

The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California

Agenda

The mission of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California is to provide its service area with adequate and reliable supplies of high-quality water to meet present and future needs in an environmentally and economically responsible way.

LRA&C Committee

F. Jung, Chair
A. Kassakhian, Vice Chair
J. Abdo
L. Ackerman
B. Dennstedt
A. Fellow
J. Garza
G. Gray
M. Luna
J. McMillan
T. Phan
B. Pressman
M. Ramos
T. Smith

Legislation, Regulatory Affairs, and Communications Committee

Meeting with Board of Directors *

May 8, 2023

11:00 a.m.

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Monday, May 8, 2023 Meeting Schedule

**09:00 a.m. EOT
11:00 a.m. LRAC
01:00 p.m. Break
01:30 p.m. OWS**

MWD Headquarters Building • 700 N. Alameda Street • Los Angeles, CA 90012

Teleconference Locations:

3008 W. 82nd Place • Inglewood, CA 90305

2680 W. Segerstrom Avenue Unit I, • Santa Ana CA 92704

Fullerton City Hall Council Chambers • 303 W. Commonwealth Avenue • Fullerton, CA 92832

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- 1. Opportunity for members of the public to address the committee on matters within the committee's jurisdiction (As required by Gov. Code Section 54954.3(a))**

**** CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS -- ACTION ****

- 2. CONSENT CALENDAR OTHER ITEMS - ACTION**

- A. Approval of the Minutes of the Legislation, Regulatory Affairs, and Communications Committee for April 10, 2023 (Copies have been submitted to each Director, Any additions, corrections, or omissions) [21-2138](#)

Attachments: [05092023 LRAC 2A \(04102023\) Minutes](#)

3. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS - ACTION

NONE

**** END OF CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS ****

4. OTHER BOARD ITEMS - ACTION

NONE

5. BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS

NONE

6. COMMITTEE ITEMS

- a. Update on legislative bond proposals to provide funding to address impacts of climate change, including AB 1567 (Garcia) and SB 867 (Allen) [21-2238](#)

Attachments: [05082023 LRAC 6a Presentation](#)

- b. Update on Water Conservation, Advertising, and Outreach [21-2244](#)

Attachments: [05082023 LRAC 6b Presentation](#)

- c. Report on Activities from Washington, D.C. [21-2139](#)

Attachments: [05082023 LRAC 6c Report](#)
[05082023 LRAC 6c Presentation](#)

- d. Report on activities from Sacramento [21-2140](#)

Attachments: [05082023 LRAC 6d Presentation](#)
[05082023 LRAC 6d Report](#)

7. MANAGEMENT REPORTS

- a. External Affairs Management Report

[21-2141](#)

Attachments: [05082023 LRAC 7a Presentation](#)

8. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

NONE

10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

11. ADJOURNMENT

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THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

MINUTES

LEGISLATION, REGULATORY AFFAIRS AND COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

April 10, 2023

Chair Jung called the meeting to order at 1:33 p.m.

Members present: Directors Abdo, Ackerman, Dennstedt, Fellow, Garza, Gray (teleconference posted location), Jung (teleconference posted location), McMillan, Phan (entered after roll call, teleconference posted location), Ramos (entered after roll call), Pressman (entered after roll call, teleconference posted location), and Smith.

Members absent: Directors Kassakhian and Luna.

Other Board Members present: Directors Atwater (teleconference posted location), Camacho, Goldberg, Kurtz, Reppening (AB 2449), McCoy, Morris, Ortega, Peterson, and Quinn

Director Repenning indicated that she was participating under AB 2449 “just cause” due to illness.

Director Repenning appeared by audio and on camera.

Committee Staff present: Hagekhalil, Zinke, Stites, Sims, and Novoa.

1. OPPORTUNITY FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COMMITTEE ON MATTERS WITHIN THE COMMITTEE’S JURISDICTION

- 1.) Elvia Hernandez Resident of San Bernardino Valley, in support of item 7-14
- 2.) Katie Wagner of Sierra Club California, in support of item 7-14
- 3.) Lee Gerard of Greywater Corps Los Angeles, in support of item 7-14
- 4.) Maura Monigan of LA Waterkeeper, in support of item 7-14
- 5.) Luisa Lap Resident of Northern California, in support of item 7-14
- 6.) Lionel Morris Resident of Los Angeles, in support of item 7-14
- 7.) Nancy Blastos Resident of Redlands, in support of item 7-14
- 8.) Penelope Lapone Resident of the Mojave Desert (California), in support of item 7-14

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS – ACTION

2. CONSENT CALENDAR OTHER ITEMS - ACTION

- A. Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting of the Communications and Legislation Committee held March 13, 2023.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS – ACTION

7-14 Authorize the General Manager to co-sponsor, if amended, Assembly Bill 1572 (Friedman, D – Glendale): Potable water: nonfunctional turf

Presented by: Lana Haddad, Section Manager, Legislative Services

The following Directors provided a comment or asked a question:

- 1.) Jung
- 2.) Fellow
- 3.) Dennstedt
- 4.) Ramos
- 5.) Ackerman
- 6.) Quinn
- 7.) Reppening
- 8.) Kurtz
- 9.) Abdo
- 10.) Dick
- 11.) Faessel
- 14.) Armstrong
- 15.) Gray
- 16.) McMillan
- 17.) Smith

Staff responded to the Directors' comments or questions.

Director Smith made a motion, seconded by Director Phan to support if amended Assembly Bill 1572 (Friedman, D – Glendale): Potable water: nonfunctional turf, and to authorize the General Manager to co-sponsor if amended, without returning to the Board.

The vote was:

Ayes: Directors Abdo, Garza, Phan, and Smith.

Noes: Directors Ackerman, Dennstedt, Fellow, Gray, Jung, McMillan, Pressman, Ramos

Abstentions: None

Absent: Directors Kassakhian and Luna

The motion failed by a vote of 4 ayes, 8 noes, 0 abstain, and 2 absent.

Director Ramos made a motion, seconded by Director Jung to delay taking action on AB 1572 (Friedman): Potable water: nonfunctional turf, and return to the board as expeditiously as possible when the bill is amended.

The vote was:

Ayes: Directors Abdo, Ackerman, Dennstedt, Fellow, Garza, Gray, Jung, McMillan, Phan, Ramos and Smith.

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

Absent: Directors Kassakhian, Luna and Pressman

The motion for item 7-14 passed by a vote of 11 ayes, 0 noes, 0 abstain, and 3 absent.

Chair Jung left the meeting and Vice Chair of the Board Camacho took over.

7-15 Adopt Policy Principles for Modernization of Water Rights Administration
in California to Enhance Enforcement and Protect Supply Reliability

Presented by: Lana Haddad Section Manager, Legislative Services:

Motion: Adopt Policy Principles for Modernization of Water Rights Administration
in California to Enhance Enforcement and Protect Supply Reliability

The following Directors provided a comment or asked a question:

1. Smith
2. Dennstedt

Staff responded to the Directors' comments or questions.

After completion of the presentation, Director Smith made a motion, seconded by Director Garza to approve item 2A and 7-15.

The vote was:

Ayes: Directors Abdo, Ackerman, Dennstedt, Fellow, Garza, Gray,
McMillan, Phan, Ramos, and Smith.

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

Absent: Directors Jung, Kassakhian, Luna, and Pressman

The motion for item 2A and 7-15 passed by a vote of 10 ayes, 0 noes, 0 abstain, and 4 absent.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS

4. OTHER BOARD ITEMS – ACTION

None

5. BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS

None

6. COMMITTEE ITEMS

- a. Subject: Report on Activities from Washington, D.C.

The item was not presented due to time restraints.

- b. Subject: Report on Activities from Sacramento

The item was not presented due to time restraints.

7. MANAGEMENT REPORTS

- a. Subject: External Affairs Management Report

The item was not presented due to time restraints.

8. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

None

9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

10. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

Michael Camacho
Vice Chair, Board of Directors



Legislation, Regulatory Affairs, and Communications
Committee

Update on Legislative Bond Proposals to Address Impacts of Climate Change

Item 6a
May 8, 2023

Legislative Bond Proposals

- **AB 1567 (Garcia):** Safe Drinking Water, Wildfire Prevention, Drought Preparation, Flood Protection, Extreme Heat Mitigation, and Workforce Development Bond Act of 2024.
Status: Assembly Appropriations Committee
- **SB 867 (Allen):** Drought, Flood, and Water Resilience, Wildfire and Forest Resilience, Coastal Resilience, Extreme Heat Mitigation, Biodiversity and Nature-Based Climate Solutions, Climate Smart Agriculture, Park Creation and Outdoor Access, and Clean Energy Bond Act of 2024.
Status: Assembly Appropriations Committee

Other bond measures of note:

- AB 305 (Villapudua): California Flood Protection Bond Act of 2024
Status: Assembly Appropriations Committee
- SB 638 (Eggman): Climate Resiliency and Flood Protection Bond Act of 2024
Status: Senate Appropriations Committee

Legislative Bond Summaries

AB 1567 (Garcia) \$15.105 billion GO bond As amended April 7	SB 867 (Allen) \$15.5 billion GO bond As amended April 19
Scheduled for March 5, 2024 primary ballot	No specified date for voter approval
<i>Ch. 2: Wildfire Prevention, Climate Risk Reduction and Protection Against Power Shutoffs: \$2.18 billion</i>	<i>Ch. 2: Drought, Flood and Water Resilience: \$5.2 billion</i>
<i>Ch. 3: Protecting Coastal Lands, Bays, and Oceans from Sea Level Rise and Other Climate Risks: \$1.95 billion</i>	<i>Ch. 3: Wildfire and Forest Resilience: \$3 billion</i>
<i>Ch. 4: Ensuring Safe Drinking Water, Drought Preparation, and Enhancing the State's Flood Protection: \$5.015 billion</i>	<i>Ch. 4: Coastal Resilience: \$2 billion</i>
<i>Ch. 5: Protecting Fish, Wildlife and Natural Areas from Climate Risks: \$1.635 billion</i>	<i>Ch. 5: Extreme Heat Mitigation: \$500 million</i>
<i>Ch.6: Protecting Farms, Ranches, and Working Lands from the Impacts of Climate Change: \$820 million</i>	<i>Ch. 6: Protect Biodiversity and Accelerating Nature-Based Climate Solutions: \$2 billion</i>
<i>Ch.7:Responding to Extreme Heat, Community Enhancement, and Resilience: \$1.74 billion</i>	<i>Ch. 7: Climate Smart Ag for Sustainability and Resiliency: \$300 million</i>
<i>Ch.8: Strengthening California Regional Climate Resilience: \$1.8 billion</i>	<i>Ch. 8: Park Creation and Outdoor Access: \$500 million</i>
	<i>Ch. 9: Clean Energy: \$2 billion</i>

	AB 1567 (Garcia)	SB 867 (Allen)
Recycling	\$500 million - \$300 million to State Water Board (Note: prioritization is favorable to MWD service area) - \$200 million to DWR for multi-benefit stormwater projects	\$550 million - \$300 million to State Water Board for recycled water - \$250 million to State Water Board for multi-benefit stormwater projects
Conservation/Water Use Efficiency		\$100 million to DWR for ag and urban water conservation
Regional Resilience	\$230 million - \$200 million for Interregional Water Management Plan - \$30 million to State Board for regional resilience and planning	
Regional Conveyance		\$250 million to Resources Agency for regional conveyance projects

	AB 1567 (Garcia)	SB 867 (Allen)
SWP Resilience	<p>\$350 million</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - \$100 million to DWR for stream gauges - \$250 million for Stream Flow Enhancement Program for drought impacts, including short-term acquisition and construction of transfer of water 	<p>\$500 million</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - \$100 million to DWR and SWRCB for stream gauges - \$100 million to Resources Agency for settlement agreements to restore the San Joaquin River - \$300 million to Wildlife Conservation Board for Stream Flow Enhancement Program, including the acquisition of water rights, water transfers, etc

	AB 1567 (Garcia)	SB 867 (Allen)
Groundwater	\$350 million <i>- \$250 million to DWR for SGMA related projects</i> <i>- \$100 million to Dept of Conservation for multi-benefit projects that benefit GW sustainability and wildfire</i>	\$800 million <i>- \$400 million to DWR for GW storage, banking, conjunctive use projects</i> <i>- \$300 million to Dept of Conservation for multi-benefit projects that improve wildlife habitat, drought resiliency</i> <i>- \$100 million for salt-removal projects, including GW storage treatment</i>
Surface Storage		\$300 million to the California Water Commission for the Water Storage Investment Act

	AB 1567 (Garcia)	SB 867 (Allen)
Water Quality	<p>\$770 million</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - \$400 million to State Board to improve clean, safe, and reliable water - \$30 million to State Board to assist with water shortage drought contingency and resiliency measures - \$100 million to State Board for forgivable loans for groundwater contamination and surface water drinking supplies - \$100 million to State Board to address GW contamination that serves as major source of drinking - \$100 million for Chrom-6 - \$70M for PFAS 	<p>\$400 million to State Board to improve clean, safe, and reliable drinking water</p>

	AB 1567 (Garcia)	SB 867 (Allen)
Dams	\$65 million to Coastal Conservancy for removal or upgrading of outdated/obsolete dams	\$500 million - \$400 million to DWR for dam safety and reservoir operations - \$100 million to Coastal Conservancy for removal/upgrading of outdated/obsolete dams
Flood Protection	\$1.1 billion - \$200 million to DWR for multi-benefit flood management - \$750 million <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$400 million to DWR to address State Plan of Flood Control • \$200 million to DWR for State Flood Control Flood Subventions Program • \$150 million to DWR for projects in the Delta - \$150 million to Resources Agency for flooding in urban areas	\$1.5 billion - \$1 billion to Resources Agency to address flood management programs that include: Implementation of the Central Valley Flood Protection; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coastal Watershed Flood Risk Reduction Program; • Flood Control Subvention Programs; • State Plan of Flood Control - \$500 million to Coastal Conservancy for flood management programs for shoreline areas and flooding due to sea level rise





Legislation, Regulatory Affairs and Communications Committee

Update on Water Conservation Advertising & Outreach

Item 6b
May 8, 2023

Budget & Board Direction

In 2022, the Board approved funding for media placement services for a three-year water conservation advertising and outreach campaign and related research activities not to exceed \$10.5 million.

Essential Elements to Execute Strategy

- Multi-media, multilingual (six+ languages)
- Outreach to underserved communities
- Showcase DEI and diversity
- Build on success of past campaigns
- Research-based, creative & cost-efficient
- Customizable for member agencies

July – November 2022

Update on
Conservation Messaging...

Fiscal Year 2022/23 Flight One Media Buy & Results



Traditional
TV, radio, print,
out of home



Social
Paid & organic



Digital
Programmatic display,
mobile, video

Key Performance Indicators

- Nearly 300 million total impressions with 67 million in added value
- 46 million impressions on digital media
- Over 6,000 radio spots in multiple languages
- 50 print insertions ran in Spanish and Asian-language community publications, generating 5 million impressions




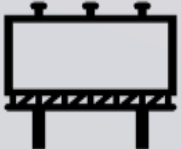
Update on
Conservation Messaging_

Fiscal Year 2023 Campaign

Campaign Firsts

- Going “BIG” on digital advertising on the largest digital billboard in the world
- Entire transit shelter buy devoted to in-language advertising
- Social media influencer campaign engaging with younger, more diverse audiences
- In-app video game developed “Tap the Tap”
- EV charging and gas stations kiosks
- “Geo fencing” targeted mobile notifications
- Partnership with Angel City Football Club

Update on
Conservation Messaging_
Flight 2
March –
June 2023.

RADIO	\$108,000	
DIGITAL	\$585,000	
INFLUENCER CAMPAIGN	\$54,000	
OUT OF HOME	\$621,000	

Spring/early
summer
2023 campaign
total spend:
\$1.37 million

Amplified with
earned media,
social media
and partnerships

Update on
Conservation Messaging...

Added Value Maximizing Media Buy Dollars.

Total Media Buy, Plus Added Value of Approximately 30%



Update on
Conservation Messaging...

Evolving Messaging Based on Conditions.



English/Spanish Radio including
Traffic & Weather Sponsorships

Update on
Conservation Messaging_

Social Media Influencer Campaign.

Fall/Winter 2022

- The Linda Lindas, Atiba Jefferson

Winter 2022/Spring 2023

- Josie Maran – model, beauty influencer
- Fred Armisen – actor, writer, musician, producer, comedian of SNL fame, Portlandia, HBO's Los Espookys
- Justina Blakeney – entrepreneur, creator of Jungalow home brand

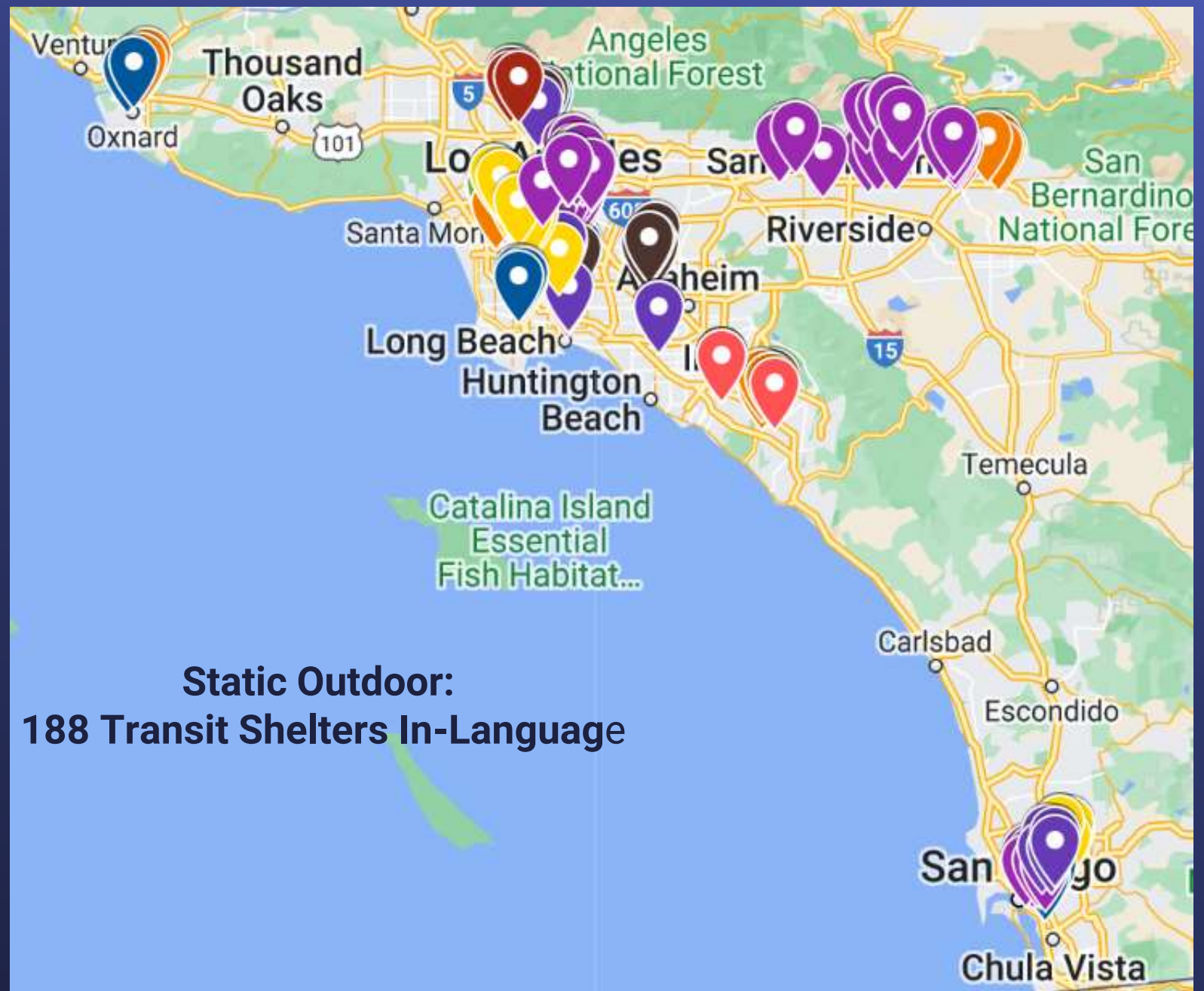


Update on
Communications & Messaging

Reaching Many Audiences.

Static outdoor
coverage throughout
entire service area

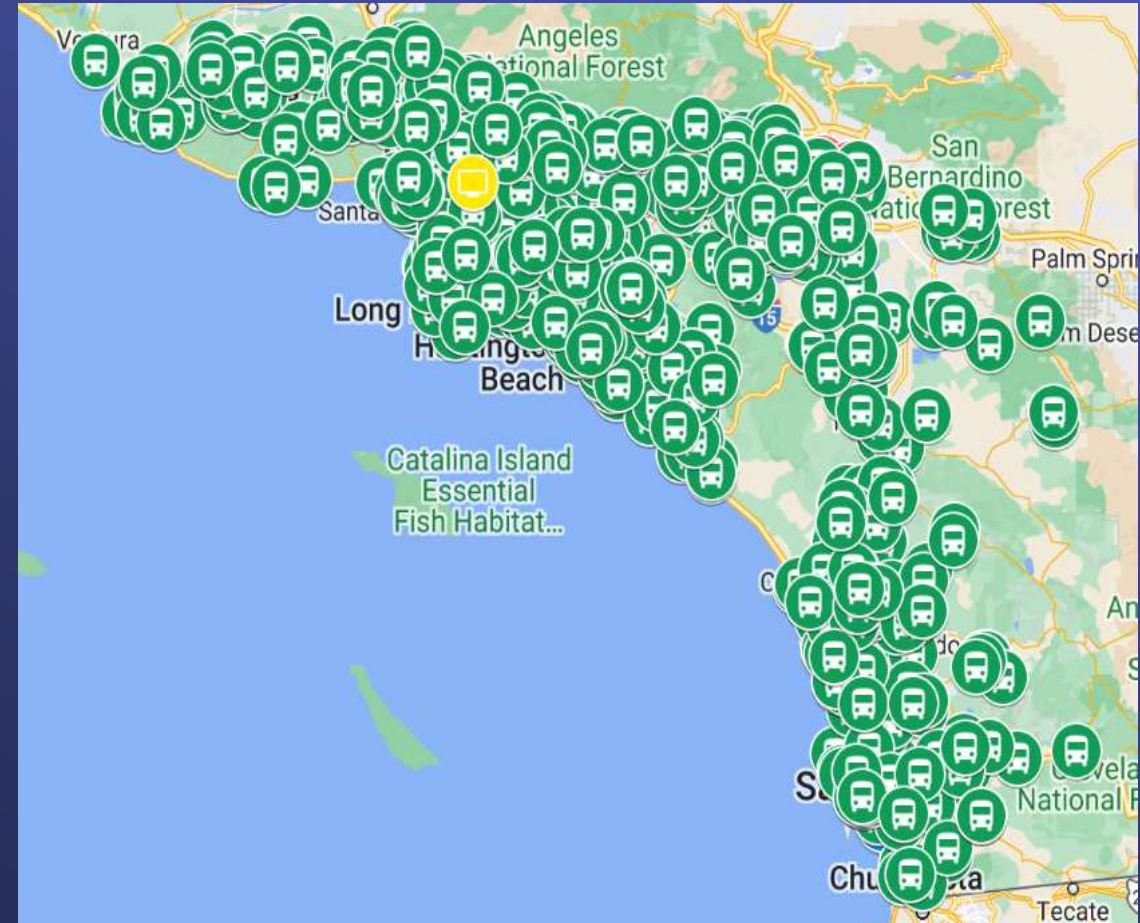
**Static Outdoor:
188 Transit Shelters In-Language**



Update on
Conservation Messaging...

Reaching New Audiences.

Digital outdoor coverage
throughout entire service
area



Pop-up digital messaging (geo-fencing) at 769 stores: Home Depot, Lowes, Ace, Armstrong, True Value, Green Thumb, Harbor Freight and independent nurseries

Angel City Football Club Partnership

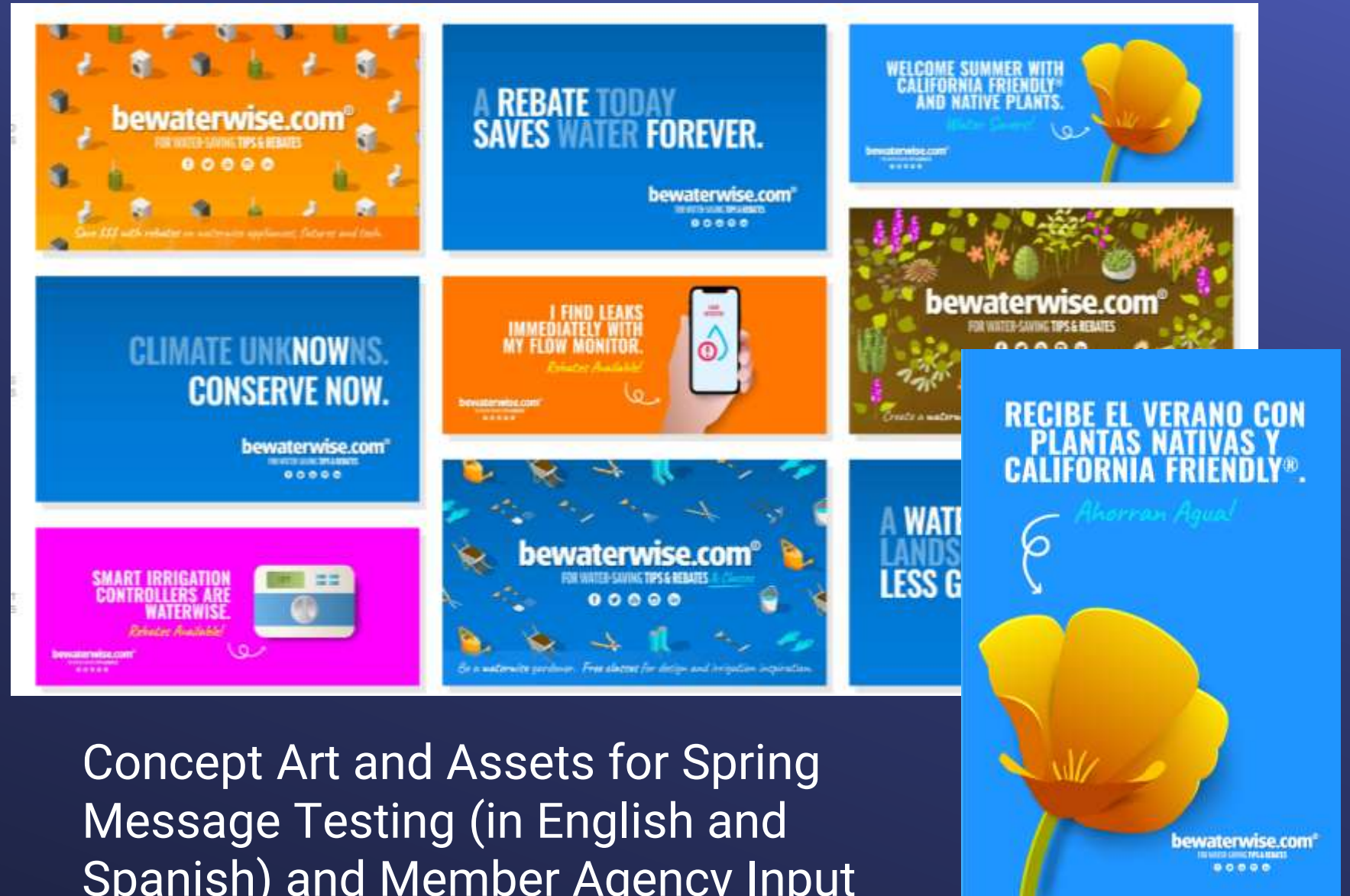
Update on
Communications & Messaging

In the Community.



Update on
Communications & Messaging

Summer Strategy Informed by Research.



Concept Art and Assets for Spring
Message Testing (in English and
Spanish) and Member Agency Input



Metropolitan Water District of Southern California
Federal Legislative Matrix
May 8, 2023 – 118th Congress, First Session

Topic	Bill/Author	Status	Title – Summary	MWD Position	Effects on MWD
Endangered Species Act Oversight	H.R. 872 (Calvert, R-CA)	2/21/23: Referred to the House Natural Resources Subcommittee on Water, Wildlife and Fisheries.	Federally Integrated Species Health Act or the “FISH Act” Transfers the authority to oversee ESA-related responsibilities for anadromous fish from the Secretary of Commerce to the Secretary of the Interior.	SUPPORT Based upon 2023 Legislative Priorities and Principles, adopted December 2022	This would simplify ESA consultations by consolidating those functions/authorities to one federal agency (US Fish and Wildlife Service) rather than two under the current law (the second being National Marine Fisheries Service). This would directly benefit Metropolitan's interests in the Delta related to SWP operations and facilities, as well as Delta islands activities.
Financing Tools for Water Infrastructure Projects	H.R. 1837 (Kustoff, R-TN)	3/28/23: Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.	Investing in Our Communities Act To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reinstate advance refunding bonds	SUPPORT Based upon 2023 Legislative Priorities and Principles, adopted December 2022	The ability to advance refund bonds on a tax-exempt basis would benefit Metropolitan and its member agencies by allowing municipal issuers to lower borrowing costs to take advantage of favorable interest rates.
Source Water Protection	H.R. 1181 (Garamendi, D-CA)	2/27/23: Referred to the House Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment	Federal Water Pollution Control Permitting Terms Amends the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (Clean Water Act) with respect to permitting terms.	SUPPORT Based upon 2023 Legislative Priorities and Principles, adopted December 2022	This legislation would extend the maximum term for National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permits issued under the Clean Water Act from 5 to 10 years, for public agencies that have demonstrated compliance with existing permit conditions. This change is designed to better reflect the construction schedules for public agencies.

Metropolitan Water District of Southern California
Federal Legislative Matrix
May 8, 2023 – 118th Congress, First Session

Topic	Bill/Author	Status	Title – Summary	MWD Position	Effects on MWD
Source Water Protection	S. 188 (Feinstein, D-CA)	1/31/23: Referred to the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.	Wildfire Emergency Act of 2023 To direct the Secretary of Agriculture to select and implement landscape-scale forest restoration projects, to assist communities in increasing their resilience to wildfire, and for other purposes.	SUPPORT Based upon 2023 Legislative Priorities and Principles, adopted December 2022	This bill has water supply, water quality, and ecosystem benefits for the Colorado River watershed and State Water Project watershed. Proper forest management and wildfire prevention promotes runoff, helps protect water quality, and improves habitat.
Source Water Protection	H.R. 1236 (Crow, D-CO) S. 540 (Bennet, D-CO)	3/22/23: Referred to the House Committees on Agriculture and Natural Resources. 2/28/23: Referred to the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry.	Protect the West Act of 2023 Establishes a \$60 billion fund at the Treasury Department for use by the Secretary of Agriculture for restoration and resilience projects, wildfire risk reduction projects and habitat restoration projects.	SUPPORT Based upon 2023 Legislative Priorities and Principles, adopted December 2022	This bill would benefit Metropolitan and its member agencies by funding projects to improve watershed health. It creates a grant program for restoration and resilience projects to improve forest conditions, rangeland health, watershed functions, or wildlife habitat. Additional grants would provide funding for partnership projects to reduce wildfire risk, restore habitat, and expand access to the outdoors. State agencies, local and tribal governments, and special districts may use these funds along with partner organizations.

Metropolitan Water District of Southern California
Federal Legislative Matrix
May 8, 2023 – 118th Congress, First Session

Topic	Bill/Author	Status	Title – Summary	MWD Position	Effects on MWD
Water Project Authorizations	H.R. 924 (Harder, D-CA)	2/10/23: Referred to the House Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee on Water Resources and the Environment.	Stop the Tunnels Act Prohibits the Corps of Engineers from issuing a permit for the Delta Conveyance Project.	OPPOSE Based upon 2023 Legislative Priorities and Principles, adopted December 2022	This bill prevents the Army Corps from issuing a Clean Water Act section 404 permit for the Delta Conveyance Project. Metropolitan has invested in the planning and permitting process for this project and if enacted this bill would stop the permitting process from moving forward.
Water Project Authorizations	H.R. 2419 (Costa, D-CA)	3/30/23: Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.	Canal Conveyance Capacity Restoration Act This bill authorizes the Bureau of Reclamation to provide financial assistance to mitigate the impacts of subsidence on California’s water delivery system.	SUPPORT Based upon 2023 Legislative Priorities and Principles, adopted December 2022	This legislation would authorize repairs to the Friant-Kern Canal, Delta-Mendota Canal, and California Aqueduct to restore conveyance capacity lost due to subsidence.
Water Science	S. 466 (Peters, D-MI)	2/16/23: Referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.	Federal PFAS Research Evaluation Act Directs the National Academy of Sciences to study and report on a Federal research agenda to advance the understanding of PFAS.	SUPPORT Based upon 2023 Legislative Priorities and Principles, adopted December 2022	Metropolitan supports research studies to understand the occurrence of PFAS in the environment. This bill directs the National Academy of Sciences to conduct studies to determine the research efforts needed to further the understanding of human exposure to, and toxicity of PFAS, as well as treatment of PFAS contamination in the environment, and the development of safe alternatives to PFAS.

Metropolitan Water District of Southern California
Federal Legislative Matrix
May 8, 2023 – 118th Congress, First Session

Topic	Bill/Author	Status	Title – Summary	MWD Position	Effects on MWD
Water Science	H.R. 2429 (Lee, D-NV) S. 1118 (Cortez-Mastro, D-NV)	3/30/23: Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources. 3/30/23: Referred to the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.	Open Access Evapotranspiration Data Act Establishes the Open Access Evapotranspiration (OpenET) Data Program to provide satellite-based evapotranspiration data from across the western U.S. to Federal agencies, States, and Indian Tribes. Authorizes \$23 million per year for five years for this program.	SUPPORT Based upon 2023 Legislative Priorities and Principles, adopted December 2022	The OpenET platform is currently supported by NASA and private philanthropy. Dedicated federal funding and support will improve the quantification of evaporation and consumptive water use and help provide data users with field- scale estimates of evapotranspiration over user- defined time periods. This information will help Metropolitan measure consumptive water use in Palo Verde and throughout the Colorado River basin, including areas where there is currently little data available.
Water System Security	H.R. 1367 (Schakowsky, D-IL) S. 660 (Markey, D-MA)	3/6/23: Referred to the House Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment. 3/6/23: Referred to the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works.	Water System Threat Preparedness and Resilience Act of 2023 Establishes a new EPA grant program to increase drinking water and wastewater system threat preparedness and resilience, by helping cover the dues to join the Water Information Sharing and Analysis Center (WaterISAC).	SUPPORT Based upon 2023 Legislative Priorities and Principles, adopted December 2022	The WaterISAC is a source of information and best practices for water systems to protect against, mitigate, and respond to natural hazards, as well as physical and cyber security threats. Metropolitan, and many of our member agencies, are members of WaterISAC. This new program could help cover our dues or be used to help smaller agencies who lack access to WaterISAC participate in the program.



Legislation, Regulatory Affairs and Communications
Committee

Report on Activities from Washington, D.C.

Item 6c
May 8, 2023

Permitting Reform.



Senate Environment and Public Works Hearing

FY 2024 Budget Request Hearings.



Michael Regan
Administrator, Environmental Protection
Agency



Deb Haaland
Secretary, Department of the Interior

“Waters of the United States”



BLOCKING FEDERAL CLEAN WATERWAYS RULE

LIVE

ON PASSAGE

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	YEA	NAY	PRES	NV	
REPUBLICAN	218	1		3	
DEMOCRATIC	9	197		7	
INDEPENDENT					
TOTALS	227	198		10	

U.S. HOUSE

TIME REMAINING 0:00

C-SPAN

An aerial view of the U.S. House of Representatives chamber during a vote. The chamber is filled with members of Congress seated in their respective desks. The floor is blue with gold patterns. The U.S. House of Representatives logo is visible in the bottom left corner of the video frame.

Congressional Staff Tour.







Legislation, Regulatory Affairs, and
Communications Committee

Report on Activities from Sacramento

Item 6d
May 8, 2023

Legislative Deadlines

May 12 Last day for policy committees to meet prior to June 5

May 19 Last day for fiscal committees to hear and report to the Floor bills introduced in their house

Last day for fiscal committees to meet prior to June 5

May 30-June 2 Floor Session Only

June 2 Last day for each house to pass bills introduced in that house

Sacramento Legislative Highlights

Key Activities

Metropolitan Budget Request:
\$50 million budget request to support drought resilience
in State Water Project Dependent Areas

Colorado River
Information Hearing:
General Manager Hagekhalil
joined with state, other water
agency officials to testify
before the Assembly Water,
Parks and Wildlife Committee
on May 2



Sacramento Legislative Highlights

Senate Bills of Interest to Metropolitan

- SB 366 (Caballero): The California Water Plan: long-term supply targets
- SB 659 (Ashby): California Water Supply Solutions Act of 2023
- SB 687 (Eggman): Water Quality Control Plan: Delta Conveyance Project
- SB 57 (Gonzalez): Utilities: disconnection of residential service
- SB 537 (Becker): Open meetings: multijurisdictional, cross-county agencies: teleconferences

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Assembly Bills of Interest to Metropolitan

- AB 1648 (Bains): Water: Colorado River conservation
- AB 1613 (Bains): Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta: Salinity Intrusion Delta Act
- AB 1572 (Friedman): Potable water: nonfunctional turf
 - AB 1573 (Friedman): Water conservation: landscape design: model ordinance

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Water Rights Bills

- AB 460 (Bauer-Kahan): State Water Resources Control Board: water rights and usage: interim relief: procedures
- AB 1337 (Wicks): State Water Resources Control Board: water shortage enforcement
- SB 389 (Allen): State Water Resources Control Board: determination of water right
- AB 676 (Bennett): Water: general state policy
- AB 1272 (Wood): State Water Resources Control Board: drought planning
- AB 1205 (Bauer-Kahan): Water rights: sale, transfer, or lease: agricultural lands.



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Bill Number Author	Amended Date Location	Title-Summary	MWD Position	Effects on Metropolitan
AB 400 B. Rubio (D – Baldwin Park) Sponsors: California State Association of Counties, League of California Cities	Amended 5/1/2023 Assembly Appropriations Committee	Local agency design-build projects: authorization. This measure would extend the existing sunset date to January 1, 2031, for the use of design-build as a delivery method for public works contracts and allow the use of design-build to continue indefinitely.	Support Based on October 2021 Board Action	Metropolitan’s current authority to use design-build under AB 1845 (Calderon, CH. 275, 2022) will sunset on January 1, 2028. The provisions of this bill would allow Metropolitan to use design-build for future projects through January 1, 2031.
AB 1572 Friedman (D - Glendale) Sponsors: Heal the Bay, National Resources Defense Council	Amended 4/20/23 Assembly Appropriations Committee	Potable water: nonfunctional turf. This measure prohibits the use of potable water for the irrigation of non-functional turf located on commercial, industrial, institutional and multifamily residential properties by specified dates. This measure would also require the State Water Resources Control Board to establish compliance and certification requirements by July 1, 2025.	Support and Consider Co-Sponsorship if amended Based upon April 2023 Board action	This bill’s intent is consistent with Metropolitan’s efforts to conserve water and reduce non-functional turf in the service area. Based on input from the Board and member agencies, Metropolitan is seeking amendments to exclude multi-family residential buildings, clarify definitions of terms, secure funding for institutional customers in disadvantaged communities and protect the authority and local control of public water systems.
AB 1573 Friedman (D - Glendale)	Amended on 3/23/2023 Assembly Appropriations Committee: 5/03/2023 hearing	Water conservation: landscape design: model ordinance. This measure would require the updated model water efficient landscape ordinance for all plants installed in new or renovated nonresidential areas to be at least 75% local native plants and have a 0.3 plant factor. This measure would also prohibit the use of nonfunctional turf in nonresidential landscape projects after January 1, 2026.	Support, if Amended Based upon 2023 Legislative Priorities and Principles, adopted December 2022	This measure is consistent to Metropolitan’s effort to address the reduction of nonfunctional turf within its service area. Metropolitan staff have identified implementation challenges due to a requirement for 75 percent local native plants and .3 plant factor and are working with the author and sponsor to address the concerns. Metropolitan is seeking clarifying amendments that include: (1) removal of the .3 plant factor, (2) reduction of the native plant requirement from 75 percent to 50 percent, with a phased approach from 25 percent up to 50 percent, and (3) require water efficient irrigation methods.

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AB 1648 Bains (D - Bakersfield)	Amended on 3/16/2023 Assembly Water, Parks, and Wildlife Committee	Water: Colorado River Conservation. This measure would specifically prohibit Metropolitan and LADWP achieving federally required reductions on Colorado River resources through increased water deliveries from other regions of California, including the Delta, retroactively as of January 1, 2023.	Oppose Based upon 2023 Legislative Priorities and Principles, adopted December 2022	This measure affects Metropolitan's flexibility with its entire water portfolio, including the integrated water resource management and the Annual Operating Plan. Metropolitan's reliability and its ability to meet demands would also be impaired by restrictions on Metropolitan's discretion to develop creative partnerships with its State Water Project and Colorado River Basin stakeholders.
SB 366 Caballero (D - Merced) Sponsors: California Municipal Utilities Association, California Council for Environmental and Economic Balance, California State Association of Counties	Amended 4/27/2023 Senate Appropriations Committee	The California Water Plan: long-term supply targets. This measure would revise the California Water Plan to require the Department of Water Resources to update the California Water Plan by December 31, 2028, and every five years after, to include establishing a long-term water supply target for 2050 and discussion on the development of specified water supply sources to meet demand.	Support, if Amended Based upon 2023 Legislative Priorities and Principles, adopted December 2022	The intent of this bill is to help modernize California's water management practices and provide long-term reliable supplies in response to the current climate challenges. Metropolitan is seeking clarifying amendments that include: (1) ensuring the 2050 target will reflect statewide, regional, and local planning efforts; and (2) delete reference in the bill to "minimize the need to import water from other hydrologic regions." These amendments will ensure that regional and local efforts are properly considered and incorporated in the new 2050 water supply targets and preserves an important water management tool with agricultural water transfers on the Colorado River and in other watersheds.
SB 687 Eggman (D - Stockton)	Amended 5/2/2023 Senate Appropriations Committee: 5/08/2023 hearing	Water Quality Control Plan: Delta Conveyance Project. This measure will require the State Water Resources Control Board to adopt a final update of the Bay-Delta Water Quality Control Plan before the Board may consider a change in the point of diversion or any other water rights permit or order for the Delta Conveyance Project.	Oppose Based upon 2023 Legislative Priorities and Principles, adopted December 2022	Metropolitan supports updating the Water Quality Control Plan to protect beneficial uses in the Delta. However, this bill would result in halting or delaying planning efforts on the Delta Conveyance Project and potentially prevent the project from operating if approved.



Legislation, Regulatory Affairs, and Communications Committee

External Affairs Management Report

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MWD and State Officials at DVL Press Conference

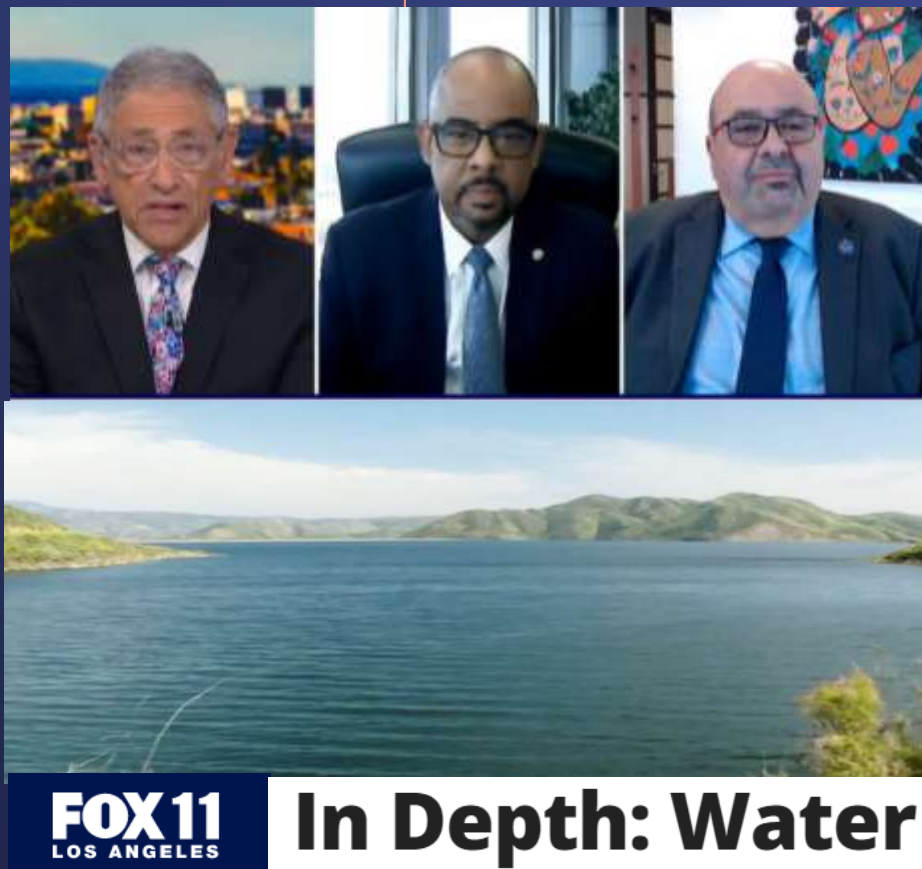


Media Tour Participants at Intake



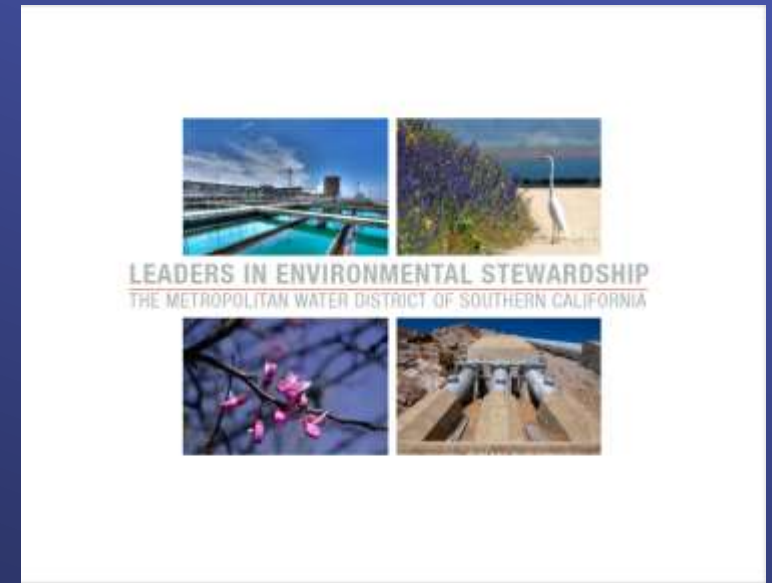
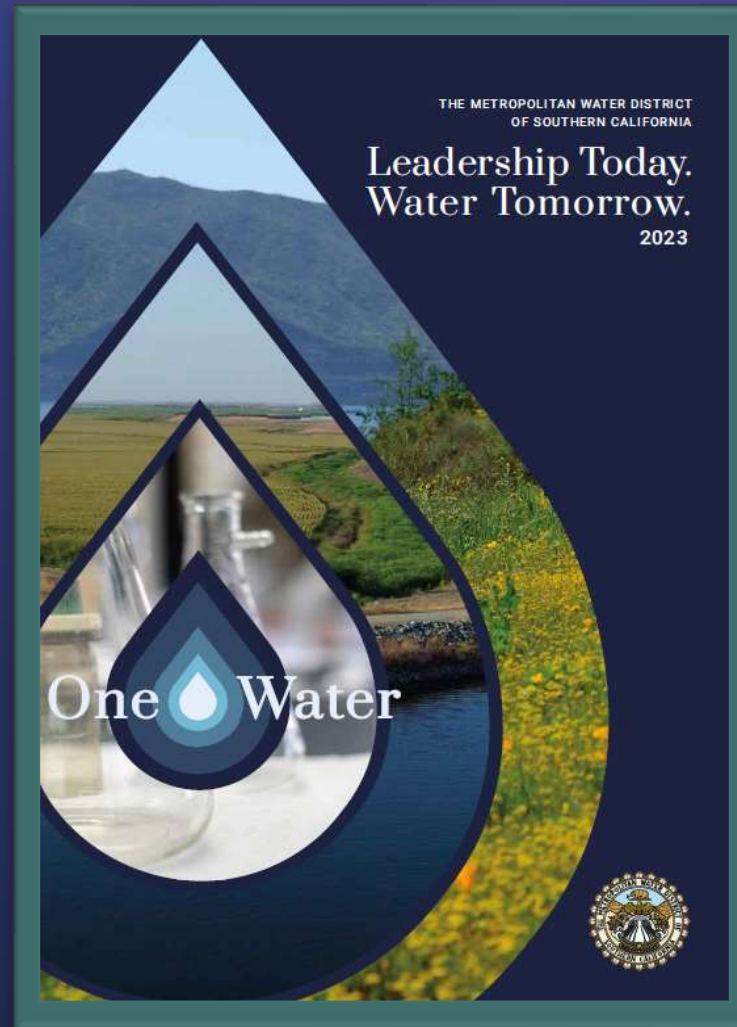
Earned media metrics for March-April 2023

- Total impressions: 473 million (national & local TV, radio, online)
- Publicity value of \$14.3 million



Television Appearances

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New and Updated Materials

