

Metropolitan Water District of Southern California
State Legislative Matrix
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Topic	Bill Number Author	Status	Title – Summary	MWD Position	Effects on Metropolitan
Metropolitan-sponsored bills	SB 230 Portantino (D) Sponsors: Metropolitan and the California Municipal Utilities Association (CMUA)	Amended 8/23/2022 Enrolled	State Water Resources Control Board: Constituents of Emerging Concern in Drinking Water Program Seeks to expand statewide knowledge of Constituents of Emerging Concern (CECs) in waters of the state and drinking water and recommend CECs for further regulatory action.	CO-SPONSOR Based on October 2019 Board Action	Metropolitan and water agencies will benefit from State Water Board efforts to ensure CECs are addressed in a methodical and science-based manner, which will ultimately better protect public health. The bill would require the State Water Board to build its knowledge of CECs in drinking water and authorizes the Deputy Director to convene a Science Advisory Panel to review and provide information on CECs for further regulatory action.
Metropolitan-sponsored bills	AB 1845 Calderon (D) Sponsor: Metropolitan	Amended 8/15/2022 Enrolled	Metropolitan Water District of Southern California: alternative project delivery methods Allows Metropolitan to use alternative project delivery methods for the design and construction of Pure Water Southern California and a limited set of emergency drought mitigation projects.	SPONSOR Based on October 2021 Board Action	Metropolitan is limited to the traditional Design-Bid-Build method for delivery of public works construction contracts which can be inefficient and inflexible for large, time-sensitive, and complex projects like Pure Water Southern California and emergency drought mitigation projects. Alternative delivery methods such as Design-Build, Progressive Design-Build, and Construction Manager/General Contractor have the potential to expedite construction of critical new water infrastructure projects and reduce their overall costs.

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Delta/State Water Project	SB 832 Dodd (D) Sponsor: Author	Amended 4/6/2022 Senate Appropriations Committee – Suspense File Held in Committee	Water rights: measurement of diversion Clarifies existing law that a person diverting 10 acre-feet or more of water per year under a registration is subject to existing water diversion measurement, recording, and reporting requirements. Authorizes the State Water Board to modify water diversion measurement requirements to allow open satellite data methods to estimate evapotranspiration if the board makes certain findings regarding use of water for irrigation.	SUPPORT Based upon Board-adopted 2022 Legislative Priorities and Principles	Metropolitan is installing meters on its Delta Islands to comply with existing statutory requirements. While OpenET would be a useful tool for water management and could be used as an indicator of unlawful diversions in the Delta, it is a new methodology for California. The bill requires the State Water Board to conduct a five-year study to determine the adequacy of evapotranspiration methods as a substitute for conventional metering methods to comply with State Water Board reporting requirements.
Delta/State Water Project	SB 1020 Laird (D) Sponsor: Author	Amended 8/29/2022 Enrolled	Clean Energy, Jobs, and Affordability Act of 2022 Establishes interim targets to the statewide 100 percent clean energy goal. Additionally, requires state agencies including the State Water Project to accelerate their 100 percent clean energy goal to 2035.	WATCH Based on August 2022 Board Action	The bill as amended on August 29 now requires the Department of Water Resources (DWR) to accelerate the procurement of renewable resources to power the State Water Project with 100 percent clean energy by 2035. DWR estimates the cost to be \$1.2 billion rather than \$3.3 billion when the bill, as introduced, set a target date of 2030. Metropolitan and the State Water Contractors lifted their

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					opposition after our amendments were adopted. The cost to Metropolitan is less but still significant.
Design-Build	SB 991 Newman (D) Sponsors: Water Collaborative Delivery Association (formerly Design Build Council)	Amended 8/11/2022 CHAPTERED	Public contracts: progressive design-build: local agencies Authorize local water and wastewater agencies to each use the progressive design-build (PDB) project delivery method for up to 15 public works projects each in excess of \$5 million.	SUPPORT Based on April 2022 Board Action	SB 991 will benefit water agencies, including Metropolitan, by providing the option to use the Progressive Design-Build delivery method, which allows for greater collaboration between the project owner and the contractor through the design and construction phase thereby reducing project costs, risk, and schedules.
Governance	AB 2449 B. Rubio (D) Sponsor: Three Valleys Municipal Water District	Amended 8/8/2022 Enrolled	Open meetings: local agencies: teleconferences Amends the Ralph M. Brown Act to allow local agencies until January 1, 2026 to use teleconferencing during non- emergencies without noticing their teleconference locations and making them publicly accessible under certain conditions.	SUPPORT Based on April 2021 Board Action	AB 2449 would allow Metropolitan to hold teleconferenced meetings after the COVID-19 public health emergency ends and the Executive Order is lifted if a quorum of the Board’s directors participate in person; give notice and post agendas as prescribed; ensure that directors attending meeting participate through both audio and visual technology; and allow the public to address the Board in person or by teleconference. If there

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Regulatory Reform	AB 2313 Bloom (D) Sponsor: Author	Amended 6/30/2022 Senate Appropriations Committee – Suspense File Held in Committee	Water: judges and adjudications Authorizes the Judicial Council of California to establish a program that provides training and education to judges in technical, scientific, legal, management, and infrastructure actions relating to water.	SUPPORT Based upon Board-adopted 2022 Legislative Priorities and Principles	Metropolitan’s interests in enforcement of water quality law and water rights would be better served by judges, court staff, and special masters who have received training in the legal, scientific, and technical issues involving water quality, water rights and water transfers.
Regulatory Reform	SB 1065 Eggman (D) Sponsor: Author	Amended 8/23/2022 Enrolled	California Abandoned and Derelict Commercial Vessel Program Establishes the California Abandoned and Derelict Commercial Vessel Program within the Natural Resources Agency to bring federal, state, and local agencies together to identify,	SUPPORT Based upon Board-adopted 2022 Legislative Priorities and Principles	SB 1065 will benefit water quality in the Bay Delta as abandoned and derelict vessels may cause sewage contamination and leakage of fuels and lubricants. Studies have shown that abandoned and derelict vessels are one of the stressors to the Delta and its species. SB 1065 would also provide protection to Metropolitan properties in the Delta in the event any vessel

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			prioritize and, upon appropriation, fund the removal of abandoned and derelict commercial vessels from commercially navigable waters.		happens to be abandoned in any of the waters surrounding Metropolitan's Delta Islands.
Water Bond Infrastructure Funding	SB 559 Hurtado (D) Sponsor: Author	Amended 8/23/2022 Gut and Amend	Tribal Gaming: compact ratification Ratifies the tribal gaming compact between State of California and the Santa Rosa Indian Community of the Santa Rosa Rancheria.	DROP	No effect on Metropolitan.
Water Conservation	AB 2142 Gabriel (D) Sponsors: Association of California Water Agencies California Water Efficiency Partnership	Amended 4/6/2022 Enrolled	Income taxes: exclusion: turf replacement water conservation program. Would provide an exclusion from gross income for any amount received as a rebate, voucher or other financial incentive issued by a local water agency or supplier for participation in a turf replacement water conservation program during the taxable years of January 1, 2022 through January 1, 2027.	SUPPORT Based upon Board adopted 2022 Legislative Priorities and Principles	California law previously exempted turf rebates from taxable income, but those provisions were allowed to sunset in December 2019. This bill would reinstate an important tax exemption for turf replacement rebates from gross income in California, aligning it with certain other permanently exempt efficiency rebates.

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Water Quality	AB 1817 Ting (D) Sponsors: Breast Cancer Prevention Partners Natural Resources Defense Council Clean Water Action	Amended 8/24/2022 Enrolled	Product safety: textile articles: perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl (PFAS). Prohibits as of January 1, 2025, any person from manufacturing, distributing, selling, or offering for sale in California any textile articles that contain “regulated PFAS” as defined, and requires the manufacturer to use the least toxic alternative to regulated PFAS.	SUPPORT Based upon Board adopted 2022 Legislative Priorities and Principles	Metropolitan supports the removal or reduction of PFAS in manufactured products in order to protect source water quality.
Water Quality	AB 2108 R. Rivas (D) Sponsor: California Coastkeeper Alliance	Amended 8/25/2022 Enrolled	Water policy: environmental justice: disadvantaged and tribal communities. Requires the State Board and each regional board to begin addressing issues of environmental justice and social equity as early as possible in project planning processes and	WATCH Based on July 2022 Board Action	Some provisions in the bill are ambiguous in ways that could be interpreted to authorize and require the State Board to reallocate water rights, including in the Bay-Delta watershed, to address injustices or inequities, jeopardizing the current and future Bay-Delta Water Quality Control Plan update processes and potentially diminishing State Water Project

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			when issuing waste discharge permits or updating state or regional water quality control plans or policies.		supplies. Author did not accept Metropolitan’s requested amendments.
Water Quality	AB 2247 Bloom (D) Sponsors: Environmental Working Group Clean Water Action California Association of Sanitation Agencies	Amended 8/25/2022 Enrolled	Perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) and PFAS products and product components: publicly accessible reporting platform. Requires a manufacturer of PFAS or of a product containing intentionally added PFAS to register on or before July 1, 2026 and every year thereafter the PFAS or the product containing PFAS on a publicly accessible data collection website implemented by the Department of Toxic Substances and an existing multi-state chemical data collection entity.	SUPPORT Based upon Board adopted 2022 Legislative Priorities and Principles	Information about PFAS and products containing PFAS will help inform state and local decision making regarding PFAS management in order to protect source water quality.
Water quality	AB 2771 Friedman (D) Sponsors:	Amended 6/13/2022 Enrolled	Cosmetic products: safety Prohibits as of January 1, 2025, any person or entity from manufacturing, selling,	SUPPORT Based upon Board adopted 2022 Legislative	Metropolitan supports the removal or reduction of PFAS in manufactured products to protect source water quality.

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	Environmental Working Group Breast Cancer Prevention Partners The California Public Research Group (CALPIRG)		delivering, holding, or offering for sale in commerce any cosmetic product that contains PFAS.	Priorities and Principles	
Water Quality	SB 1124 Archuleta (D) Sponsor: Author	Amended 6/23/2022 Assembly Appropriations Committee – Suspense File Held in Committee	Public health goal: primary drinking water standard: manganese Requires, on or before July 1, 2023, the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA) to prepare a public health goal for manganese. Requires the state board, after OEHHA publishes a public health goal for manganese, to adopt a primary drinking water standard.	OPPOSE UNLESS AMENDED Based upon Board adopted 2022 Legislative Priorities and Principles	Metropolitan supports efforts to ensure all communities have a safe and reliable water supply by setting drinking water standards through the normal regulatory process. The bill circumvents that process and could compromise a rigorous scientific process backed by data and stakeholder engagement.