



2022 Legislative Priorities & Principles

Communications and Legislation Committee

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Overview

- Process & Purpose
- Key Content Updates for 2022
 - Top Legislative Priorities and Metropolitan-Sponsored Legislation
 - Review of Strategic Policy Areas
- Next Steps

Process & Purpose

- Annual process
- Timely, relevant, topical
- Subject matter expert input
- Board guidance and direction
- Guides Metropolitan's advocacy
 - Advance Metropolitan-sponsored legislative initiatives
 - Engage on legislative/regulatory matters
 - Seek funding

Key Content Updates for 2022

- Nine MWD and regional priorities
- Two Metropolitan-sponsored bills
- Eight relevant policy areas

Top Legislative Priorities

1. Drought Response
2. Water infrastructure funding
3. Regional Recycled Water Program
4. Reliability of imported water supplies
5. Non-mitigation habitat restoration projects
6. COVID-19 relief funding and disbursement
7. Research and water science funding
8. Funding for PFAS monitoring/remediation
9. Tax exemptions/credits for water conservation and efficiency initiatives

MWD-sponsored State Bills

1. To create statewide program to identify and evaluation CECs in drinking water
2. To permit Metropolitan to use alternate project delivery methods for the RRWP and drought-related projects.

Strategic Policy Areas

- I. Drought Response
- II. Drinking Water
- III. Regional Water Resource Management
- IV. Imported Water Supply
- V. Climate Change and the Environment
- VI. Infrastructure
- VII. System Resiliency
- VIII. Innovation

Strategic Policy Areas

- I. Drought Response
- II. Drinking Water
 - A. Water Quality & Treatment
 - B. Water Governance & Funding
- III. Regional Water Resource Management
 - A – C: General principles
 - D – H: Conservation, Desal/Groundwater Remediation, Recycled Water, Stormwater Capture, Watershed Mgmt

Strategic Policy Areas

IV. Imported Water Supply

- A. Bay Delta Initiatives
- B. Colorado River Resources
- C. State Water Project

V. Climate Change and the Environment

- A. Climate Change Adaptation
- B. Water/Energy Nexus
- C. Renewable Energy
- D. Environmental Stewardship

Strategic Policy Areas

VI. Infrastructure

- A. Support for water infrastructure, including equitable cost-sharing
- B. Expand funding; streamline approval, reporting
- C. Support “beneficiary pays”
- D. Funding for public share of costs

VII. System Resiliency

- A. Emergency Preparedness
- B. Physical and Cyber Security
- C. Chemical Security

Strategic Policy Areas

VIII. Innovation

- A. Support R&D of new and emerging technologies
- B. Promote open water data platforms and sharing
- C. Improve educational opportunities and partnerships, (career technical education and workforce development)

Proposed new principle to support improving the certification process for water treatment and distribution operators

Options

- Option #1
 - Adopt the Legislative Priorities and Principles for 2022
- Option #2
 - Take no action

Staff Recommendation

- Option #1

