

# 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.

## **C&L Committee**

G. Cordero, Chair  
C. Kurtz, Vice Chair  
J. Abdo  
L. Ackerman  
D. Erdman  
A. Kassakhian  
M. Luna  
J. Morris  
G. Peterson  
T. Quinn  
R. Record  
H. Repenning  
T. Smith

## **Communications and Legislation Committee - Final - Revised 1**

Meeting with Board of Directors \*

**September 12, 2022**

**12:30 p.m.**

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**Monday, September 12, 2022  
Meeting Schedule**

**09:30 a.m. E&O  
12:30 p.m. C&L  
01:00 p.m. IW**

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

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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 August 15, 2022**

**[21-1485](#)**

**Attachments:** [09132022 CL 2A Minutes](#)

## **3. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS - ACTION**

NONE

**\*\* END OF CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS \*\*****4. OTHER BOARD ITEMS - ACTION**

NONE

**5. BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS**

NONE

**6. COMMITTEE ITEMS**

- a. Update on Water Conservation Advertising Campaign [21-1488](#)

**Attachments:** [09122022 CL 6a Presentation](#)

- b. Report on activities from Washington, D.C. [WITHDRAWN] [21-1486](#)

**Attachments:** [09122022 CL 6b Federal Matrix](#)

- c. Report on activities from Sacramento [21-1487](#)

**Attachments:** [09122022 CL 6c State Matrix](#)

[09122022 CL 6c Presentation](#)

**7. MANAGEMENT REPORTS**

- a. External Affairs Management Report [21-1504](#)

**8. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS**

NONE

**9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS****10. ADJOURNMENT**

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# **THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA**

## **MINUTES**

### **ADJOURNED COMMUNICATIONS AND LEGISLATION COMMITTEE**

**August 15, 2022**

Chair Cordero called the teleconference meeting to order at 12:30 p.m.

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

Members absent: Directors Kassakhian, Luna and Repenning.

Other Board Members present: Chairwoman Gray, Directors Atwater, Blois, De Jesus, Dennstedt, Faessel, Fong-Sakai, Goldberg, Jung, Lefevre, McCoy, Miller, Ramos, and Pressman.

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

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

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 July 12, 2022.

#### **3. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS – ACTION**

7-15            Subject:            Express opposition, unless amended, to SB 1020 (Laird, D-Santa Cruz, Caballero, D-Salinas, Durazo, D-Los Angeles, and Atkins, D-San Diego): Clean Energy, Jobs, and Affordability Act of 2022; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA.

Presented by: Kathy Viatella, Executive Legislative Representative

Motion:            Express opposition, unless amended, to SB 1020 (Laird, D-Santa Cruz, Caballero, D-Salinas, Durazo, D-Los Angeles, and Atkins, D-San Diego): Clean Energy, Jobs, and Affordability Act of 2022; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA.

Angeles, and Atkins, D-San Diego): Clean Energy, Jobs, and Affordability Act of 2022.

The following Directors provided comments or asked questions:

1. Morris
2. Cordero
3. Quinn
4. Record

Staff responded to the Directors' comments or questions.

After completion of the presentation, Director Morris made a motion, seconded by Director Peterson to approve items 2A and 7-15:

The vote was:

Ayes: Directors Abdo, Ackerman, Cordero, Erdman, Kurtz, Morris, Peterson, Quinn, Record and Smith  
Noes: None  
Abstentions: None  
Absent: Directors Kassakhian, Luna, and Repenning

The motion passed by a vote of 10 ayes, 0 noes, 0 not voting, 0 abstain, and 3 absent.

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

#### **4. OTHER BOARD ITEMS – ACTION**

None

#### **5. BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS**

None

#### **6. COMMITTEE ITEMS**

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

Presented by: Abby Schneider, Executive Legislative Representative

Ms. Schneider provided a written report on activities from Washington, D.C. with a legislative update including GM Hagekhalil's testimony before the House Natural

Resources Subcommittee, the Senate Energy and Natural Resources hearing and legislation.

- b. Subject: Report on Activities from Sacramento.

Presented by: Kathy Viatella, Executive Legislative Representative

Ms. Viatella provided a written report on activities from Sacramento including an update on the changes to committee leadership positions, legislative calendar, the FY 2022/23 state budget, drought and water resilience funding highlights, and Governor Newsom's proposed funding and new policies for initiatives to ensure California can achieve statewide carbon neutrality as soon as possible.

## **7. MANAGEMENT REPORTS**

- a. Subject: External Affairs Management Report

Presented by: Sue Sims, External Affairs Group Manager

Ms. Viatella provided an update on the suspense file hearing in the appropriations committee and updates on various bills including AB 2142 that would re-establish the tax exemption for turf replacement rebates, and AB 2108 that has come off suspense and is being reviewed. Ms. Sims will provide an update on water conservation and climate-resiliency messaging and outreach activities at the September committee meeting.

## **8. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS**

None

## **9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

None

Next meeting will be held on September 11, 2022.

Meeting adjourned at 1:01 p.m.

Gloria Cordero  
Chair



Communications & Legislation Committee

# Update on Water Conservation Advertising Campaign

Item 6a

September 12, 2022

# Overview and Objectives

**bewaterwise.com<sup>®</sup>**

## Execute media and outreach strategy to:

- Increase public awareness about drought and need for **conservation**
- Show the many ways **Metropolitan** and member agencies can help everyone save
- Provide tips, tools, training & rebate information



Water Conservation Advertising Campaign

# This is How We Save Water Campaign



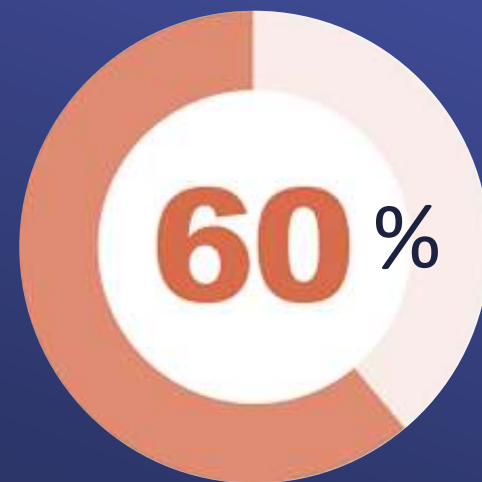
- Ads in seven languages
- Featuring more diversity
- Partnerships with member agencies, Tree People
- On track to reach 218 million impressions



## Fall Media Budget

# Flight I Schedule and Budget July-November 2022

Platform	Projected Spend
Radio	\$638,290
Out of Home	\$802,987
Digital	\$588,593
Print	\$42,288
Influencer	\$54,113
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,126,270</b>



~ 60% of FY 2022/23  
spend is for the  
summer/fall  
campaign to maintain  
strong messaging

Water Conservation Advertising  
Campaign

# Media Coverage of Metropolitan's Conservation Message



380 million  
earned media views  
(July - August 2022)

Estimated value = \$4.3 million





Water Conservation Advertising  
Campaign

# Influencer Campaign

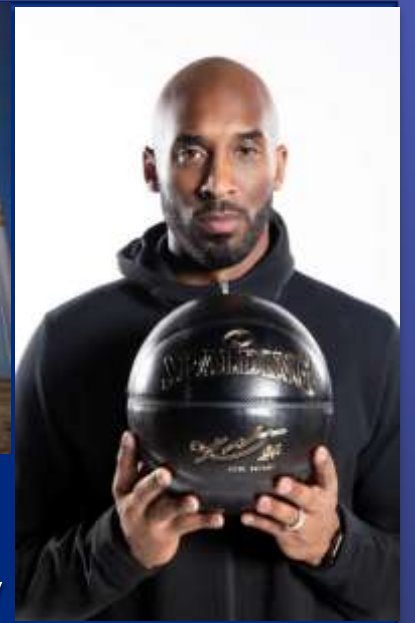


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Campaign

# Influencer Campaign



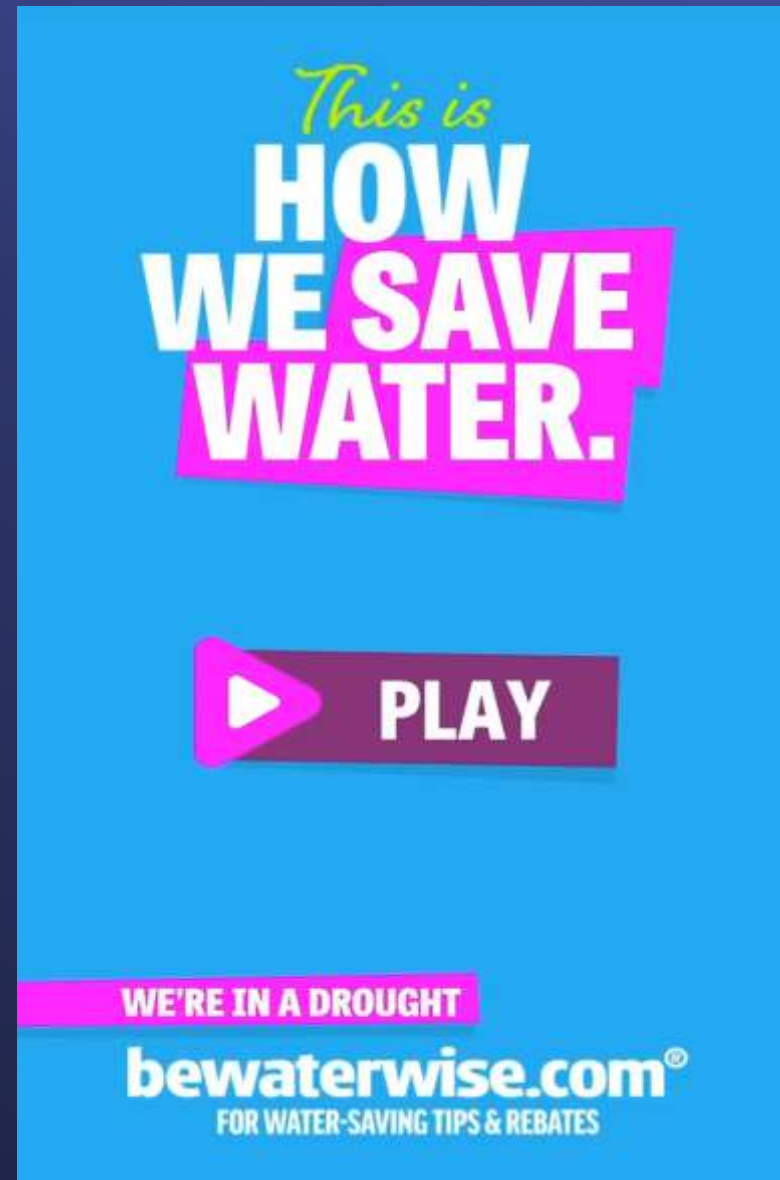
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Water Conservation Advertising  
Campaign

# Mobile Gaming



# Multi-lingual Community Outreach

# EV Charging Stations Monitors





Water Conservation Advertising Campaign

# Outdoor Conservation Tips and Rebates

Partnership with Landscape Industry Monitors

## Turf Replacement Checklist

Get Paid To Replace Your Lawn!

The Turf Replacement Program rewards rebates to residents who convert their thirsty lawns into beautiful California Friendly® landscapes. Money for this program is limited, so reserve your rebate. Refer to this checklist when designing your landscape and applying for your rebate.

- 1 Get Inspired & Create a Plan
- 2 Apply For Your Rebate Reservation
- 3 Complete Your Project



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SMART PLANET

Armstrong Garden Centers

ALTMAN PLANTS

Beautiful & Simple Gardens  
IMAGINE THIS IN YOUR HOME

CALIFORNIA FRIENDLY® GARDEN

Benefits of This Garden

How to Reserve Your Garden



Water Conservation Advertising  
Campaign

# Sports Team Partnership

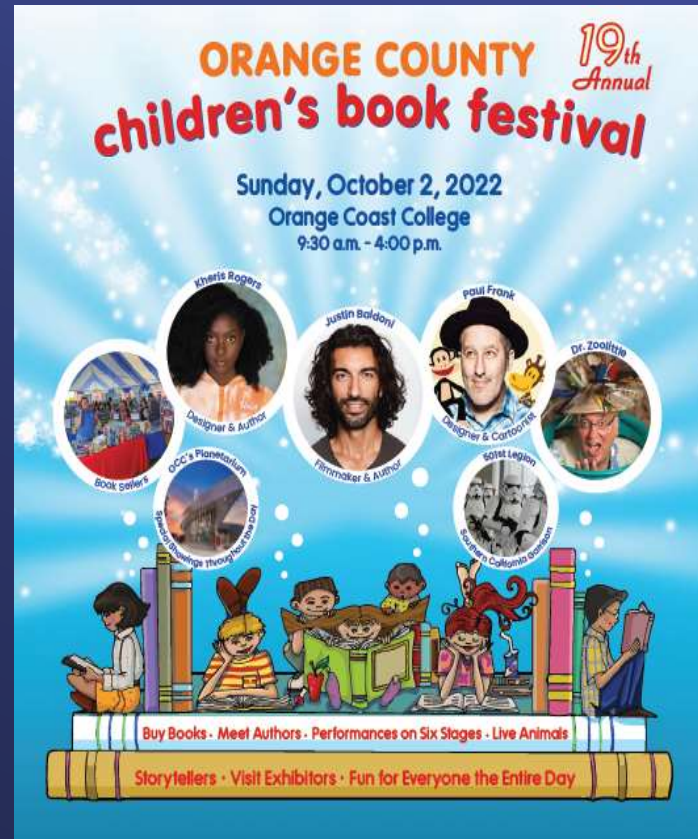


- Advertising, Community Events and Water Conservation Promotions
- Partnership with state's Save Our Water



Water Conservation Advertising  
Campaign

## Education



## Workforce and Career Development Program for Middle and High School

Nation's largest  
children's book fair

S.T.E.A.M. Ahead Stage  
sponsored by Metropolitan



# Lessons Learned

- Changing media landscape demands ever-changing communication style
- Leverage earned media and in-house resources to be cost- effective, adaptable & nimble
- Listen to your audience
- Balance specialized regional & local messages
- Actively seek to reach diverse demographics and underserved audiences





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Topic	Bill / Author	Status	Title – Summary	MWD Position	Effects on MWD
Assistance for Disadvantaged Communities	<b>H.R. 3293</b> <b>(Rochester, D-DE)</b>	7/2/21: Passed the House as part of H.R. 3684 (DeFazio, D-OR), Invest in America Act.	<b>Low Income Water Customer Assistance Programs Act of 2021</b>  Establishes programs to assist low-income households with their drinking water and wastewater bills.	<b>SUPPORT</b>  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	<b>H.R. 4647</b> <b>(Huffman, D-CA)</b>  <b>S. 2430</b> <b>(Feinstein, D-CA)</b>	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.	<b>Water Conservation Rebate Tax Parity Act</b>  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.	<b>SUPPORT</b>  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	<b>H.R. 5438</b> <b>(Cartwright, D-PA)</b>	9/30/21: Referred to the House Committees on Energy and Commerce, Energy and Reform, and Ways and Means.	<b>Water Advanced Technologies for Efficient Resource Use Act of 2021</b>  Addresses federal procurement of WaterSense products, creates a grant program for water conservation incentives, and makes water conservation incentives federally non-taxable.	<b>SUPPORT</b>  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 benefits 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	<b>H.R. 6088</b> <b>Gallego, D-AZ)</b>  <b>S. 3282</b> <b>(Kelly, R-WV)</b>	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.	<b>Water Infrastructure Modernization Act of 2021</b>  Authorizes a new grant program to help wastewater and drinking water systems detect leaks and reduce water loss.	<b>SUPPORT</b>  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	<b>H.R. 7847</b> <b>(McNerney, D-CA)</b>  <b>S.4279</b> <b>(Padilla, D-CA)</b>	7/29/22: Passed the House as part of H.R.5118, the Wildfire Response and Drought Resiliency Act  5/19/22: Referred to the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee	<b>Water Efficiency, Conservation, and Sustainability Act of 2022</b>  Creates new EPA grant programs for water efficiency and conservation measures, water loss control programs, and water efficient plumbing code adoption.	<b>SUPPORT</b>  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.	<b>H.R. 866</b> <b>(Calvert, R-CA)</b>	3/3/21: Referred to the House Natural Resources Subcommittee on Water, Oceans and Wildlife.	<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 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	<b>H.R. 535</b> <b>(Garamendi, D-CA)</b>  <b>S. 91</b> <b>(Sinema, D-AZ)</b>	1/28/21: Referred to the House Committees on Oversight Reform and Financial Services.  1/28/21: Referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.	<b>Special Districts Provide Essential Services Act</b>  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.	<b>SUPPORT</b>  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	<b>H.R. 1848 (Pallone, D-NJ)</b>	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.	<b>Leading Infrastructure for Tomorrow’s America Act or the LIFT America Act</b>  To rebuild and modernize the Nation's infrastructure, rehabilitate drinking water infrastructure, modernize the electric grid and energy supply infrastructure.	<b>SUPPORT</b>  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	<b>H.R. 1915 (DeFazio, D-OR)</b>	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.	<b>Water Quality Protection and Job Creation Act of 2021</b>  Authorizes \$50 billion in investment over 5 years for wastewater and stormwater infrastructure improvements.	<b>SUPPORT</b>  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	<b>H.R. 3282 (McKinley, R-WV)</b>	5/17/21: Referred to the House Committees on Energy and Commerce and Transportation and Infrastructure.	<b>Drinking Water Funding for the Future Act of 2021</b>  To reauthorize funding for EPA drinking water programs under the Safe Drinking Water Act and America's Water Infrastructure Act of 2018.	<b>SUPPORT</b>  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	<b>H.R. 3404</b> <b>(Huffman, D-CA)</b>	5/21/21: Referred to the House Committees on Energy and Commerce, Judiciary, Natural Resources, Science, Space and Technology, and Transportation and Infrastructure.	<b>Furthering Underutilized Technologies and Unleashing Responsible Expenditures (FUTURE) Western Water Infrastructure and Drought Resiliency Act</b>  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.	<b>SUPPORT AND AMEND</b>  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 mechanisms 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	<b>H.R. 4099</b> <b>(Napolitano, D-CA)</b>  <b>S. 2334</b> <b>(Cortez Masto, D-NV)</b>	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.	<b>Large Scale Water Recycling Project Investment Act</b>  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.	<b>SUPPORT</b>  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	<b>H.R. 7776 (DeFazio, D-OR)</b>  <b>S. 4136 (Carper, D-DE)</b>	6/9/22: Passed House 6/08/22, 392-28.  5/04/22: Approved by the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee.	<b>Water Resources Development Act of 2022</b>  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.	<b>SUPPORT</b>  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. 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	<b>S. 479 (Wicker, R-MS)</b>	2/25/21: Referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.	<b>Lifting Our Communities through Advance Liquidity for Infrastructure Act or the LOCAL Infrastructure Act</b>  To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reinstate advance refunding bonds	<b>SUPPORT</b>  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	<b>S.914 (Duckworth, D-IL)</b>	4/29/21: Passed the Senate, 89-2.  11/15/21: Included in the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, Public Law 117-58.	<b>Drinking Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Act of 2021</b>  Authorizes \$35 billion in investment over 5 years for drinking water and wastewater infrastructure improvements.	<b>SUPPORT</b>  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	<b>S. 2454 (Padilla, D-CA)</b>	7/22/21: Referred to the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works.	<b>Water Reuse and Resiliency Act of 2021</b>  Authorizes \$1 billion over five years for the EPA’s Pilot Program for Alternative Water Source Projects grants program.	<b>SUPPORT</b>  Based on Board-adopted January 2021 Federal Legislative Priorities	This bill would benefit Metropolitan and its member agencies by authorizing increased funding for an EPA program to provide grants for water recycling and stormwater management projects.
Financing Tools for Water Infrastructure Projects	<b>S. 4231 (Feinstein, D-CA)</b>	5/25/22: Hearing held before the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee on Water and Power.	<b>Support To Rehydrate the Environment, Agriculture, and Municipalities Act” or the “STREAM Act</b>  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.	<b>SUPPORT</b>  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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Financing Tools for Water Infrastructure Projects	<b>S. 4494</b> <b>(Cortez-Mastro, D-NV)</b>  <b>H.R. 8434</b> <b>(Lee, D-NV)</b>	6/23/22: Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.  7/29/22: Passed the House as part of H.R.5118, the Wildfire Response and Drought Resiliency Act.	<b>Facilitating Large-Scale Water Recycling and Reuse Projects Act</b>  Amends the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act to provide for an additional authorization of appropriations for the large-scale recycled water program and repeal the termination of authority for that program.	<b>SUPPORT</b>  Based on Board-adopted January 2022 Federal Legislative Priorities	This bill permanently establishes Reclamation’s large-scale recycling water program. This change will allow Metropolitan to better utilize the program to help fund the Pure Water Southern California project. The Senate bill authorizes an additional \$500 million for the program, the House bill authorizes an additional \$700 million.
Source Water Protection	<b>H.R. 1881</b> <b>(Garamendi, D-CA)</b>	3/15/21: 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 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 change is designed to better reflect the construction schedules for public agencies.

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Source Water Protection	<b>H.R. 2008</b> <b>(Craig, D-MN)</b>  <b>S. 29</b> <b>(Klobuchar, D-MN)</b>	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.	<b>Local Water Protection Act</b>  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.	<b>SUPPORT</b>  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.
Source Water Protection	<b>H.R. 2682</b> <b>(Crow, D-CO)</b>  <b>S. 1248</b> <b>(Bennet, D-CO)</b>	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	<b>Outdoor Restoration Partnership Act</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 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.

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Source Water Protection	<b>H.R. 3534</b> <b>(Panetta, D-CA)</b>  <b>S. 2806</b> <b>Feinstein, D-CA)</b>	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.	<b>Wildfire Emergency Act of 2021</b>  Provides for programs and activities in support of forest restoration, wildfire mitigation, and energy resilience.	<b>SUPPORT</b>  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.
Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation (WIIN) Updates.	<b>H.R. 1015</b> <b>(Napolitano, D-CA)</b>	11/15/21: \$500 million for water recycling projects included in the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, Public Law 117-58.	<b>Water Recycling Investment and Improvement Act</b>  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.	<b>SUPPORT</b>  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.

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Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation (WIIN) Updates.	<b>H.R. 1563 (Garcia, R-CA)</b>	4/21/21: Referred to the House Natural Resources Subcommittee on Water, Oceans and Wildlife.	<b>To Extend Authorities Under the Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation Act</b>  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.	<b>SUPPORT</b>  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.
Water Project Authorizations	<b>H.R. 2552 (Costa, D-CA)</b>  <b>S. 1179 (Feinstein, D-CA)</b>	6/8/21: Referred to the House Natural Resources Subcommittee on Water, Oceans, and Wildlife.  5/25/22: Hearing held before the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee on Water and Power.	<b>Canal Conveyance Capacity Restoration Act</b>  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 on Board-adopted January 2021 Federal Legislative Priorities	This legislation would authorize repairs to the Friant-Kern Canal, Delta-Mendota Canal, and California Aqueduct to restore conveyance capacity lost due to subsidence.

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Water Science	<b>H.R. 4832</b> <b>(Lee, D-NV)</b>  <b>S. 2568</b> <b>(Cortez-Mastro, D-NV)</b>	11/5/21: Hearing held before the House Natural Resources Subcommittee on Water, Oceans, and Wildlife.  6/7/22: Hearing held before the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee on Public Lands, Forests, and Mining.	<b>Open Access Evapotranspiration Data Act</b>  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.	<b>SUPPORT</b>  Based on Board-adopted January 2021 Federal Legislative Priorities	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.
Water Science	<b>H.R. 1437</b> <b>(Sherrill, D-NJ)</b>  <b>S. 3053</b> <b>(Booker, D-NJ)</b>	5/11/22: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, (333-81).  5/11/22: Reported out favorably from the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.	<b>Providing Research and Estimates of Changes in Precipitation Act or PRECIP Act</b>  Requires the Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to update its precipitation frequency estimates at least every five years and better incorporate climate change into its precipitation modeling.	<b>SUPPORT</b>  Based on Board-adopted January 2022 Federal Legislative Priorities	This bill will benefit Metropolitan and its member agencies by improving storm forecasting. Better storm forecasting helps with supply and demand management.



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Water Science	<b>H.R. 7289</b> <b>(Fletcher, D-TX)</b>  <b>S.4492</b> <b>(Peters, D-MI)</b>	7/27/22: Passed the House, referred to the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works.  6/23/22: Referred to the Senate 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 on Board-adopted January 2022 Federal Legislative Priorities	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.
Water Science	<b>H.R. 7792</b> <b>(Stansbury, D-NM)</b>  <b>S. 4236</b> <b>(Heinrich, D-NM)</b>	7/29/22: Passed the House as part of H.R.5118, the Wildfire Response and Drought Resiliency Act  5/25/22: Hearing held before the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee on Water and Power.	<b>Water Data Act</b>  Creates a national water data council composed of department heads of Federal agencies with water-related activities and directs the council to develop a national water data framework. Authorizes a water data grant program at the Department of Interior.	<b>SUPPORT</b>  Based on Board-adopted January 2022 Federal Legislative Priorities	The Water Data Act is a national version of California's 2016 AB 1755 – Open and Transparent Water Data Act. Metropolitan supported AB 1755 and the development of the California Water Data Consortium.

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Water Science	<b>H.R. 8090</b> <b>(Porter, D-CA)</b>	7/29/22: Passed the House as part of H.R.5118, the Wildfire Response and Drought Resiliency Act.	<b>To reauthorize funding for the Reclamation Climate Change and Water Program</b>  Extends the authorization for Reclamation’s basin studies program for ten years.	<b>SUPPORT</b>  Based on Board-adopted January 2022 Federal Legislative Priorities	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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Metropolitan-sponsored bills	<b>SB 230</b> <b>Portantino (D)</b>  Sponsors:  Metropolitan and the California Municipal Utilities Association (CMUA)	Amended 8/23/2022  Enrolled	<b>State Water Resources Control Board: Constituents of Emerging Concern in Drinking Water Program</b>  Seeks to expand statewide knowledge of Constituents of Emerging Concern (CECs) in waters of the state and drinking water and recommend CECs for further regulatory action.	<b>CO-SPONSOR</b>  Based on October 2019 Board Action	Metropolitan and water agencies will benefit from State Water Board efforts to ensure CECs are addressed in a methodical and science-based manner, which will ultimately better protect public health. The bill would require the State Water Board to build its knowledge of CECs in drinking water and authorizes the Deputy Director to convene a Science Advisory Panel to review and provide information on CECs for further regulatory action.
Metropolitan-sponsored bills	<b>AB 1845</b> <b>Calderon (D)</b>  Sponsor:  Metropolitan	Amended 8/15/2022  Enrolled	<b>Metropolitan Water District of Southern California: alternative project delivery methods</b>  Allows Metropolitan to use alternative project delivery methods for the design and construction of Pure Water Southern California and a limited set of emergency drought mitigation projects.	<b>SPONSOR</b>  Based on October 2021 Board Action	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 Pure Water Southern California and emergency drought mitigation projects. Alternative delivery methods such as Design-Build, Progressive Design-Build, and Construction Manager/General Contractor have the potential to expedite construction of critical new water infrastructure projects and reduce their overall costs.

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Delta/State Water Project	<b>SB 832 Dodd (D)</b>  Sponsor:  Author	Amended 4/6/2022  Senate Appropriations Committee – Suspense File  Held in Committee	<b>Water rights: measurement of diversion</b>  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. Authorizes 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.	<b>SUPPORT</b>  Based upon Board-adopted 2022 Legislative Priorities and Principles	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.
Delta/State Water Project	<b>SB 1020 Laird (D)</b>  Sponsor:  Author	Amended 8/29/2022  Enrolled	<b>Clean Energy, Jobs, and Affordability Act of 2022</b>  Establishes interim targets to the statewide 100 percent clean energy goal. Additionally, requires state agencies including the State Water Project to accelerate their 100 percent clean energy goal to 2035.	<b>WATCH</b>  Based on August 2022 Board Action	The bill as amended on August 29 now requires the Department of Water Resources (DWR) to accelerate the procurement of renewable resources to power the State Water Project with 100 percent clean energy by 2035. DWR estimates the cost to be \$1.2 billion rather than \$3.3 billion when the bill, as introduced, set a target date of 2030. Metropolitan and the State Water Contractors lifted their

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					opposition after our amendments were adopted. The cost to Metropolitan is less but still significant.
Design-Build	<b>SB 991 Newman (D)</b>  Sponsors:  Water Collaborative Delivery Association (formerly Design Build Council)	Amended 8/11/2022   CHAPTERED	<b>Public contracts: progressive design-build: local agencies</b>  Authorize local water and wastewater agencies to each use the progressive design-build (PDB) project delivery method for up to 15 public works projects each in excess of \$5 million.	<b>SUPPORT</b>  Based on April 2022 Board Action	SB 991 will benefit water agencies, including Metropolitan, by providing the option to use the Progressive Design-Build delivery method, which allows for greater collaboration between the project owner and the contractor through the design and construction phase thereby reducing project costs, risk, and schedules.
Governance	<b>AB 2449 B. Rubio (D)</b>  Sponsor:  Three Valleys Municipal Water District	Amended 8/8/2022   Enrolled	<b>Open meetings: local agencies: teleconferences</b>  Amends the Ralph M. Brown Act to allow local agencies until January 1, 2026 to use teleconferencing during non- emergencies without noticing their teleconference locations and making them publicly accessible under certain conditions.	<b>SUPPORT</b>  Based on April 2021 Board Action	AB 2449 would allow Metropolitan to hold teleconferenced meetings after the COVID-19 public health emergency ends and the Executive Order is lifted if a quorum of the Board’s directors participate in person; give notice and post agendas as prescribed; ensure that directors attending meeting participate through both audio and visual technology; and allow the public to address the Board in person or by teleconference. If there

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					is a disruption to the call-in or streaming options, then no action can be taken by the board.
Regulatory Reform	<b>AB 2313 Bloom (D)</b>  Sponsor:  Author	Amended 6/30/2022  Senate Appropriations Committee – Suspense File  Held in Committee	<b>Water: judges and adjudications</b>  Authorizes the Judicial Council of California to establish a program that provides training and education to judges in technical, scientific, legal, management, and infrastructure actions relating to water.	<b>SUPPORT</b>  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	<b>SB 1065 Eggman (D)</b>  Sponsor:  Author	Amended 8/23/2022  Enrolled	<b>California Abandoned and Derelict Commercial Vessel Program</b>  Establishes the California Abandoned and Derelict Commercial Vessel Program within the Natural Resources Agency to bring federal, state, and local agencies together to identify,	<b>SUPPORT</b>  Based upon Board-adopted 2022 Legislative Priorities and Principles	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. SB 1065 would also provide protection to Metropolitan properties in the Delta in the event any vessel

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			prioritize and, upon appropriation, fund the removal of abandoned and derelict commercial vessels from commercially navigable waters.		happens to be abandoned in any of the waters surrounding Metropolitan's Delta Islands.
Water Bond Infrastructure Funding	<b>SB 559 Hurtado (D)</b>  Sponsor:  Author	Amended 8/23/2022  Gut and Amend	<b>Tribal Gaming: compact ratification</b>  Ratifies the tribal gaming compact between State of California and the Santa Rosa Indian Community of the Santa Rosa Rancheria.	<b>DROP</b>	No effect on Metropolitan.
Water Conservation	<b>AB 2142 Gabriel (D)</b>  Sponsors:  Association of California Water Agencies  California Water Efficiency Partnership	Amended 4/6/2022  Enrolled	<b>Income taxes: exclusion: turf replacement water conservation program.</b>  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.	<b>SUPPORT</b>  Based upon Board adopted 2022 Legislative Priorities and Principles	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.

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	WaterNow Alliance				
Water Quality	<b>AB 1817 Ting (D)</b>  Sponsors: Breast Cancer Prevention Partners  Natural Resources Defense Council  Clean Water Action	Amended 8/24/2022  Enrolled	<b>Product safety: textile articles: perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl (PFAS).</b>  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.	<b>SUPPORT</b>  Based upon Board adopted 2022 Legislative Priorities and Principles	Metropolitan supports the removal or reduction of PFAS in manufactured products in order to protect source water quality.
Water Quality	<b>AB 2108 R. Rivas (D)</b>  Sponsor:  California Coastkeeper Alliance	Amended 8/25/2022  Enrolled	<b>Water policy: environmental justice: disadvantaged and tribal communities.</b>  Requires the State Board and each regional board to begin addressing issues of environmental justice and social equity as early as possible in project planning processes and	<b>WATCH</b>  Based on July 2022 Board Action	Some provisions in the bill are ambiguous in ways that could be interpreted to authorize and require the State Board to reallocate water rights, including in the Bay-Delta watershed, to address injustices or inequities, jeopardizing the current and future Bay-Delta Water Quality Control Plan update processes and potentially diminishing State Water Project



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			when issuing waste discharge permits or updating state or regional water quality control plans or policies.		supplies. Author did not accept Metropolitan's requested amendments.
Water Quality	<b>AB 2247 Bloom (D)</b>  Sponsors:  Environmental Working Group  Clean Water Action  California Association of Sanitation Agencies	Amended 8/25/2022  Enrolled	<b>Perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) and PFAS products and product components: publicly accessible reporting platform.</b>  Requires a manufacturer of PFAS or of a product containing intentionally added PFAS to register on or before July 1, 2026 and every year thereafter the PFAS or the product containing PFAS on a publicly accessible data collection website implemented by the Department of Toxic Substances and an existing multi-state chemical data collection entity.	<b>SUPPORT</b>  Based upon Board adopted 2022 Legislative Priorities and Principles	Information about PFAS and products containing PFAS will help inform state and local decision making regarding PFAS management in order to protect source water quality.
Water quality	<b>AB 2771 Friedman (D)</b>  Sponsors:	Amended 6/13/2022  Enrolled	<b>Cosmetic products: safety</b>  Prohibits as of January 1, 2025, any person or entity from manufacturing, selling,	<b>SUPPORT</b>  Based upon Board adopted 2022 Legislative	Metropolitan supports the removal or reduction of PFAS in manufactured products to protect source water quality.

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	Environmental Working Group  Breast Cancer Prevention Partners  The California Public Research Group (CALPIRG)		delivering, holding, or offering for sale in commerce any cosmetic product that contains PFAS.	Priorities and Principles	
Water Quality	<b>SB 1124 Archuleta (D)</b>  Sponsor:  Author	Amended 6/23/2022  Assembly Appropriations Committee – Suspense File  Held in Committee	<b>Public health goal: primary drinking water standard: manganese</b>  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.	<b>OPPOSE UNLESS AMENDED</b>  Based upon Board adopted 2022 Legislative Priorities and Principles	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 process backed by data and stakeholder engagement.



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# Report on Activities from Sacramento

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# Legislative Update: Water & Drought Resilience Funding

- SB 170 (Skinner): The Budget Act of 2021 – \$5.2 billion
- AB 178 (Ting): The Budget Act of 2022 – \$2.7 billion

# Legislative Update State Budget

Drought Resilience	
Department of Water Resources	
Urban Water Drought Relief & Conservation	\$275 M
Turf Replacement	\$75 M
Metropolitan Water District of Southern California Infrastructure Improvements	\$50 M
<b>Total FY 2022-23</b>	<b>\$400 M</b>

# Legislative Update State Budget

<b>Water Recycling</b>	
<b>State Water Resources Control Board</b>	
Recycling Grant Program (2021 & 2022 Budget Acts)	\$275 M*
Potable Reuse Grants FY 2023-24	\$210 M*
Pure Water San Diego (2021 Budget Act)	\$50 M
Pure Water Southern California (2022 Budget Act)	\$80 M
City of Ontario (2022 Budget Act)	\$10 M
<b>Total FY 2021-24</b>	<b>\$625 M</b>

\*Grants capped at \$15 million

## Legislative Update: Sponsored Bills

- AB 1845 (Calderon): MWD: alternative project delivery methods – passed
- SB 230 (Portantino): SWRCB: CECs in Drinking Water Program – passed

## Legislative Update: Key Priority Bills

- SB 991 (Newman): Public contracts: progressive design build: local agencies – **chaptered**
- SB 1020 (Laird): Clean Energy, Jobs and Affordability Act of 2022 – **passed**
- AB 2142 (Gabriel): Income taxes: exclusion: turf replacement water conservation program – **passed**



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- AB 2449 (Rubio): Open meetings: local agencies: teleconferences – passed

