

# 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.

## LEG Committee

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

## **Legislation and Communications Committee**

Meeting with Board of Directors \*

**October 7, 2024**

**11:45 a.m.**

## **Monday, October 7, 2024 Meeting Schedule**

**09:00 a.m. EOT  
11:15 a.m. Break  
11:45 a.m. LEG  
12:45 p.m. LEGAL  
01:45 p.m. EIA  
03:30 p.m. OWS**

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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 and Communications Committee for September 9, 2024 (copies have been submitted to each Director, any additions, corrections, or omissions) [21-3850](#)

**Attachments:** [10072024 LEG 2A \(09092024\) 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. Outreach for Climate Adaptation Master Plan for Water [21-3896](#)

**Attachments:** [10072024 LEG 6a Presentation](#)

- b. Quarterly State and Federal Regulatory Matrices [21-3895](#)

**Attachments:** [10072024 LEG 6b State Quarterly Regulatory Tracking Matrix](#)  
[10072024 LEG 6b Federal Quarterly Regulatory Tracking Matrix](#)  
[10072024 LEG 6b Presentation](#)

- c. Report on Activities from Washington, D.C. [21-3893](#)

**Attachments:** [10072024 LEG 6c Federal Legislative Matrix](#)  
[10072024 LEG 6c Presentation](#)

- d. Report on Activities from Sacramento [21-3894](#)

**Attachments:** [10072024 LEG 6d State Legislative Matrix](#)  
[10072024 LEG 6d Presentation](#)

## 7. MANAGEMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HIGHLIGHTS

- a. External Affairs activities [21-3851](#)

**Attachments:** [10072024 LEG 7a External Affairs Activities](#)  
[10072024 LEG 7a Presentation](#)

## 8. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

NONE

## 9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

## 10. ADJOURNMENT

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**THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA**

**MINUTES**

**LEGISLATION AND COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE**

**September 9, 2024**

Chair Jung called the meeting to order at 11:50 a.m.

Members present: Directors Dennstedt (entered after roll call, teleconference posted location), Fellow, Garza, Jung (teleconference posted location), Kassakhian (entered after roll call), Lewitt, Luna (entered after roll call), McMillan (teleconference posted location), Morris, Phan (teleconference posted location), and Ramos (teleconference posted location).

Members absent: Directors Ackerman, Gray, Pressman, and Smith.

Other Board Members present: Directors Alvarez, Armstrong, Camacho, Erdman, Faessel, Fong-Sakai, Goldberg, McCoy, Miller, Ortega, and Seckel.

Committee Staff present: Novoa, Stites, Sims, Upadhyay, Wheeler, and Zinke

Director Dennstedt entered the meeting.

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

None

**CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS – ACTION**

**2. CONSENT CALENDAR OTHER ITEMS - ACTION**

- A. Approval of the minutes of the Legislation and Communications Committee held August 19, 2024.

Director Fellow made a motion, seconded by Director Garza to approve item 2A.

Ayes: Directors Dennstedt, Fellow, Garza, Jung, Kassakhian, Lewitt, Luna, McMillan, Phan, and Ramos.

Noes: None

Abstentions: Director Morris

Absent: Directors Ackerman, Gray, Pressman, and Smith.

The motion for item 2a passed by a vote of 10 ayes, 0 noes, 1 abstain, and 4 absent.

### 3. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS – ACTION

7-6      Subject:            Express Support for Proposition 4, The Safe Drinking Water, Wildfire Prevention, Drought Preparedness, and Clean Air Bond Act of 2024; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA.

Presented by:        Jay Jefferson, Executive Legislative Representative

Motion:                Take no position on the bill.

Director Kassakhian entered the meeting.

The following Directors provided a comment or asked a question:

- 1) Jung
- 2) Dennstedt
- 3) Garza
- 4) Ortega

Staff responded to the Directors' comments or questions.

After completion of the presentation, Director Garza made a motion to take no action, seconded by Director Jung for item 7-6.

Ayes:                  Directors Dennstedt, Garza, Jung, Kassakhian, Luna, McMillan, Phan, and Ramos

Noes:                  Directors Fellow, Lewitt, and Morris

Abstentions:        None

Absent:                Directors Ackerman, Gray, Pressman and Smith

The motion for item 7-6 passed by a vote of 8 ayes, 3 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:             Update on Water Conservation Advertising.
- Presented by:       Teresa Gonzalez Robertson, Principal Public Affairs Representative

Ms. Robertson provided an update on media buy expenditures for water conservation and outreach.

- b.     Subject:             Report on Activities from Washington, D.C.
- Presented by:       Abby Schneider, Executive Legislative Representative

Ms. Schneider provided an update on the congressional legislative calendar and key dates, an update on appropriations, and a legislative update on WRDA and NDAA.

The following Directors provided a comment or asked a question:

- 1) Fellow
- 2) Ortega

Staff responded to the Directors' comments or questions.

- c.     Subject:             Report on Activities from Sacramento
- Presented by:       Jay Jefferson, Executive Legislative Representative

Mr. Jefferson provided an update on the legislative calendar, and legislation on flood flow streamling bills, non-functional turf and water planning and water quality, and Proposition 218 clean-up.

**7. MANAGEMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HIGHLIGHTS**

a. Subject: External Affairs activities

Presented by: Dee Zinke, Assistant General Manager

Ms. Zinke provided an update on the CAMP4W public forum, MWD's social media series highlighting three Metropolitan construction inspectors, the 40th anniversary of the education program, and Metropolitan sponsoring a tribal Gathering.

The following Directors provided a comment or asked a question:

1) Ortega

**8. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS**

None

**9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

1) Director Erdman would like to get information on zero emission vehicle requirements.

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 1:06 p.m.

Chair Jung



Legislation and Communications Committee

# Outreach for the Climate Adaptation Master Plan for Water

Item 6a  
October 7, 2024



# CAMP4W Outreach and Engagement

## Subject

Update on outreach and engagement activities for the Climate Adaptation Master Plan for Water

## Purpose

Provide an update on recent activities and future plans

Communication and Engagement

## Public's Role in CAMP4W



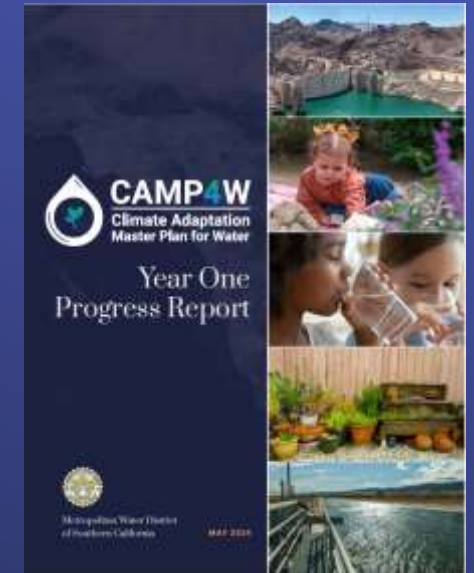
## Objectives

- Demonstrate transparency
- Allow public voice in planning process
- Hear and understand priorities and concerns
- Explore partnership and program ideas
- Build relationships and trust

## Reaching Different Audiences

# Communication Tools

- Website: [mwdh2o.com/camp4w](http://mwdh2o.com/camp4w)
- Fact sheet, Year 1 Report
- Social media, MWD e-newsletter
- Postcard and on-demand survey





## Collaborating with Member Agencies



## San Gabriel Valley

- “CAMP4W Conversation”
  - Cities, Producers, Watermaster, Water Quality Authority, Council of Governments, Economic Partnership
- Presentations
  - SGVCOG Water Working Group
  - SGVCOG Energy, Environment and Natural Resources Committee





# Eastern Municipal Water District

Collaborating  
with Member



- Listening Session with Agricultural Customers
  - Rancho California Water District
  - Rainbow Municipal Water District
  - Fallbrook Public Utility District
- Focus on avocado and wine grapes





## Reaching Business and Industry Leaders

## Presentations and Panel Discussions

- Building Industry Association Southern California Water Conference
- California Data Collaborative Annual Water Data Summit
- Sustain SoCal Water Solutions Conference



# Engaging Environmental, Tribal and Community Organizations

## Building Relationships

**REDESIGN LA**

- Working with Council for Watershed Health
- June 2024 convening with 9 CBOs and tribal entity involved in ReDesign LA
- Outcomes:
  - Interest in CAMP4W, educational resources
  - Interest in site tours
  - Importance of transparency, open communication

# Discussions with Environmental, Tribal and Community Organizations

## Environmental Listening Session

- August 2024: Focus on attributes and metrics of community equity and environmental co-benefits
- Key takeaways
  - Promoting ecological functions such as watershed protection, restoration, carbon sequestration
  - Using a tool to measure/monetize benefits
  - Level of engagement with communities, tribal interests and other partners is important





# Discussions with Environmental, Tribal and Community Organizations

## Public Forum – Sept. 12

- Strong participation, ~60 in person + 80 online
- Breakout topics on policy priorities, partnership ideas
- Keynote: Black Women for Wellness



Creating Trust

## Long-term Dialogue



## Future Plans

- Establish Member Agency PIO Working Group
- Listening Sessions and Forums
- Building relationships with CBOs, engaging their communities – potential site tours
- Strengthen tribal engagement



## The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California

### October 7, 2024– State Regulatory Matrix

Agency	Regulation	Summary	Potential Impacts	Regulatory Status
Cal/OSHA	<a href="#"><u>Proposed Indoor Heat Illness Prevention Standard</u></a>	On June 20, 2024, Cal/OSHA adopted its Indoor Heat Illness Prevention Standard. The rule applies when indoor workplaces temperatures meet or exceed 82 °F while employees are present. Key actions include providing water access, promoting hydration and breaks in cool areas, monitoring for signs of heat illness, and comprehensive training for acclimatization, monitoring, and response.	The rule requires industry to develop written indoor heat illness prevention procedures, assess areas impacted by excessive heat, and determine appropriate control measures (e.g., provide cooling, breaks, and training). Staff are combining both the existing Outdoor Heat Illness Standard with the new requirements of the Indoor Heat Illness standard into one MWD Heat Illness Prevention Program.	Standard became effective July 23, 2024.
Cal/OSHA	<a href="#"><u>Proposed Updates on Lead Standards for General Industry and Construction</u></a>	On February 15, 2024, Cal/OSHA adopted new lead standards for general industrial and construction work areas. The standards lower the eight-hour time-weighted average Permissible Exposure Level for lead from 50 to 10 µg/m <sup>3</sup> and lower the Action Level from 30 to 2 µg/m <sup>3</sup> . The standards also increase the need for blood lead level (BLL) testing when an employee’s BLL is at or above 10 µg/dL, among other requirements.	The rule requires industry to conduct new lead exposure assessments and update written procedures, training, and potentially implement additional engineering controls (e.g., HEPA-equipped vacuum, containment, and ventilation). Staff provided input to through PRR over the feasibility of the proposed standards—namely the engineering controls.	Standards go into effect January 1, 2025.
CARB	<a href="#"><u>Zero-Emissions Forklift Rule</u></a>	On June 27, 2024, CARB adopted its Zero-Emissions Forklift Rule. The rule prohibits fleet operators from purchasing new propane or gasoline-fueled Class IV (any lift capacity) and Class V forklifts (lifting capacity up to 12,000 lbs.) starting in 2026. Fleets would need to phase-out 2018 model year (MY) and older forklifts starting in 2028. Fleet operators would be allowed to purchase used 2025 MY or older forklifts so long as the MY has not been phased out.	The rule requires industry, including Metropolitan and member agencies, to develop a forklift replacement strategy. Staff are working on a forklift replacement strategy for Metropolitan’s 17 propane- and one gas-powered forklifts. Metropolitan staff submitted comments addressing concerns with provisions in the latest rulemaking package.	The rule goes into effect January 1, 2026.

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CDFW	<a href="#"><u>Proposed rule governing suspension and revocation of Fish &amp; Game Code section 1602 Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreements</u></a>	On May 3, 2024, CDFW proposed a regulation specifying the procedures for CDFW to suspend or revoke Lake or Stream Alteration Agreements (LSAAs). Fish and Game Code section 1612 authorizes CDFW to suspend or revoke an LSAA if it determines the permittee is not in compliance with its terms or has failed to provide required status reports. The proposed process provides notice and an opportunity to cure any alleged violations before CDFW would suspend or revoke an LSAA.	While Metropolitan has never faced a notice of suspension or revocation, on June 18, 2024, Metropolitan provided comments that the proposed regulation may be problematic to agencies with LSAAs if the notice is erroneous or if the notice does not provide sufficient time to cure alleged violations (or explain why no violation has occurred) before suspension or revocation would be required under the regulation. Metropolitan also provided clarification language to address these concerns.	Awaiting final rule.
DTSC	<a href="#"><u>Generator Improvements Rule</u></a>	On May 6, 2024, OAL approved DTSC’s revised Generator Improvements Rule (GIR). The new rule aligns the state with federal requirements. By July 1, 2024, each large quantity generator will be required to submit a Quick Reference Guide along with the contingency plan to the local emergency responders either when the contingency plan is amended or when the generator first becomes subject to large quantity generator requirements.	By aligning with federal standards, the new GIR may clarify and simplify hazardous waste/material handling procedures. Staff will need to update standard operating procedures to correctly cross-reference the renumbered rule sections. Staff commented through CCEEB to help streamline rule compliance (e.g., how best to submit contingency plans and associated Quick Reference Guides?).	Phase I went into effect July 1, 2024. Staff are awaiting Phase II of GIR rulemaking.

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<b>Fish and Game Commission</b>	<a href="#"><u>Petition to list the White Sturgeon as threatened under the California Endangered Species Act (CESA)</u></a>	On June 19, 2024, the California Fish and Game Commission approved white sturgeon as a candidate species under CESA. As such, any activity that causes a “take” of white sturgeon will require an incidental take permit from CDFW.	The listing may impact operation of the Central Valley Project and State Water Project, as well as Sites Reservoir, the Delta Conveyance Project and the Agreements to Support Healthy Rivers and Landscapes. The State Water Contractors and San Luis & Delta Mendota Water Authority sent a comment letter to the Commission in June 2024. The letter emphasized that the listing is not warranted as the white sturgeon population is stable and the petition does not use the best available science.	The comment deadline on the status of the species is October 31, 2024.
<b>Fish and Game Commission</b>	<a href="#"><u>Petition to list Western Burrowing Owl as Threatened or Endangered under the California Endangered Species Act (CESA)</u></a>	On March 5, 2024, Center for Biological Diversity et al. submitted a petition to the Fish and Game Commission to list the Western Burrowing Owl as a threatened or endangered species under CESA, due primarily to loss of habitat. In August 2024, CDFW determined that the petition was sufficient.	The Western Burrowing Owl exists in Metropolitan’s service area in Southern California. Presence of the species can affect timing of maintenance and construction projects with additional constraints and mitigation requirements beyond what currently exist if it becomes listed.	Awaiting the Commission’s decision to list the species.
<b>SWRCB</b>	<a href="#"><u>California Ocean Plan Amendments for Seawater Desalination</u></a>	The SWRCB will update the Ocean Plan to include new seawater desalination siting criteria and assorted changes to the regulations. Preliminary meetings are expected to start in 2024.	Changes to the Ocean Plan could impact existing and planned member agency seawater desalination projects, as well as any future Metropolitan partnerships on desalination.	Rulemaking expected to start in 2024.

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SWRCB	<a href="#"><u>Conservation as a California Way of Life</u></a>	On July 3, 2024, SWRCB adopted the Making Water Conservation a California Way of Life regulation. In direct response to legislative mandates found in AB 1668 (Friedman, 2018) and SB 606 (Hertzberg, 2018), the regulation establishes standards for components of the urban water use objective for urban water retailers. These components include residential indoor and outdoor water use, commercial-industrial-institutional (CII) landscapes with dedicated irrigation meters, as well as for retail water loss, variances for unique water uses (e.g., seasonal populations, etc.), and a bonus incentive for potable reuse.	The regulatory framework affects retail water suppliers. Since 2021, Metropolitan has submitted seven comment letters addressing technical components of the regulation and compliance matters.	Adopted on July 3, 2024. The rule now goes to OAL for final approval with an anticipated effective date of January 1, 2025.
SWRCB	<a href="#"><u>Direct Potable Reuse Regulations</u></a>	On August 6, 2024, OAL approved the final Direct Potable Reuse (DPR) regulations. The regulations provide the regulatory framework by which highly treated recycled water can be introduced either immediately upstream of a water treatment plant or directly into a public water system.	Metropolitan collaborated with the Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts on both written and oral comments on the proposed regulations, advocating for flexibility to accommodate diverse project partnerships and governance structures, ensuring that DPR initiatives can effectively serve a broad range of agencies and communities while complying with regulatory requirements.	The final DPR regulations went into effect on October 1, 2024.
SWRCB	<a href="#"><u>Manganese Notification and Response Levels</u></a>	On February 16, 2023, DDW proposed new notification and response levels (NL and RL) for manganese at 20 parts per billion (ppb) and 200 ppb, respectively.	The proposed NL and RL are significantly lower than the current NL and RL (0.5 parts per million (ppm) and 5.0 ppm, respectively). Thus, water agencies may need to report more instances of NL and RL exceedances in their Consumer Confidence Reports and/or make operational changes.	Awaiting further action by DDW.

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SWRCB	<a href="#"><u>Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) for Hexavalent Chromium</u></a>	On July 24, 2024, OAL approved the final hexavalent chromium MCL of 10 parts per billion (ppb). The rule also established a detection limit for purposes of reporting (DLR) of 0.1 ppb; 2-to-4-year compliance timelines depending on system size; and the need for a compliance plan, among other provisions.	On August 15, 2023, Metropolitan provided comments in support of the 10 ppb MCL, compliance timelines, and the use of stannous chloride as a best available technology. Metropolitan also expressed concerns over the cost of compliance and asked for additional funding to help offset treatment costs.	The rule went into effect on October 1, 2024.
SWRCB	<a href="#"><u>MCL for Perchlorate</u></a>	In 2017, DDW announced it would review the MCL established in 2007 for perchlorate at 6 parts per billion (ppb). On October 6, 2020, DDW lowered the DLR from 4 ppb to 2 ppb starting in January 2021, and decreasing to 1 ppb in January 2024. These actions were in response to OEHHA lowering the Public Health Goal (PHG) for perchlorate from 6 ppb to 1 ppb in February 2015.	DDW’s perchlorate MCL review and changes to the DLR could result in the MCL being lowered soon, as a MCL must be set as close to the PHG as is technologically and economically feasible. On August 6, 2020, Metropolitan submitted comments expressing concerns that a DLR of 1 ppb was premature and that DDW should hold off implementing the lower DLR until such time that adequate laboratory capacity is determined and perchlorate occurrence data at the 2 ppb DLR are collected and evaluated.	The DLR of 1 ppb went into effect January 1, 2024. Awaiting further action by DDW on revising the MCL.
SWRCB	<a href="#"><u>MCLs for Perfluoro-octanoic acid (PFOA) and perfluoro-octane sulfonic acid (PFOS)</u></a>	On April 5, 2024, OEHHA adopted PHGs of 0.007 parts per trillion (ppt) for PFOA and 1 ppt for PFOS. A PHG is the level of a drinking water contaminant that does not pose a significant risk to health with lifetime exposure. DDW will use the PHGs to develop drinking water standards for PFOA and PFOS that are as close to the PHGs as possible but still technically and economically achievable for drinking water systems.	Once announced, staff will evaluate impacts and potential comments.	Awaiting official release of proposed regulation.

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SWRCB	<a href="#"><u>Statewide General Permit for Drinking Water System Discharges</u></a>	Provides a categorical exception to water purveyors for short-term or seasonal planned and emergency (unplanned) discharges resulting from essential operations and maintenance activities undertaken to comply with the federal and state drinking water regulations.	Metropolitan uses this permit for its dewatering operations. Staff would like to expand coverage to include “on-spec” highly treated tertiary water (i.e., post advanced water treatment water prior to either spreading/injection or another drinking water facility. Early talks indicate SWRCB is amenable to this change.	Permit renewal in about 2 years.
SWRCB	<a href="#"><u>Water Quality Control Plan</u></a>	In September 2023, SWRCB released a draft Staff Report/Substitute Environmental Document for Phase 2 of the Water Quality Control Plan (WQCP) for the San Francisco Bay/Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Estuary. The WQCP establishes the water quality objectives and proposed flow regime of the estuary, and water rights decisions for the Bay-Delta.	On January 19, 2024, Metropolitan provided comments individually and through the State Water Contractors on Phase 2 of the WQCP. The Draft Staff Report’s Proposed Action flow objective is predicted to result in an annual average reduction of 446,000 acre-feet for southern California municipal supplies. SWRCB has encouraged all stakeholders to work together to reach one or more Voluntary Agreements for consideration by the SWRCB that could implement the proposed amendments to the WQCP through a variety of tools, including non-flow habitat restoration for sensitive salmon and smelt species, while seeking to protect water supply reliability. Metropolitan is participating in the Phase 2 proceedings and Voluntary Agreement negotiations.	The SWRCB staff will release for public review and comment a draft Program of Implementation in fall 2024. The SWRCB staff will consider public comments, finalize the Staff Report, and adopt plan updates in mid-2025.

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EPA	<a href="#"><u>Asbestos and Chlorine</u></a>	On March 18, 2024, EPA published its final rule under the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) that bans the production, importation, and distribution of chrysotile asbestos, the only known form of asbestos that is currently imported into the United States. To date, there are still eight chlor-alkali plants (about one-third of the production capacity) in the United States that still use asbestos diaphragms.	While the chlor-alkali industry has committed to stop the importation of asbestos and phase out the use of asbestos-diaphragms, this action could potentially increase the costs of chlorine and caustic soda used for water and wastewater treatment.	The asbestos ban for the chlor-alkali industry is effective immediately.
EPA	<a href="#"><u>Consumer Confidence Reports (CCRs)</u></a>	On May 24, 2024, EPA published the final revisions to the Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) regulation. The regulation requires public water systems serving 10,000 or more people to deliver CCRs twice a year, encourage modern electronic delivery options, clarify information regarding lead in drinking water, and provide translation for customers with limited English proficiency.	The biennial requirement is only for community water systems that serve 10,000 or more persons. Such systems that have a violation or action level exceedance between January 1 and June 30 of the current year, or have new Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule (UCMR) results must include a 6-month update with the second report explaining any violations. As a wholesaler, Metropolitan is not required to do a CCR, but will be required to provide water quality data to our member agencies twice per year. Staff worked with AMWA, AWWA, and CMUA on comments.	The rule is effective June 2024, with the new content and delivery requirements starting in 2027.
EPA	<a href="#"><u>Maximum Contaminant Levels for Perchlorate</u></a>	On January 5, 2024, per a Consent Decree in the <i>NRDC v. EPA</i> case, the court announced that EPA will be required to propose a maximum contaminant level goal (“MCLG”) and a national primary drinking water regulation (“NPDWR”) for perchlorate by November 21, 2025, and publish the final MCLG and NPDWR by May 21, 2027.	Previously, staff have commented in support of EPA promulgating a federal perchlorate standard to protect public health and help with long-term remediation of perchlorate contamination in the Colorado River Basin.	Rulemaking expected to start in 2025.

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EPA	<a href="#"><u>Maximum Contaminant Levels for Six PFAS</u></a>	<p>On April 26, 2024, EPA published final drinking water standards for six (6) PFAS. EPA set individual maximum contaminant levels (MCLs) for PFOA and PFOS at 4.0 parts per trillion (ppt), and 10 ppt for PFNA, PFHxS, and GenX Chemicals. EPA will also regulate PFAS mixtures containing at least two or more PFHxS, PFNA, GenX Chemicals, and PFBS using a unitless Hazard Index of one (1). Lastly, EPA finalized health-based, non-enforceable Maximum Contaminant Level Goals (MCLGs) for PFOA and PFOS at 0 ppt and 10 ppt for PFNA, PFHxS, and GenX Chemicals.</p> <p>On June 7, 2024, AWWA and AMWA filed a Petition for Review asking a federal court to decide whether EPA acted appropriately in setting MCLs and MCGLs for six PFAS. Subsequently, the National Association of Manufacturers, American Chemistry Council, and The Chemours Company FC, LLC filed Petitions for Review, and NRDC and several community groups filed motions to intervene in support of EPA’s final rule. The court has set a briefing schedule, with final briefs due March 25, 2025.</p>	Metropolitan submitted comments on May 30, 2023 in support of regulating PFOA and PFOS in drinking water. However, staff commented that regulating the remaining PFAS is premature as these compounds did not follow the full regulatory process and may have unintended economic impacts.	Rule became effective on June 25, 2024 with a three-year compliance timeline from the rule's effective date.

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EPA	<a href="#"><u>PFAS and CERCLA Part I</u></a>	<p>On May 8, 2024, EPA published its final rule designating perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) and perfluorooctane sulfonic acid (PFOS), including their salts and structural isomers, as hazardous substances under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA).</p> <p>On June 10, 2024, the Chamber of Commerce of the United States of America, Associated General Contractors of America, Inc., and National Waste &amp; Recycling Association filed a Petition for Review, asking a federal court to decide whether EPA acted appropriately in designating PFOA and PFOS as CERCLA Hazardous Substances. The American Chemistry Council and others have also filed Petitions for Review. NRDC and other groups have moved to intervene in defense of EPA's rule.</p>	Despite EPA's April 19, 2024 "PFAS Enforcement Discretion and Settlement Policy Under CERCLA" that emphasized that EPA will not target water utilities, staff are still concerned that the final rule may encumber water utilities with potential liability under CERCLA for the disposal of water treatment residuals that may contain PFAS. Metropolitan submitted comments on November 7, 2022, to this effect and worked with ACWA, AMWA, AWWA, and WUWC on comments seeking an exemption under CERCLA for the water industry.	Rule is final and went into effect on July 8, 2024.
EPA	<a href="#"><u>PFAS and CERCLA Part II</u></a>	On April 13, 2023, EPA requested public "input and data" regarding whether to designate the precursors to PFOA and PFOS, as well as seven additional PFAS, as hazardous substances under CERCLA. The seven additional PFAS are PFBS, PFHxS, PFNA, Gen X, PFBA, PFHxA, and PFDA. The notice also requested input on regulating groups or categories of PFAS as hazardous substances.	Metropolitan submitted comments on August 3, 2023 that EPA should consider updated occurrence data and develop robust and reliable analytical methods before making any regulatory determination for the affected PFAS. In addition, staff requested that EPA explore other regulatory pathways for PFAS rather than CERCLA, as well as follow the "Polluter Pays" principle and make additional funding available for treatment and cleanup costs.	EPA had previously planned to propose a rule listing other PFAS as CERCLA hazardous substances in April 2025, but it now lists the date of the proposed rule as "To Be Determined."

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EPA	<a href="#">PFAS and RCRA Part I</a>	On February 8, 2024, EPA released a proposed rule to revise the definition of “hazardous waste” under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) such that PFAS can be included in corrective actions for treatment, storage, and disposal facilities (TSDFs).	On March 26, 2024, staff submitted a comment letter expressing concern that while the rule is focused on TSDFs, the rule could raise the disposal costs of PFAS-laden materials sent to TSDFs and that this was not included in the cost analysis. Staff also asked that EPA adopt formal RCRA enforcement guidance for TSDFs, such that water utilities are protected against future liability; and that EPA follow the “polluter pays” principle and/or make additional funding available for treatment and cleanup.	EPA anticipates finalizing the rule in December 2024.
EPA	<a href="#">PFAS and RCRA Part II</a>	On February 8, 2024, EPA released a proposed rule to list nine PFAS (PFOA, PFOS, PFBS, HFPO-DA or GenX Chemicals, PFNA, PFHxS, PFDA, PFHxA, and PFBA) and their salts and isomers as “hazardous constituents” under RCRA.	On April 8, 2024, staff submitted a comment letter addressing EPA’s proposal to list nine PFAS and their salts and isomers as “hazardous constituents” under RCRA. A hazardous constituent listing is the first step towards a potential “hazardous waste” listing. If these nine PFAS were to be classified as hazardous wastes under RCRA, then they would automatically be classified as “hazardous substances” under CERCLA. Like our comments on the PFAS-CERCLA regulatory effort, Metropolitan emphasized that while we support regulating PFAS, the regulatory community needs guardrails in place (e.g., analytical methods, regulatory limits, and cleanup standards) prior to regulating these compounds. Staff also reiterated that EPA should follow the polluters pay principle.	EPA anticipates finalizing the rule in July 2025.

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EPA	<a href="#"><u>Lead and Copper Rule Improvements</u></a>	On December 6, 2023, EPA published its proposed Lead and Copper Rule Improvements (LCRI). The LCRI proposal builds on the 2021 Lead and Copper Rule Revisions (LCRR) and the original Lead and Copper Rule. The proposed rule focuses on identifying and replacing lead service lines within 10 years; lowering the lead action level from 0.015 to 0.010 parts per million (ppm); removing the lead trigger level; improving tap sampling procedures; and improving public education and outreach materials to include renters and individuals with limited English proficiency.	As drafted, the rule will result in additional sampling at Metropolitan’s desert housing but is not applicable to the main water treatment system. Under the 2021 LCRR, water systems are currently required to provide an initial inventory of their lead service lines by October 16, 2024. Under the proposed LCRI, all water systems will be required to regularly update their inventories, create a publicly available service line replacement plan, and identify the materials of all service lines of unknown material. Staff partnered with trade associations to provide comments.	EPA anticipates finalizing the rule by October 16, 2024.
EPA	<a href="#"><u>County of Maui v. Hawaii Wildlife Fund Guidance</u></a>	On November 20, 2023, EPA released its second version of draft guidance on how to apply the “functional equivalency” test found in the <i>County of Maui v. Hawaii Wildlife Fund</i> decision. In the <i>Maui</i> decision, the Supreme Court set forth seven factors to help determine if a NPDES permit is required when a point source pollutant discharged to groundwater has the same “functional equivalency” as a direct discharge to a navigable water.	On December 21, 2023, Metropolitan submitted comments expressing support for the draft guidance. Metropolitan operations are not expected to be impacted by the new guidance, but the guidance is expected to help protect source water quality throughout the Colorado River Basin. Discharges by Metropolitan to groundwater in California are already covered by state permitting requirements, and the new guidance is not expected to trigger any additional permitting requirements for Pure Water Southern California and Delta operations.	Awaiting final guidance.

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EPA	<a href="#"><u>Water System Restructuring Assessment Rule</u></a>	On May 30, 2024, EPA released a draft Water System Restructuring Assessment Rule. The proposed rule provides a regulatory framework for a new mandated authority requiring states to identify and assess restructuring options for public water system (PWS). A state may mandate a restructuring assessment of a PWS if it finds that: (1) the PWS has repeatedly violated one or more National Primary Drinking Water Regulations (NPDWRs) and such violations are likely to adversely affect human health; (2) the PWS is unable or unwilling to implement restructuring activities, or already has attempted to implement such activities but has not achieved compliance; (3) restructuring of the PWS, including a form of consolidation or a transfer of ownership, is feasible; and (4) restructuring of the PWS could result in greater compliance with drinking water standards. The rule does not authorize a state to mandate any form of restructuring. Individual states may decide to mandate restructuring, but only under state laws and regulations, not under the proposed rule.	EPA was directed to develop the rule under Title I of the 2018 America's Water Infrastructure Act. Staff are evaluating to rule to determine how it will impact California's water system consolidations rules that are already in place.	Awaiting final rule.

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USFWS	<a href="#"><u>Proposed Listing of Santa Ana Speckled Dace as Threatened Species</u></a>	On August 13, 2024, the USFWS proposed listing the Santa Ana Speckled Dace as a threatened species under the FESA with protective regulations under Section 4(d) of the Act ("4(d) rule"). The 4d rule would include exceptions from take prohibition for Forest and Wildland management activities, habitat restoration and enhancement activities (including dam operations where they benefit the species), and removal of non-native species. If the USFWS finalizes this rule as proposed, FESA protections would apply. Due to the lack of sufficient data, Critical Habitat is not being designated at this time .	This fish currently occurs in isolated populations in Southern California in the headwaters of the Los Angeles, San Gabriel, Santa Ana and San Jacinto River watersheds. Metropolitan has facilities that cross lower reaches of these streams. Listing could add additional constraints on maintenance and construction activities if the species were to migrate and/or get flushed downstream into areas with Metropolitan facilities. Presence of this listed species could also potentially affect operations of water supply facilities for local agencies. Staff are evaluating the listing for potential impacts on Metropolitan.	Comments on the proposed rule are due October 15, 2024.

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Legislation and Communications Committee

# Quarterly State and Federal Regulatory Matrices

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Quarterly  
Update on  
Regulatory  
Activities

## Subject

Quarterly Update on Federal and State Regulatory Activities

## Purpose

Provide update on federal and state regulatory developments

## Next Steps

- Regulatory matrices will be updated quarterly and posted on Metropolitan's website.
- Key rules will be presented at their respective committees.

## Rule Updates

### Federal

- PFAS Maximum Contaminant Levels (MCLs)
- PFAS and the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA)
- PFAS and the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA)
- Lead and Copper Rule improvements

### State

- Direct Potable Reuse
- Hexavalent Chromium
- Zero-Emission Forklift Rule

## New Additions

### Federal

- Proposed listing of Santa Ana Speckled Dace as threatened



### State

- Proposed rule governing lake or streambed alteration agreements
- Petition to list the white sturgeon as threatened
- Petition to list Western Burrowing Owl as threatened or endangered







# Quarterly State and Federal Regulatory Matrices Questions



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Assistance for Disadvantaged Communities	<b>H.R. 8032</b> (Sorenson, D-IL)  <b>S. 3830</b> (Padilla, D-CA)	4/16/24: Referred to the House Committees on Energy and Commerce and Transportation and Infrastructure.  2/28/24: Referred to the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.	<b>Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP) Establishment Act</b>  Establishes a permanent, nationwide water assistance program to help low-income households with their water and wastewater bills.	<b>SUPPORT</b>  Based upon 2024 Legislative Priorities and Principles, adopted January 2024	This bill makes permanent the temporary low-income household water assistance program established at the height of the COVID-19 pandemic. Sustained federal assistance to help low-income household afford their water and wastewater bills would help residents in Metropolitan’s service area and its member agencies.
Conservation	<b>H.R. 3490</b> (Gallego, D-AZ)	5/19/23: Referred to the House Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment.	<b>Water Infrastructure Modernization Act of 2023</b>  Authorizes a new grant program to help wastewater and drinking water systems detect leaks and reduce water loss.	<b>SUPPORT</b>  Based upon 2023 Legislative Priorities and Principles, adopted December 2022	This bill directly benefits Metropolitan and its member agencies by creating a grant program to help cover the costs for conveyance leak detection and reduce supplier-side water loss. Funds could be used for a variety of investments including smart water network technologies, real-time sensing technologies, real-time decision support, and advanced metering infrastructure.



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Conservation	<b>S. 2166</b> <b>(Padilla, D-CA)</b>	7/19/23: Hearing held before the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee on Water and Power.	<b>Voluntary Agricultural Land Repurposing Act</b>  Authorizes a grant program at the Bureau of Reclamation to provide states and Indian Tribes with funding to establish programs to voluntarily repurpose agricultural land to reduce consumptive water use.	<b>SUPPORT</b>  Based upon 2023 Legislative Priorities and Principles, adopted December 2022	This new program would provide federal funding to support California’s Multi-benefit Land Repurposing Program. The funding would help agriculture lands transition out of production and instead be used for habitat restoration, renewable energy projects, or other purposes. The program would support Metropolitan’s work in the Central Valley and along the Colorado River.
Conservation	<b>H.R. 5016</b> <b>(Levin, D-CA)</b>  <b>S. 2654</b> <b>(Padilla, D-CA)</b>	7/27/23: Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.  7/27/23: Referred to the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works.	<b>Water Efficiency, Conservation, and Sustainability Act of 2023</b>  Creates new US EPA grant programs for water efficiency and conservation measures, water loss control programs, and water efficient plumbing code adoption.	<b>SUPPORT</b>  Based upon 2023 Legislative Priorities and Principles, adopted December 2022	This bill directly benefits Metropolitan and its member agencies by creating new grant programs to help both water agencies and consumers reduce water loss. The new programs will supplement on-going work by Metropolitan and its member agencies and promote water conservation throughout Metropolitan’s service area.



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Endangered Species Act Oversight	<b>H.R. 9515</b> (Calvert, R-CA)  <b>S. 5012</b> (Padilla, D-CA)	9/10/24: Referred to the House Natural Resources Committee.  9/11/24: Hearing held before the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee on Water and Power.	<b>Lower Colorado River Multi-Species Conservation Program Amendment Act of 2024</b>  Establishes an interest-bearing account for the non-Federal contributions to the Lower Colorado River Multi-Species Conservation Program (LCR MSCP).	<b>SUPPORT</b>  Based upon 2024 Legislative Priorities and Principles, adopted January 2024	This innovative program addresses the needs of threatened and endangered species and provides reliability for water deliveries and hydropower production. The bill will allow the Bureau of Reclamation to hold the non-federal funds for the LCR MSCP in an interest-bearing account. The interest collected will be reinvested in LCR MSCP projects, contributing to the continued success of this program and helping offset the impact of inflation.
Endangered Species Act Oversight	<b>H.R. 872</b> (Calvert, R-CA)	2/21/23: Referred to the House Natural Resources Subcommittee on Water, Wildlife and Fisheries.	<b>Federally Integrated Species Health Act or the “FISH Act”</b>  Transfers the authority to oversee ESA-related responsibilities for anadromous fish from the Secretary of Commerce to the Secretary of the Interior.	<b>SUPPORT</b>  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.

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Financing Tools for Water Infrastructure Projects	<b>H.R. 1837</b> (Kustoff, R-TN)  <b>S. 1453</b> (Wicker, R-MS)	3/28/23: Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.  5/4/23: Referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.	<b>House Title: Investing in Our Communities Act</b>  <b>Senate Title: Lifting Our Communities through Advance Liquidity for Infrastructure Act or the LOCAL Infrastructure Act</b>  Both bills amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to restore the tax exemption for advance refunding bonds.	<b>SUPPORT</b>  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.

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Financing Tools for Water Infrastructure Projects	<b>S. 2162 (Feinstein, D-CA)</b>	7/19/23: Hearing held before the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee on Water and Power.	<p><b>Support To Rehydrate the Environment, Agriculture, and Municipalities Act” or the “STREAM Act”</b></p> <p>Authorizes funding for a variety of Bureau of Reclamation infrastructure investments including storage, water recycling, desalination, and ecosystem restoration projects for 5 years. It also authorizes a new assistance program to provide drinking water to disadvantaged communities and creates a new low interest loan program to help finance Western water projects.</p>	<p><b>SUPPORT</b></p> <p>Based upon 2023 Legislative Priorities and Principles, adopted December 2022</p>	<p>This bill would benefit Metropolitan and its member agencies by providing more funding for water infrastructure projects and ecosystem restoration projects. For example, the bill would accelerate the development of local water recycling projects by authorizing \$300 million for the Title XVI- WIIN Water Reuse Grants Program and raising the per-project funding cap from \$20 million to \$50 million. Additionally, the bill authorizes \$250 million for environmental restoration projects, including helping imperiled species adapt to climate change. This new program could support Metropolitan’s science projects in the Delta.</p>

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Financing Tools for Water Infrastructure Projects	<b>H.R. 7776 (Lee, D-NV)</b>  <b>S. 4016 (Sinema, I-AZ)</b>	6/12/24: Reported out favorably by the House Natural Resources Committee.  9/11/24: Hearing held before the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee on Water and Power.	<b>Help Hoover Dam Act</b>  Amends the Boulder Canyon Project Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to expend money in the Colorado River Dam fund.	<b>SUPPORT</b>  Based upon 2024 Legislative Priorities and Principles, adopted January 2024	This legislation gives the Bureau of Reclamation authority to utilize stranded funds paid by the Hoover Dam power contractors for operations, maintenance, repair, and clean up actions at Hoover Dam. The bill would benefit Metropolitan and its member agencies by providing a new source of funding for needed work on Hoover Dam.
Financing Tools for Water Infrastructure Projects	<b>H.R. 7990 (Napolitano, D-CA)</b>	4/15/24: Referred to the House Natural Resources Committee.	<b>Large Scale Water Recycling Reauthorization and Investment Act of 2024</b>  Extends Reclamation’s large-scale recycled water program for six years, increases the cost threshold for large-scale projects from \$500M to \$1 B, and authorizes \$1B for the program.	<b>SUPPORT</b>  Based upon 2024 Legislative Priorities and Principles, adopted January 2024	This bill would benefit Metropolitan and our member agencies by re-authorizing Reclamation’s large-scale recycled water program. This program provides federal assistance for large regional recycled water projects.

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Financing Tools for Water Infrastructure Projects	<b>H.R. 8030</b> (Peters, D-CA)  <b>S. 4134</b> (Padilla, D-CA)	04/16/24: Referred to the House Committees on Transportation and Infrastructure, and Energy and Commerce.  04/16/24: Referred to the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works.	<b>Drought Relief Obtained Using Government Help Today Act of 2024 (DROUGHT Act)</b>  Increases the maximum WIFIA loan a project can receive from 49% to 90% of the total cost if it is being built in either a state that has experienced D2 level droughts for 4 weeks in the past 3 years, a county for which a Governor has declared a drought emergency during the last 3 years or serves a historically disadvantaged community.	<b>SUPPORT</b>  Based upon 2024 Legislative Priorities and Principles, adopted January 2024	This legislation would benefit Metropolitan and our member agencies by increasing the cap on WIFIA loans from 49% of a total project's costs to 90% under some circumstances. WIFIA is an EPA program that provides low interests loans for water projects that cost over \$20 million.
Source Water Protection	<b>H.R. 1181</b> (Garamendi, D-CA)	2/27/23: Referred to the House Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment	<b>Federal Water Pollution Control Permitting Terms</b>  Amends the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (Clean Water Act) with respect to permitting terms.	<b>SUPPORT</b>  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.

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Source Water Protection	<b>H.R. 3439</b> <b>(Panetta, D-CA)</b>  <b>S. 1715</b> <b>(Feinstein, D-CA)</b>	6/23/23: Referred to the House Committees on Agriculture, Education and Workforce, Energy and Commerce and Natural Resources.  5/18/23: Referred to the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry.	<b>Wildfire Emergency Act of 2023</b>  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.	<b>SUPPORT</b>  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.

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Source Water Protection	<b>H.R. 1236</b> <b>(Crow, D-CO)</b>  <b>S. 540</b> <b>(Bennet, D-CO)</b>	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.	<b>Protect the West Act of 2023</b>  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.	<b>SUPPORT</b>  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.



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Source Water Protection	<b>H.R. 7872</b> (Curtis, R-UT)  <b>S. 2514</b> (Bennett, D-CO)	6/12/24: Reported out favorably by the House Natural Resources Committee.  7/26/23: Referred to the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.	<b>Colorado River Salinity Control Fix Act</b>  Amends the Colorado River Basin Salinity Control Act to modify certain requirements applicable to salinity control units, and for other purposes.	<b>SUPPORT</b>  Based upon 2023 Legislative Priorities and Principles, adopted December 2022	The bill directly benefits Metropolitan and its member agencies by ensuring continued federal funding for salinity control projects along the Colorado River. This bill increases the federal cost share for projects to reduce the salt load in the Colorado River. States have insufficient funds to meet the current cost share requirements because project costs are increasing, and the state contribution is funded by hydropower power revenue which is declining. The cost share change is needed to maintain the current program.
Water Project Authorizations	<b>H.R. 924</b> (Harder, D-CA)	2/10/23: Referred to the House Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee on Water Resources and the Environment.	<b>Stop the Tunnels Act</b>  Prohibits the Corps of Engineers from issuing a permit for the Delta Conveyance Project.	<b>OPPOSE</b>  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.

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Water Project Authorizations	<b>H.R. 2419</b> (Costa, D-CA)  <b>S. 2161</b> (Feinstein, D-CA)	5/8/23: Referred to the House Natural Resources Subcommittee on Water, Wildlife and Oceans.  7/19/23: Hearing held before the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee on Water and Power.	<b>Canal Conveyance Capacity Restoration Act</b>  This bill authorizes the Bureau of Reclamation to provide financial assistance to mitigate the impacts of subsidence on California's water delivery system.	<b>SUPPORT</b>  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	<b>S. 466</b> (Peters, D-MI)	2/16/23: Referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation	<b>Federal PFAS Research Evaluation Act</b>  Directs the National Academy of Sciences to study and report on a federal research agenda to advance the understanding of PFAS.	<b>SUPPORT</b>  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.

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Water Science	<b>H.R. 2429</b> <b>(Lee, D-NV)</b>  <b>S. 1118</b> <b>(Cortez-Mastro, D-NV)</b>	<p>5/8/23: Referred to the House Natural Resources Subcommittee on Water, Wildlife and Oceans.</p> <p>12/14/23: Reported out favorably by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.</p>	<p><b>Open Access Evapotranspiration Data Act</b></p> <p>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.</p>	<p><b>SUPPORT</b></p> <p>Based upon 2023 Legislative Priorities and Principles, adopted December 2022</p>	<p>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.</p>

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Water Science	<b>H.R. 3027 (Porter, D-CA)</b>	6/14/23: Hearing held before the House Natural Resources Subcommittee on Water, Wildlife and Fisheries.	<b>Reclamation Climate Change and Water Program Reauthorization Act of 2023</b>  Extends the authorization for Reclamation’s basin studies program for ten years.	<b>SUPPORT</b>  Based upon 2023 Legislative Priorities and Principles, adopted December 2022	The Basin studies bring together technical experts, state and local water managers, conservation groups, and other stakeholders to assess water supply and demand imbalances at the river basin level. This benefits Metropolitan and its member agencies by ensuring consistent operations using science and awareness of the. In addition to the Colorado River basin, Reclamation has conducted these studies in other watersheds across the West including the Los Angeles and Santa Ana basins in Metropolitan’s service area and the Sacramento-San Joaquin system.

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Water System Security	<b>H.R. 1367</b> (Schakowsky, D-IL)  <b>S. 660</b> (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.	<b>Water System Threat Preparedness and Resilience Act of 2023</b>  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).	<b>SUPPORT</b>  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 its 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.
Water System Security	<b>H.R. 7944</b> (Curtis, R-UT)  <b>S.1430</b> (Lummis, R-WY)	4/11/24: Referred to the House Committees on Energy and Commerce, and Transportation and Infrastructure.  5/3/23: Referred to the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works.	<b>Water Systems PFAS Liability Protection Act</b>  Provides exemptions to drinking water and wastewater facilities from liability under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 (CERCLA) for PFAS chemicals designated as hazardous substances.	<b>SUPPORT</b>  Based upon 2023 Legislative Priorities and Principles, adopted December 2022	The bill follows the “polluters pay” principle for cleanup of PFAS under CERCLA by shielding drinking water and wastewater systems from cleanup liability when they properly dispose of water treatment byproducts containing PFAS.



Legislation and Communications Committee

# Report on Activities from Washington, D.C.

Item 6c  
October 7, 2024

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## Subject

Report on Activities from Washington, D.C.

## Purpose

To provide a legislative update



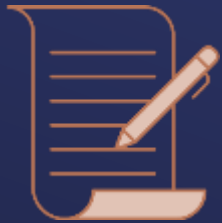
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# Schedule



## Congress in Recess until November 12

# Legislative Update



## FY25 Appropriations

- CR till Dec. 20

## FY25 NDAA

- Passed House
- Passed Senate Committee

## WRDA 24

- Passed both chambers

# Two Metropolitan Supported Bills

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## Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee Hearing



- Help Hoover Dam Act, S.4016
- Lower Colorado River Multi-Species Conservation Program Amendment Act of 2024, S.5012

# Northeastern Arizona Indian Water Rights Settlement Act of 2024, S.4633

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## Senate Committee on Indian Affairs Hearing



### Key Provisions

- Quantifies tribal water rights
- Allows tribes to transfer water between the Upper Basin and Lower Basin in Arizona
- \$5+ B in funding

### Unresolved Issues

- Accounting for transferred water
- Potential amendments by other states





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<b>AB 400</b> <b>B. Rubio (D – Baldwin Park)</b>  Sponsors: California State Association of Counties, League of California Cities	Chaptered  Signed by Governor Chapter 201, Statutes of 2023	<b>Local agency design-build projects: authorization.</b>  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.	<b>Support</b>  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 allow Metropolitan to use design-build for future projects through January 1, 2031.
<b>AB 460 Bauer-Kahan (D – Orinda)</b>	Chaptered  Signed by Governor, Chapter 342, Statutes of 2024	<b>State Water Resources Control Board: water rights and usage: civil penalties.</b>  This bill would require the State Water Resources Control Board to adjust for inflation, by January 1 of each year, beginning in 2025, the amounts of civil and administrative liabilities or penalties imposed by the board in water right actions, as specified.	<b>Support</b>  Based on Metropolitan Policy Principles for Modernization of Water Rights Administration, adopted April 2023	The bill now will provide for enhanced civil penalties for violations of any State Board regulation or curtailment order.



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<b>AB 1337 Wicks (D – Oakland)</b>	Amended 5/18/23  Dead	<b>State Water Resources Control Board: water diversion curtailment.</b>  This bill would authorize SWRCB to adopt regulations for various water conservation purposes and implement these regulations through orders curtailing the diversion or use of water under any claim of right.	<b>Oppose</b>  Based on Metropolitan Policy Principles for Modernization of Water Rights Administration, adopted April 2023	Regardless of whether there is a drought emergency, this bill would allow the State Board, by regulation, to permanently reduce permit rights (including SWP, Colorado River pre-1914 rights, or Delta Island license, pre-1914 or riparian right diversions) upon a finding that current diversions result in a waste or unreasonable use of water or that they harm public trust (fish and wildlife) resources. This would be a new broad power to the State Board that could permanently reallocate any water rights under any water year conditions without the protection or process of individual adjudications.
<b>AB 1567 Garcia (D-Coachella)</b>	Amended 5/26/2023  Two-year bill  Senate Natural Resources and Water Committee  Dead	<b>Safe Drinking Water, Wildfire Prevention, Drought Preparation, Flood Protection, Extreme Heat Mitigation, Clean Energy, and Workforce Development Bond Act of 2024.</b>  This measure would authorize a \$15.995 billion general obligation bond for the March 5, 2024, ballot to fund a broad range of resource-based programs that will assist California to improve its climate resiliency.	<b>Support, if Amended</b>  Based on June 2023 Board Action	This measure is consistent with Metropolitan’s current policy priorities and supports the objectives of Metropolitan’s Climate Adaptation Master Plan.  Metropolitan is seeking amendments to increase funding for recycled water, dam safety, regional conveyance, drought and conservation projects.
<b>AB 1572 Friedman (D - Glendale)</b>  Co-sponsors: Metropolitan, Heal the Bay, National Resources Defense Council	Chaptered  Signed by Governor Chapter 849, Statutes of 2023	<b>Potable water: nonfunctional turf.</b>  This measure prohibits the use of potable water for the irrigation of non-functional turf located on commercial, industrial, institutional. This measure provides the State Water Resources Control Board with the authority to postpone compliance dates as prescribed.	<b>Co-sponsor</b>  Based on April 2023 Board action	Based on input from the Board and member agencies, Metropolitan secured amendments to exclude multi-family residential buildings and protect the authority and local control of public water systems. Metropolitan is a co-sponsor of this measure.

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<b>AB 1573</b> <b>Friedman (D - Glendale)</b>  Sponsor: Earth Advocacy and California Native Plant Society	Amended 9/1/2023  Two Year Bill  Senate Floor – Inactive File  Dead	<b>Water conservation: landscape design: model ordinance.</b>  This measure would update the model water efficient landscape ordinance for new or renovated nonresidential areas to require at least 25% local native plants beginning January 1, 2026. This measure would also prohibit the use of nonfunctional turf in nonresidential landscape projects after January 1, 2026.	<b>Support</b>  Based on 2023 Legislative Priorities and Principles, adopted December 2022	This measure is consistent with Metropolitan’s effort to reduce nonfunctional turf within its service area Metropolitan staff further solicited input from member agencies and worked with the author’s office to develop amendments for an alternative NFT proposal, consistent with existing legislative policy principles, which was not adopted due to time constraints with end of session.
<b>AB 1581</b> <b>A. Kalra (D – San Jose)</b>	Amended 8/23/2024  Pending Governor’s Signature	<b>Conservation: Restoration Management Permit Act and California State Safe Harbor Agreement Program Act</b>  This bill would authorize the California Department of Fish and Wildlife to (1) issue a restoration management permit to authorize the take, possession, import, or export of any species or subspecies of fish, wildlife, or plants in association with a management or propagation project that, among other things, has the primary purpose of restoring native fish, wildlife, plants, or their habitat and (2) authorize any impacts to fish and wildlife resources as a result of activities otherwise subject to the Lake and Streambed Alteration Program, as provided. The bill would exempt these management or restoration projects from various legal requirements, including, among others, the above-described prohibitions regarding the take or possession of fully protected fish, as specified.	<b>Support, if Amended</b>	This bill proposes a one-stop-shop permitting process that would maximize its benefit to the environment by including environmental mitigation. The author’s office negotiated language that would limit the scope to only include voluntary restoration projects, or projects that go beyond required mitigation. Metropolitan requested amendments that would allow projects undertaken as mitigation for regulatory compliance to be a “qualifying restoration project” under this proposed streamlining authority.

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<b>AB 1648 Bains (D - Bakersfield)</b>	Amended 3/16/2023  Dead	<b>Water: Colorado River Conservation</b>  This measure would specifically prohibit Metropolitan and LADWP to offset federally required reductions on Colorado River resources with increased water deliveries from other regions of California, including the Delta, retroactively as of January 1, 2023.	<b>Oppose</b>  Based on 2023 Legislative Priorities and Principles, adopted December 2022	This measure would impair Metropolitan's flexibility with its entire water portfolio, including the Integrated Water Resources Plan and the Annual Operating Plan. Metropolitan's reliability and its ability to meet demands would also be impaired by restrictions on partnerships with its State Water Project and Colorado River Basin stakeholders.
<b>AB 1827 D. Papan (D – San Mateo)</b>	Chaptered  Signed by Governor, Chapter 359, Statutes of 2024	<b>Local government: fees and charges: water: higher-consumptive water parcels.</b>  The Legislature passed the Proposition 218 Omnibus Implementation Act in 1997 to provide guidance for implementation of the new constitutional provisions. AB 1827 (Papan) proposes to add Government Code section 53750.6 to the Act to clarify that the costs that may be recovered through retail water service fees may include the incrementally higher costs of water service due to (1) the higher water usage demand of parcels, (2) the maximum potential water use of parcels, or (3) projected peak water usage.	<b>Support</b>  Based on 2024 Legislative Priorities and Principles, adopted January 2024.	Metropolitan's wholesale water service rates to its co-op members are not subject to Proposition 218 and therefore, the bill does not have an effect on Metropolitan. It will, however, provide clearer guidance for its member agencies that provide retail water service and any retail water service provider within Metropolitan service area.

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<b>AB 2060</b> <b>E. Soria (D – Fresno)</b>	Amended 8/15/2024  Senate Inactive File  Dead	<b>Lake and streambed alteration agreements: exemptions.</b>  This bill would exempt qualifying temporary permit diversions of water from streams at or near flood stage to groundwater storage from the requirements of Fish & Game Code section 1602. Section 1602 requires anyone proposing to substantially alter the bed, banks or natural flows of a stream, river or lake to notify the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW). If CDFW determines the proposed activity may have a significant adverse impact on fish or wildlife, it will require a Lake or Stream Alteration Agreement (LSAA) that functions as a permit for the activity, and which always requires mitigation, monitoring and reporting to CDFW. AB 2060 would exempt qualifying diversions from this requirement. The only “mitigation” required to qualify is installation of basic fish screens, with no requirement that they meet any standards, including those adopted by CDFW and the federal fish services.	<b>Support if Amended</b>  Based on Metropolitan Policy Principles for Modernization of Water Rights Administration 2023 Water Rights Principles, adopted April 2023 and 2024 Legislative Priorities and Principles, adopted January 2024	This bill was amended to ensure the temporary permit authorization is consistent with existing law on diversion authorizations for current water rights holders. Metropolitan was seeking additional amendments to ensure the inclusion of fish screens on all intakes, not just “temporary pump” intakes, and that the screens minimize both entrainment <i>and</i> impingement.

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<b>AB 2257 L. Wilson (D – Suisun City)</b>	Amended 8/5/2024  Pending Governor's Signature	<b>Local government: property-related water and sewer fees and assessments: remedies.</b>  AB 2257 establishes a process for objections to be submitted by any party objecting to the proposed fee or assessment, notice to the public of the requirements, and prerequisites for suing an agency on the basis of the validity of the fee or assessment. The bill requires exhaustion of the administrative procedures provided therein before a plaintiff may file suit and it limits the administrative record that may be reviewed in that litigation to evidence presented to or available to the agency prior to the adoption of the fee or assessment.	<b>Support</b>  Based on 2024 Legislative Priorities and Principles, adopted January 2024	Metropolitan does not currently collect any fee or assessment on properties within its service area that is subject to Article XIII D. It does, however, have the authority to do so. Should it decide to adopt such a fee or assessment, it would be required to follow these proposed additional procedural requirements. Any litigation challenging such a fee or assessment would also be subject to the administrative remedy exhaustion and evidence limitation provided for by AB2257.

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<b>AB 2610</b> <b>E. Garcia (D – Coachella)</b>	Amended 4/10/2024  Dead	<b>Protected species: authorized take: Salton Sea Management Program: System Conservation Implementation Agreement.</b>  Current law authorizes the Department of Fish and Wildlife, if certain conditions are fulfilled, to authorize the take of species, including fully protected species, resulting from impacts attributable to implementation of the Quantification Settlement Agreement on specified lands and bodies of water, including the Salton Sea. This bill would additionally authorize the department, if certain conditions are fulfilled, to authorize the take of species resulting from impacts attributable to the implementation of the Salton Sea Management Program or implementation of any System Conservation Implementation Agreement between the United States Bureau of Reclamation and the Imperial Irrigation District to implement the Lower Colorado River Basin System Conservation and Efficiency Program, as provided, on the specified lands and bodies of water.	<b>Support</b>  Based on 2024 Legislative Priorities and Principles, adopted January 2024	This bill will help to advance conservation agreements and collective conservation goals related to reducing reliance of the Colorado River in order to account for changes in climate and low water supplies by allowing IID to advance their short-term conservation goals between 2024 – 2026.



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<b>SB 122</b> <b>Senate Committee</b> <b>on Budget and</b> <b>Fiscal Review</b>	Chaptered  Signed by the Governor Chapter 51, Statutes of 2023	<b>Flood Flow Streamlining</b>  Provisions in this trailer bill provide that diversion of flood flows for groundwater recharge do not require an appropriative water right if specified conditions regarding the diversion are met. These provisions exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) specified actions related to the implementation of Colorado River water conservation agreements with the US Bureau of Reclamation.	<b>Seek Amendments</b>  Based on Metropolitan Policy Principles for Modernization of Water Rights Administration 2023 Water Rights Principles, adopted April 2023	The no-permit authorization poses a significant concern to Metropolitan’s State Water Project supplies. There is no protest process, no requirement that diverters avoid harm to other legal water users with water rights senior to the flood flow diverter, and no protection of SWP and CVP rights to divert “excess flows” when they exist in the system up to the full capacity of the projects.  Metropolitan will work with the Administration to address these issues as the program is implemented.
<b>SB 124</b> <b>Senate Committee</b> <b>on Budget and</b> <b>Fiscal Review</b>	Chaptered  Signed by the Governor Chapter 53, Statutes of 2023	<b>Green Financing Programs for Federal IRA Funding</b>  This measure contains various provisions to implement the 2023 State Budget Act, which includes authorizing the State Infrastructure and Economic Development Bank and the Department of Water Resources (DWR) to access and utilize federal funding in the Inflation Reduction Act to finance projects that reduce greenhouse emissions.	<b>Support</b>  Based on 2023 Legislative Priorities and Principles, adopted December 2022	For the State Water Project, DWR’s direct investment in qualifying projects could lower its capital costs, which would ultimately be passed on to Metropolitan and other SWP contractors.

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<b>SB 146 Gonzalez (D-Long Beach)</b>	Chaptered  Signed by the Governor Chapter 58, Statutes of 2023	<b>Public resources: infrastructure: contracting.</b>  This measure is part of the negotiated infrastructure trailer bill package and authorizes DWR to use the progressive design-build (PDB) project delivery method for up to eight public works projects that exceed \$25 million. The Delta conveyance facilities and seawater desalination are expressly prohibited under this measure.	<b>Support</b>  Based on October 2021 Board Action	By utilizing PDB and awarding a project contract prior to the completion of all design work, DWR can potentially reduce overall costs and execute shorter project delivery schedules. This could lead to reduced costs for SWP-related projects resulting in cost savings being passed on to Metropolitan.
<b>SB 147 Ashby (D- Sacramento)</b>	Chaptered  Signed by the Governor Chapter 59, Statutes of 2023	<b>Fully protected species: California Endangered Species Act: authorized take</b>  This measure is part of the negotiated infrastructure trailer bill package and authorizes the take of fully protected species for certain infrastructure projects if specified conditions are met. Eligible projects include the maintenance, repair and improvement of the State Water Project, as well as critical regional and local water infrastructure.	<b>Support and Amend</b>  Based on 2023 Legislative Priorities and Principles, adopted December 2022	While this alternative may have benefits over current FPS regulations, the requirements are extensive and may make permit terms infeasible or cost prohibitive and could create other litigation risks for permittees.
<b>SB 149 Caballero (D- Merced)</b>	Chaptered  Signed by the Governor Chapter 60, Statutes of 2023	<b>California Environmental Quality Act: administrative and judicial procedures: record of proceedings: judicial streamlining.</b>  This measure is part of the negotiated infrastructure trailer bill package and makes various changes to CEQA. This bill provides clarification for what is considered as part of the administrative record, as well as allowing a public agency to deny a request to prepare the record of proceedings. This bill also provides for expedited judicial review for specified energy and transportation projects.	<b>Support and Amend</b>  Based on 2023 Legislative Priorities and Principles, adopted December 2022	Administrative Records Streamlining: Overall, the provisions would be beneficial to Metropolitan as they could lower CEQA litigation costs and shorten litigation timelines.  Expedited Judicial Review: The process for preparing the administrative record for any governor-certified infrastructure project must follow certain extensive and potentially costly specifications. While expedited judicial review is beneficial in concept, unless amended, the prerequisites may be infeasible or costly to implement.

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<b>SB 150</b> <b>Durazo (D-Los Angeles)</b>	Chaptered  Signed by the Governor Chapter 61, Statutes of 2023	<b>Construction: workforce development: public contracts.</b>  This measure is part of the negotiated infrastructure trailer bill package and focuses on strengthening the state’s workforce and community benefits with infrastructure investments through California’s share of federal funds.	<b>Support</b>  Based on 2023 Legislative Priorities and Principles, adopted December 2022	This bill is intended to help develop procurement models to enhance the state’s training and access pipeline for jobs while ensuring community benefits on infrastructure and manufacturing investments.  This bill is consistent with Metropolitan’s policy and practice and could benefit the district by helping build the next generation of the state’s construction workforce.
<b>SB 366</b> <b>Caballero (D - Merced)</b>  Sponsors: California Municipal Utilities Association, California Council for Environmental and Economic Balance, California State Association of Counties	Amended 8/22/2024  Pending Governor’s Signature	<b>The California Water Plan: long-term supply targets.</b>  This measure would revise the California Water Plan to require the DWR to update the California Water Plan by December 31, 2028, and every five years after, to include a long-term water supply target for 2050 and discussion on the development of specified water supply sources to meet demand.	<b>Support</b>  Based on 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 has taken a support position following the adoption of several amendments to address concerns, including the removal of language that would require the CWP to make recommendations for the Delta Reform Act and inclusion of language to ensure that the CWP does not impose on local and regional planning efforts.

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<b>SB 659</b> <b>Ashby (D – Sacramento)</b>  Sponsors: Sacramento Regional Water Authority	Chaptered  Signed by the Governor Chapter 624, Statutes of 2023	<b>California Water Supply Solutions Act of 2023.</b>  This bill would require DWR to develop a groundwater recharge plan by January 1, 2026, to create additional groundwater recharge capacity and include the plan as part of the 2028 update to the California Water Plan.	<b>Support, if Amended</b>  Based on 2023 Legislative Priorities and Principles adopted December 2022.	This bill intends to elevate the importance of groundwater in the state’s planning efforts. Additional recharge capacities developed through implementation of this bill could potentially help in the successful implementation of projects such as Metropolitan’s Pure Water project, LADWP’s Operation Next project, and the Pure Water San Diego, potentially helping to maximize stormwater capture and increase sustainability of groundwater basins within Metropolitan’s service area.
<b>SB 687</b> <b>Eggman (D - Stockton)</b>	Amended 5/2/2023  Dead	<b>Water Quality Control Plan: Delta Conveyance Project.</b>  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 considers a change in the point of diversion or any other water rights permit or order for the Delta Conveyance Project.	<b>Oppose</b>  Based on 2023 Legislative Priorities and Principles, adopted December 2022	Metropolitan supports updating the Water Quality Control Plan to protect beneficial uses in the Delta. This bill would result in halting or delaying planning efforts on the Delta Conveyance Project and potentially prevent the project from operating if approved.

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<b>SB 706 Caballero (D-Merced)</b>  Sponsors: CA State Association of Counties; County of San Diego; Design Build Institute of America Western Pacific Chapter; League of California Cities	Chaptered  Signed by the Governor Chapter 500, Statutes of 2023	<b>Public contracts: progressive design-build: local agencies.</b>  This bill would provide additional authority, until January 1, 2023, for cities, counties, and special districts to use progressive design-build (PDB) authority for up to 10 public works projects that are in excess of \$5 million. In addition, any local agency that uses this authorized progressive-design build process must submit a report to the Legislature.	<b>Support</b>  Based on 2023 Legislative Priorities and Principles, adopted December 2022	Currently, PDB-eligible projects are limited to wastewater treatment facilities, park and recreational facilities, solid waste management facilities and water recycling facilities. This bill now authorizes cities, counties and special districts, including Metropolitan, to use PDB for public works projects. This supports Metropolitan’s priority of ensuring reliable water supply deliveries throughout its service area.
<b>SB 867 Allen (D-Santa Monica)</b>	Chaptered  Signed by the Governor, Chapter 83, Statutes of 2024	<b>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.</b>  This measure would authorize a \$15.5 billion general obligation bond for a range of resource-based programs that will improve California’s climate resiliency. If approved, this measure would be on the March 5, 2024, statewide ballot.	<b>Support, if Amended</b>  Based on June 2023 Board Action	This measure is consistent with Metropolitan’s current policy priorities and supports the objectives of Metropolitan’s Climate Adaptation Master Plan.  Metropolitan is seeking amendments to increase funding for recycled water, dam safety, regional conveyance, drought, and conservation projects.

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<b>SB 903 N. Skinner (D – Berkeley)</b>	Amended 4/11/2024  Dead	<p><b>Environmental health: product safety: perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances.</b></p> <p>Starting January 1, 2025, certain substances called perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) will be prohibited in new textiles, cosmetics, food packaging, and juvenile products in the state. This means that manufacturers and sellers cannot add PFAS to these products. A new bill, starting January 1, 2032, will also require the Department of Toxic Substances Control to determine if using PFAS in a product is necessary and unavoidable before it can be offered for sale. The department will keep a list of these determinations on its website and use any penalties collected for administering and enforcing these laws. By January 1, 2027, the department will adopt regulations to carry out this bill, including setting an application fee and creating an appeal process for penalties and decisions made under this law. A PFAS Oversight Fund will be created from the application fees to cover the department's expenses for administering this act, with funds allocated by the legislature.</p>	<p><b>Support</b></p> <p>Based on 2024 Legislative Priorities and Principles, adopted January 2024</p>	<p>From a source water protection standpoint, the bill creates provisions to reduce PFAS contamination and enhance protection of water quality and public health. By limiting PFAS in consumer products, the bill indirectly aims to reduce PFAS contamination in water sources, potentially decreasing treatment costs and complexity for water providers. The bill encourages the development and adoption of PFAS alternatives, potentially impacting the types of materials and products used within the water industry and by consumers, promoting safer water handling and packaging materials.</p>

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<b>SB 1072 S. Padilla (D – San Diego)</b>	Chaptered  Signed by Governor, Chapter 323, Statutes of 2024	<b>Local government: Proposition 218: remedies.</b>  The California Constitution has rules for imposing taxes at a local level. It excludes certain fees and assessments if they meet certain criteria, such as not exceeding the benefit given to a property or the cost of the service provided. There is also a law known as the Proposition 218 Omnibus Implementation Act that outlines how local agencies must comply with these requirements. This bill, if passed, would require local agencies to correct any fees or charges for property-related services that violate these constitutional provisions and credit the amount of the violation against the revenues needed for the service. This bill supports the purposes and intent of Proposition 218 and the Omnibus Implementation Act.	<b>Support</b>  Based on 2024 Legislative Priorities and Principles, adopted January 2024	Metropolitan does not currently collect any revenue from any property related fees or assessments subject to Articles XIII C or D. However, Metropolitan does have statutory authority to collect such fees. If Metropolitan were to adopt such a fee or assessment in the future, the revenues from those fees or assessment would be subject to the limitation added by SB 1072.
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<b>SB 1147</b> <b>A. Portantino (D – Glendale)</b>	Amended 8/22/2024  Pending Governor's Signature	<b>Drinking water: bottled water: microplastics levels.</b>  SB 1147, introduced on February 14, 2024, would add Section 116376.2 to the Health and Safety Code and would require the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA) to study the health impacts of microplastics in drinking water, including bottled water, to evaluate and identify safe and unsafe levels of microplastics, and develop and deliver to the State Water Resources Control Board (State Board) public health standards and goals for safe microplastics levels in drinking water, including bottled water, by January 1, 2026. The bill would also require OEHHA to develop and deliver to the State Board definitions for the terms “safe level of microplastics” and “unsafe level of microplastics” by January 1, 2026.	<b>Support</b>  Based on 2024 Legislative Priorities and Principles, adopted January 2024	As originally proposed, this bill would circumvent the existing statutory and regulatory process by mandating a new process without ensuring a well-established scientific foundation, which is critical for developing, standardizing, and validating microplastics analytical methods and procedures. Amendments were adopted to address concerns about the appropriate bifurcation of responsibilities between the State Board and OEHHA for studying and setting standards for microplastics.

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<b>SB 1169</b> <b>H. Stern (D – Los Angeles)</b>	Chaptered  Signed by the Governor, Chapter 77, Statutes of 2024	<b>Los Angeles County Flood Control District: finances.</b>  This law, known as the Los Angeles County Flood Control Act, sets up a district responsible for managing and preserving flood and wastewaters in the county. It permits the district to borrow money from certain sources to fund flood control work and repay the loan within 20 years with a maximum interest rate of 4.25% annually. The district must also collect enough taxes from property owners each year to cover the loan payments. Currently, the district is limited to borrowing a maximum of \$4.5 million and issuing bonds up to the same amount. This proposed bill would extend the loan repayment period to 35 years with a maximum interest rate of 5.5% annually. It would also remove the borrowing and bond limits for the district. The bill justifies these changes by stating the need for a special law for the Los Angeles County Flood Control District.	<b>Support</b>  Based on 2024 Legislative Priorities and Principles, adopted January 2024	Support for this bill will help with Los Angeles County’s flood control program and is consistent with the Board’s policy to support development of local resources and conservation efforts.

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<b>SB 1390 A.</b> <b>Caballero (D – Merced)</b>	Amended 8/22/2024  Dead	<b>Groundwater recharge: floodflows: diversion.</b>  Under current law, all water in the state belongs to the people, but individuals can gain the right to use it through a legal process. This process requires the water to be used for a purpose that is helpful or beneficial. However, if certain conditions are met, using floodwater for groundwater recharge does not require a specific legal right. These conditions include receiving notice from a local or regional agency that there is a risk of flooding, and filing a report with the State Water Resources Control Board once the diversion is finished. This applies to diversions that began before January 1, 2029. This bill would extend these requirements to diversions that began before June 1, 2032. It would also add additional conditions that must be met for the diversion to be allowed, such as the local agency declaring that the diversion is in line with specific plans or emergency operations plans. The diversion must also stop within 90 days unless it is renewed, and the final report must include information about the methods used to predict and prevent flooding. Finally, the diversion must not harm any prior water rights holders in the area.	<b>Support</b>  Based on Metropolitan Policy Principles for Modernization of Water Rights Administration 2023 Water Rights Principles, adopted April 2023 and 2024 Legislative Priorities and Principles, adopted January 2024	SB 1390 has been amended to clarify which agencies may make the declaration that flood flow conditions exist and when they are required to declare they no longer exist. The amendments include language to protect Metropolitan’s SWP supplies, which also supports our operations to maintain water quality standards in the Delta. .



Legislation and Communications Committee

# Report on Activities from Sacramento

Item 6d

October 7, 2024

# Report on Activities from Sacramento

## Subject

Report on Activities from Sacramento

## Purpose

To provide an update on relevant state legislative issues

# Legislative Calendar

## Sacramento Legislative Calendar

September 30: Last day for Governor to sign or veto bills

November 5: General Election

December 2: 2025-26 Regular Legislative Session Convenes

## Sacramento Legislative Highlights

# Governor's Action on Legislative Priorities

- AB 460 (Bauer-Kahan): State Water Resources Control Board: water rights and usage: civil penalties  
Position: Support  
Status: Signed by the Governor
- AB 1581 (Kalra): Conservation: Restoration Management Permit Act and California State Safe Harbor Agreement Program Act  
Position: Support, if amended  
Status: Signed by the Governor



## Sacramento Legislative Highlights

# Governor's Action on Legislative Priorities

- AB 1827 (Papan): Local government: fees and charges: water: higher consumptive water parcels  
Position: Support  
Status: Signed by the Governor
- AB 2257 (Wilson): Local government: property-related water and sewer fees and assessments: remedies  
Position: Support  
Status: Signed by the Governor

## Sacramento Legislative Highlights

# Governor's Action on Legislative Priorities

- SB 366 (Caballero): The California Water Plan: long-term supply targets  
Position: Support  
Status: Vetoed by the Governor
- SB 1072 (Padilla): Local government: Proposition 218: remedies  
Position: Support  
Status: Signed by the Governor
- SB 1147 (Portantino): Drinking water: microplastics levels  
Position: Support  
Status: Signed by the Governor

# Sacramento Legislative Highlights

## Bills of Interest

### Rates and Charges

- SB 937 (Weiner): Development projects: fees and charges  
Status: Signed by the Governor

### Employee Relations

- AB 2561 (McKinnor): Local public employees: vacant positions  
Status: Signed by the Governor

# Sacramento Legislative Highlights

## Bills of Interest

### Brown Act

- AB 2302 (Addis): Open meetings: local agencies: teleconferences

Status: Signed by the Governor

### Operations

- AB 637 (Jackson): Zero-emission vehicles: fleet owners: rental vehicles

Status: Vetoed

- AB 3179 (J. Carrillo): AB 3179 (J. Carrillo) Emergency telecommunications medium- and heavy-duty ZEVs

- Status: Vetoed

- AB 3090 (Mainschein): Drinking water standards: emergency notification plan

Status: Signed by the Governor

## Sacramento Interim Activity:

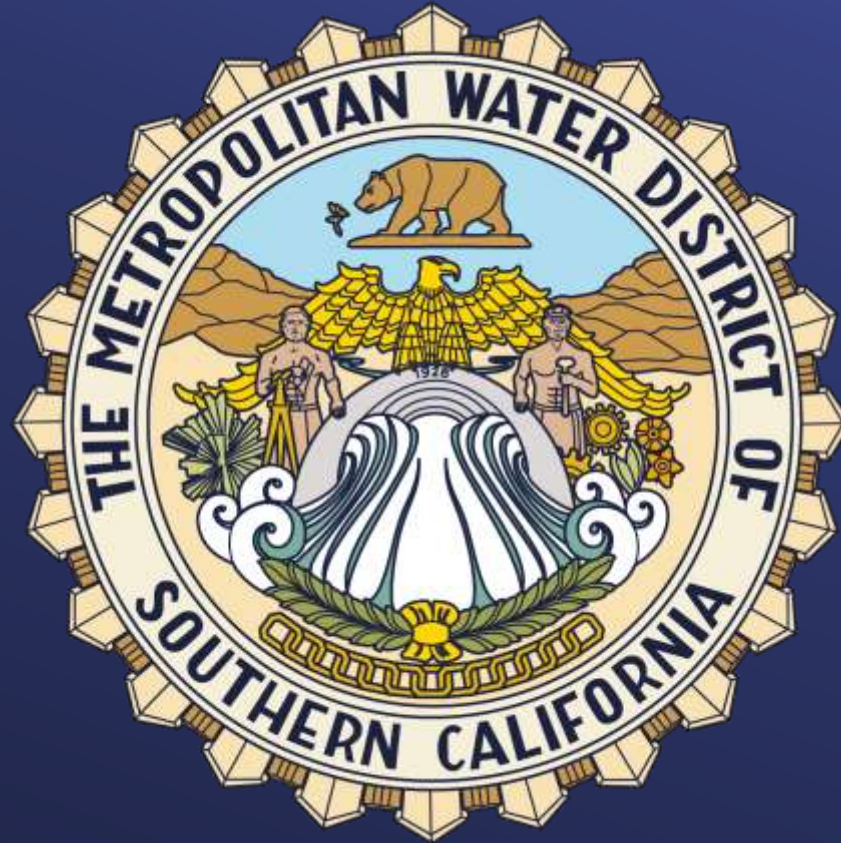
# Activity Over the Interim

- FY 2023-24 Second Special Session to address gasoline prices
  - The Assembly established the Petroleum and Gasoline Supply Committee
- Assembly Select Committee on Permitting Reform

## Sacramento Interim Activity:

# Statewide Association Planning Meetings

- California Special Districts Association
  - October 24, 2024
- California Municipal Utilities Association
  - November 14, 2024
- Association of California Water Agencies
  - December 5, 2024







## External Affairs Group

- External Affairs Monthly Activities Report for September 2024

### Summary

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This report provides a summary of External Affairs' group activities for September 2024.

### Purpose

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Informational

### Detailed Report

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### Highlights

Chair Ortega spoke at a city of San Fernando event with Senator Menjivar (D-Van Nuys) and city officials to celebrate the nitrate removal project, allowing the city to return to groundwater supplies. (September 5)

Director Quinn participated in a panel discussion about Metropolitan's leadership to remove on nonfunctional turf at the Los Angeles Business Council's Sustainability Summit, which Metropolitan sponsored. (September 6)

Directors Alvarez, Camacho, Dennstedt and Lewitt, Interim GM Upadhyay, Asst. Group Manager Collins and Metropolitan staff made technical and communications/outreach presentations at the WaterReuse Symposium. (September 15-18)

Metropolitan, in partnership with Calleguas MWD, hosted a Community Leaders' Briefing with Assemblymember Bennett (D-Oxnard) to discuss regional and statewide water issues. Chair Ortega and Director McMillan spoke at the event that drew about 80 attendees. (September 16).



*Senator Menjivar, Chair Ortega and city of San Fernando officials at an event recognizing the city's return to local groundwater supplies.*



*Interim GM Upadhyay and Metropolitan staff at the annual WaterReuse Conference*



*Metropolitan Community Leaders Briefing in partnership with Calleguas Municipal Water District.*

## GM Monthly Report September 2024



Top: AWA of Ventura County event at Ronald Reagan Presidential Library; Bottom: Chair Ortega, Vice-Chair Camacho and Director Garza with LA County League of Cities representatives

Directors Lewitt and McMillan attended and AGM Zinke spoke at the Association of Water Agencies annual policymaker reception featuring keynote speaker Dr. Jay Lund. (September 19)

Chair Ortega, Vice Chair Camacho and Director Garza met with leaders of the Los Angeles County Division of the League of California Cities to discuss opportunities for collaboration between Metropolitan and local elected officials. (September 23)

AGM Zinke represented Metropolitan at the Public Policy Institute of California's Water Policy Center. (September 25)

Interim GM Upadhyay participated in a signing ceremony for the federal government's final Bucket 1 agreements with Bard Water District and Imperial Irrigation District and the first Bucket 2 agreement with Gila River Indian Community. (September 25)

Directors Erdman, Ackerman, McMillan, Dennstedt and Metropolitan staff attended the Orange County Water Summit. Chief SRI Officer Crosson spoke on a panel "Decarbonizing the Electric Grid." (September 27)

### **Federal**

Senator Padilla and Representatives Calvert and Napolitano introduced the Lower Colorado River Multi-Species Conservation Program Amendment Act to allow Reclamation to hold the non-federal contributions to the program in an interest-bearing account. The interest collected would be reinvested in the program. The Senate Energy Committee has approved the bill.

### **State**

The California Legislature has concluded the 2023–2024 session. Metropolitan priority bills that were signed into law include AB 1827 (Papan), which clarifies local agencies' authority to assign incremental costs to higher water users, AB 2257 (Wilson) which establishes administrative procedures to raise a legal challenge to a water agency rate or fee, and SB 1072 (Padilla) which clarifies that excess charges collected by an agency shall be applied towards future rates. In addition, the Governor signed AB 460 (Bauer-Kahan) which increases fines and fees for violations of State Water Board regulations. SB 366 (Caballero) was vetoed, which would have updated the California Water Plan to include long-term and interim water supply targets.

### **Local**

This month, staff presented, monitored, and/or participated in 66 webinars, meetings, and events with community organizations and trade associations, board members and federal and state elected officials on Metropolitan activities, issues and other topics.

Metropolitan staff provided a Pure Water Tour for capitol and district staff of Senator Stern (D-Los Angeles). (September 9)

Metropolitan staff presented Senator Menjivar's District Representative Teodora Reyes a Met 101 briefing. (September 11)



Pure Water Tour for Senator Stern's chief of staff, climate consultant and district office staff

### **Media and Communications**

Coordinated PRA responses to LA Times regarding the Cadiz Water Project.

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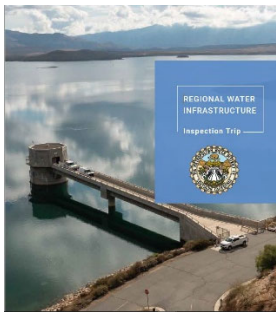
Arranged interview between Civic Publications writer Kathleen Lund and Chair Ortega on Pure Water Southern California and the federal grant awarded to the regional recycled water program.

Set up interview with Vegas Sun reporter Ilana Williams and Colorado River Resources Manager Hasencamp regarding Pure Water Southern California and how it will help the Colorado River Basin and Nevada.

Provided water demand data to New York Times' Michael Kimmelman.

### Press Releases

- Funding for three forest restoration projects in the northern Sierra, though new Forest Resilience Bonds.
- Board support of Proposition 4, the \$10 billion climate bond.
- Board decision to extend administrative leave of GM Hagekhalil.
- Provided quote to city of San Fernando from Chair Ortega for news release on city's new independence from Metropolitan water and staffed a water conservation table at press event for the achievement.
- Provided quote from WRM's Guerrero for U.S. EPA press release on Metropolitan winning WaterSense Award for Excellence in Certification Program.



*Three new Inspection Trip guides have been produced*

### Creative Design

- Created a video recap of a tunnel boring machine's hole-through as part of the Perris Valley Pipeline project that was shown at the September board meeting.
- Created and posted a new landing page on mwdh2o.com for the district's Vision and Values initiative.
- Updated three inspection trip guides for the Colorado River Aqueduct, State Water Project and regional tour program and created a pocket reference guide to explain commonly used measurements in water.

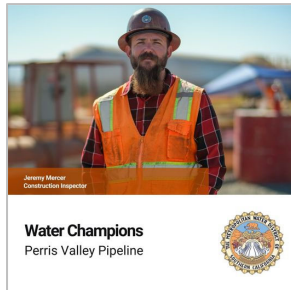
### Social Media

- Concluded "Water Conservation is a Team Sport" campaign on digital markets and social media which generated more than 8 million impressions and 40,000 clicks to bewaterwise.com. Transitioned the campaign to artistic Matisse-like creative assets, including Spanish-language elements; campaign has received 500,000 impressions and more than 2,500 clicks to bewaterwise.com.
- Launched Water Champions social media series that will run until the end of the year, highlighting many of Metropolitan's hard-working employees.



## GM Monthly Report September 2024

- Continued postings in celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Water Quality Section; Hispanic Heritage Month; and recognized employee activities including annual summer blood drive, education program's 40th anniversary, and the district's participation at the WaterReuse Association conference.



September social media posts

### Website

- Continued to remediate more than 2,000 electronic documents to comply with Americans with Disabilities Act requirements.
- Migrated all IntraMet content to a newer server, which included quality checks of all pages to ensure links remained secure.
- Recorded 56,000 visits to mwdh2o.com with careers, job listing and board pages the most popular.
- Generated nearly 40,000 views on bewaterwise.com, with turf replacement, rebates and California Friendly®, native plants pages driving the most visits.

### Community Outreach

Community Partnering Program sponsorships for Whittier Historical Society Flume Water Education exhibit; Weaving Earth Walks of Resilience and Accountability; City of Pomona Wyland Mobile Water Education Experience; Rivers and Lands Conservancy California Native Plant Community event; and the Environmental Nature Center Water Education program.

The following events were sponsored by Metropolitan this month: Municipal Water District of Orange County Water Energy Education Alliance; Chemehuevi Indian Tribe Gathering our Mountains; Western Science Center Science Under the Stars, DIY Girls 2024 STEM Gala; and the Orange County Coastkeepers.

Provided tours for Japan Water Works Association and American Water Works Association at Metropolitan Headquarters and Diemer Treatment Plant. (September 3-4)

Presentation to the Los Alisos HOA Board on the Allen-McColloch urgent relining project. (September 4)

Distributed material to residents regarding the Etiwanda Pipeline shutdown. (September 11)

CAMP4W Public Forum (September 12)

Tour of Diamond Valley Lake with Metropolitan payroll staff (September 16)

Inspection Trip of State Water Project with Directors Erdman and Dick (September 20-21)

Distributed materials to residents in Mission Viejo on the Allen-McColloch relining project.

Singapore Public Utilities Board (PUB) "Water Leaders Program" Delegation – PWSC Discussion at Metropolitan Headquarters. (September 30)

## GM Monthly Report September 2024

### Pure Water Southern California

- Public Outreach and Research Presentation to the West Basin MWD Caucus. (September 4)
- MOU meeting with City of Carson to discuss workforce development opportunities. (September 4)
- Participation in Water Research Foundation Workshop on Community Engagement for Water Reuse Projects. (September 15)
- Pure Water Southern California Tours with: Valley Industry Commerce Association (September 5); Santa Clara Valley Water District (September 18); Public Tour in English and Spanish (September 21); and Los Angeles Sustainability Executive Roundtable (September 26).



*Cal State Long Beach students and professor touring the Pure Water Southern California facility*

### Education

- Interacted with 1,450 teachers, students, and adults through in-person and online meetings and events.
- Participated in meetings with the Water Energy Education Alliance Leadership Roundtable, University of La Verne's Business Council, and WRD's Water Industry Workforce Development.
- In partnership with Pando Populus, met with students at Cal State Dominguez Hills, Cal State Los Angeles, and El Camino Community College on a water focused sustainability competition.
- Displayed student art in the lobbies of Helix Water District and Padre Dam Municipal Water District.



Legislation and Communications Committee

# External Affairs Activities

Item 7a

October 7, 2024

# Report on Activities from External Affairs

## Subject

Report on Activities from External Affairs

## Purpose

To provide management announcements and highlights for External Affairs

## Report on Activities from External Affairs

Fall multi-media, multi-lingual campaign to promote turf replacement program and rebates for residential and commercial properties

- Align with member agencies' fall outreach campaigns
- Take advantage of the fall planting season
- Promote higher CII rebates, including those made possible by state and federal grants



Media buy will total less than half of our typical spend for advertising this time of year



# Report on Activities from External Affairs

