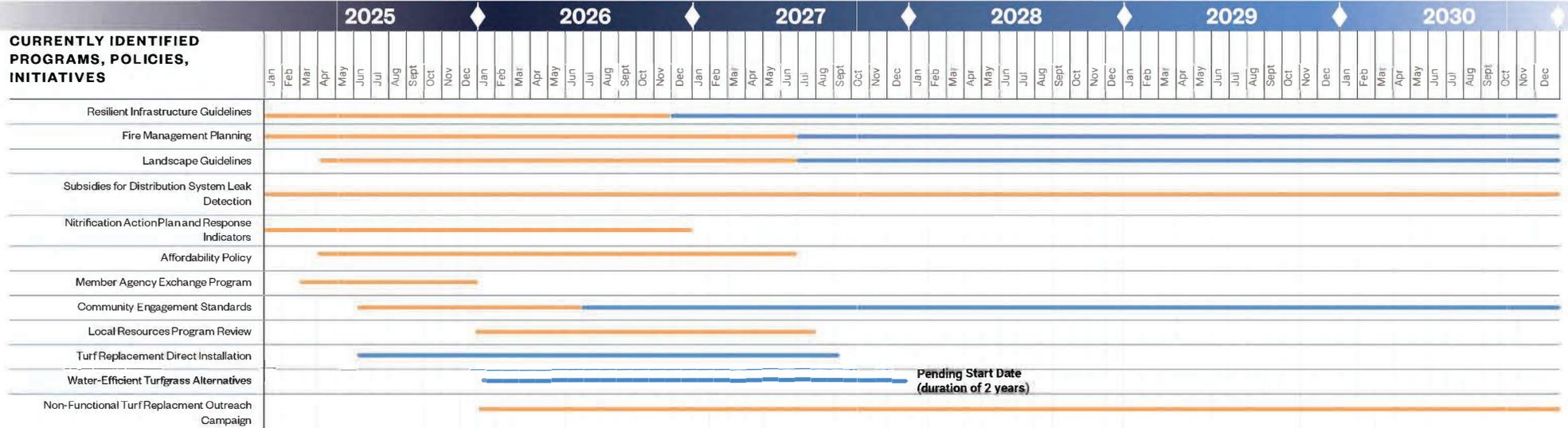
- ◆ Annual Report
- Budget Approval Process (CIP/other elements)
- Needs Assessment Update
- ★ Board Decision Point
- CAMP4W Assessment

Board Authorized Phase

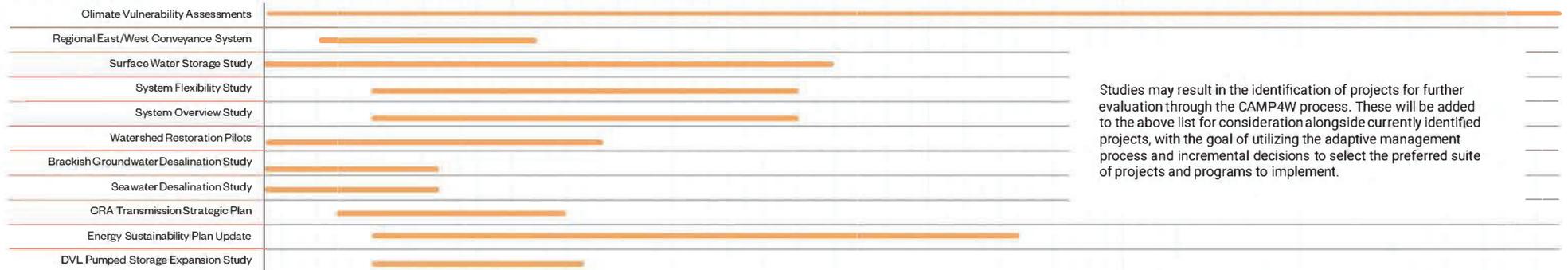
- Planning
- Implementation
- Design

Phase Pending Board Decision

- Planning
- Implementation
- Design



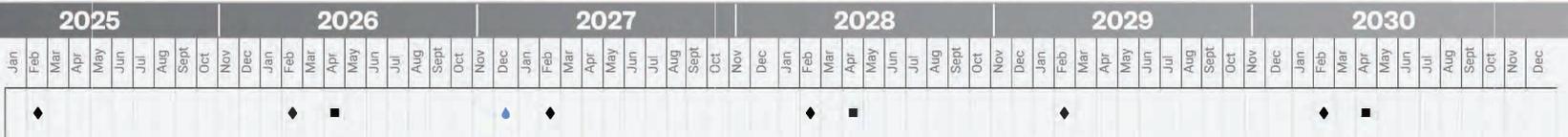
CURRENTLY IDENTIFIED WATER AND ENERGY SUPPLY PROJECT STUDIES TIMELINE



Studies may result in the identification of projects for further evaluation through the CAMP4W process. These will be added to the above list for consideration alongside currently identified projects, with the goal of utilizing the adaptive management process and incremental decisions to select the preferred suite of projects and programs to implement.

BOARD TIMELINE

Recurring Board Decision Points





One Water and Adaptation Committee

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Subject

Update on Water Surplus and Drought Management

Executive Summary

This report provides a preliminary accounting for water supply, demand, and storage conditions for calendar year (CY) 2026 as of February 5, 2026. This report also tracks the hydrologic conditions for water year (WY) 2025/26. Updated supply and hydrologic information will be provided during the March oral report.

Northern Sierra snowpack levels measure below normal at 40 percent, and precipitation levels measure above normal at 114 percent. The Upper Colorado River Basin snowpack measured below normal at 60 percent, and precipitation levels measured below normal at 88 percent.

Metropolitan's total imported supply is estimated to be 1.47 million acre-feet (MAF) for CY 2026 at current allocation levels, before stored supply withdrawal. On January 29, 2025, the California Department of Water Resources increased the State Water Project (SWP) Table A Allocation from 10 percent to 30 percent, reflecting improved hydrologic conditions observed in late December and early January. This brings Metropolitan's SWP supply to 574 thousand acre-feet (TAF). Further changes to the SWP allocation are possible, but will depend on current and future hydrologic conditions. February and March are the final traditional wet months, and additional snowstorms will be needed to improve snowpack conditions and support water supplies heading into the summer. The Colorado River Lower Basin is at a Level 1 shortage in CY 2026, which does not impact Metropolitan's operations or water supply. Metropolitan's Colorado River supply is currently estimated at 898 TAF. Metropolitan's Colorado River supply may change based on higher priority water use in California and future water management actions taken by Metropolitan.

Metropolitan's CY 2026 demands, including other obligations, are estimated to be 1.50 MAF. Holding the current estimated demand and available imported supply constant, Metropolitan's supplies are effectively balanced, with a minor supply gap of approximately 30 TAF. Metropolitan has sufficient dry-year storage to address the projected supply gap, including for the SWP Dependent Area.

Fiscal Impact

None

Applicable Policy

By Minute Item 43514, dated April 13, 1999, the Board adopted the Water Surplus and Drought Management Plan.

Related Board Action(s)/Future Action(s)

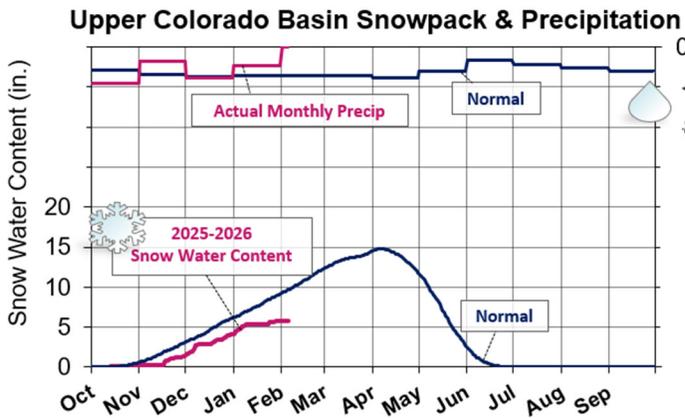
None/Routine Report

Details and Background

Background

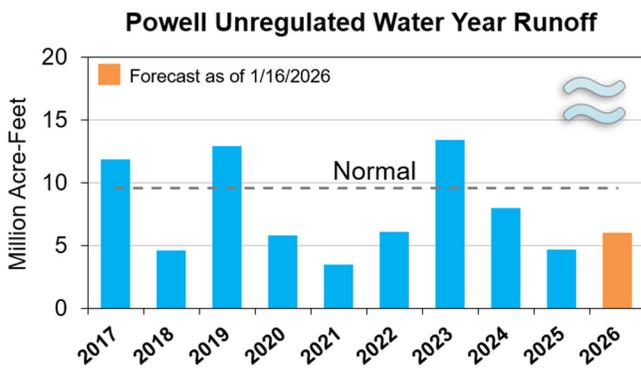
This Water Surplus and Drought Management (WSDM) report provides the water supply and demand estimates for CY 2026 and developing hydrologic conditions for water year (WY) 2025/26.

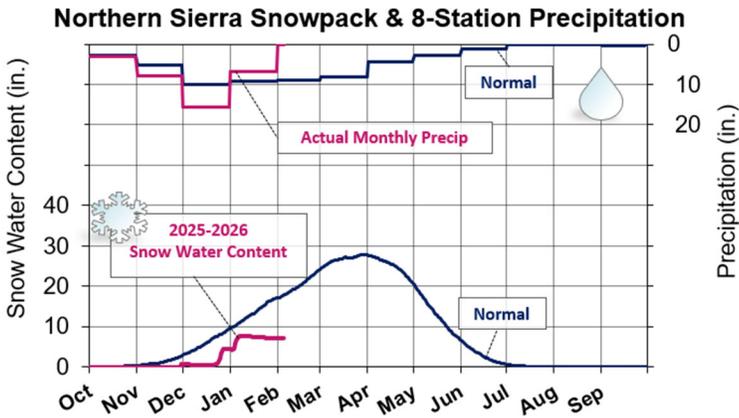
Hydrologic Conditions - Conditions as of 02/05/2026



Upper Colorado River Basin

- ✳ Below normal snowpack water content for this date:
5.82 inches or 60 percent of normal.
- ◆ Below normal precipitation to date:
9.89 inches or 88 percent of normal.
- ≈ Below normal runoff forecast:
63 percent of normal.

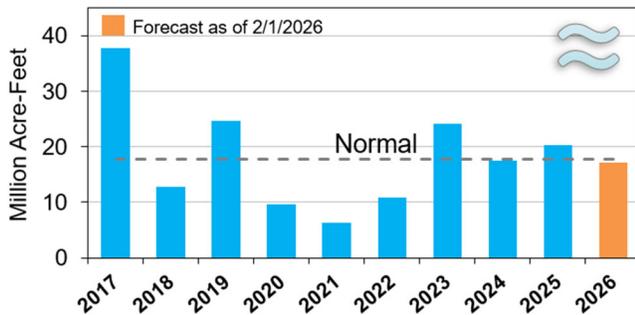




Sacramento River Basin

- * Below normal snowpack water content for this date:
7.0 inches or 40 percent of normal.
- ◆ Above normal precipitation to date:
32.95 inches or 114 percent of normal.
- ≈ Near normal runoff forecast:
97 percent of normal.

Sacramento River Water Year Runoff

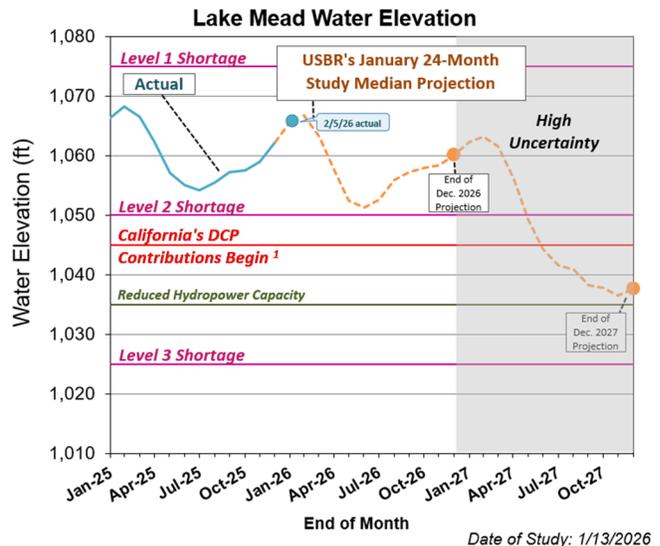


2026 Supply Estimate - Conditions as of 02/05/2026

CRA Supplies	Acre-Feet
Basic Apportionment	550,000
IID/MWD Conservation Program	105,000
PVID Following Program ¹	0
Exchange w/ SDCWA (IID/Canal Lining)	278,000
Exchange w/ USBR (San Luis Rey Tribe)	16,000
Lower Colorado Water Supply Project	9,000
Bard Seasonal Following Program ¹	0
Quechan Diversion Forbearance ¹	0
Quechan Seasonal Following Program	1,000
Higher Priority Water Use Adjustment	-67,000
CVWD - 2nd Amendment, Exchange of Additional Water	6,000
Total CRA Supplies²	898,000

¹ Not a supply for Metropolitan in 2026. Water generated from these programs becomes system water as part of USBR's Lower Colorado Conservation Program to help protect Lake Mead.

² Per Metropolitan's Initial Estimate of the Colorado River Diversion. Total may not sum due to rounding. CRA Supply is limited by an operational constraint of 1.25 MAF.



¹ Under USBR's 2026 Annual Operating Plan, Metropolitan is not required to make additional DCP contributions. This figure reflects the latest 24-month study (January 2026) available at the time of this report. The 2027 Lake Mead elevation projection should be considered highly speculative as changes of magnitude are expected in post-2026 operations.

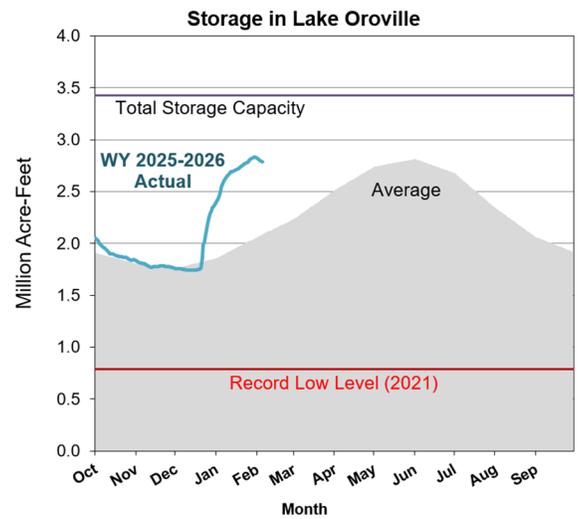
- Lake Mead storage is currently 8.9 MAF or elevation 1,065.73 feet (34 percent of total capacity).
- The Lower Basin is at a Level 1 shortage in CY 2026. Under this level, Metropolitan’s operations and water supply are not impacted.

SWP Supplies	Acre-Feet
Table A (30 percent SWP allocation)	573,000
Port Hueneme ¹	1,000
Total SWP Supplies²	574,000

Total Supplies (CRA + SWP) (Prior to storage actions)²	1,472,000
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¹ Rounded to the nearest thousand. Supply is 555 AF.

² Total may not sum due to rounding.



- The current SWP Table A allocation for CY 2026 is 30 percent. Further changes to the SWP allocation are possible and will depend on future hydrologic conditions. The final allocation is typically determined in May or June.
- Lake Oroville is currently at 2.79 MAF (81 percent of total capacity) or 134 percent of the historical average, as of the date of this report.

2026 Water Demands - Conditions as of 02/05/2026

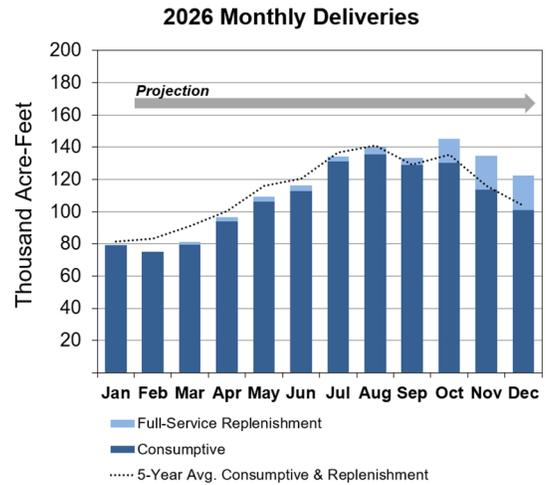
Current Demand	Acre-Feet
<i>Member Agency Consumptive</i> ¹	1,320,000
<i>Member Agency Replenishment</i>	80,000
<i>Coachella Valley Water District Agreement</i>	
<i>2nd Agreement</i>	35,000
<i>Imperial Irrigation District Return</i> ²	0
<i>Exchange w/ San Luis Rey Tribe</i>	16,000
<i>System and Storage Losses</i>	50,000
<i>Cyclic Deliveries</i>	0
<i>Reverse Cyclic Deliveries</i>	0
<i>Bucket 2 Obligations</i> ³	0
<i>SWP Water Sales Outside Service Area</i>	0
Total Demands ⁴	1,504,000

¹ Includes exchange w/SDCWA (IID/Canal Lining) and CUP sales, as of 2/3/2026.

² Per USBR Forecast (01/02/2026).

³ The deliveries for the Bucket 2 obligation are estimated as of January 2026. Metropolitan left 242,300 acre-feet in Lake Mead for the creation of system water in satisfaction of several System Conservation Implementation Agreements, satisfying the full USBR Bucket 2 obligation. The final value will be reported in the USBR Water Accounting Report, expected in May 2026.

⁴ Total may not sum due to rounding.



Warmer temperatures and below-average rainfall resulted in January deliveries near the 5-year average

WSDM Strategies and Actions

Metropolitan will continue to monitor supply development and continuously updates its demand projections. Should supplies become available or carryover supplies need to be managed, additional actions may be considered. The following is the status of WSDM and other actions:

- **Cyclic Deliveries:** paused until further notice
- **SWP Groundwater Banking Deliveries:** paused until further notice
- **Cyclic Cost Offset Program:** under consideration should Article 21 supplies become available
- **Conjunctive Use Program (CUP) Takes:** Metropolitan plans to evacuate storage for programs approaching agreement expiration


 _____ 2/19/2026
Brandon J. Goshi Date
 Manager, Water Resource Management


 _____ 2/19/2026
Shivaji Deshmukh Date
 General Manager

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Attachment 1 – 2026 WSDM Storage Detail

Attachment 2 – Future Contributions and Obligations and Cyclic Programs

Attachment 1 – 2026 WSDM Storage Detail

	1/1/2026 Estimated Storage Levels ¹	CY 2026 Put Capacity ²	CY 2026 Take Capacity ²	2026 Total Storage Capacity
WSDM Storage				
Colorado River Aqueduct Delivery System	1,568,000	54,000	185,000	1,622,000
Lake Mead ICS	1,568,000 ³	54,000	185,000 ⁴	1,622,000 ³
State Water Project System	1,265,000	356,000	769,000	2,431,000
MWD & DWCV SWP Carryover	473,000	149,000	473,000	622,000 ⁵
MWD Articles 14(b) & 12(e)	0	0	0	0
Castaic & Perris DWR Flex Storage	219,000	0	219,000	219,000
Arvin-Edison Storage Program	100,000	0 ⁶	0	350,000
Semitropic Storage Program	237,000	92,000	45,000	350,000
Kern Delta Storage Program	142,000	45,000	32,000	250,000
Mojave Storage Program	19,000	0	0	330,000
AVEK Storage Program	30,000	0	0	30,000
AVEK High Desert Water Bank Program	45,000	70,000	0	280,000
In-Region Supplies & WSDM Actions	1,042,000	71,000	633,000	1,151,000
Diamond Valley Lake	760,000	50,000	503,000	810,000
Lake Mathews & Lake Skinner	204,000	22,000	92,000	226,000
Conjunctive Use Programs	77,000	0	38,000	115,000
Other Programs	684,000	37,000	93,000	1,181,000
Other Emergency Storage	381,000	0	0	381,000
DWCV Advanced Delivery Account	303,000	37,000	93,000	800,000
Total	4,558,000	519,000	1,680,000	6,385,000
Emergency	750,000	0	0	750,000
Total WSDM Storage (AF) ⁷	3,808,000	519,000	1,680,000	5,635,000

¹ Preliminary start of year balances, subject to DWR adjustments and USBR final accounting in May 2026.

² Put and Take capacity assumed under a 30 percent SWP Table A Allocation. Storage program losses included where applicable.

³ This amount is net of the water Metropolitan stored for IID in Lake Mead in an ICS sub-account.

⁴ Take capacity is based on planned maintenance activities and current CRA supply estimate.

⁵ Total storage capacity varies year-to-year as the contractual annual storage limit, based on the current SWP Table A allocation of 30 percent, is combined with the remaining balance from the previous year. There is a potential risk that Metropolitan's stored water may be converted to SWP contractor water if the San Luis Reservoir approaches full capacity. Metropolitan is actively monitoring the storage in San Luis Reservoir and has plans to manage carryover supply should the reservoir fill.

⁶ Puts are limited due to water quality considerations.

⁷ Total WSDM Storage level subject to change based on accounting adjustments. Total may not sum due to rounding.

Attachment 2: Future Contributions and Obligations and Cyclic Programs

Table 1: Future Obligations ¹

Description	Beginning of Year 2026 Balance
Water Stored for IID under the California ICS Agreement and its Amendment or the 2021 Settlement Agreement with IID ²	207,000
Storage and Interstate Release Agreement with Southern Nevada Water Authority (SNWA) ³	330,000
Coachella Valley Water District Agreement ⁴	35,000
USBR Phase 2 of the Lower Colorado River Basin System Conservation and Efficiency Program (Bucket 2 Obligations) ⁵	0
Total (AF) ⁶	572,000

¹ Rounded to the nearest thousand AF. Subject to change based on accounting adjustments.

² Reflects final accounting under USBR's 2025 Water Accounting Report released May 15, 2025. IID can request a return in any year, conditional on agreement terms. The Beginning of Year Balance excludes the IID ICS sub-account water and includes evaporation and system losses charges to IID.

³ SNWA is not expected to call upon Metropolitan to return water until after 2026. SNWA may request up to 30,000 AF per year.

⁴ Obligation must be met by the end of 2026. Metropolitan is projecting to decrease the CVWD agreement obligation by 35,000 AF by the end of this year.

⁵ USBR will provide federal funding to Metropolitan for the AVEK HDWB System Conservation Project, Turf Replacement System Conservation Project, and Disadvantaged Communities Leak Detection and Repair Program through three System Conservation Implementation Agreements. In exchange, Metropolitan will implement the projects and create conserved water to benefit Lake Mead as system water. 265,000 AF of the obligation must be met by 2033 and 4,000 AF must be met by 2034. Metropolitan left 242,300 acre-feet in Lake Mead for the creation of system water in satisfaction of several System Conservation Implementation Agreements, satisfying the full USBR Bucket 2 obligation. The BOY Balance is subject to revision once the final accounting under USBR's 2025 Water Accounting Report is released in May 2026.

⁶ Total may not sum due to rounding.

Table 2: Cyclic Program Activity ¹

CY	Starting Balance (AF)	CY Actions (AF)				Ending Balance (AF)
		Cyclic Pre-Delivery	Cyclic Cost- Offset Pre-Delivery	Total Pre- Delivery	Sale Out of Cyclic to Date	
2026	127,000	0	0	0	0	127,000

¹ This table is updated with actual Cyclic Program activity reflecting certifications through January 2026. Total may not sum due to rounding.



One Water and Adaptation Committee

3/9/2026 Committee Meeting

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Update on Conservation Program

Executive Summary

This update provides a summary of conservation activities and expenditures for January 2026

Details and Background

Conservation Expenditures – FY2024/25 & FY2025/26 ⁽¹⁾

	Paid ⁽²⁾	Committed ⁽³⁾
Regional Devices	\$2.2 M	\$0.7 M
Member Agency Administered	\$7.5 M	\$6.3 M
Turf Replacement	\$19.4 M	\$34.6 M
Advertising	\$1.6 M	\$0.9 M
Other	\$3.3 M	\$1.6 M
TOTAL	\$34.0 M	\$44.1 M

(1) The Conservation Program biennial expenditure authorization is \$98.2 million.

(2) Paid as of 7/1/2024 - 1/31/2026. Financial reporting on cash basis.

(3) Committed dollars as of February 10, 2026

Summary of Expenditures in January 2026: \$1,514,521 ⁽¹⁾

Lifetime Water Savings to be achieved by all rebates in January 2026: 3,419 AF

FY2024/25-FY2025/26: 71,124 AF lifetime water savings



Turf Replacement Rebates:

January: 518,518 ft² replaced
FY2024/25-FY2025/26: 9,020,087 ft² replaced



Clothes Washers:

January: 466 units rebated
FY2024/25-FY2025/26: 11,077 units rebated



Trees (part of Turf Replacement Program):

January: 174 trees rebated
FY2024/25-FY2025/26: 3,220 units rebated



Toilets:

January: 412 units rebated
FY2024/25-FY2025/26: 20,088 units rebated



Smart Controllers:

January: 219 units rebated
FY2024/25-FY2025/26: 8,512 units rebated



Sprinkler Nozzles:

January: 555 units rebated
FY2024/25-FY2025/26: 25,425 units rebated

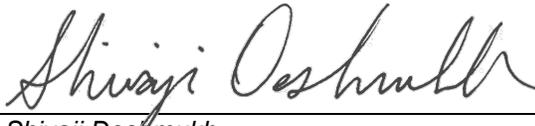
(1) Expenditures may include advertising and Water Savings Incentive Program activity in addition to the incentives highlighted above.



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Bay-Delta Resources

- **Bay-Delta Management Report**

Summary

This report provides a summary of activities related to the Bay-Delta for January 15, 2026 – February 15, 2026.

Purpose

Informational

Detailed Report

Decide on Sites Reservoir and Protect Our Bay-Delta Interests

Delta Conveyance Project

On February 2, 2026, the Department of Water Resources (DWR) released a new [operations fact sheet](#) for the Delta Conveyance Project (DCP) outlining proposed operational parameters. The fact sheet emphasizes that project operations would be governed by extensive regulatory and permitting requirements to protect fisheries, salinity, and water quality, with real-time coordination among relevant local agencies. Operations would prioritize diversion of available excess flows, and DWR shows that differences in Delta outflow with and without DCP diversions would be minimal. Additionally, DWR released a fact sheet titled [“Adapting to Climate Change: Catching and Moving Water from Big Storms.”](#) This document includes the theoretical additional diversions if the DCP were operational in water year 2026.

On February 9, DWR filed its written statement opposing the ten administrative appeals of its certification of consistency with the Delta Plan for the DCP.

Advance Science and Multi-Benefit Solutions That Improve the Sustainability of the Delta and Inform Regulation

Metropolitan staff in partnership with UC Davis and with collaboration with DWR, United States Bureau of Reclamation (USBR), and United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) conducted their second trial Delta Smelt Pond Harvest Study on Metropolitan’s Bouldin Island.

Staff received the Restoration Management Permit from the California Department of Fish and Wildlife for the Webb Tract Wetland Restoration Project. Additionally, staff received the Biological Opinion from USFWS. Staff expects completion of 100 percent bid drawings for this project by the end of February.

Sites Reservoir

At the January 16, 2026, Joint Reservoir Committee and Authority Board meeting, the Sites Authority Board approved the selection of Barnard Construction Company Inc. for the Reservoir Package Construction Manager at Risk contract. The initial award covers pre-construction services, allowing the contractor to provide collaborative input as the project advances from 30 percent design toward construction.

The Site’s Authority Board also approved submittal of an amendment to the existing Construction Incidental Take Permit to address the western burrowing owl, subject to review and input from the Tehama-Colusa Canal Authority and Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District.

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On January 23, 2026, the U.S. Department of the Interior approved the Record of Decision (ROD) for the Sites Reservoir Project, confirming compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act, including completion of the Environmental Impact Statement and compliance with the Endangered Species Act and Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. With the ROD issued, the Site's Authority will proceed with final planning and advance next steps toward construction. USBR must meet all environmental requirements prior to executing a Partnership Agreement, an agreement needed for USBR participation in the project with the Sites Authority.



Colorado River Resources

- **Colorado River Management Report**

Summary

This report provides a summary of activities related to management of Metropolitan's Colorado River resources for January 11, 2026 – February 18, 2026.

Purpose

Informational

Detailed Report

Develop Post-2026 Guidelines and Negotiate Implementation Agreements: Provide Input that Shapes Reclamation's Selected Alternative

Basin States Meetings

Despite sustained and intensive negotiations over the past several months, the seven Basin States did not reach a consensus agreement on the post-2026 operations of Lake Powell and Lake Mead by the federal deadline of February 14. Discussions continued up to the deadline and narrowed areas of disagreement, but ultimately did not result in a package of operational elements that all states were prepared to support. The federal team has not established any additional deadlines for the states to reach agreement, and both states and major water contractors are now assessing next steps in light of this outcome.

In this context, Metropolitan staff will proceed with submitting comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement under conditions of continued uncertainty. Because there is no Basin State consensus alternative at this time, Metropolitan's comments will focus on identifying operational elements necessary to ensure dry-year reliability, protecting existing investments, and preserving long-term system flexibility, rather than recommending selection of a specific preferred alternative. Staff will continue to monitor developments closely and evaluate options as the federal government considers how to proceed in the absence of a negotiated agreement.



Sustainability, Resilience and Innovation Group

• SRI GM Monthly Report

Summary

This report provides a summary of Sustainability, Resilience and Innovation activities for the month of February 2026.

Purpose

Informational

Attachments

None

Detailed Report

Activities in Support of the GM Business Plan

Goal: Execute the Climate Adaptation Master Plan for Water (CAMP4W) Implementation Strategy to Integrate Climate Adaptation District-wide

The Climate Adaptation Master Plan for Water (CAMP4W) team made progress this quarter on testing and refining the Decision-Making Framework and underlying assumptions and on several other climate adaptation initiatives, including the Fire Risk Management Plan and Community Engagement Standards. Progress is detailed in the CAMP4W Quarterly Update Committee Info Item.

Goal: Decide on Sites Reservoir and Protect Bay-Delta Interests

1. Implement risk reduction strategies to protect Delta assets and minimize supply disruption

For the Webb Tract Wetland Restoration Project, the proposed project qualifies for regulatory permits specifically intended for restoration projects, including the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) Restoration Management Permit (RMP), U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Sacramento District Regional General Permit (RGP) 16, Regional Water Quality Control Board Statewide Restoration General Order, and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) Restoration Programmatic Biological Opinion. With the issuance of the RMP from CDFW and RGP 16 from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in February, Environmental Planning Section staff has now obtained all required regulatory permits and/or authorization for the project for impacts to jurisdictional waters and species regulated under the California Fish and Game Code, Clean Water Act, and state and federal endangered species acts. The Environmental Planning staff continue to prepare Section 01065 (Environmental Requirements) of the construction specifications.

Goal: Complete Environmental Impact Report (EIR) and Planning for Board to Consider Pure Water Southern California

1. Complete EIR analysis and public process

Environmental Planning Section staff completed preparation of the Final EIR, including the responses to public comments on the Draft EIR, Findings of Fact, Statement of Overriding Considerations, and Mitigation Monitoring

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and Reporting Program for the Pure Water Southern California Program, as well as prepared public notices and conducted public noticing per the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the State CEQA Guidelines in advance of the February Board of Directors meeting. On February 10, at the Board of Directors meeting, the Final EIR was certified and the project approved for CEQA purposes. Following EIR certification, staff prepared and filed the Notice of Determination with the State Clearinghouse and county clerks' offices.

Additional SRI Activities

Climate Action Plan

Sustainability and Resilience staff participated in the Water Research Foundation's (WRF) Research Planning Summit to help WRF identify critical research needs and high-priority research ideas for the greenhouse gas (GHGs)/Climate Mitigation subtopic. Every year, the WRF brings together key stakeholders and partners from the water sector to identify critical research needs across 15 subtopics and prioritize research project ideas. The GHGs/climate mitigation research will provide best practices, methods, processes, and tools for effective planning and operational management to cost-effectively reduce and mitigate GHG emissions to contribute to carbon neutrality by water utilities and municipalities. By collaborating with partners beyond the water sector, this research will focus on advancement in GHG accounting and emission reductions, decarbonization strategies, carbon capture associated with water utilities and may support carbon emission trading.

The results of the Summit will be provided to WRF's Research Advisory Council for review and used to determine priority research projects to move forward in 2026. WRF research helps the water sector plan for and alleviate the impacts of climate change, from understanding potential impacts to implementing adaptation strategies and mitigating root causes.

Sustainability and Resilience staff advanced efforts to strengthen climate-resilient planning and design practices through participation in the Water Utility Climate Alliance's (WUCA) Climate Resilient Engineering Guidance Subcommittee. WUCA focuses on translating climate science into practical, implementable engineering practices for water utilities. By identifying tangible design strategies and leading practices, the initiative aims to modernize engineering design standards manuals and ensure infrastructure is built to withstand future climate impacts.

Staff collaborated with the Engineering Services Group to review and provide detailed comments on WUCA's proposed climate-resilient design guidance strategies across a range of project types to help align climate resilience considerations with existing engineering practices and to ensure the guidance reflects real-world utility designs.

Innovation, Pilots, and Emerging Technologies

Innovation staff participated in the Enterprise Data Analytics Steering Committee, contributing to the development of the new Data Governance Framework and associated operational planning dashboards. This work supports clearer data ownership, improved data quality and stewardship, and more consistent use of enterprise data assets to inform planning, performance monitoring, and decision-making across the organization.

Innovation staff participated in an aerial flyover to investigate potential pumped storage hydropower sites, supporting a preliminary assessment of regional energy storage opportunities. In addition, the team conducted a site visit to Lake Mathews to support improved water quality monitoring, including evaluation of enhanced sensor deployments to strengthen real-time data collection and operational visibility.

Finally, the Innovation team facilitated peer learning and knowledge exchange with external agencies, including Santa Margarita Water District, Long Beach Water Department, East Bay Municipal Utility District, and the Water Replenishment District. These discussions focused on innovation program design and practical approaches to piloting new tools and methods within large public water agencies.

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Zero Emission Vehicle Transition

The Zero Emission Vehicle Executive (ZEVs) Task Force met on February 12, 2026, to discuss continued progress on Metropolitan’s adoption of clean vehicles and equipment. Metropolitan currently has 20 ZEVs in its Fleet with a total planned inventory of 120 ZEVs by 2026 year-end, 166 in 2027, and 191 ZEVs by the end of 2028. Progress also continues in the build-out of ZEV charging infrastructure, with 31 charging ports currently installed, 7 in construction, and 92 in design by Metropolitan Water District staff. The number of ports is referenced instead of chargers due to the varying number of ports by charger manufacturer and capacity. By project completion, the total of planned charging ports is 642 for Fleet and 235 for the Rideshare Program. The ZEV transition complies with the California Air Resources Board’s Advanced Clean Fleets regulation and supports Climate Action Plan goals to reduce GHG emissions that result from the use of Metropolitan vehicles and equipment, and employee commutes.

Environmental Planning Services

Staff continued preparation of supplemental CEQA documentation for the PCCP Rehabilitation Sepulveda Feeder Reach 9 Project, as well as continued to support the progressive design-build process for the Sepulveda Feeder Pump Stations Project and the Lake Mathews New Pressure Control Structure and Electrical Upgrades Project. For the Inland Feeder/Foothill Pump Station Intertie Project, staff continued coordination with the USFWS and CDFW on the Incidental Take Permit (ITP) applications under the federal and state Endangered Species Act and regarding potential mitigation for impacts. CDFW issued the state ITP for the project on February 10. For the Copper Basin Discharge Valve Replacement and Access Road Improvements Project, coordination between Environmental Planning staff and CDFW continues for the ITP application pursuant to California Fish and Game Code Section 2081(b) and SB 147 for potential incidental take of the Fully Protected Species, desert bighorn sheep (*Ovis canadensis nelsoni*). Environmental monitoring of construction activities continued for the La Verne Shops Upgrades Project and the Garvey Reservoir Rehabilitation Project. Staff worked with External Affairs to complete the CEQA mitigation measures for impacts to cultural resources from the Weymouth Basins 5-8 Rehabilitation Project by finishing the installation of a plaque and exhibit at the Weymouth Plant (see photos). Finally, staff continued review of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Post-2026 Operational Guidelines and Strategies for Lake Mead and Lake Powell, which was released for public review by the Bureau of Reclamation on January 9. Environmental Planning staff will review and provide comments on the Draft EIS, coordinate review and consolidate comments from internal reviewers, and prepare and submit a comment letter on the Draft EIS; the comment period closes March 2.



Valve actuator display and plaque at the Weymouth Water Treatment Plant installed as part of the CEQA cultural resources mitigation for the Weymouth Basins 5-8 Rehabilitation Project

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Critical operations and maintenance activities were supported by the Environmental Planning Section. Staff provided CEQA and regulatory clearances and conducted preconstruction biological and nesting bird surveys for activities throughout the service area. Staff provided full-time monitoring and environmental support for the annual Colorado River Aqueduct (CRA) shutdown. Activities included conducting desert tortoise awareness trainings for staff to ensure the avoidance of impacts to desert tortoise and other desert wildlife; providing environmental clearance and support to canal and tunnel cleaning crews along the CRA; relocating rattlesnakes found at Metropolitan infrastructure; conducting pre-activity site assessments for shutdown activities, including water releases and vegetation removal; and clearing patrol roads prior to activities to ensure the avoidance of impacts to desert tortoise (see photos). In addition, staff reviewed and analyzed CEQA notices for three external projects to determine the potential impacts on Metropolitan and protect Metropolitan's right-of-way and facilities; comment letters were prepared and submitted for projects that had the potential for impacts. Finally, in coordination with Contracting Services, staff supported the execution of eleven new on-call professional services agreements for environmental planning and technical support.



Photos of a desert tortoise, the tunnel cleaning crew, and two southwestern speckled rattlesnakes taken during the CRA shutdown.

The Environmental Planning Section continued oversight of reserve management activities to protect valuable natural resources and meet Metropolitan's mitigation obligations. Security patrols and fence repairs were conducted throughout the Lake Mathews Multiple Species Reserve and the Southwestern Riverside County Multi-Species Reserve (MSR) to prevent trespassing, vandalism, poaching, and theft and to protect the reserves' natural and cultural resources, facilities, and equipment. Specific activities at the Lake Mathews Reserve included landscape maintenance, irrigation line repair, and organization of the grounds at the Reserve field office; removal of invasive vegetation and reduction of wildfire fuels within ephemeral stream corridors north and south of Lake Mathews; and application of herbicides to grassland restoration sites to prevent growth of invasive grasses. Activities at the MSR included coordinating with researchers on the Reserve, including the Riverside Conservation Agency, to conduct surveys for Quino checkerspot butterfly, white-tailed kite, and vernal pools; compiling data from the annual Christmas Bird Count at Diamond Valley Lake held on December 15 (approximately 4,525 individual birds and 102 species were identified, including horned lark, American coot, red-winged blackbird, double-crested cormorant, and American pipit); applying herbicide to invasive plants throughout the Reserve; and continuing work in the Tualota Creek restoration area with planting of upland coastal sage scrub species. With the early flowering of wildflowers having begun, the Judy Abdo Wildflower Trail opened in mid-February, with a Reserve environmental education interpreter present on Saturdays to guide and educate visitors (see photos). The Alamos Schoolhouse environmental education center was open to visitors on Saturdays, with 70 visitors reported for the month.



Wildflowers along the Judy Abdo Wildflower Trail in the Southwestern Riverside County MSR.

Land Management

An entry permit has been issued to San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District (SBVMWD) to access Metropolitan’s fee-owned property for potholing purposes at eight locations. The potholing work is necessary for the design of SBVMWD’s proposed Cactus Basins Connector Pipeline and confirmation of its elevations and alignment in proximity to Metropolitan’s Rialto Pipeline, which should mitigate potential risks to the Rialto Pipeline.



Water Resource Management Group

• Water Resource Management February Activities

Summary

The Water Resource Management Group, February 2026 Activities as of February 17, 2026

Purpose

Informational

Detailed Report

Execute the Climate Adaptation Master Plan for Water (CAMP4W) Implementation Strategy to Integrate Climate Adaptation District-Wide

Metropolitan staff sponsored CalDesal’s annual conference, which was held in Sacramento from February 11-13. CalDesal uses membership dues and sponsorships to fund legislative and regulatory actions, outreach, white papers, and related activities for seawater desalination, brackish groundwater desalination, and salinity management. CalDesal is Metropolitan’s primary vehicle for addressing state desalination issues and plays a vital role in preserving desalination as an option for Southern California’s diversified resource portfolio. Staff participated in the conference and associated meetings with stakeholders and regulators before the conference.

Metropolitan also sponsored the Multi-State Salinity Coalition’s (MSSC) Salinity Summit held in Las Vegas from February 24-27. Sponsorship of the Summit strengthens contacts with the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (USBR) and Colorado River Basin stakeholders. Staff also benefit from updates on current salinity control and brine management strategies. Staff participated in MSSC’s board meeting during the summit.

Metropolitan staff participated in meetings with member agency and retail staff to advance the Doheny Desalination Project in Orange County and Las Virgenes’ potential offshore desalination project near Malibu.

On February 11th, Metropolitan, in partnership with SoCalGas and led by the Green Gardens Group, hosted a virtual landscape professional class for 85 attendees on “Fire-Ready Landscapes: What We are Doing Now.”

Provide Organizational Stability and Deliver Operational Excellence

Metropolitan staff chaired a three-day meeting of the Colorado River Basin Salinity Control Forum (Forum) Work Group, held at the Municipal Water District of Orange County headquarters. Topics discussed included: (1) the salinity sections of the post-2026 Draft Environmental Impact Statement recently issued by USBR, (2) the draft 2026 “Triennial Review” document, in which the Forum communicates to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency an assessment of the sufficiency of existing water quality criteria for salinity on the Lower Colorado River, (3) a report that ongoing operation of the

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Paradox Valley Unit at two-thirds capacity has yielded no unusual seismic or well pressure results, (4) planning for a Notice of Funding Opportunity in 2026 or 2027 to provide funding from the USBR for salinity control projects in the Colorado River Basin, and (5) updates from key federal agencies involved in the salinity control program, including the USBR, the Natural Resources Conservation Service, the Bureau of Land Management, and the U.S. Geological Survey. The work of the Forum reduces the salinity of Metropolitan's Colorado River water supply.

On February 3, 2026, Metropolitan received approval from USBR on its Calendar Year 2026 Extraordinary Conservation (EC) Intentionally Created Surplus (ICS) Plan of Creation. Metropolitan is approved to create up to 450,000 acre-feet of EC ICS from a set of eight different activities that are described in Exhibits to the Lower Colorado River Basin Intentionally Created Surplus Forbearance Agreement and the Lower Basin Drought Contingency Operations. While 450,000 acre-feet exceeds the remaining accumulation space available to Metropolitan, approval of this plan preserves flexibility if additional accumulation capabilities emerge.

Metropolitan staff attended a two-day Colorado River Climate and Hydrology Workgroup meeting in Salt Lake City. Participants include both water managers from across the Colorado River Basin and folks from the academic community. A wide range of topics were discussed, including ongoing study updates, new research in water supply forecasts, a variety of sub-seasonal to seasonal precipitation outlooks, and forecast concepts that could be evaluated in a testbed to see if they provide forecast improvements that could be operationalized.

Metropolitan staff reviewed the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Post-2026 Operational Guidelines and Strategies for Lake Powell and Lake Mead. This DEIS is part of a National Environmental Policy Act process that will provide federal environmental compliance for operations on the Colorado River starting in 2027. No Preferred Alternative was selected in the DEIS, providing space for a Seven Basin State consensus alternative to be included in the final document.

Metropolitan staff submitted an annual accounting letter to the Southern Nevada Water Authority (SNWA). This letter documents both the water that Metropolitan has stored on behalf of SNWA and the existing return commitment of 330,225 acre-feet.

In compliance with the Metropolitan Water District Act, the final 2026 Annual Report on Achievements in Conservation, Recycling, and Groundwater Recharge was submitted to the California State Legislature on January 30, 2026. A copy of the final report will be transmitted to the Board and employees. You may also find this report on the Metropolitan website: <https://www.mwdh2o.com> by going to the site menu, 'Find a Document', and searching for "2026 Annual Achievement Report". This report was prepared by the Water Resource Management Group, in coordination with staff across the organization, and reflects the collective efforts of Metropolitan and its member agencies. We thank all staff whose work underlies the achievements highlighted in this year's report.

During February 2026, Metropolitan posted the Public Review Draft of its 2025 Urban Water Management Plan (UWMP) and updated the Water Shortage Contingency Plan (WSCP) on its website. Metropolitan also provided notice on its website and to the cities and counties in its service area of its upcoming public hearing of the UWMP and WSCP to be held on April 13, 2026, as part of Metropolitan's One Water and Adaptation Board Committee meeting. The draft UWMP and WSCP were prepared in compliance with the UWMP Act and California Water Code. Comments received by April 13 will be considered for the final documents anticipated for board approval action in May 2026.