Water Resource Management

- **Water Resource Management September Activities Report**

Summary

The Water Resource Management, September 2026 Activities as of September 17, 2026

Purpose

Informational

Detailed Report

Execute CAMP4W Implementation Strategy to Integrate Climate Adaptation District-Wide

Metropolitan staff attended the California Water Efficiency Partnership Fall Plenary in Riverside on September 10, 2026. Topics were interactive and discussion-based and included a live demonstration of an upcoming landscape maintenance application to support users once landscape transformation is complete. Staff moderated and served on a panel discussion related to Assembly Bill 1472 implementation.

Metropolitan held a Water Efficient Landscaper Dual Certification Program class in partnership with the Chino Basin Water Conservation District for 30 landscape professionals.

Provide Organizational Stability and Deliver Operational Excellence

On September 4, 2026, Metropolitan staff submitted to the United States Bureau of Reclamation (USBR) a certification report that documented how system conservation water was conserved in 2025 to satisfy the requirements of Metropolitan's Bucket 2 system conservation implementation agreements (SCIAs). During 2025, Metropolitan conserved a total of 242,286 acre-feet of system conservation water which was used to completely fulfill the requirements of the Antelope Valley-East Kern High Desert Water Bank SCIA, the Turf Replacement SCIA, and the Disadvantaged Community Leak Detection and Repair SCIA.

Staff chaired a two-day meeting of the Colorado River Basin Salinity Control Forum (Forum) Work Group in Grand Junction, Colorado. The meeting agenda included (1) public comments received on the draft 2026 "Triennial Review" document, in which the Forum communicates to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency an assessment of the sufficiency of existing water quality criteria for salinity on the Lower Colorado River; (2) a report that ongoing operation of the Paradox Valley Unit (PVU) at 2/3-capacity has yielded no unusual seismic or well pressure results; (3) a discussion of ongoing efforts to find a long-term alternative to the PVU as the project nears the end of its design life; (4) a report on U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) scientific work in support of the Forum; (5) planning for a Notice of Funding Opportunity in 2027 to provide USBR funding for salinity control projects in the Colorado River Basin; and (6) updates from key federal agencies involved in the salinity control program, including the USBR, the Natural Resources Conservation Service, the Bureau of Land Management, and

the USGS. The Work Group also took a brief tour of the Grand Valley Unit, one of the oldest and most important salinity control areas in the basin. The work of the Forum reduces the salinity of Metropolitan's Colorado River water supply.

Metropolitan staff met with staff from the Colorado River Board of California to coordinate on several projects related to Metropolitan's Colorado River Supplies. Discussion included the salinity program, Metropolitan's System Conservation Implementation Agreement activity, status update on operations, coordination on Post-2026 Operational Guideline-related efforts, and ongoing activities related to the Multi-Species Conservation Program.

Staff have continued working collaboratively with San Diego County Water Authority (SDCWA) to implement agreements between SDCWA and Western/Eastern under the terms of the Second Amended and Restated Exchange Agreement. Most recently, Metropolitan updated the connections that Western receives exchange deliveries per Western's request. Staff have been notified of a new agreement between SDCWA and the City of Burbank, where the City of Burbank agreed to purchase exchange deliveries. Delivery specifics were not available in time for this GM Report.

Staff from four different Water Resource Management teams presented to the Northern California Water Association Leadership Delegation. This delegation is part of the Sacramento Valley Water Stewardship Colloquium, which is a yearlong leadership journey designed to inspire, equip, and elevate the next generation of water managers. Metropolitan staff and managers participated in the delegation's stop at Metropolitan, providing information on Metropolitan's water management and building connections with the Northern California water leaders.

Execute CAMP4W Implementation Strategy to Integrate Climate Adaptation District-Wide

Staff continues to meet with member agencies to gather feedback on the CAMP4W decision-making process and inform refinements moving forward. Staff anticipates completing the one-on-one meetings with participating member agencies by early October.

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On September 16, 2026, Metropolitan staff presented an overview of Water Resource Management functions to representatives from the Northern California Water Association who are participating in the Sacramento Valley Water Stewardship Colloquium. The program brings together emerging water leaders from across Northern California to strengthen their understanding of California water management, policy, and collaboration.