THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

# Office of the General Counsel

Robert A. Skinner Water Treatment Plant celebrated its 50th anniversary in October

# Monthly Activity Report

## September 2026

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# Metropolitan Cases

### *Robert Ward v. Metropolitan*
**(Riverside County Superior Court)**

As previously reported, Ward, a former temporary employee, filed suit against Metropolitan and retired employee Clara Masannat alleging causes of action arising out of Ward's employment. The legal department successfully obtained dismissal of Clara Masannat from the lawsuit. The parties thereafter entered into a settlement. As a result, on September 11, 2026, the Riverside County Superior Court dismissed the case with prejudice.

Scenic of Feather River, which ultimately flows into Lake Oroville.

# Matters Received

| CATEGORY | RECEIVED | DESCRIPTION | |
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| **Government Code Claims** | 20 | 1) Eighteen claims for loss of business income, loss of wages and/or housing costs due to lithium ion battery fire at MWD resulting in mandatory evacuation in La Verne; and<br>2) Two claims relating to motor vehicle accidents involving MWD vehicles | |
| **Subpoenas** | 1 | Deposition Subpoena for Production of Business Records that request income and retirement records for a matter unrelated to MWD | |
| **Requests Pursuant to the Public Records Act** | 41 | **Requestor** | **Documents Requested** |
| | | AQL Technologies | MWD intramet redesign (RFP-MN-1386) |
| | | Arcadis | Submittals, presentations, evaluation, and score sheets for RFP-DH-1254 Control System Upgrade Program - Prime Consultant - submitted July 22, 2021 and awarded October 27, 2022 |
| | | Center for Contract Compliance | Contractor and subcontractor information, bid advertisement and results, and DIR Project ID for Julian Hinds Pumping Plant Fuel Dispenser System Improvement (2116A) |
| | | City of La Verne | F.E. Weymouth Water Treatment Plant Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) Specifications and Construction Documentation |
| | | Diversified Drilling Services | Bid results and copies of the bids submitted for On-Call Environmental Site Assessment Services opened on May 20, 2026 (RFQual-MO-1416) |
| | | Edge Point | Excess proceeds from tax sales and foreclosure sales and outstanding and returned check of $100 or more from January 1, 2022 to present |

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| | | FOIA Request Services | Contract award, evaluation records, winning and losing proposals for RFP-EA-436884 for Multimedia Placement Consulting Services for Water Awareness And Outreach Campaign |
| | | LADWP (2 requests) | (1) Calibration certificates and data validity for 2025/2026 water loss audit; and (2) Food Management Services contract RFP for MWD |
| | | LAFCO | Information regarding data center projects from agencies within Riverside County |
| | | Mansfield Oil Company | Winning bid submissions, award documents, communications between bidder and purchaser, related invoices and corresponding bills of lading/delivery tickets for each awarded vendor relating to unleaded and diesel fuel (RFP-PR-469317) |
| | | MarketingUSA-West | SOQs/proposals relating to RFQ 13840 - Lake Mathews Progressive Design-Build due October 22, 2025 |
| | | Nation Analytics | (1) Contracts and purchase orders issued by the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California from July 16, 2025 to the present; and (2) Contracts and purchase orders issued by the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California from November 27, 2025 to the present |
| | | Onterris | Phase I ESA records for 12226 S. Western Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90047 |
| | | Private Citizens (24 requests) | (1) Records concerning historical visitor and recreational use statistics for recreation areas, trails, and public-access facilities managed or owned by MWD; (2) Equal Employment Opportunity Office Complaint & Investigative Procedures from January 2023 to present; (3) Photographs and records from Camp Berdoo / Berdoo Adit in 1933; (4) Bid tabulation including all quantities and unit pricing for each bidder for New Bid Date: Sepulveda Feeder PCCP |

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| | | Rehabilitation - Reach 2 submitted on November 5, 2025 (2010);<br>(5) Bid tabulation including all quantities and unit pricing for each bidder for New Bid Date: Garvey Reservoir Rehabilitation Stage 1 submitted on October 28, 2025 (2110);<br>(6) Bid tabulation line items for New Bid Date: Sepulveda Feeder PCCP Rehabilitation - Reach 2;<br>(7) Bid tabulation including all quantities and unit pricing for each bidder for New Bid Date: Eagle Mountain and Julian Hinds Pumping Plants Utility Replacement submitted on August 26, 2025 (1935A);<br>(8) Bid tabulation including all quantities and unit pricing for each bidder for New Bid Date: Henry J. Mills Water Treatment Plant Fiber Conduits submitted on July 8, 2025 (2077);<br>(9) Records relating to Turf Replacement/Rebate Program for the Sycamore Creek community in Temecula including records related to compliance with AB 1572;<br>(10) Purchases of stream mitigation credits from private mitigation banks between 2021 and the present;<br>(11) Bid tabulation including all quantities and unit pricing for each bidder for New Bid Date: San Jacinto Diversion Structure Slide Gate Rehabilitation submitted on July 1, 2025 (2144);<br>(12) Bid tabulation including all quantities and unit pricing for each bidder for Diamond Valley Lake Apprentice Training Center Perimeter Fence submitted on June 24, 2025 (2127);<br>(13) F.E. Weymouth Water Treatment Plant Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) Specifications and Construction Documentation;<br>(14) F.E. Weymouth Water Treatment Plant including the solar field, battery energy storage system, related infrastructure, and the fire incident reported on September 22, 2026;<br>(15) Bid tabulation including all quantities and unit pricing for each bidder for New Bid Date: San Diego Canal Rehabilitation - |

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| | | | Stage 3 submitted on September 26, 2024 (2119)<br>(16) Air quality reports at Grace Miller between 12:10 p.m. and 1:05 p.m. on September 22, 2026;<br>(17) Records of water or utility liens placed against real property from September 15, 2023 to September 15, 2026<br>(18) Bid tabulation including all quantities and unit pricing for each bidder for F.E. Weymouth Water Treatment Plant Bonita Avenue Railroad Urgent Track Replacement submitted on July 11, 2024 (M-3077);<br>(19) Records regarding the Safety, Security, and Protection Officer - Group Manager classification specification and job description of the position;<br>(20) Records regarding all Unit Manager level and Section Manager level job postings/recruitment, as they appeared when posted, for 2023, 2024, 2025, 2026;<br>(21) Bid tabulation including all quantities and unit pricing for each bidder for New Bid Date: F.E. Weymouth Filtration Plant Hazardous Waste Staging and Containment submitted on December 21, 2023 (1992);<br>(22) Communications sent or received by Fred Jung;<br>(23) MWD Human Resources job postings for internal positions (applicants) from December 6, 2023 to September 30, 2026; and<br>(24) Contract records related to WCBP, Inc. - Executive Search, Recruiting and HR Consulting for Workers' Compensation and Medical Accommodations Manager" recruitment |
| | | SmartProcure | Contract documents between MWD and Stantec Consulting Services (RFP-DH-1254) |
| | | Texas State University | Copy of O'Farrell, M.J. (1994) Final report: Stephens' kangaroo rat translocation, landfill expansion - Skinner Reservoir submitted to MWD in 1994 |
| | | The Observer | CIF funding, applications, administration, oversight, and governance records relating |

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| | | | to Palo Verde Valley Community Improvement Fund (PVVCIF) from January 1, 2023 through present |
| Other Matters | 1 | Wage garnishment | |

**Important Notice Regarding This Report:**

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).

Mina Guli completes her 2,000 run along the Colorado River in the Metropolitan headquarters courtyard to raise awareness about the state of the River.

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

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| **2024 CESA Incidental Take Permit Consolidated Cases**<br><br>*California Sportfishing Protection Alliance, et al. v. California Department of Water Resources, et al.* (CEQA, CESA, Delta Reform Act, Public Trust Doctrine)<br><br>Sacramento County Superior Ct. Case No. 24WM000181 (Judge Arguelles) (Designated lead case for the consolidated cases)<br><br>*San Francisco Baykeeper, et al. v. California Department of Water Resources* (CEQA, Delta Reform Act, Public Trust Doctrine)<br><br>*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<br>• Oct. 8, 2025 minute order consolidating cases under the California Sportfishing Protection Alliance case name<br>• June 26, 2026 Tehama-Colusa Canal Authority voluntarily dismissed its case<br>• July 24, 2026 State Water Contractors' motion to intervene granted<br>• Dec. 11, 2026 case management conference |
| ~~**Water Management Tools Contract Amendment**~~<br><br>~~*California Water Impact Network et al. v. DWR Sacramento County Superior Ct.* (Judge Acquisto)~~<br><br>~~*North Coast Rivers Alliance, et al. v. DWR Sacramento County Super. Ct.* (Judge Acquisto)~~ | ~~• Filed September 28, 2020~~<br>~~• CWIN and Aqualliance allege one cause of action for violation of CEQA~~<br>~~• NCRA et al. allege four causes of action for violations of CEQA, the Delta Reform Act, Public Trust Doctrine and seeking declaratory relief~~<br>~~• SWC motion to intervene in both cases granted~~<br>~~• Dec. 20, 2022 DWR filed notice of certification of the administrative record and filed answers in both cases~~<br>~~• Aug. 11, 2026 NCRA filed a request for dismissal~~<br>~~• 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 | $100,000 |
| | Employment Matter | 226532 | 07/26 | $100,000 |
| | Advice and Counsel – Public Contracting/Procurement | 235184 | 08/26 | $25,000 |
| **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~~ $250,000 |
| | Government Code Claim Investigation | 226538 | 02/26 | ~~$150,000~~ $250,000 |
| **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 | $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 |
| | Ortega Witness Representation in re Mortada Litigation | 231509 | 09/26 | $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 | $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 |
| | SAMWD v. MWD (PERB Case No. LA-CE-1902-M) | 235185 | 08/26 | $40,000 |
| **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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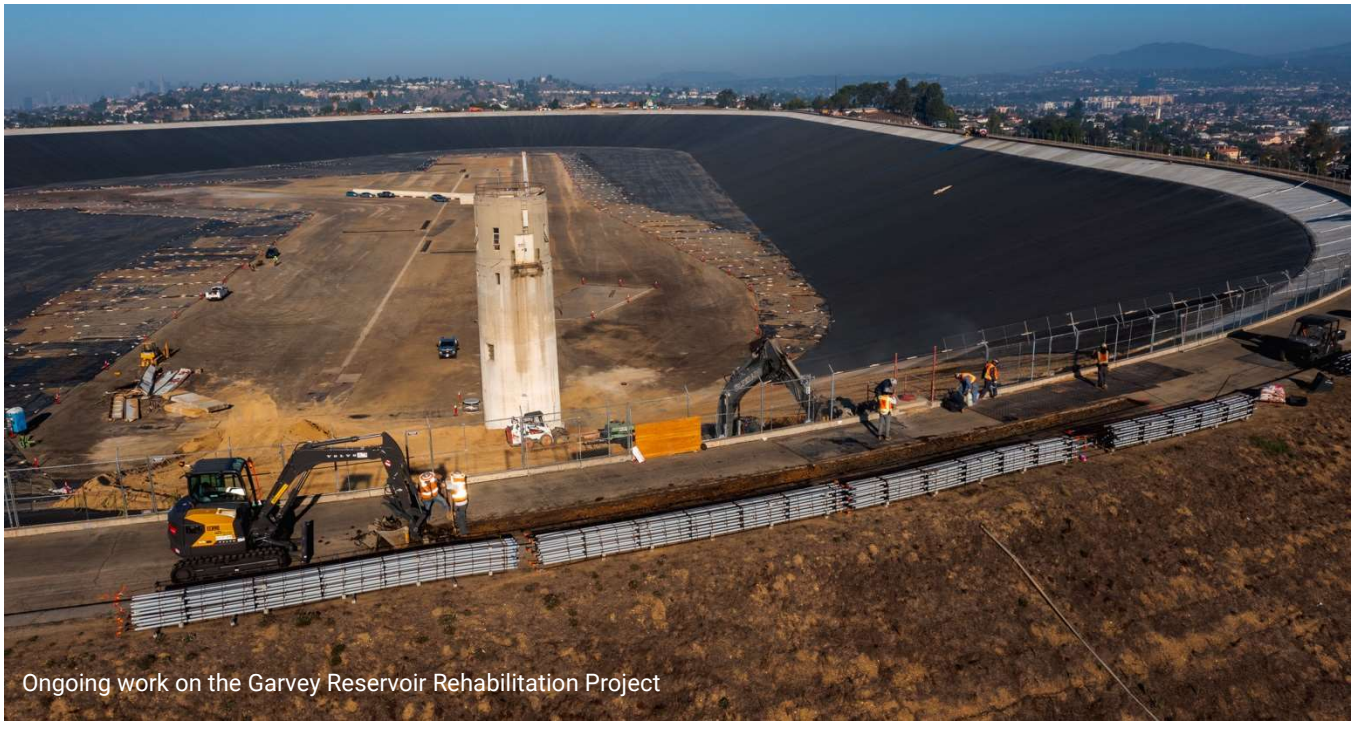
| Thompson Coburn LLP | NERC Energy Reliability Standards | 193451 | 08/20 | $600,000 |
| Van Ness Feldman, LLP | General Litigation | 170704 | 07/18 | $50,000 |
| | Colorado River MSHCP | 180191 | 01/19 | ~~$50,000~~ $200,000 |
| | Bay-Delta and State Water Project Environmental Compliance | 193457 | 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



Ongoing work on the Garvey Reservoir Rehabilitation Project

# Attorney Spotlight Kathleen Kim

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.

## Kathleen Kim

### About

Kathleen is a senior deputy general counsel for Metropolitan. She is a graduate of UC Irvine, where she majored in English, and the UCLA School of Law. Prior to joining Metropolitan in 2020, Kathleen was an in-house attorney in the oil and gas industry, where she provided legal advice to refining and marketing organizations, with a focus on commercial, finance and real estate matters. She began her career as a commercial real estate attorney in private practice.

### MWD Practice Area

Kathleen provides legal counsel and support to Metropolitan regarding a wide range of real estate matters including acquisitions and dispositions, leasing, right of way and infrastructure development. She helps support Metropolitan's acquisition of real property rights as a critical part of projects to meet water supply resilience and infrastructure reliability goals.

As part of her practice at Metropolitan, Kathleen drafts and negotiates a variety of transactional documents, including purchase and sale agreements, leases, licenses, joint use agreements, and easements, and also provides legal advice regarding condemnation, permitting and land use.

In addition to real estate matters, Kathleen currently provides legal support to Metropolitan with respect to its fallowing programs with the Palo Verde Irrigation District, Bard Water District, and the Quechan Tribe of the Fort Yuma Indian Reservation.

Kathleen also advises Metropolitan on workplace health and safety matters including regulatory compliance; and provides legal support to Metropolitan regarding its service connections and other pipeline infrastructure.

### Fun Facts

Kathleen has been practicing yoga for over 25 years.