

Metropolitan Water District of Southern California
State Legislation Matrix
June 12, 2023 – First Year of Legislative Session

Bill Number Author	Amended Date Location	Title-Summary	MWD Position	Effects on Metropolitan
AB 400 B. Rubio (D – Baldwin Park) Sponsors: California State Association of Counties, League of California Cities	Amended 5/1/2023 Senate Governance and Finance Committee	Local agency design-build projects: authorization. This measure would extend the existing sunset date to January 1, 2031, for the use of design-build as a delivery method for public works contracts.	Support Based on October 2021 Board Action	Metropolitan’s current authority to use design-build under AB 1845 (Calderon, CH. 275, 2022) will sunset on January 1, 2028. The provisions of this bill would allow Metropolitan to use design-build for future projects through January 1, 2031.
AB 1572 Friedman (D - Glendale) Sponsors: Heal the Bay, National Resources Defense Council	Amended 05/18/2023 In Senate	Potable water: nonfunctional turf. This measure prohibits the use of potable water for the irrigation of non-functional turf located on commercial, industrial, institutional and multifamily residential properties by specified dates. This measure would also require the State Water Resources Control Board to establish compliance and certification requirements by July 1, 2026.	Support and Consider Co-Sponsorship if amended Based upon April 2023 Board action	This bill’s intent is consistent with Metropolitan’s efforts to conserve water and reduce non-functional turf in the service area. Based on input from the Board and member agencies, Metropolitan is seeking amendments to exclude multi-family residential buildings and protect the authority and local control of public water systems.
AB 1573 Friedman (D - Glendale) Sponsor: Earth Advocacy	Amended on 5/18/23 In Senate	Water conservation: landscape design: model ordinance. This measure would require the updated model water efficient landscape ordinance for all plants installed in new or renovated nonresidential areas to be at least 25% local native plants beginning January 1, 2026, 50% beginning January 1, 2030, and 75% beginning January 1, 2035. This measure would also prohibit the use of nonfunctional turf in nonresidential landscape projects after January 1, 2026.	Support Based upon 2023 Legislative Priorities and Principles, adopted December 2022	This measure is consistent to Metropolitan’s effort to address the reduction of nonfunctional turf within its service area. Metropolitan staff identified implementation challenges and were able to work with the author’s office to bring Metropolitan to a support position. Metropolitan’s requested amendments included: (1) removal of the .3 plant factor, (2) reduction of the native plant requirement from 75 percent to 50 percent, with a phased approach from 25 percent up to 50 percent, and (3) require water efficient irrigation methods.
AB 1648	Amended on 3/16/2023	Water: Colorado River Conservation.	Oppose	This measure affects Metropolitan’s flexibility with its entire water portfolio, including the integrated

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Bains (D - Bakersfield)	Assembly Water, Parks, and Wildlife Committee Two Year Bill	This measure would specifically prohibit Metropolitan and LADWP achieving federally required reductions on Colorado River resources through increased water deliveries from other regions of California, including the Delta, retroactively as of January 1, 2023.	Based upon 2023 Legislative Priorities and Principles, adopted December 2022	water resource management and the Annual Operating Plan. Metropolitan's reliability and its ability to meet demands would also be impaired by restrictions on Metropolitan's discretion to develop creative partnerships with its State Water Project and Colorado River Basin stakeholders.
SB 366 Caballero (D - Merced) Sponsors: California Municipal Utilities Association, California Council for Environmental and Economic Balance, California State Association of Counties	Amended 5/23/2023 Assembly	The California Water Plan: long-term supply targets. This measure would revise the California Water Plan to require the Department of Water Resources to update the California Water Plan by December 31, 2028, and every five years after, to include establishing a long-term water supply target for 2050 and discussion on the development of specified water supply sources to meet demand.	Support, if Amended Based upon 2023 Legislative Priorities and Principles, adopted December 2022	The intent of this bill is to help modernize California's water management practices and provide long-term reliable supplies in response to the current climate challenges. Metropolitan is seeking clarifying amendments that include: (1) ensuring the 2050 target will reflect statewide, regional, and local planning efforts. This amendment will ensure that regional and local efforts are properly considered and incorporated in the new 2050 water supply targets.
SB 659 Ashby (D – Sacramento) Sponsors: Sacramento Regional Water Authority	Amended 5/18/2023 Assembly	California Water Supply Solutions Act of 2023. This bill would require the Department of Water Resources to develop a groundwater recharge plan by January 1, 2026, to create additional groundwater recharge capacity.	Support, if Amended Based upon 2023 Legislative Priorities and Principles adopted December 2022.	This bill is intended to address challenges in water supply management due to a shifting climate. This bill will further elevate the importance of groundwater in the state's planning efforts, which provides other benefits such as reducing flood risks and improving management for environmental flows. This bill does not include funding but does set a funding target for infrastructure or policy improvements as part of the action plan. Suggested amendments include: 1) adding a funding target for infrastructure improvements by 2025, and 2) Identifying the long-term recharge funding needs for 2040 and beyond.

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SB 687 Eggman (D - Stockton)	Amended 5/2/2023 Senate Appropriations Committee: Held on Suspense	Water Quality Control Plan: Delta Conveyance Project. This measure will require the State Water Resources Control Board to adopt a final update of the Bay-Delta Water Quality Control Plan before the Board may consider a change in the point of diversion or any other water rights permit or order for the Delta Conveyance Project.	Oppose Based upon 2023 Legislative Priorities and Principles, adopted December 2022	Metropolitan supports updating the Water Quality Control Plan to protect beneficial uses in the Delta. However, this bill would result in halting or delaying planning efforts on the Delta Conveyance Project and potentially prevent the project from operating if approved.
SB 706 Caballero (D-Merced) Sponsors: California State Association of Counties; County of San Diego; Design Build Institute of America Western Pacific Chapter; League of California Cities	Amended 4/10/2023 Assembly Local Government Committee	Public contracts: progressive design-build: local agencies. This bill would expand the types of projects that can be used for progressive design-build, and authorizes all cities, counties, city and counties, and special districts to use progressive design-build for projects through January 1, 2030. In addition, for any local agency that uses the progressive-design build process must submit a report to the Legislature.	Support Based upon 2023 Legislative Priorities and Principles, adopted December 2022	Currently, progressive design-build eligible projects are limited to wastewater treatment facilities, park and recreational facilities, solid waste management facilities and water recycling facilities. However, this bill will now authorize Metropolitan to address other physical structures and needs to further support Metropolitan's operations for reliable water supply deliveries throughout its service area.