General Manager's Report

September 2026

Highlights

La Verne facility battery fire

Metropolitan, together with our contractors and other appropriate parties, has begun the investigation as to the cause and origin of the battery energy storage system fire at the district's La Verne facility.

The fire began Sept. 22 in a battery energy storage system that had been in operation on the site since June. After quickly containing the initial fire, fire personnel and technical experts worked for several days to minimize the potential risk posed by an adjacent system, remove the compromised battery cells and eliminate hazards to the nearby community. By Sept. 30, the compromised battery cells were packaged and removed from the site.

Two other BESS units located on the southwest side of the La Verne facility are out of service and will remain non-operational for the foreseeable future. Metropolitan had these BESS installed near a solar panel field at the facility to store off-peak electricity and green energy for use later during times of peak demand, reducing Metropolitan's strain on the grid and decreasing our carbon emissions.

Metropolitan had also begun installing BESS at our Jensen and Skinner water treatment plants. Those systems were still under construction, but that work has been paused. Decisions about future use of the battery energy storage systems will be deferred until the investigations are complete.

Metropolitan is grateful for the dedication of our first responders and partner agencies who worked around the clock to protect our community, and for the patience of the La Verne community. I am especially thankful for the professionalism and commitment of Metropolitan staff who worked tirelessly to keep communities safe while never pausing treatment or delivery of high-quality water.

MetWorks on Oct. 15

Metropolitan's annual business outreach and networking conference – MetWorks – is expected to be our biggest yet. This year our Business Outreach team invited all 26 member agencies to participate, providing Southern California construction and consulting firms, suppliers and other businesses more opportunities to connect with staff and learn about contracting opportunities.

Highlights continued

Metropolitan is investing in our infrastructure to increase reliability and resilience, and we want local businesses of all sizes to have the chance to partner with us. This year also marks the 25th anniversary of Metropolitan's Business Outreach program, which was one of the first initiatives in California to help small, local and disabled veteran-owned businesses succeed in public contracting.

Education to Workforce Tours
Metropolitan relies on a skilled, diverse workforce to deliver reliable and safe water to Southern California. As a wave of retirements hits the water industry, Metropolitan is striving to recruit and hire the next generation of workers. In September, our Workforce Development team invited educators and tribal leaders to tour Iron Mountain and Gene pumping plants and hear directly from staff about the skills and experience students need to get jobs at Metropolitan and in the water industry. The tours help educators learn what career opportunities Metropolitan offers so they can help students prepare.

Skinner plant turns 50
On Oct. 1, Metropolitan celebrated the 50th anniversary of the Robert A. Skinner Water Treatment Plant. It was a great day to honor the people, partnerships and vision that made the Skinner plant possible. Thanks to Vice Chair Nancy Sutley and Directors Philip Paule, Brenda Dennstedt and Dennis Erdman for attending, as well as the many retirees who returned to Skinner for the celebration.

Operations

Monthly Operations At-A-Glance

September 2026

30-Day Window: August 14-September 13

Distribution

** denotes change compared to previous 30-Day period*

30-Day Member Agency Deliveries
4,030 AF/Day

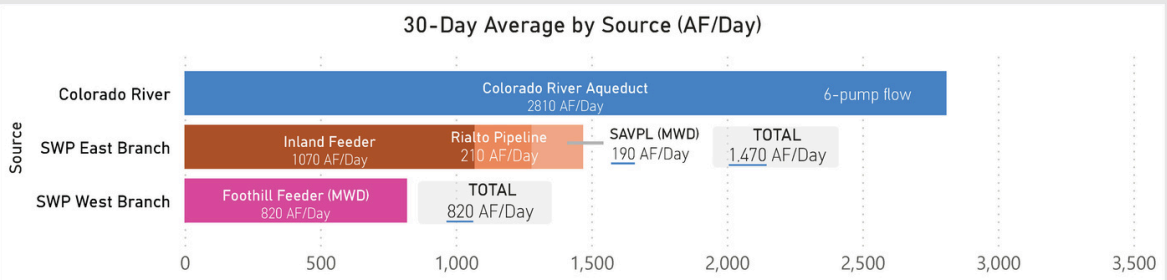
Change in Deliveries*
▲ **120 AF/Day**

Recorded August Deliveries to Member Agencies
Consumptive and Replenishment
127 TAF

Forecast September Deliveries to Member Agencies
Consumptive and Replenishment
120 TAF

Recorded August Deliveries utilizing water programs
(CYC, RCYC, CUP, CCOP)
7 TAF

Supply



Storage

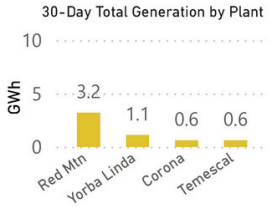
Data as of 9/13/2026

Lake Mathews	Lake Skinner	Diamond Valley Lake
102,200 AF	36,400 AF	781,800 AF
▼-15,800 AF*	▲ 180 AF*	▲ 3,550 AF*
65%	82%	96%

Hydropower

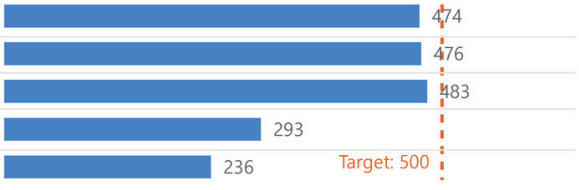
30-Day Total Generation:
5.5 GWh

30-Day Average Power:
7.6 MW



Water Quality

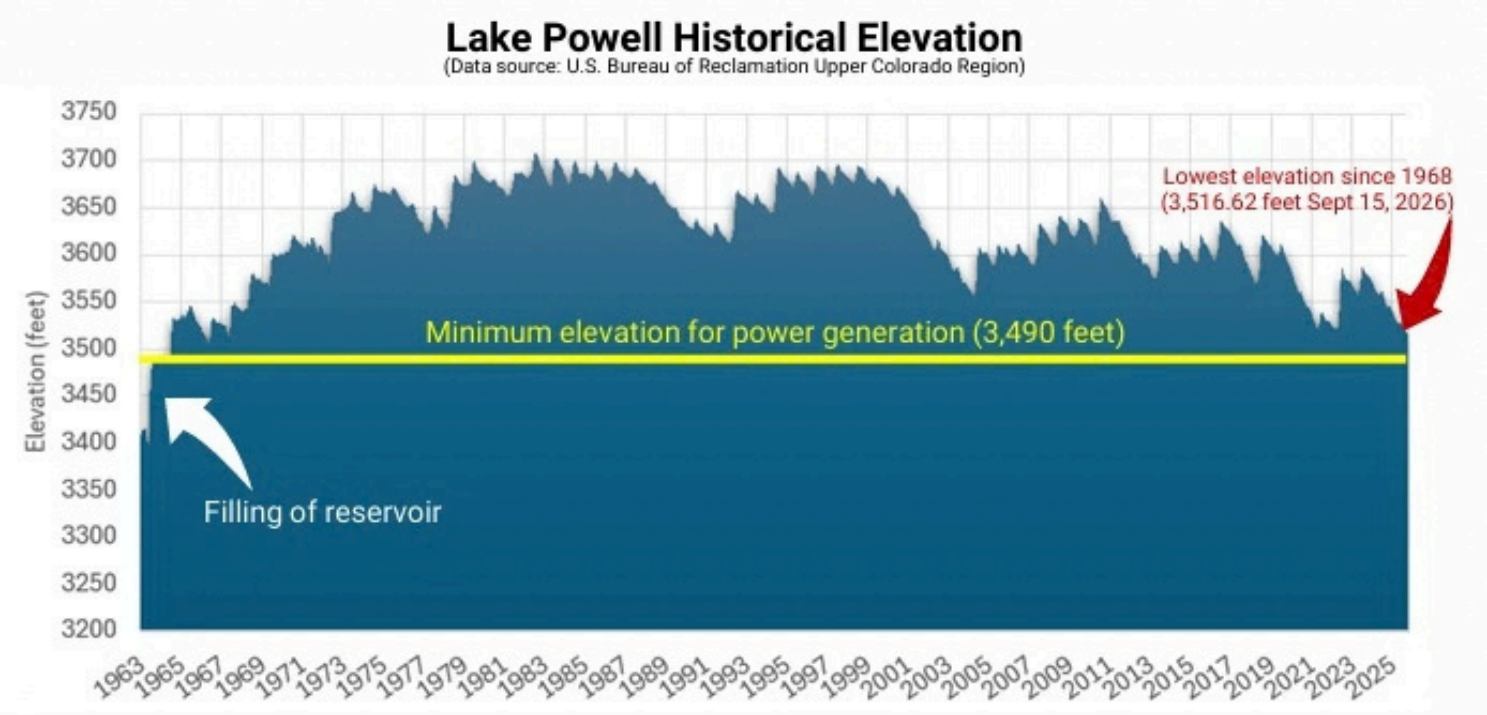
Plant Name	Targeted Blend (% SPW) As of 9/10/2026	Current TDS (mg/L) As of 9/9/2026	TTHMs (µg/L) As of 8/17/2026
Weymouth	5%	598	34.0
Diemer	5%	582	34.0
Skinner	50%	438	22.0
Jensen	100%	310	13.0
Mills	100%	180	22.0

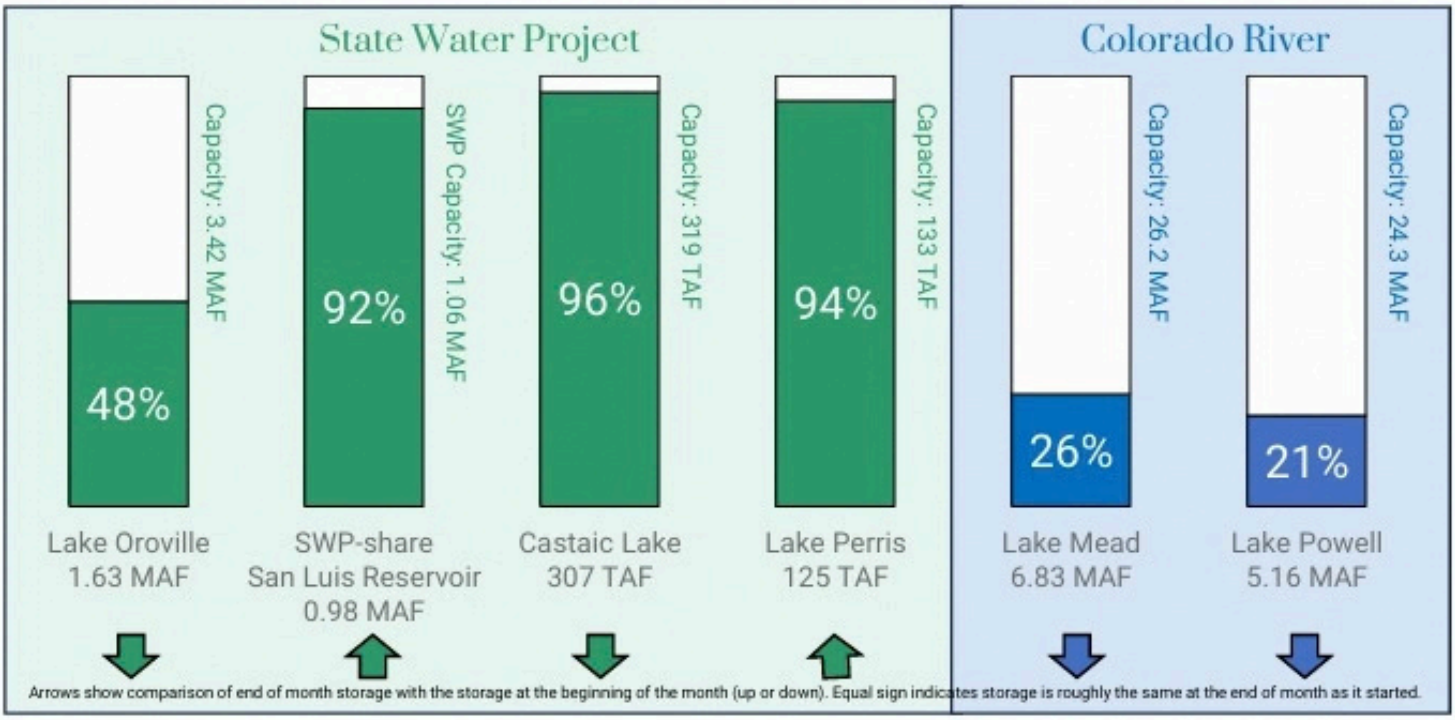


TDS = Total Dissolved Solids TTHM = Total Trihalomethanes RAA = Running Annual Average

September 2026 Water Supply Report

Extended Report: https://www.mwdh2o.com/WSCR





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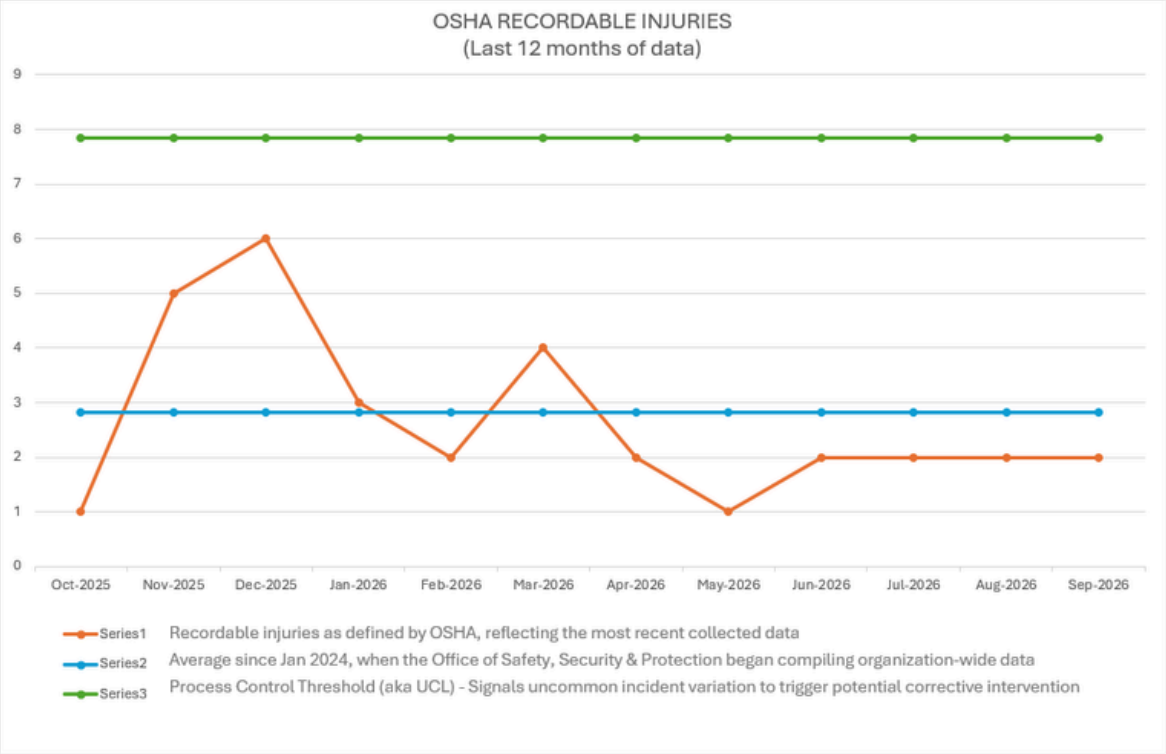
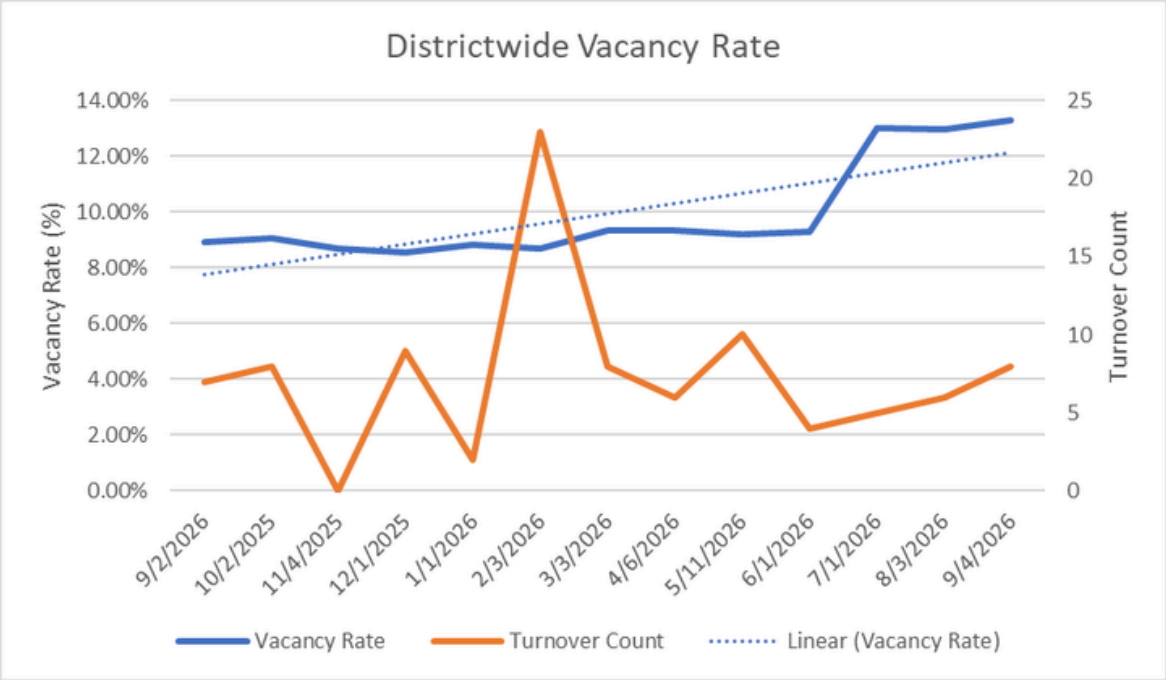


Human Resources



*Vacancy Rate is the percentage of unfilled positions within the District out of the total number of positions.
**Turnover Count is the count of employees who separated from the District. Separations include retirements, voluntary and involuntary separations, and deaths.
***Total Budgeted Positions as of July 1, 2026, is 2,053.5. 8.5 FTEs were approved for the recurrent positions as of August 2025. The recurrent positions are excluded from the vacancy rate calculation.

CIP Board Actions - September 2026

Board Letter No.	Project	Action Taken
7-1	Rehabilitate Service Connection B-01 on the Santa Monica Feeder	Awarded a $782,917 procurement contract to Ross Valve Manufacturing Company to furnish an 18-inch-diameter conical plug valve with actuator
8-1	Circulating Water and Sump Discharge Piping Systems Rehabilitation at the Colorado River Aqueduct pumping plants	Awarded a $42,710,530.01 construction contract to Mountain Cascade Inc.
8-2	Phase 2B of the Sepulveda Pump Stations	Authorized (1) an increase of $172,849,771 to an existing design-build agreement with J.F. Shea Construction Inc. for a new not-to-exceed amount of $276,209,771 to authorize Phase 2B of the Sepulveda Pump Stations project; (2) an increase of $1.59 million to an existing agreement with Carollo Engineers Inc. for a new not-to-exceed amount of $4.89 million to serve as the owner's advisor; and (3) an increase of $857,000 to an existing agreement with Parametrix Inc. for a new not-to-exceed amount of $1.402 million for cost estimating and scheduling services

New Legislative Positions

None to report

Additional information available on the legislative matrices https://www.mwdh2o.com/legislative-services/

Conservation Expenditures- FY 2026/27 & FY 2027/28

Conservation Expenditures – FY2026/27 & FY2027/28 (1)

	Paid (2)	Committed (3)
Regional Devices	$0.3 M	$0.9 M
Member Agency Administered	$2.2 M (4)	$9.7 M
Turf Replacement	$3.1 M	$40.7 M
Advertising	$0.5 M	$0.5 M
Other	$0.1 M	$1.6 M
TOTAL	$6.2 M	$53.4 M

(1) The Conservation Program biennial expenditure authorization is $61 million.

(2) Paid as of 7/1/2026 - 8/31/2026. Financial reporting on cash basis.

(3) Committed dollars as of September 10, 2026

(4) Expenditures include estimates that will be reconciled and updated in future reports as necessary.

Conservation Classes

Metropolitan offers a variety of landscape classes throughout the month. More information can be found on www.bewaterwise.com/classes.