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Communications and Legislation Committee - Final - Revised 1

Meeting with Board of Directors *

June 13, 2022

1:00 p.m.

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Monday, June 13, 2022 Meeting Schedule
09:30 am - F&I
10:30 am - E&O
12:00 pm - Break
12:30 pm - RP&AM
01:00 pm - C&L
02:00 pm - WP&S

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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 Meeting of the Communications and Legislation Committee held May 9, 2022 [21-1220](#)

Attachments: [06132022 CL 2A minutes](#)

3. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS - ACTION

- 7-8 Legislative Placeholder on SB 480 (Stern): Metropolitan Water District of Southern California: rules: inappropriate conduct; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA. [ITEM WITHDRAWN] [21-1198](#)

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

4. OTHER BOARD ITEMS - ACTION

NONE

5. BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS

NONE

6. COMMITTEE ITEMS

- a. Inspection Trip Update [21-1221](#)

Attachments: [06132022 CL 6a Presentation](#)

- b. Report on activities from Washington, D.C. [21-1223](#)

Attachments: [06132022 CL 6b Presentation](#)
[06132022 CL 6b Report.pdf](#)

- c. Report on activities from Sacramento [21-1222](#)

Attachments: [06132022 CL 6c Report.pdf](#)

7. MANAGEMENT REPORTS

- a. External Affairs Management Report [21-1224](#)

Attachments: [06132022 CL 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

COMMUNICATIONS AND LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

May 9, 2022

Vice Chair Kurtz called the teleconference meeting to order at 1:31 p.m.

Members present: Vice Chair Kurtz, Directors Abdo, Ackerman, Erdman, Morris, Peterson, Record, and Smith.

Members absent: Chair Cordero, Directors Kassakhian, Luna, Quinn and Repenning.

Other Board Members present: Chairwoman Gray, Directors Atwater, Blois, De Jesus, Dennstedt, Dick, Faessel, Fellow, Jung, Lefevre, McCoy, Miller, Pressman, Tamaribuchi, and Williams.

Committee staff present: Hagekhalil, Scully, Zinke, Stites, Sims and Novoa.

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 Meeting of the Communications and Legislation Committee held April 11, 2022.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS – ACTION

None

Director Peterson made a motion, seconded by Director Ackerman to approve item 2A

The vote was:

Ayes: Vice Chair Kurtz, Directors Abdo, Ackerman, Erdman, Morris, Peterson, Record, and Smith.

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

Absent: Chair Cordero, Directors Kassakhian, Luna, Quinn and Repenning

The motion passed by a vote of 8 ayes, 0 noes, 0 abstain, and 5 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 and Outreach Campaign

Presented by: Debra Sass Creative Design Team Manager and Teresa Gonzalez Robertson Principal Public Affairs Representative

Ms. Sass and Mrs. Robertson provided a conservation outreach update on Metropolitan’s regional advertising campaign and a second campaign focused on SWP-dependent areas. The campaigns are multilingual and available on several media platforms including digital, local print, outdoor, radio and television.

The following Directors provided a comment or asked a question:

1. Peterson
2. Quinn
3. Fellow

Staff responded to the Directors’ comments or questions.

b. Subject: Report on Activities from Washington, D.C.

Presented by: Abby Schneider, Executive Legislative Representative

Ms. Schneider reported on legislative activities from Washington, D.C. including fiscal year 2023 appropriation bills, Water Resources Development Act and other infrastructure funding, and Equity Action Plans.

The following Director provided a comment or asked a question:

1. Peterson

Staff responded to the Director's comments or questions.

c. Subject: Report on Activities from Sacramento

Presented by: Kathy Viatella, Executive Legislative Representative

Ms. Viatella reported on activities from Sacramento including policy committee deadlines, fiscal bills deadlines, Metropolitan sponsored bills, state budget and legislative initiatives on drought, water quality, conservation, infrastructure investments, climate change and resiliency.

7. MANAGEMENT REPORTS

a. Subject: External Affairs Management Report

Presented by: Sue Sims, External Affairs Group Manager

Ms. Sims provided an update on Solar Cup, water conservation and drought-resiliency messaging, outreach activities, and media coverage.

The following Director provided a comment or asked a question:

1. Quinn

Staff responded to the Directors' comments or questions.

8. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

None

9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

Next meeting will be held on June 13, 2022.

Meeting adjourned at 2:16 p.m.

Cynthia Kurtz
Vice Chair



Communications & Legislation Committee

Inspection Trip Update

Item 6a
June 13, 2022

Inspection Trips
Update

Program Overview



Authorization and Purpose

- Admin Code Sections 2610 - 2615
- Inform and educate on water issues and MWD's operations, programs and objectives
- Visual inspection of District and related facilities

Inspection Trips
Update

Directors' Role



Sponsoring Trips

- Directors select trips, dates, invite guests
 - Elected and appointed officials
 - Business and environmental communities
 - Community leaders and interested citizens
- MWD Inspection Trip staff coordinate with directors, member agency staff
- MWD pays transportation, lodging, meals

In Region (1 day)

- Water Treatment/Lab/LaVerne Shops
- Diamond Valley Lake
- Water Resources / RRWP
- Environmental Stewardship

State Water Project (2 day)

- Lake Oroville
- Delta
- Banks Pumping Plant
- Agriculture in Central Valley (3 days)

Colorado River Aqueduct (2 or 3 days)

- Gene Camp
- Intake Pumping Plant, Copper Basin
- Palo Verde Valley
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Inspection Trips
Update

Trip Options

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Inspection Trips
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Inspection Trips
Update

Gift of Travel

FPPC Reporting

- California Political Reform Act
 - Government Code Sections 81000 – 91014
- Fair Political Practices Commission
 - CA Code of Regulations, Title 2, Division 6
Sections 18110-18997
- Advice from FPPC
- Consult with legal advisors

Travel Expenses Paid by MWD

- Directors
 - Not reportable, not subject to annual gift limit
- Local public officials
 - Reportable (exceptions on a case-by-case basis)
 - Must be considered when determining conflict of interest
 - Not subject to annual gift limits

Travel Expenses Paid by MWD (cont'd)

- Companion of a local official
 - Considered gift to public official
 - Reportable
 - Must be considered when determining conflict of interest
 - Subject to annual gift limits
- 30-day period for paying down value

Inspection Trips
Update

Restarting Program



Health & Safety Considerations

- Masks and social distancing
 - Requested and enforced where required
- Health self assessments required
- Smaller groups
- Follow protocols for places we visit
- Shared rooms at Gene Camp only on request

Inspection Trips
Update

Restarting Program

Budget Considerations

- FY 2022/23: \$700,000
 - Prior years \$1.4 million/year
- Anticipating significant cost increases
- Limits number and type of trips
 - Shared trips strongly encouraged
 - Conservative cost estimates for initial schedule
 - If actual costs lower, may schedule additional trips in spring 2023

Inspection Trips
Update

FY 2022/23 Trips

Type	Est. Cost	Directors	Other	Total Est. Cost	Cost per Person	2019/20 Trips Planned
SWP (2 day)	\$40,000	5	1	\$240,000	\$1,250	13
SWP-Ag (3 day)	\$40,000	2		\$80,000	\$1,250	9
CRA (2 day)	\$10,000	10	3*	\$130,000	\$365	10
CR- Hoover (3 day)	\$26,000	7		\$182,000	\$900	19
Local (1 day)	\$4,000	12	5	\$68,000	\$150	18
Total		36	9	\$700,000		69

* 1 CRA trip reserved for Office of Board Chair

Inspection Trips
Update

Planning and Scheduling



June 13, 2022

Trip Reservations

- Trip planning packets distributed by June 15
 - Meeting with member agency coordinators
 - Submit trip requests by June 30
- Scheduling
 - Trips begin mid-September
 - Shared trips scheduled first
 - Trips assigned by lottery if more requests than available trips; waiting list for future





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Report on Activities from Washington, D.C.

Item 6b
June 13, 2022

Appropriations.



Water Resources Development Act

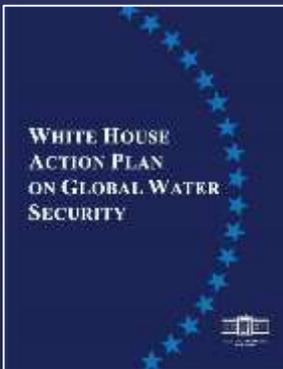


Water and Power Subcommittee Hearing

Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee



Action Plan on Global Water Security



- Universal and equitable access to sustainable, climate-resilient, safe, and effectively managed WASH services without increasing greenhouse gas emissions.
- Sustainable management and protection of water resources and ecosystems to support economic growth, build resilience, mitigate the risk of instability or conflict, and increase cooperation.
- Ensure multilateral action mobilizes cooperation and promotes water security.



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Assistance for Disadvantaged Communities	H.R. 3293 (Rochester, D-DE)	7/2/21: Passed the House as part of H.R. 3684 (DeFazio, D-OR), Invest in America Act.	Low Income Water Customer Assistance Programs Act of 2021 Establishes programs to assist low-income households with their drinking water and wastewater bills.	SUPPORT Based on Board-adopted January 2021 Federal Legislative Priorities	This bill does not directly impact Metropolitan but would help its member agencies. It creates a voluntary EPA grant program to help water systems expand the scope of their existing ratepayer assistance programs or create new ones.
Conservation	H.R. 4647 (Huffman, D-CA) S. 2430 (Feinstein, D-CA)	11/19/21: Passed the House as part of H.R. 5376 (Yarmuth, D-KY), Build Back Better Act. 7/22/21: Referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.	Water Conservation Rebate Tax Parity Act Amends the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand the exclusion for conservation subsidies to include water conservation or efficiency measures and storm water management measures.	SUPPORT Based on Board-adopted January 2021 Federal Legislative Priorities	This bill makes rebates that homeowners receive for water conservation improvements to their home, including smart irrigation systems and turf removal, exempt from federal taxes. If enacted Metropolitan and its member agencies would no longer need to provide tax forms at the end of the year to customers that have received \$600 or more in water conservation rebates.

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Conservation	H.R. 5438 (Cartwright, D-PA)	9/30/21: Referred to the House Committees on Energy and Commerce, Energy and Reform, and Ways and Means.	Water Advanced Technologies for Efficient Resource Use Act of 2021 Addresses federal procurement of WaterSense products, creates a grant program for water conservation incentives, and makes water conservation incentives federally non-taxable.	SUPPORT Based on Board-adopted January 2022 Federal Legislative Priorities	This bill authorizes a new grant program to help water agencies provide financial incentives to consumers for the purchase of WaterSense products. It also includes tax parity for water conservation measures. If enacted there could be some considerable water conservation effects in Metropolitan’s service territory, grants could be used to increase rebate amounts for smart irrigation controllers and customers who receive rebates over \$600 will not be taxed.
Conservation	H.R. 6088 Gallego, D-AZ) S. 3282 (Kelly, R-WV)	11/30/21: Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. 11/30/21: Referred to the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works.	Water Infrastructure Modernization Act of 2021 Authorizes a new grant program to help wastewater and drinking water systems detect leaks and reduce water loss.	SUPPORT Based on Board-adopted January 2022 Federal Legislative Priorities	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. It 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	H.R. 7847 (McNerney, D-CA) S.4279 (Padilla, D-CA)	5/19/22: Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. 5/19/22: Referred to the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee	Water Efficiency, Conservation, and Sustainability Act of 2022 Creates new EPA grant programs for water efficiency and conservation measures,, water loss control programs, and water efficient plumbing code adoption.	SUPPORT Based on Board-adopted January 2022 Federal Legislative Priorities	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 territory.
Endangered Species Act Oversight.	H.R. 866 (Calvert, R-CA)	3/3/21: Referred to the House Natural Resources Subcommittee on Water, Oceans and Wildlife.	Federally Integrated Species Health Act or the “FISH Act” Transfers the authority to oversee ESA-related responsibilities for anadromous fish from the Secretary of Commerce to the Secretary of the Interior.	SUPPORT Based on Board-adopted January 2021 Federal Legislative Priorities	This would simplify ESA consultations by consolidating those functions/authorities to one federal agency (US Fish and Wildlife Service) rather than two under the current law (the second being National Marine Fisheries Service). This would directly benefit Metropolitan's interests in the Delta related to SWP operations and facilities, as well as Delta islands activities.
Financing Tools for Water Infrastructure Projects	H.R. 535 (Garamendi, D-CA) S. 91 (Sinema, D-AZ)	1/28/21: Referred to the House Committees on Oversight Reform and Financial Services. 1/28/21: Referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.	Special Districts Provide Essential Services Act Allows special districts to access future federal funding to help offset costs associated with responding to the COVID-19 pandemic. It also defines special districts in federal statute for the first time.	SUPPORT Based on Board-adopted January 2021 Federal Legislative Priorities	Metropolitan and some of its member agencies would qualify as special districts under the Act. If additional funds are allocated to states to help offset costs associated with the COVID-19 pandemic, special districts would be eligible to receive funding.

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Financing Tools for Water Infrastructure	H.R. 1848 (Pallone, D-NJ)	11/15/21: Funding for PFAS removal and EPA’s State Revolving Funds included in the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, Public Law 117-58.	Leading Infrastructure for Tomorrow’s America Act or the LIFT America Act To rebuild and modernize the Nation's infrastructure, rehabilitate drinking water infrastructure, modernize the electric grid and energy supply infrastructure.	SUPPORT Based on Board-adopted January 2021 Federal Legislative Priorities	This bill would positively impact Metropolitan and its member agencies. It reauthorizes EPA’s drinking water state revolving loan fund and establishes a grant program to provide capital funding for PFAS remediation, and lead service line replacement. It creates DOE programs to provide funding for enhanced physical and cybersecurity, accelerate the use of renewable energy and transition to zero-emission vehicle fleets.
Financing Tools for Water Infrastructure Projects	H.R. 1915 (DeFazio, D-OR)	11/19/21: Clean water SRF funding included in the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, Public Law 117-58. Other provisions included in House passed H.R. 5376 (Yarmuth, D-KY), Build Back Better Act.	Water Quality Protection and Job Creation Act of 2021 Authorizes \$50 billion in investment over 5 years for wastewater and stormwater infrastructure improvements.	SUPPORT Based on Board-adopted January 2021 Federal Legislative Priorities	This bill would benefit Metropolitan and its member agencies by authorizing increased funding for EPA’s clean water state revolving fund and other wastewater and stormwater programs. It also authorizes \$1 billion in grants to implement treatment standards for PFAS and other emerging contaminants.
Financing Tools for Water Infrastructure Projects	H.R. 3282 (McKinley, R-WV)	5/17/21: Referred to the House Committees on Energy and Commerce and Transportation and Infrastructure.	Drinking Water Funding for the Future Act of 2021 To reauthorize funding for EPA drinking water programs under the Safe Drinking Water Act and America's Water Infrastructure Act of 2018.	SUPPORT Based on Board-adopted January 2021 Federal Legislative Priorities	This bill would benefit Metropolitan and its member agencies by reauthorizing numerous EPA water infrastructure programs including the drinking water state revolving fund, WIFIA, the lead testing in school programs, and workforce development program.

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Financing Tools for Water Infrastructure Projects	H.R. 3404 (Huffman, D-CA)	5/21/21: Referred to the House Committees on Energy and Commerce, Judiciary, Natural Resources, Science, Space and Technology, and Transportation and Infrastructure.	Furthering Underutilized Technologies and Unleashing Responsible Expenditures (FUTURE) Western Water Infrastructure and Drought Resiliency Act The bill authorizes funding for water infrastructure projects, including storage, recycling, and desalination projects, in Reclamation states. It also creates a new Reclamation program to help underserved communities have access to drinking water, authorizes investments to improve the use of technology and data in water forecasting, provides tax parity for water conservation and efficiency measures, and authorizes habitat restoration funding.	SUPPORT AND AMEND Based on Board-adopted January 2021 Federal Legislative Priorities	Metropolitan and its member agencies would benefit from numerous provisions in this bill including the additional funding for water recycling projects, tax parity for water conservation and efficiency measures, and new financing mechanism for water projects including habitat restoration and dam safety. Metropolitan is seeking amendments to ensure groundwater and surface storage projects have access to federal funding.
Financing Tools for Water Infrastructure Projects	H.R. 4099 (Napolitano, D-CA) S. 2334 (Cortez Masto, D-NV)	11/15/21: Included in the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, Public Law 117-58. 5/25/22: Hearing held before the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee on Water and Power.	Large Scale Water Recycling Project Investment Act Directs the Secretary of the Interior to establish a competitive grant program for the planning, design, and construction of large-scale water recycling and reclamation projects that provide substantial water supply and other benefits to drought stricken regions within the Reclamation States.	SUPPORT Based on Board-adopted January 2021 Federal Legislative Priorities	This bill would benefit Metropolitan and our member agencies by authorizing a new Reclamation program to provide funding for the Regional Recycled Water Project and other large-scale recycled water projects. This new program would provide more federal financial assistance for recycled water projects than is available through the current Title XVI, water recycling program.

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Financing Tools for Water Infrastructure Projects	H.R. 7776 (DeFazio, D-OR) S. 4136 (Carper, D-DE)	5/18/22: Approved by the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. 5/04/22: Approved by the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee.	Water Resources Development Act of 2022 Authorizes U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) to carry out water resources development projects and studies; and provides policy direction to the Corps for implementation of its civil works mission.	SUPPORT Based on Board-adopted January 2022 Federal Legislative Priorities	While this bill does not impact Metropolitan directly, it authorizes projects and feasibility studies for some of our member agencies.1 Additionally, there are several provisions that could be beneficial to Metropolitan including a study of Corps reservoirs in arid Western states to evaluate opportunities to improve water supply, respond to drought, and prepare for climate change.
Financing Tools for Water Infrastructure Projects	S. 479 (Wicker, R-MS)	2/25/21: Referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.	Lifting Our Communities through Advance Liquidity for Infrastructure Act or the LOCAL Infrastructure Act To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reinstate advance refunding bonds	SUPPORT Based on Board-adopted January 2021 Federal Legislative Priorities	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.
Financing Tools for Water Infrastructure Projects	S.914 (Duckworth, D-IL)	4/29/21: Passed the Senate, 89-2. 11/15/21: Included in the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, Public Law 117-58.	Drinking Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Act of 2021 Authorizes \$35 billion in investment over 5 years for drinking water and wastewater infrastructure improvements.	SUPPORT Based on Board-adopted January 2021 Federal Legislative Priorities	This bill would benefit Metropolitan and its member agencies by authorizing increased funding for numerous EPA programs including the clean water and drinking water state revolving fund program, WIFIA, an infrastructure resiliency and sustainability program, and a grant program to remove lead service lines.

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Financing Tools for Water Infrastructure Projects	S. 2454 (Padilla, D-CA)	7/22/21: Referred to the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works.	Water Reuse and Resiliency Act of 2021 Authorizes \$1 billion over five years for the EPA’s Pilot Program for Alternative Water Source Projects grants program.	SUPPORT Based on Board-adopted January 2021 Federal Legislative Priorities	This bill would benefit Metropolitan and its member agency by authorizing increased funding for an EPA program to provide grants for water recycling and stormwater management projects.
Financing Tools for Water Infrastructure Projects	S. 4231 (Feinstein, D-CA)	5/25/22: Hearing held before the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee on Water and Power.	Support To Rehydrate the Environment, Agriculture, and Municipalities Act” or the “STREAM Act 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 to provide drinking water to disadvantaged communities and creates a new low interest loan program to help finance western water projects.	SUPPORT Based on Board-adopted January 2022 Federal Legislative Priorities	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

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Source Water Protection	H.R. 1881 (Garamendi, D-CA)	3/15/21: Referred to the House Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment	Federal Water Pollution Control Permitting Terms Amends the Federal Water Pollution Control Act with respect to permitting terms.	SUPPORT Based on Board-adopted January 2021 Federal Legislative Priorities	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 changed is designed to better reflect the construction schedules for public agencies.
Source Water Protection	H.R. 2008 (Craig, D-MN) S. 29 (Klobuchar, D-MN)	6/15/21: Passed the House, referred to the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works. 1/22/21: Referred to the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works.	Local Water Protection Act Amends the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (Clean Water Act) to reauthorize through FY25 a grant program to help states manage nonpoint source water pollution or protect groundwater quality. Authorizes \$200 million per year for this program.	SUPPORT Based on Board-adopted January 2021 Federal Legislative Priorities	This bill would benefit Metropolitan and its member agencies by providing funding to help address non-point source pollution. Pollutants commonly associated with non-point sources include nutrients and pesticides. According to EPA, more than 40 percent of all impaired waters were affected solely by nonpoint sources, while less than 10 percent of water quality criteria exceedances were caused by point source discharges alone.

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Source Water Protection	H.R. 2682 (Crow, D-CO) S. 1248 (Bennet, D-CO)	6/15/21: Referred to the House Agriculture Subcommittee on Conservation and Forestry. 4/20/21: Referred to the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry	Outdoor Restoration Partnership Act Establishes a \$60 billion fund at the Treasury Department for use by the Secretary of Agriculture for restoration and resilience projects, wildfire risk reduction projects and habitat restoration projects.	SUPPORT Based on Board-adopted January 2021 Federal Legislative Priorities	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.
Source Water Protection	H.R. 3534 (Panetta, D-CA) S. 2806 Feinstein, D-CA)	7/7/21: Referred to the House Agriculture Subcommittee on Conservation and Forestry. 10/21/21: Hearing held before the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.	Wildfire Emergency Act of 2021 Provides for programs and activities in support of forest restoration, wildfire mitigation, and energy resilience.	SUPPORT Based on Board-adopted January 2022 Federal Legislative Priorities	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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Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation (WIIN) Updates.	H.R. 1015 (Napolitano, D-CA)	11/15/21: \$500 million for water recycling projects included in the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, Public Law 117-58.	Water Recycling Investment and Improvement Act Authorizes an increase in federal funding for the water recycling program created in the WIIN Act from \$50M to \$500M, raises the cap in federal funding from \$20M to \$30M per project, makes the program permanent by removing the 2021 expiration date, and removes the requirement that approved projects to be specifically named in appropriation legislation.	SUPPORT Based on Board-adopted January 2021 Federal Legislative Priorities	A ten-fold increase in federal funding for water recycling projects could have a significant effect on Metropolitan and its member agencies with funding to significantly accelerate the development of recycled water projects that, once completed, would reduce or offset the need for new imported water supplies.
Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation (WIIN) Updates.	H.R. 1563 (Garcia, R-CA)	3/3/21: Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.	To Extend Authorities Under the Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation Act Extends the WIIN Act programs funding storage projects, water recycling projects, and desalination projects for seven years. Authorizes these programs at funding levels consistent with prior years: \$134 million/year for storage, \$20 million/year for recycling, and \$12 million/year for desalination.	SUPPORT Based on Board-adopted January 2021 Federal Legislative Priorities	This bill would benefit Metropolitan and its member agencies by providing funding for a variety of water infrastructure projects. Without an extension these Reclamation programs will expire at the end of the year.

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Water Project Authorizations	<p>H.R. 2552 (Costa, D-CA)</p> <p>S. 1179 (Feinstein, D-CA)</p>	<p>4/15/21: Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.</p> <p>5/25/22: Hearing held before the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee on Water and Power.</p>	<p>Canal Conveyance Capacity Restoration Act</p> <p>This bill authorizes the Bureau of Reclamation to provide financial assistance to mitigate the impacts of subsidence on California’s water delivery system.</p>	<p>SUPPORT</p> <p>Based on Board-adopted January 2021 Federal Legislative Priorities</p>	<p>This legislation would authorize repairs to the Friant-Kern Canal, Delta-Mendota Canal, and California Aqueduct to restore conveyance capacity lost due to subsidence.</p>
Water Science	<p>H.R. 4832 (Lee, D-NV)</p> <p>S. 2568 (Cortez-Mastro, D-NV)</p>	<p>11/5/21: Hearing held before the House Natural Resources Subcommittee on Water, Oceans, and Wildlife.</p> <p>6/7/22: Hearing held before the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee on Public Lands, Forests, and Mining..</p>	<p>Open Access Evapotranspiration Data Act</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 \$14 million per year for five years for this program.</p>	<p>SUPPORT</p> <p>Based on Board-adopted January 2021 Federal Legislative Priorities</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. Metropolitan could use this data to study water use trends, verify partner compliance with the terms of new and existing agricultural conservation programs, and measure the water supply benefits from such programs.</p>

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Metropolitan-sponsored bills	<p style="text-align: center;">SB 230 Portantino (D)</p> <p>Sponsors: Metropolitan and the California Municipal Utilities Association (CMUA)</p>	<p>Amended 6/6/2022</p> <p>Assembly Environmental Safety and Toxic Materials Committee</p> <p>Hearing: June 14, 2022</p>	<p>State Water Resources Control Board: Constituents of Emerging Concern Program</p> <p>Seeks to create a statewide program to identify and evaluate Constituents of Emerging Concern (CECs) in drinking water sources.</p>	<p>CO-SPONSOR</p> <p>Based on October 2019 Board Action</p>	<p>Metropolitan and CMUA are co-sponsoring legislation in response to growing public concern about CECs in drinking water. The bill would establish a five-year CEC Drinking Water Program at the State Water Resources Control Board. The program would set up a consistent and science-based approach for assessing the public health and drinking water consequences of CECs, with the intent to improve knowledge and future regulatory determinations. The bill excludes PFAS from the program of review and requires the State Water Board to present a final report to the Legislature. The recent amendments add two additional experts in public health to the Science Advisory Panel to be appointed by the Senate and the Assembly.</p>
Metropolitan-sponsored bills	<p style="text-align: center;">AB 1845 Calderon (D)</p> <p>Sponsor: Metropolitan</p>	<p>Amended 4/4/2022</p> <p>Senate Governance and Finance Committee</p>	<p>Metropolitan Water District of Southern California: alternative project delivery methods</p> <p>Allows the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California to use alternative project delivery methods for the design and construction of a Regional Recycling Water Program and a limited set of drought-related projects.</p>	<p>SPONSOR</p>	<p>Metropolitan is limited to the traditional Design-Bid-Build method for delivery of public works construction contracts which can be inefficient and inflexible for large, time-sensitive, and complex projects like its Regional Recycled Water Program and emergency drought mitigation projects. The bill would amend the Public Contracting Code to permit Metropolitan to use Design-Build, Progressive Design-Build, and Construction Manager/General</p>

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					Contractor. These methods have the potential to expedite construction of critical new water infrastructure projects and reduce their overall costs.
Delta/State Water Project	<p style="text-align: center;">SB 832 Dodd (D)</p> <p>Sponsor: Author</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Amended 4/6/2022</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Senate Appropriations Committee Suspense File</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Held in Committee</p>	<p>Water rights: measurement of diversion</p> <p>Clarifies existing law that a person diverting 10 acre-feet or more of water per year under a registration is subject to existing water diversion measurement, recording, and reporting requirements. Also, authorize the State Water Board to modify water diversion measurement requirements to allow open satellite data methods to estimate evapotranspiration if the board makes certain findings regarding use of water for irrigation.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">SUPPORT</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Based upon Board-adopted 2022 Legislative Priorities and Principles</p>	Metropolitan supports metering and reporting of diversions to prevent unlawful diversion of State Water Project supplies in the Delta and other locations that may lead to additional regulatory burdens. Metropolitan is installing meters on its Delta Islands to comply with existing statutory requirements. While OpenET would be a useful tool for water management and could be used as an indicator of unlawful diversions in the Delta, it is a new methodology for California. The bill requires the State Water Board to conduct a five-year study to determine the adequacy of evapotranspiration methods as a substitute for conventional metering methods to comply with State Water Board reporting requirements.
Design-Build	<p style="text-align: center;">SB 991 Newman (D)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sponsors:</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Amended 6/6/2022</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Assembly Local Government Committee</p>	<p>Public contracts: progressive design-build: local agencies</p> <p>Authorize local water and wastewater agencies to use the progressive design-build (PDB)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">SUPPORT</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Based on April 2022 Board Action</p>	SB 991 could benefit water agencies, including Metropolitan, by providing the option to use progressive design-build, which allows for greater collaboration between the project owner and the contractor through the design and construction phase thereby reducing

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	Water Collaborative Delivery Association (formerly Design Build Council)	Hearing: June 15, 2022	project delivery method for public works projects in excess of \$5 million.		project costs, risk, and schedules. The June 6 amendments clarify the process for amending a contract between the owner and the design build entity, and specifies that if the design build entity is replaced, the design professionals working for the design build entity have sole responsibility for the any errors and omissions in the design.
Governance	<p style="text-align: center;">AB 2449 B. Rubio (D)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sponsor: Three Valleys Municipal Water District</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Amended 5/23/2022</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Senate Rules</p>	<p>Open meetings: local agencies: teleconferences</p> <p>Amends the Ralph M. Brown Act to allow a local agency to voluntarily use teleconferencing for public meetings during non-emergencies. Requires a quorum of the members meet in person at a noticed location that is open to the public and within the agency’s jurisdiction. The bill prescribes requirements for this exception related to notice, agendas, means and manner of access, and procedures for disruptions. Requires procedures for receiving and swiftly resolving requests for reasonable accommodation for individuals with disabilities, consistent with federal law.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">SUPPORT</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Based on April 2021 Board Action</p>	<p>Metropolitan currently hosts teleconferencing public meetings in accordance with Executive Order, N-29-20. AB 2449 allows the option to hold teleconferenced meetings into the future after the COVID-19 public health emergency is over and the Executive Order is lifted as long as a quorum of the Board’s directors participate in person, give notice and post agendas as prescribed, ensure that directors attending meeting by teleconference participate through both audio and visual technology, and allow the public to address the Board in person or by teleconference. Waives the requirement to post an agenda at each teleconferenced location based on prescribed requirements . If there is a disruption to the call-in or streaming options, then no action can be taken by the board.</p>

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			Requires a quorum of the legislative body present at the location noticed on the agenda, an audio and video live-feed of the remote member of the legislative body during the meeting.		
Regulatory Reform	AB 2313 Bloom (D) Sponsor: Author	Amended 4/27/2022 Senate Judiciary Committee	Water: judges and adjudications Would require the Judicial Council on or before January 1, 2025 to establish a program that provides training and education to judges in specified actions relating to water quality, groundwater, water transfers and water rights. Requires the Judicial Council to identify independent and nonpartisan experts in water issues who will be available to any judge adjudicating a water dispute and authorizes judges to appoint special masters in water cases to investigate technical and legal issues among other duties.	SUPPORT Based upon Board-adopted 2022 Legislative Priorities and Principles	Metropolitan’s interests in enforcement of water quality law and water rights would be better served by judges, court staff, and special masters who have received training in the legal, scientific and technical issues involving water quality, water rights and water transfers.
Regulatory Reform	SB 1065 Eggman (D) Sponsor: Author	Amended 4/28/2022 Assembly Natural Resources Committee	California Abandoned and Derelict Commercial Vessel Program Establishes the California Abandoned and Derelict	SUPPORT	SB 1065 will benefit water quality in the Bay Delta as abandoned and derelict vessels may cause sewage contamination and leakage of fuels and lubricants. Studies have shown that abandoned and derelict vessels are one of the stressors to the Delta and its species.

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		Assembly Judiciary Committee	Commercial Vessel Program within the Natural Resources Agency to bring federal, state, and local agencies together to identify, prioritize, and, upon appropriation fund the removal of abandoned and derelict commercial vessels from waters of the state.		SB 1065 would also provide protection to Metropolitan properties in the Delta in the event any vessel happens to be abandoned in any of the waters surrounding Metropolitan’s Delta Islands.
Water Bond Infrastructure Funding	<p style="text-align: center;">SB 559 Hurtado (D)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sponsors:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Friant Water Authority, San Luis & Delta Mendota Water Authority, and State Water Contractors</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Amended 8/30/2021</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Assembly Inactive</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Two-year bill</p>	<p>Department of Water Resources: water conveyance systems: Canal Conveyance Capacity Restoration Fund</p> <p>Establishes the Canal Conveyance Capacity Restoration Fund that would upon appropriation provide up to \$785 million in funding for the Department of Water Resources (DWR) to help pay for subsidence repairs to the State Water Project and Central Valley Project water conveyance systems and for necessary road and bridge upgrades.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">WATCH</p> <p>Based upon Board adopted 2021 State Legislative Priorities and Principles</p>	<p>Portions of the California Aqueduct, the Friant Kern Canal and the Delta Mendota Canal have lost capacity due to subsidence. The Fund would upon appropriation provide funding to DWR to support a 10-year program to restore the capacity of the canals and ensure a more secure water supply. Funds could be used to cover one-third of the cost to restore the capacity of the canals. A federal companion bill is envisioned that would provide one-third the cost and local partners would contribute the remaining one-third of the cost. The creation of the Fund is contingent upon all the following: an appropriation of funds; an agreement is executed to provide for local cost share; and the provision of adequate cost share as determined by the DWR Director. The August 8 Assembly Amendments are problematic causing the State Water</p>

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					Contractors and Metropolitan to withdraw support for the bill.
Water Conservation	AB 2142 Gabriel (D) Sponsor: Association of California Water Agencies California Water Efficiency Partnership WaterNow Alliance	Amended 4/6/2022 Senate Governance and Finance Committee	Income taxes: exclusion: turf replacement water conservation program. Would provide an exclusion from gross income for any amount received as a rebate, voucher or other financial incentive issued by a local water agency or supplier for participation in a turf replacement water conservation program during the taxable years of January 1, 2022 through January 1, 2027.	SUPPORT Based upon Board adopted 2022 Legislative Priorities and Principles	Metropolitan previously supported the Making Conservation a Way of Life legislation and is working hard to promote indoor and outdoor conservation. Conservation rebates are key to success. California law previously exempted turf rebates from taxable income, but those provisions were allowed to sunset in December 2019. This bill would reinstate an important tax exemption for turf replacement rebates from gross income in California, aligning it with certain other permanently exempt efficiency rebates.
Water Governance and Funding	AB 1195 C. Garcia (D) Sponsor: Author	Gut and Amend 5/18/2022 Senate Rules Committee DROP	Limited Eligibility and Appointment Program: lists. Allows the California Department of Human Resources to provide a Limited Eligibility and Appointment referral list with the names of eligible candidates to an appointing agency without having to combine the list with other existing lists.	OPPOSE UNLESS AMENDED Based upon May 2021 Board Action	The bill as introduced sought to address the needs of public water systems in Southern Los Angeles County struggling to provide safe and affordable retail water. The bill was gut and amended on May 18 and no longer has any effect on Metropolitan.
Water Quality	AB 1817 Ting (D) Sponsors:	Amended 5/9/2022	Product safety: textile articles: perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl (PFAS).	SUPPORT Based upon Board adopted 2022	Metropolitan supports the removal or reduction of PFAS in manufactured products in order to protect source

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	Breast Cancer Prevention Partners, Natural Resources Defense Council, and Clean Water Action	Senate Environmental Quality Committee Hearing: 6/16/2022	Prohibits as of January 1, 2025, any person from manufacturing, distributing, selling, or offering for sale in California any textile articles that contain “regulated PFAS” as defined, and requires the manufacturer to use the least toxic alternative to regulated PFAS.	Legislative Priorities and Principles	water quality. The May 9 amendments excludes from the PFAS prohibition certain textiles, e.g. personal protective equipment, and requires a manufacturer of textiles that contains PFAS to provide a person selling the product a certificate of compliance stating the textile product complies with the PFAS prohibition.
Water Quality	AB 2247 Bloom (D) Sponsors: Environmental Working Group, Clean Water Action, and California Association of Sanitation Agencies	Amended 5/19/2022 Senate Rules	Perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) and PFAS products and product components: publicly accessible reporting platform. Requires the Department of Toxic Substances Control to develop a publicly accessible reporting platform to collect information about PFAS and products containing intentionally added PFAS by January 1, 2025. By July 1, 2025, manufactures will be required to register the PFAS or product containing intentionally added PFAS on the reporting platform.	SUPPORT Based upon Board adopted 2022 Legislative Priorities and Principles	Metropolitan supports the removal or reduction of PFAS in manufactured products to protect source water quality. The May 19 amendments reflect Metropolitan’s efforts to work with the sponsors to change the term “regulated PFAS” to “intentionally added PFAS”.
Water quality	AB 2771 Friedman (D)	Amended 4/18/2022	Cosmetic products: safety	SUPPORT	Metropolitan supports the removal or reduction of PFAS in manufactured

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	Sponsors: Environmental Working Group, Breast Cancer Prevention Partners, The California Public Research Group (CALPIRG)	Senate Rules	Prohibits a person or entity from manufacturing, selling, delivering, holding, or offering for sale in commerce any cosmetic product that contains PFAS.	Based upon Board adopted 2022 Legislative Priorities and Principles	products to protect source water quality.
Water Quality	SB 1124 Archuleta (D) Sponsor: Author	Amended 5/19/2022 Assembly Environmental Safety and Toxic Materials Committee	Public health goal: primary drinking water standard: manganese Requires, on or before July 1, 2023, the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA) to prepare a public health goal for manganese. Requires the state board, after OEHHA publishes a public health goal for manganese, to adopt a primary drinking water standard.	OPPOSE UNLESS AMENDED Based upon Board adopted 2022 Legislative Priorities and Principles	SB 1124, as introduced, sought to ensure safe and reliable water in the Central Basin. The bill was amended in the Senate to require the State Water Board develop a primary drinking water standard for manganese. There is currently a secondary drinking water standard for manganese of 0.05-mg/L to address aesthetics (discoloration) issues, not health concerns. Metropolitan supports efforts to ensure all communities have a safe and reliable water supply by setting drinking water standards through the normal regulatory process. The bill circumvents that process and could compromise a rigorous scientific

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					process backed by data and stakeholder engagement.



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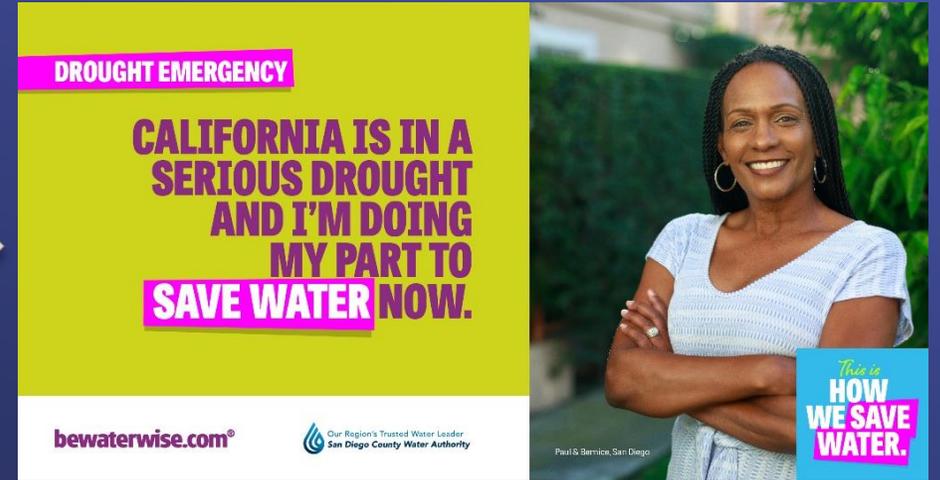
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- Partnering with stakeholders to co-brand school curriculum and materials, to include drought messaging
- Conduct conservation pledge campaigns

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- Scouting badges for water conservation



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