THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

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Metropolitan Cases

Gina Mendoza v. Metropolitan
(Los Angeles County Superior Court)

On July 27, 2026, plaintiff Gina Mendoza served MWD with a lawsuit alleging negligence – premises liability, and dangerous condition of public property (Gov. Code § 835) for injuries caused by a defective metal utility cover embedded in the sidewalk near 15000 Hawthorne Blvd., Lawndale, CA 90260. MWD staff determined that MWD does not have any property interest in the injury location. The Office of the General Counsel contacted plaintiff's counsel who agreed to request dismissal of MWD from the lawsuit. On August 20, 2026, the court dismissed MWD from the lawsuit.

Matters Impacting Metropolitan

State of Nevada, et al. v. Burgum, et al.
(U.S. District Court for Nevada)

On August 24, 2026, the State of Nevada, Colorado River Commission of Nevada, and Southern Nevada Water Authority (Plaintiffs) filed a complaint for declaratory and injunctive relief in U.S. District Court for Nevada against U.S. Secretary of Interior Doug Burgum, the U.S. Department of Interior, the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, and Principal Deputy Commissioner of Reclamation Aubrey Bettencourt (Defendants). Plaintiffs allege that Defendants' Record of Decision (ROD), Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS), and 2027-2028 Operating Guidelines for the Colorado River violate the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the Administrative Procedure Act (APA), and the Law of the River. Plaintiffs ask the court to declare that Defendants violated NEPA, the APA, and the Law of the River, and ask the court to vacate, and enjoin implementation of, the ROD, FEIS, and 2027-2028 Operating Guidelines until Defendants comply with the law.

Court Upholds EPA's Designation of PFOA and PFOS as CERCLA Hazardous Substances

On August 18, 2026,in a landmark decision, a unanimous three-judge panel of the U. S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit (Court) upheld the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) 2024 designation of PFOA and PFOS, two compounds within the broader class of per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), as "hazardous substances" under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act ("CERCLA" or commonly known as Superfund). The Court's decision in *Chamber of Commerce of the United States v. EPA* resolved a legal challenge to EPA's designation brought by seven groups (led by the United States Chamber of Commerce) representing industries that use, transport, or discharge PFOA and PFOS.

The Court rejected the industry groups' three arguments that: (1) EPA's designation of PFOA and PFOS as "hazardous substances" misinterpreted the term "may present substantial danger" in CERCLA's definition of a hazardous substance, (2) EPA's cost-benefit analysis provided insufficient notice to the parties; and (3) EPA's cost-benefit analysis and decision to regulate in the face of uncertainty were arbitrary and capricious. First, the Court found that CERCLA's "plain language" allows EPA to designate as hazardous substances chemicals like PFOA and PFOS that repeatedly have been linked to adverse health effects in myriad peer-reviewed studies. Second, the Court determined that EPA provided adequate notice of its cost-benefit analysis underlying the ultimate designation through its earlier

economic assessment and request for comments on it. Finally, EPA acted reasonably based on the record before it in its calculation of costs and benefits, and in its decision to take the regulatory step of designating PFOA and PFOS to be hazardous substances.

It is uncertain whether the industry groups will seek review of the Court's panel decision. A petition for rehearing or a petition for rehearing en banc to the D.C. Circuit must be filed within 45 days after entry of judgment. A petition for rehearing asks the original three-judge panel to reconsider its own decision, and a petition for rehearing en banc asks the full court to reconsider the appellate decision. Another option is a petition for certiorari to the U.S. Supreme Court, which must be filed within 90 days after entry of judgment or within 90 days after a petition for rehearing is denied. If the Court's panel decision becomes final, it could have important ramifications.

CERCLA establishes a comprehensive strict, joint and several liability framework for addressing releases of "hazardous substances." The most significant result of the designation of PFOA and PFOS as hazardous substances is that EPA can compel the cleanup of PFOA and PFOS releases and that federal and state governments and private parties can now bring CERCLA actions seeking to recover PFOA and PFOS cleanup costs. This highlights the need for liability exemptions for drinking water and wastewater utilities and others who may receive PFOA and PFOS as "passive receivers," but do not create or profit from them. Previous efforts to move such passive receiver liability exemptions through Congress have stalled. However, the Court's ruling may now increase pressure on lawmakers to carve out a liability exemption for passive receivers of PFOA and PFOS nationwide.

Metropolitan staff will continue to monitor the *Chamber of Commerce* lawsuit and EPA's regulation of PFAS in drinking water.

Matters Received

CATEGORY	RECEIVED	DESCRIPTION	
Actions in which MWD is a party	1	Complaint for Damages: (1) Sex/Gender Discrimination (FEHA); (2) Sex/Gender Harassment/Hostile Work Environment (FEHA); (3) Retaliation (FEHA); (4) Failure to Prevent Discrimination, Harassment, and Retaliation (FEHA); (5) Whistleblower Retaliation; (6) Violation of Civil Rights; (7) Negligent Supervision; (8) Negligent Retention; (9) Intentional Infliction of Emotional Distress filed in Los Angeles County Superior Court, in the case *Heather Beatty v. MWD, Adel Hagekhalil*, Case No. 26STCV15010; First Amended Complaint served on August 12, 2026	
Government Code Claims	1	Claims relating to subrogation claim from GEICO for damages from MWD vehicle hitting Claimant's vehicle on the I-10 westbound, east of Jefferson Street, in the city of Indio	
Requests Pursuant to the Public Records Act	27	<u>Requestor</u>	<u>Documents Requested</u>
		BidAmerica (2 requests)	Bid documents for: (1) Inland Feeder/San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District (SBVMWD) Foothill Pump Station Intertie, Stage 1 - Bid date: September 29, 2026 (2049); and (2) Copper Basin Reservoir Discharge Valve Replacement - Bid date: September 2, 2026 (1947)
		Caltrans	As-built Plans for Colorado River Aqueduct Road - State Route 62 near Cadiz Road
		Center for Contract Compliance	Awarded contractor information, subcontractor list, bid advertisement, and DIR Project ID for San Diego Canal Radial Gates Rehabilitation 33740 Borel Rd Winchester CA (2130)
		Delta Conveyance Design & Construction Authority (DCA)	Proposals/SOQs and resulting contracts from MWD's RFQ-DS-1402 On-Call Environmental and Technical Planning Services
		Department of Water Resources	Contract information between DWR and MWD including scope of work, performance criteria of work, and summary of work performed regarding the service/refurbishment of the electric motor at the Sutter Bypass Pumping Plants

CATEGORY	RECEIVED	DESCRIPTION	
		EY Unclaimed Property Services LLC	Updated unclaimed funds file
		Joy Aviation	1995 MWD Headquarters EIR
		MEA Consulting	Turf rebate program activity data from July 1, 2020 to present
		MWD MAPA Vice-President	Records relating to ethics complaint, review, investigation, or inquiry concerning Human Resources Group Manager regarding the recruitment/position for the Grants and Research Unit Manager
		Private Citizens (16 requests)	(1) Bid tabulation for Webb Tract Wetland Restoration submitted on May 15, 2026 (2153); (2) Recruitment records to fill Human Resources Assistant III position; (3) Bid tabulation including quantities and unit pricing for each bidder for Robert B. Diemer Water Treatment Plant Basin 8 Toe Improvement submitted on May 1, 2026 (2097); (4) Bid tabulation including quantities and unit pricing for each bidder for Diamond Valley Lake Holland Road Storm Drainage Improvements submitted on April 2, 2026 (2174); (5) Bid tabulation including quantities and unit pricing for each bidder for Diamond Valley Lake Floating Wave Attenuator Replacement submitted on November 21, 2023 (2004); (6) Bid tabulation including all quantities and unit pricing for each bidder for Gene Communication System Upgrade that was submitted on September 21, 2023 (1976); (7) Bid tabulation including all quantities and unit pricing for each bidder for Julian Hinds Pumping Plant Village Paving submitted on 02/09/2023 (2053); (8) Bid tabulation including all quantities and unit pricing for each bidder for San Diego Pipeline No. 1 & 2 Patrol Road Relocation submitted on January 6, 2021 (1971); (9) Ray Shropshire Mott / Colorado River Aqueduct 1930s photographs and personnel records; (10) Berdoo Camp / Berdoo Canyon / East Coachella Tunnel records including Ray Shropshire Mott, Ray S. Mott, Ray Mott, R. S. Mott, or R. Mott housing, medical, crew, personnel records, crew

CATEGORY	RECEIVED	DESCRIPTION	
			photographs, reports, archaeological/cultural-resources records and camp rosters 1933-1937; (11) Bid tabulation including all quantities and unit pricing for each bidder for Lake Mathews Reservoir Wastewater System Replacement (1944); (12) Historical records of Ray Mott from 1932-1939; (13) Line-item bid tally for Julian Hinds Pumping Plant Village Paving (2053); (14) Monthly pumping volumes (acre-feet) recorded at the W.P. Whitsett Intake Pumping Plant for calendar years 1960-2025; (15) Transcript of the Organization, Personnel, and Effectiveness Committee meeting on August 18, 2026, at 8:30 am; and (16) Notice of Claim and Claim on behalf of Paul Merritt
		SoCal Compliance	Contracts, purchase orders, and paid invoices for fuel polishing, fuel tank cleaning, fuel filtration, or diesel fuel maintenance services performed at MWD from January 1, 2020 to the present
Other Matters	2	Wage garnishment	

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Additions only in the following two tables will be shown in red.

Any change to the outside counsel agreements table will be shown in redline form (i.e., additions, revisions, deletions).

Bay-Delta and State Water Project Litigation

The following cases are pending before various courts and administrative bodies and involve Metropolitan's interests in Delta operations, State Water Project allocations, and related environmental compliance.

SUBJECT	STATUS
Delta Conveyance Project CEQA Cases *Tulare Lake Basin Water Storage District v. California Department of Water Resources (case name for the consolidated cases)* *City of Stockton v. California Department of Water Resources* *County of Butte v. California Department of Water Resources* *County of Sacramento v. California Department of Water Resources* *County of San Joaquin et al. v. California Department of Water Resources* *Sacramento Area Sewer District v. California Department of Water Resources* *San Francisco Baykeeper, et al. v. California Department of Water Resources* *Sierra Club, et al. v. California Department of Water Resources* *South Delta Water Agency and Rudy Mussi Investment L.P. v. California Department of Water Resources* *Sacramento County Superior Ct. (Judge Acquisto)* 3d District Court of Appeal Case No. C101878 Supreme Court Case No. S294127	• DWR is the only named respondent/defendant • All alleged CEQA violations • Most allege violations of the Delta Reform Act, Public Trust Doctrine and Delta and Watershed Protection Acts • Two allege violations of the fully protected bird statute • One alleges violations of Proposition 9 (1982) and the Central Valley Project Act • March 27, 2026 order denying DWR's motion to disqualify the Somach, Simmons & Dunn law firm • March 30, 2026 preliminary injunction halting preconstruction geotechnical soil testing vacated, clearing the way for the Design and Construction Authority to resume work • April 2, 2026 Metropolitan and other supporting SWP contractors granted leave to intervene • May 18, 2026 DWR certified the administrative record • Nov. 6, 2026 Hearing on DWR's motion for protective order repetitioners' joint discovery • Oct. 23~~Nov. 20~~, 2026 Hearing on motion for privilege log and to augment administrative record • Dec. 31, 2026 deadline to file discovery motions • January 22, 2027 next Case Management Conference

SUBJECT	STATUS
2024 CESA Incidental Take Permit Consolidated Cases *California Sportfishing Protection Alliance, et al. v. California Department of Water Resources, et al.* (CEQA, CESA, Delta Reform Act, Public Trust Doctrine) Sacramento County Superior Ct. Case No. 24WM000181 (Judge Arguelles) (Designated lead case for the consolidated cases) *San Francisco Baykeeper, et al. v. California Department of Water Resources* (CEQA, Delta Reform Act, Public Trust Doctrine) *Central Delta Water Agency and South Delta Water Agency v. California Department of Water* Resources (CEQA, Delta Reform Act, Watershed Protection Acts, Public Trust Doctrine)	Cases challenge DWR's Final EIR and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife's California Endangered Species Act Incidental Take Permit for the updated Long Term Operations plan for the State Water Project • Oct. 8, 2025 minute order consolidating cases under the California Sportfishing Protection Alliance case name • June 26, 2026 Tehama-Colusa Canal Authority voluntarily dismissed its case • July 24, 2026 State Water Contractors' motion to intervene granted • Dec. 11, 2026 case management conference
Water Management Tools Contract Amendment *California Water Impact Network et al. v. DWR Sacramento County Superior Ct.* (Judge Acquisto) *North Coast Rivers Alliance, et al. v. DWR Sacramento County Super. Ct.* (Judge Acquisto)	• Filed September 28, 2020 • CWIN and Aqualliance allege one cause of action for violation of CEQA • NCRA et al. allege four causes of action for violations of CEQA, the Delta Reform Act, Public Trust Doctrine and seeking declaratory relief • SWC motion to intervene in both cases granted • Dec. 20, 2022 DWR filed notice of certification of the administrative record and filed answers in both cases • Aug. 11, 2026 NCRA filed a request for dismissal • Aug. 14, 2026 CWIN filed a request for dismissal

OUTSIDE COUNSEL AGREEMENTS

Firm Name	Matter Name	Agreement No.	Effective Date	Contract Maximum
Aleshire & Wynder	Oil, Mineral and Gas Leasing	174613	08/18	$50,000
Anzel Galvan LLP	Bond Issues	220411	07/24	N/A
Atkinson Andelson Loya Ruud & Romo	Employee Relations	59302	04/04	$1,316,937
	Delta Conveyance Project Bond Validation-CEQA Litigation	185899	09/21	$250,000
	MWD Drone and Airspace Issues	193452	08/20	$50,000
	AFSCME Local 1902 in Grievance No. 1906G020 (CSU Meal Period)	201883	07/12/21	$30,000
	Ethics and EEO Investigation	222534	01/25	$50,000
	PRA Issues	222539	02/25	$110,000
	Job Audit Appeal	222551	03/25	$50,000
	Job Audit Appeal	222552	03/25	$100,000
	RFIs by AFSCME Local 1902	222554	03/25	$20,000
	EEO Investigation	226516	05/25	$25,000
	Advice and Counsel – AB399 Issues	226533	01/26	$50,000
	Employment Matter	226534	01/26	$50,000
	Team Manager Leave Premiums Denial HO Appeal	226539	01/26	$50,000
	Temporary Upgrade Assignment Denial HO Appeal	226540	01/26	$50,000
	Temporary Upgrade Assignment Standby Denial HO Appeal	231484	01/26	$50,000
	Desert Medical Credit HO Appeal	231487	01/26	$50,000
	Employment Matter	231488	03/26	$50,000
	Employment Matter	231491	04/26	$50,000
	Employment Matter	231496	05/26	$50,000

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	Employment Matter	231497	5/26	$50,000
	C&D Mechanics Out of Class HO Appeal	231503	05/26	$50,000
	Temporary Upgrade Assignment Standby Denial HO Appeal	231506	06/26	$50,000
	60 Hour NOIS HO Appeal	231492	04/26	$50,000
	Employment Matter	231493	04/26	$25,000
	HO Appeal	231502	04/26	~~$50,000~~ $100,000
	Employment Matter	226532	07/26	$100,000
Ballard Rosenberg Golper & Savitt LLP	Employment Matter	231508	07/26	$100,000
BDG Law Group, APLC	Employment Matter	216054	03/24	$900,000
	Employment Matter	222547	03/25	$250,000
Best, Best & Krieger	Environmental Compliance Issues	185888	05/20	$100,000
	Grant Compliance Issues	211921	05/23	$250,000
	Pure Water Southern California	207966	11/22	$350,000
	Progressive Design Build	216053	04/24	$250,000
	Pure Water – SB 149 CEQA Record Preparation	222526	02/25	$150,000
	Rates and Taxes Advice	226517	05/25	$50,000
	PWSC Construction Contracting Issues	226524	07/25	$125,000
	Diamond Valley Lake Groundwater Basin Issues	231486	1/26	$100,000
	Technology – Contracts and Related Matters	231489	03/26	$35,000

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Burke, Williams & Sorensen, LLP	Labor and Employment Matters	180207	04/19	$75,000
	General Real Estate Matters	180209	08/19	$200,000
	Rancho Cucamonga Condemnation Actions (Grade Separation Project)	207970	05/22	$150,000
	Foothill Pump Station Condemnation	226522	06/25	$100,000
	Fakhoury, et al. v. City of Rancho Cucamonga, et al.	226528	12/25	$100,000
	Ethics Office Investigations	226537	01/26	$75,000
Law Office of Alexis S.M. Chiu*	Bond Counsel	220409	07/24	N/A
Cislo & Thomas LLP	Intellectual Property	170703	08/17	$100,000
Davis Wright Tremaine, LLP	Advice and Representation re Potential Litigation	220424	10/24	$250,000
	Employment Matter	222543	03/25	$750,000
	Advice and Representation re Employment -Related Claims	226526	08/25	$200,000
	Government Code Claim Investigation	226538	02/26	$150,000
Erin Joyce Law, PC	Ethics Advice	216058	05/24	$100,000
Haden Law Office	Real Property Matters re Agricultural Land	180194	01/19	$50,000
Hanna, Brophy, MacLean, McAleer & Jensen, LLP	Workers' Compensation	211926	06/23	$500,000
Hanson Bridgett LLP	Finance Advice	158024	12/16	$100,000
	Deferred Compensation/HR	170706	10/17	$600,000
	Alternative Project Delivery (ADP)	207961	10/22	$250,000

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	Lake Mathews Mining Issues	231485	01/26	~~$100,000~~ $250,000
Hausman & Sosa, LLP	Employment Matter	220426	10/24	$100,000
	Jensen Operator Standby Removal	222522	10/24	$100,000
	NOIS Appeal	222553	03/25	$50,000
	Employment Matter	231513	07/26	$100,000
	Employment Matter	235177	07/26	$100,000
	NOID Appeal	226523	06/25	$150,000
Hawkins Delafield & Wood LLP*	Bond Counsel	220405	07/24	N/A
Horvitz & Levy	General Appellate Advice	146616	12/15	$200,000
	Colorado River	203464	04/22	$100,000
	Delta Conveyance Bond Validation Appeal	216047	03/24	$25,000
	PFAS Multi-District Litigation – Appeal	216050	03/24	$200,000
Internet Law Center	Cybersecurity and Privacy Advice and Representation	200478	04/13/21	$100,000
	Systems Integrated, LLC v. MWD	201875	05/17/21	$500,000
	General Advice and Counsel	222544	02/25	$25,000
Jackson Lewis P.C.	Employment: Department of Labor Office of Contract Compliance	137992	02/14	$45,000
Katten Muchin Rosenman LLP	Bond Counsel	220412	07/24	N/A
Kronenberger Rosenfeld, LLP	Systems Integrated, LLC v. MWD	211920	04/23	$500,000

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Kutak Rock LLP	Delta Islands Land Management	207959	10/22	$160,000
Lesnick Prince Pappas & Alverson LLP	Kidde-Fenwal Bankruptcy	216061	06/24	$50,000
Liebert Cassidy Whitmore	Labor and Employment	158032	02/17	$244,741
	EEO Advice	216041	12/23	$450,000
Lieff Cabraser Heimann & Bernstein, LLP	PFAS Multi-District Litigation	216048	03/24	$200,000
Manatt, Phelps & Phillips, LLP	MWD Tap Campaign	231505	06/26	$35,000
Marten Law LLP	PFAS Multi-District Litigation	216034	09/23	$550,000
	PFAS-Related Issues (PWSC)	220414	08/24	$150,000
	Perris Valley Pipeline Project	220415	07/24	$100,000
	PFAS-Related Issues (General)	220413	10/24	$50,000
Milbank LLP	Colorado River	231490	04/26	$1,250.000
Morgan, Lewis & Bockius	Project Labor Agreements	200476	04/21	$100,000
Musick, Peeler & Garrett LLP	Arvin-Edison v. Dow Chemical	203452	01/22	$150,000
	Semitropic TCP Litigation	207954	09/22	$75,000
	Employment Matter	220417	08/24	$150,000
	Employment Matter	226535	01/26	$75,000
	Employment Matter	231507	06/26	$100,000
	Employment Matter	235178	07/26	$100,000
	Employment Matter	235179	07/26	$100,000

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Nixon Peabody LLP*	Bond Counsel	220404	07/24	N/A
Norton Rose Fulbright US LLP*	Bond Counsel	220407	7/24	N/A
	Pure Water Special Project Finance	226513	05/25	$200,000
Olson Remcho LLP	Government Law	131968	07/14	~~$600,000~~ $800,000
	Advice/Assistance re Proposition 26/Election Issues	211922	05/23	$100,000
Pearlman, Brown & Wax, L.L.P.	Workers' Compensation	216037	10/23	$100,000
Redwood Public Law, LLP	PRA and Conflicts Issues	222540	02/25	$150,000
	ZEV Charger Installation Permitting	231504	06/26	$100,000
Renne Public Law Group, LLP	Employee Relations and Personnel Matters	216045	01/24	$50,000
	ACE v. MWD (PERB Case No. LA CE 1729 M)	220421	09/24	$70,000
	AFSCME v. MWD (PERB Case No. LA-CE-1733-M)	220422	09/24	$70,000
	AFSCME v. MWD (PERB Case No. LA-CE-1746-M)	222528	11/24	$35,000
	AFSCME v. MWD (PERB Case No. LA-CE-1774-M)	226515	05/25	$35,000
	AFSCME v. MWD (PERB Case No. LA-CE-1772-M)	226518	05/25	$35,000
	AFSCME v. MWD (PERB Case No. LA-CE-1775-M)	226519	05/25	$35,000
	AFSCME v. MWD (PERB Case No. LA-CE-1776-M)	226520	05/25	$35,000
	AFSCME v. MWD (PERB Case No. LA-CE-1785-M)	226527	10/25	$50,000

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	Supervisors Association of MWD v. MWD (PERB Case No. LA-CE-1854-M)	226536	01/26	$50,000
	Gutierrez v MWD (PERB Case No. LA-CE-1890-M)	231512	07/26	$35,000
Ryan & Associates	Leasing Issues	43714	06/01	$200,000
	Unlawful Encroachment on Metropolitan Rights-of-Way	216065	06/24	$100,000
Seyfarth Shaw LLP	Employment Matter	201897	11/04/21	$700,000
	Claim (Contract #203436)	203436	11/15/21	$1,000,000
	General Labor/Employment Advice	211917	3/23	$250,000
	Employment Matter	216035	09/23	$1,200,000
Sheppard Mullin Richter & Hampton LLP	Employment Matter	222532	12/24	$500,000
Snell & Wilmer LLP	Public Records Act Requests	226531	12/25	$150,000
Stradling Yocca Carlson & Rauth*	Bond Counsel	220408	7/24	N/A
Theodora Oringher PC	Construction Contracts - General Conditions Update	185896	07/20	$100,000
	Santa Monica Feeder Incident	226526	08/25	$150,000
The Zappia Law Firm, APC	Standby Denial HO Appeal	231499	05/26	$100,000
	Standby Denial HO Appeal	231500	05/26	$100,000
	Standby Denial HO Appeal	231501	05/26	$100,000
	WRM TUA ReOrg Transfer 2025 HO Appeal	231510	06/26	$50,000
	Lake Skinner Operators Out of Class HO Appeal	231511	06/26	$50,000

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Thompson Coburn LLP	NERC Energy Reliability Standards	193451	08/20	$600,000
Van Ness Feldman, LLP	General Litigation	170704	07/18	$50,000
	Colorado River MSHCP	180191	01/19	$50,000
	Bay-Delta and State Water Project Environmental Compliance	193457	10/15/20	$50,000
	Colorado River Issues	211924	05/23	$1,000,000
	Cajalco Road Widening Project	226509	04/25	$50,000
Wesierski & Zurek LLP	Eight-Vehicle Pile-Up Claims, Rancho Cucamonga	226529	12/25	$150,000
	General Tort Claims and Litigation Defense Advice	226530	12/25	$150,000

*Expenditures paid by Bond Proceeds/Finance
**Expenditures paid by another group

Attorney Spotlight Elliot Min

Each month, we highlight a member of the Office of the General Counsel whose contributions, expertise, and dedication exemplify our commitment to excellence in public service.

Elliot Min

About

Elliot has been a practicing attorney for nearly 12 years. He is a graduate of the University of California Los Angeles, where he majored in Asian American Studies and English, and the Pepperdine University School of Law. Prior to joining Metropolitan, Elliot served as Deputy County Counsel in the Affirmative Litigation Division of the Los Angeles County Counsel's Office, where he was responsible for prosecuting civil actions on behalf of Los Angeles County and The People of the State of California against businesses and individuals engaged in unfair business practices, consumer fraud, public nuisance, and environmental harm.

MWD Practice Area

Elliot's primary practice area is defending Metropolitan in civil tort claims and lawsuits, including negligence claims arising out of vehicle collisions involving Metropolitan vehicles, and claims alleging dangerous condition of public property. Elliot also advises the Risk Management Department on complying with the Government Claims Act. Recently, in the case Melanie De Leon v. Metropolitan, Elliot successfully defended Metropolitan against a claimant's petition to the court to excuse her from the six-month limitations period to present a Government Code claim to Metropolitan. After successfully opposing the petition in the Orange County Superior Court, Elliot represented Metropolitan in the California Court of Appeals, Fourth Appellate District, successfully arguing before the panel of appellate justices that claimant and her attorneys failed to show legally justifiable reasons for relief from the Government Claims Act's claim presentation requirements. The Court's ruling in Metropolitan's favor meant the claimant was legally precluded from suing Metropolitan for damages. The case was cited in the Metropolitan News-Enterprise. In addition to tort defense, Elliot defends Metropolitan in employment lawsuits. He recently settled two employment matters. He also advises Metropolitan's health and safety personnel on regulatory compliance, including monitoring hazardous substance regulations, such as PFAS.

Fun Facts

Elliot loves spending time, traveling, and going to Dodger games with his wife, Erica, and daughter Chloe. Elliot has been rock climbing for eight years, and his favorite place to climb is Joshua Tree National Park.