THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Committee Item
INFORMATION

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Subject

Update on Inspection Trips

Executive Summary

Metropolitan directors may sponsor inspection trips of District and related facilities to provide leading citizens and other interested persons with firsthand knowledge of the District's operations. The FY 2026/27 inspection trip season begins in September. This presentation will provide an overview of the program and the new trip season.

Fiscal Impact

Funding of $850,000 is included in each year of the FY 2026/27 and FY 2027/28 External Affairs O&M budget for inspection trips. This includes funds for director inspection trips and strategic trips, which are intended to advance specific objectives as determined by the Board Chair and General Manager.

Applicable Policy

Metropolitan Water District Administrate Code Sections 2610–2615: Inspection Trips

Metropolitan Water District Administrative Code Section 2617: Inspection Trip Sponsorship Duty

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

None

Details and Background

The primary objective of Metropolitan's inspection trip program is to educate and inform elected and appointed officials, members of the business and environmental communities, and other leading citizens and interested persons from each member agency about Metropolitan and Southern California's water resources and water infrastructure.

For the FY 2026/27 inspection trip season, directors will continue co-sponsoring trips to manage costs and maximize opportunities for director participation. Directors may each request up to two trips in the fiscal year:

- One (1) shared two- or three-day trip to the Colorado River or State Water Project, and
- One (1) shared one-day trip within Metropolitan's service area.

The first director trips of the new inspection trip season are scheduled for September.

In addition to organizing and leading director inspection trips, the Inspection Trips Team will lead strategic trips as identified by the Board Chair and General Manager. One strategic trip to the Hoover Dam–Colorado River Aqueduct for Water Education for Latino Leaders is scheduled for September.

Additionally, the Inspection Trips Team expects to manage trips in support of other Metropolitan groups/sections, including Human Resources, Education Programs, and others. Funding for these trips will be provided by the sponsoring group/section.

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