



June 24, 2026

Attention: Imported Water Committee

Metropolitan Water District Delegates' Report. (Information)¹

Purpose

This report summarizes key activities at the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (Metropolitan) committee and board meetings on June 8 and 9, 2026. Metropolitan also met on June 23 and will meet next on July 13 and 14.

Discussion

Metropolitan key issues of interest to the Water Authority include:²

- Authorized an increase of \$1.5 million for a total of \$2.25 million for two contracts to provide legal advice on Colorado River matters.
- Received a presentation on a study of water services affordability within Metropolitan's service area.
- Received an update on Metropolitan's Prestressed Concrete Cylinder Pipe (PCCP) rehabilitation program.
- Received an overview of Enterprise Risk Management (ERM) and the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission's (COSO) ERM Framework.

Study on Affordability of Water Services in Metropolitan's Service Area

During the Finance, Affordability, Asset Management, and Efficiency (FAAME) Committee meeting, Dr. Schwabe, a University of California Riverside professor of environmental economics and policy, presented findings from a study of how water affordability measures for residential customers changed between 2013 to 2024 across agencies within Metropolitan's service area. The study considered low-income households (20th percentile income), the effect of rate structures on water use, and how costs for water compared to other essential services. Affordability was measured as monthly expenditure for six hundred cubic feet of water divided by monthly income. Using the State Water Resources Control Board's indicator, water expenditures at or above 1.5% of median household income signaled affordability risk. The study included 125 of the roughly 221 retail agencies that Metropolitan serves.

Overall, the study found that inflation outpaced water expenditures. When considering all households, fewer than 4% of agencies included in the study had households experiencing affordability risks. However, when looking at only the lower-income households, 60% of agencies exceeded the 1.5% affordability risk threshold. This is driven by both higher water costs

¹ This document provides a summary of certain discussions as summarized and understood by the Water Authority and is not intended to be any form of official transcript.

² The Water Authority's Metropolitan Delegates (Delegates) supported all 15 action items the Metropolitan board took at its June 9, 2026, meeting. Director Katz was absent from all meetings this month, and Delegate Denham was absent from the June 9 board meeting.

and significantly lower income. Comparing water expenditures to other essential services, the study found that households spent more than 66% of their money on housing (the largest component), food, and transportation, and only 0.65% on water.

Several factors were associated with lower expenditure ratios. The study found that coupled systems providing both water and wastewater services have lower expenditure ratios. Budget-based rates with multiple tiers that incorporate the number of household members are also associated with lower expenditure ratios. More populated districts generally have lower ratios. Finally, based on a limited sample of agencies that used Advanced Metering Infrastructure and actively engaged customers about potential leaks and water use, customers reduced water use more significantly and had lower water bills.

Dr. Schwabe responded to several board members' questions and comments. The board chair expressed concern that the study implied tap water is of low value to customers. Dr. Schwabe acknowledged the study did not assess the value of water and noted the existence of an economic paradox where customers' willingness to pay decreases as an item's quantity increases. One board member expressed concern that focusing on affordability would hinder Metropolitan's ability to invest in needed infrastructure and questioned Metropolitan's high fixed costs and low fixed revenues as a business model. Dr. Schwabe said agencies need to make efficient investments over the long term to keep average costs lower. He stressed the importance of understanding the value of waiting for more information to make a better investment decision on large infrastructure projects. Regarding fixed costs and revenue, he noted that higher fixed costs would affect affordability, adding that state policy and programs should manage affordability, while agencies should use their pricing structure to focus on conservation. He observed that pricing structures that attempt to achieve both equity and efficiency are ineffective.

Prestressed Concrete Cylinder Pipe Rehabilitation Program Update

The Engineering, Operations, and Technology Committee received a presentation on Metropolitan's PCCP rehabilitation program. Of Metropolitan's 830-mile distribution system, 163 miles are PCCP. PCCP lines have an elevated risk of failure compared to other types of pipe due to the potential for their prestressing wires to corrode and eventually break. PCCP failures can be catastrophic and occur without warning.

In 2011, Metropolitan initiated its PCCP Rehabilitation Program to develop and implement a comprehensive, long-term plan for the replacement or relining of its at-risk PCCP lines. Assessments of Metropolitan's 27 PCCP pipelines led to five being identified as priority lines to be addressed under the PCCP Rehabilitation Program, accounting for 100 of the 163 miles of system PCCP. A proactive, long-term program to rehabilitate these five lines and monitor and assess the remaining 22 PCCP pipelines has been incorporated into Metropolitan's Capital Investment Plan (CIP). In all, 26.7 miles of the 100 miles of at-risk PCCP have been relined or are currently under construction. The program was originally planned to be completed over 20 years for about \$2 billion. Staff is planning one major PCCP relining project per year going forward to moderate the need for large increases in the overall CIP budget. This revised approach will push the overall completion to 2050 and the overall cost to about \$3.5 billion.

Staff performs electromagnetic inspections of all PCCP lines in the system, with a complete inspection cycle taking about five years. Electromagnetic inspections typically require the pipeline to be dewatered and inspectors to enter the pipeline and travel its length with an electromagnetic wire break detection instrument. Unlike the Water Authority, Metropolitan does not use acoustic fiber optic (AFO) monitoring, a technology that continuously monitors pipelines and does not require dewatering. This month, staff reported that next month it would seek authorization to procure pipeline risk curves to help measure the criticality of the PCCP in service (the Water Authority also uses risk curves).

Director Fong-Sakai noted that the Water Authority has used AFO monitoring for 20 years with great success. She said the Water Authority has had to complete emergency repairs on Pipeline 4, which Metropolitan maintains north of San Diego County, but it was not listed as one of Metropolitan's five critical PCCP projects. She requested Metropolitan assess Pipeline 4 and report back with recommendations for how Metropolitan could work with the Water Authority on a more lasting repair. Director Miller attested to the speed at which PCCP can fail and urged Metropolitan to prioritize PCCP repairs and monitoring to avoid expensive catastrophes. Two other board members also acknowledged the size, importance, and cost of the issue.

Enterprise Risk Management Overview

During its meeting, the Audit Committee received a presentation on a potential Enterprise Risk Management (ERM) framework. In contrast to traditional risk management, ERM assesses risk across an entire organization to identify, understand, manage, mitigate, and monitor risks that could affect its goals. It aims to help identify new opportunities and allow management to anticipate change and respond proactively rather than reactively, building resilience and better performance. ERM requires the board to define risk appetite.

Several board members questioned how ERM would work at Metropolitan. Staff said it would make risk management more cohesive and could incorporate compliance frameworks. One board member expressed optimism about using ERM. The board chair suggested waiting for the Climate Adaptation Master Plan for Water (CAMP4W) decision-making framework to mature before considering ERM. Another board member suggested the board direct reports develop recommendations for the board. Ultimately, the committee directed the general auditor to work with the other direct reports and return with recommendations on how ERM could work, either within CAMP4W or outside of it.

Other Items of Interest

- Discussed proposed updates to the criteria, policies, and procedures for the naming of Metropolitan facilities.
- Approved a 3.4% cost of wage increase for the four board direct reports contingent on them receiving a performance evaluation of competent or better.
- Received an update on water supply that Metropolitan has a surplus with a State Water Project Table A allocation of 45% and is planning to sell water or store it in Lake Mead.
- Went into closed session on performance and goal setting for the four board direct reports (general manager, general counsel, general auditor, and ethics officer).
- Went into closed session on labor negotiations with four bargaining units.

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Attachments 1 includes a copy of the June 2026 committee and board meetings' agendas and board summary.

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Legislation and Communications Committee by the Delegates

One Water and Adaptation Committee by Dan Denham and Marty Miller

Organization, Personnel, and Effectiveness Committee by the Delegates

Audit Committee by Lois Fong-Sakai

Finance, Affordability, Asset Management, and Efficiency Committee by Lois Fong-Sakai and Marty Miller

Legal and Claims Committee by Marty Miller

Ethics Committee by the Delegates

Attachments:

Attachment 1 – Metropolitan's committee and board meetings agendas and summary dated June 8 and 9, 2026

The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California

Agenda

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EOT Committee

D. Erdman, Chair
S. Faessel, Vice Chair
D. Alvarez
G. Bryant
J. Crawford
B. Dennstedt
L. Fong-Sakai
R. Jay
J. Lewitt
J. McMillan
C. Miller
M. Petersen
K. Seckel

Engineering, Operations, and Technology Committee - Final - Revised

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Meeting with Board of Directors *

June 8, 2026

9:00 a.m.

**Monday, June 8, 2026
Meeting Schedule**

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* Translated Agendas

[21-5953](#)

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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 ****

2. COMMITTEE ACTION (ONLY)

A. Approve the Minutes of the Engineering, Operations, and Technology Committee of May 11, 2026

[21-5607](#)

Attachments: [06082026 EOT 2A \(05112026\) Minutes](#)

3. COMMITTEE ITEMS (FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION)

7-1 Award a \$698,352.64 contract to Tintometer Inc. to furnish 128 turbidity meters for the Robert A. Skinner and Robert B. Diemer Water Treatment Plants; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA

[21-5883](#)

Attachments: [06092026 EOT 7-1 B-L](#)
[06082026 EOT 7-1 Presentation](#)

- 7-2** Award a \$4,542,000 construction contract to J.F. Shea Construction Inc. for upgrades to the Hollywood Tunnel North Portal Pressure Control Structure; amend Metropolitan's Project Labor Agreement to include the subject project; and authorize the General Manager to acquire a temporary construction easement for an amount not to exceed \$60,000; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA [21-5884](#)

Attachments: [06092026 EOT 7-2 B-L](#)
[06082026 EOT 7-2 Presentation](#)

- 7-3** Authorize a five-year agreement with ZGlobal Inc., for a not-to-exceed amount of \$609,000 for power scheduling services associated with the output from up to fourteen of Metropolitan's hydroelectric plants; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA. [DEFERRED on 6/1/2026] [21-5885](#)

- 7-4** Approve the resolution adopting the Hazard Mitigation Plan; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA [21-5886](#)

Attachments: [06092026 EOT 7-4 B-L](#)
[06082026 EOT 7-4 Presentation](#)

- 7-9** Award a \$789,356 contract to Ortiz & Son Inc. to rehabilitate the toe of the slope supporting Basin No. 8 at the Robert B. Diemer Water Treatment Plant; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA [21-5916](#)

Attachments: [06092026 EOT 7-9 B-L](#)
[06082026 EOT 7-9 Presentation](#)

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

4. COMMITTEE ITEMS (ACTION FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION)

NONE

5. COMMITTEE ITEMS (INFORMATIONAL FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION)

- 9-1 Capital Investment Plan Quarterly Report for period ending March 2026 [21-5887](#)

Attachments: [06092026 EOT 9-1 B-L](#)
[06082026 EOT 9-1 Presentation](#)

6. COMMITTEE ITEMS (INFORMATIONAL)

- a. Update on Metropolitan's Prestressed Concrete Cylinder Pipe Rehabilitation Program [21-5917](#)

Attachments: [06082026 EOT 6a C-L](#)
[06082026 EOT 6a Presentation](#)

7. MANAGEMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HIGHLIGHTS

- a. Engineering Services activities [21-5608](#)
Information Technology activities
Water System Operations activities

Attachments: [06082026 EOT 7a Engineering Services activities](#)
[06082026 EOT 7a Information Technology activities](#)
[06082026 EOT 7a Presentation \(Revised\)](#)

8. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

NONE

9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

10. ADJOURNMENT

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LEG Committee

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A. Fellow, VC
Communication
G. Shepherd Romey, VC
Legislation
L. Ackerman
M. Camacho
R. Crane
B. Dennstedt
G. Gray, Emeritus
R. Jay
F. Jung
A. Kassakhian
M. Katz
P. Paule
M. Ramos
N. Sutley

Legislation and Communications Committee - Final - Revised 1

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2. **COMMITTEE ACTION (ONLY)**

- A. Approve the Minutes of the Legislation and Communications Committee of May 11, 2026

[21-5611](#)

Attachments: [06082026 LEG 2A \(05112026\) Minutes](#)

3. **COMMITTEE ITEMS (FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION)**

NONE

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

4. **COMMITTEE ITEMS (ACTION FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION)**

NONE

5. **COMMITTEE ITEMS (INFORMATIONAL FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION)**

- 9-2 SB 707 Implementation: Public Outreach Efforts

[21-5897](#)

Attachments: [06092026 LEG 9-2 B-L](#)
[06082026 LEG 9-2 Presentation](#)

- 9-5** Provide for review of proposed updates to the criteria, policies, and procedures for the naming of District facilities [21-5951](#)

Attachments: [06092026 LEG 9-5 B-L](#)
[06082026 LEG 9-5 Presentation](#)

6. COMMITTEE ITEMS (INFORMATIONAL)

- a.** Highlights of the Community Partnering Program [21-5895](#)

Attachments: [06082026 LEG 6a C-L](#)
[06082026 LEG 6a Presentation](#)

- b.** Proposed CAMP4W Community Engagement Standards [21-5896](#)

Attachments: [06082026 LEG 6b C-L](#)
[06082026 LEG 6b Presentation](#)

ITEM 6c MOVED TO ITEM 9-5

- d.** Report on Activities from Washington, D.C. [21-5898](#)

Attachments: [06082026 LEG 6d Federal Legislative Matrix](#)
[06082026 LEG 6d Presentation](#)

- e.** Report on Activities from Sacramento [21-5899](#)

Attachments: [06082026 LEG 6e State Legislative Matrix](#)
[06082026 LEG 6e Presentation](#)

7. MANAGEMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HIGHLIGHTS

- a.** External Affairs activities [21-5612](#)

Attachments: [06082026 LEG 7a External Affairs activities](#)
[06082026 LEG 7a Presentation](#)

8. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

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OWA Committee

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K. Seckel, Vice Chair
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G. Cordero
R. Crane
D. Denham
D. Erdman
M. Gold
M. Katz
C. Kurtz
J. Lewitt
J. McMillan
C. Miller
B. Pressman
G. Shepherd Romey

One Water and Adaptation Committee - Final - Revised 2

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[21-5616](#)

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3. COMMITTEE ITEMS (FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION)

NONE

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4. COMMITTEE ITEMS (ACTION FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION)

8-1 Amend the Administrative Code to incorporate board policy on climate action and adaptation; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA. [WITHDRAWN on 6/1/2026]

[21-5930](#)

5. COMMITTEE ITEMS (INFORMATIONAL FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION)

NONE

6. COMMITTEE ITEMS (INFORMATIONAL)

- a. Guest Speaker: Imperial Irrigation District. [WITHDRAWN on 6/3/2026] [21-5902](#)
- b. Update on Conservation Program [21-5903](#)
Attachments: [06082026 OWA 6b C-L](#)
- c. Report on Inflation Reduction Act Conservation Funding. [SUBJECT ADDED on 6/3/2026] [21-5984](#)
Attachments: [06082026 OWA 6c C-L](#)
[06082026 OWA 6c Presentation](#)
- d. Update on Colorado River negotiations and protection of Metropolitan's Colorado River water rights [Conference with legal counsel—anticipated litigation—deciding whether to initiate litigation; unknown number of potential cases; to be heard in closed session pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d) (4)]. [SUBJECT ADDED on 6/3/2026] [21-5983](#)

7. MANAGEMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HIGHLIGHTS

- a. Bay-Delta Resources activities [21-5617](#)
Colorado River Resources activities
Sustainability, Resilience, and Innovation activities
Water Resources Management activities
Attachments: [06082026 OWA 7a Bay-Delta Resources activities](#)
[06082026 OWA 7a Colorado River Resources activities](#)
[06082026 OWA 7a Sustainability, Resilience, and Innovation activities](#)
[06082026 OWA 7a Water Resources Management activities](#)

8. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS AND DISCUSSION

- a. Report from Subcommittee on Imported Water [21-5618](#)
- b. Discuss and provide direction on Subcommittee on Imported Water [21-5619](#)

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**** CONSENT CALENDAR ****

2. COMMITTEE ACTION (ONLY)

A. Approve the Minutes of the Organization, Personnel, and Effectiveness Committee of May 12, 2026 [21-5613](#)

Attachments: [06082026 OPE 2A \(05122026\) Minutes](#)

3. COMMITTEE ITEMS (FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION)

7-10 Approve the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California's salary schedules pursuant to CalPERS regulations; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA [21-5943](#)

Attachments: [06092026 OPE 7-10 B-L](#)
[06092026 OPE 7-10 Presentation](#)

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

4. COMMITTEE ITEMS (ACTION FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION)

NONE

5. COMMITTEE ITEMS (INFORMATIONAL FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION)

NONE

6. COMMITTEE ITEMS (INFORMATIONAL)

- a. Update on Labor Negotiations: [Conference with Labor Negotiators; to be heard in closed session pursuant to Gov. Code 54957.6 Metropolitan representatives: Katano Kasaine, Assistant General Manager, Chief Financial Officer, Adam Benson, Finance Group Manager, Gifty J. Beets, Human Resources Section Manager and Mark Brower, Human Resources Group manager. Employee Organization(s): The Employees Association of The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California/AFSCME Local 1902; the Management and Professional Employees Associations MAPA/AFSCME Chapter 1001; the Supervisors Association; and the Association of Confidential Employees] [21-5939](#)
- Attachments:** [06082026 OPE 6a Non-Disclosure Notice](#)
- b. Discuss department head performance and goal setting [Public employee performance evaluation—General Manager; to be heard in closed session pursuant to Gov. Code Section 54957] [21-5904](#)
- c. Conference with Labor Negotiator; agency designated representative: Vice Chair of Organization, Personnel, and Effectiveness Committee Bryant; Unrepresented employee: General Manager; to be heard in closed session pursuant to Gov. Code Section 54957.6 [21-5950](#)

7. MANAGEMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HIGHLIGHTS

- a. Human Resources activities [21-5614](#)
Safety, Security, and Protection activities

Attachments: [06082026 OPE 7a Human Resources activities](#)
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8. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

NONE

9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

10. ADJOURNMENT

Organization, Personnel, and Effectiveness Committee

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The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California

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Audit Committee

M. Ramos, Chair
R. Crane, Vice Chair
D. De Jesus
L. Fong-Sakai
G. Gray, Emeritus
C. Kurtz

Audit Committee - Final

Meeting with Board of Directors *

June 8, 2026

3:30 p.m.

**Monday, June 8, 2026
Meeting Schedule**

**09:00 a.m. EOT
10:00 a.m. LEG
12:00 p.m. OWA
01:00 p.m. BREAK
01:30 p.m. OPE
03:30 p.m. AUDIT**

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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))

2. MANAGEMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HIGHLIGHTS

A. General Auditor's Quarterly Report [21-5918](#)

Attachments: [06082026 AUDIT 2A General Auditor's Quarterly Report](#)
[06082026 AUDIT 2A Presentation](#)

**** CONSENT CALENDAR ****

3. COMMITTEE ACTION (ONLY)

A. Approve the Minutes of the Special Audit Committee of May 11, 2026 [21-5615](#)

Attachments: [06082026 AUDIT 3A \(SP AUDIT 05112026\) Minutes](#)

4. COMMITTEE ITEMS (FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION)

7-7 Approve amendments to the Metropolitan Water District Administrative Code Section 6451 regarding the Audit Department Charter; the General Manager has determined that the proposed actions are exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA [21-5914](#)

Attachments: [06092026 AUDIT 7-7 B-L](#)
[06082026 AUDIT 7-7 Presentation](#)

- 7-8 Approve the General Auditor's Internal Audit Plan for Fiscal Year 2026/27; the General Manager has determined the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA [21-5915](#)

Attachments: [06092026 AUDIT 7-8 B-L](#)
[06082026 AUDIT 7-8 Presentation](#)

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

5. COMMITTEE ITEMS (ACTION FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION)

NONE

6. COMMITTEE ITEMS (INFORMATIONAL FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION)

NONE

7. COMMITTEE ITEMS (INFORMATIONAL)

- a. Discussion on Independent Auditor Macias Gini & O'Connell, LLP's Fiscal Year 2025/26 Audit Plan [21-5877](#)

Attachments: [06082026 AUDIT 7a C-L](#)
[06082026 AUDIT 7a Presentation](#)

- b. Overview of Enterprise Risk Management [21-5880](#)

Attachments: [06082026 AUDIT 7b C-L](#)
[06082026 AUDIT 7b Presentation](#)

- c. Discussion on Advisory Brief - Rapid Review: Deepfakes [Any discussion of threats to public services or facilities to be heard in closed session; conference with Charles Eckstrom, Group Manager of Information Technology, Jacob Margolis, Director of Information Technology Services, and Scott Suzuki, General Auditor - may be heard in closed session pursuant to Gov. Code Section 54957(a)] [21-5944](#)

Attachments: [06082026 AUDIT 7c C-L](#)

- d. Discuss department head performance and goal setting [Public employee performance evaluation—General Auditor; to be heard in closed session pursuant to Gov. Code Section 54957] [21-5881](#)

- e. Conference with Labor Negotiator; agency designated representative: Chair of Audit Committee Ramos; Unrepresented employee: General Auditor; to be heard in closed session pursuant to Gov. Code Section 54957.6 [21-5948](#)

8. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

NONE

9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

10. ADJOURNMENT

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FAAME Committee

C. Miller, Chair
D. Alvarez, VC Budget
G. Bryant
R. Crane
P. Daniels
B. Dennstedt
L. Fong-Sakai
J. McMillan
P. Paule
M. Petersen
B. Pressman
T. Quinn
K. Seckel

Finance, Affordability, Asset Management, and Efficiency Committee - Final

Meeting with Board of Directors *

June 9, 2026

8:30 a.m.

**Tuesday, June 9, 2026
Meeting Schedule**

**08:30 a.m. FAAME
09:30 a.m. LEGAL
11:30 a.m. ETHICS
01:30 p.m. BREAK
02:00 p.m. BOD**

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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 ****

2. COMMITTEE ACTION (ONLY)

A. Approve the Minutes of the Finance, Affordability, Asset Management, and Efficiency Committee of May 12, 2026 [21-5620](#)

Attachments: [06092026 FAAME 2A \(05122026\) Minutes](#)

3. COMMITTEE ITEMS (FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION)

7-5 Approve up to \$2.65 million to purchase insurance coverage for Metropolitan's Property and Casualty Insurance Program for fiscal year 2026/27; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA [21-5890](#)

Attachments: [06092026 FAAME 7-5 B-L](#)
[06092026 FAAME 7-5 Presentation](#)

- 7-6** Approve Metropolitan's Statement of Investment Policy for fiscal year 2026/27, delegate authority to the Treasurer to invest Metropolitan's funds for fiscal year 2026/27; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA [21-5891](#)

Attachments: [06092026 FAAME 7-6 B-L](#)
[06092026 FAAME 7-6 Presentation](#)

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

4. COMMITTEE ITEMS (ACTION FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION)

NONE

5. COMMITTEE ITEMS (INFORMATIONAL FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION)

NONE

6. COMMITTEE ITEMS (INFORMATIONAL)

- a. Affordability of water services study in Metropolitan's service area presented by Dr. Kurt Schwabe from the University of Riverside [21-5892](#)

Attachments: [06092026 FAAME 6a C-L](#)
[06092026 FAAME 6a Presentation](#)

7. MANAGEMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HIGHLIGHTS

- a. Finance, Affordability, Asset Management, and Efficiency activities [21-5621](#)

Attachments: [06092026 FAAME 7a Finance, Affordability, Asset Management, and Efficiency activities](#)

8. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS AND DISCUSSION

- a. Report from Subcommittee on CAMP4W [21-5940](#)
- b. Discuss and provide direction to Subcommittee on CAMP4W [21-5941](#)

9. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

NONE

10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

11. ADJOURNMENT

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L&C Committee

A. Kassakhian, Chair
J. McMillan, Vice Chair
M. Camacho
J. Crawford
D. De Jesus
C. Douglas
M. Katz
C. Kurtz
C. Miller
M. Ramos
G. Shepherd Romey

Legal and Claims Committee - Final

Meeting with Board of Directors *

June 9, 2026

9:30 a.m.

**Tuesday, June 9, 2026
Meeting Schedule**

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2. **MANAGEMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HIGHLIGHTS**

- a. General Counsel's report of monthly activities [21-5623](#)

Attachments: [06092026 LC 2a General Counsel's report of monthly activities](#)

**** CONSENT CALENDAR ****

3. **COMMITTEE ACTION (ONLY)**

- A. Approve the Minutes of the Legal and Claims Committee of May 12, 2026 [21-5624](#)

Attachments: [06092026 LC 3A \(05122026\) Minutes](#)

4. **COMMITTEE ITEMS (FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION)**

NONE

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

5. **COMMITTEE ITEMS (ACTION FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION)**

- 8-2** Authorize an increase under contract with Van Ness Feldman, LLP in the amount of \$500,000 for a total amount not to exceed \$1,000,000 and with Milbank, LLP in the amount of \$1,000,000 for a total amount not to exceed \$1,250,000 for legal advice on Colorado River matters; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA [Conference with legal counsel - anticipated litigation; unknown number of potential cases; to be heard in closed session pursuant to Gov. Code Section 54956.9(d)(4)] [21-5931](#)

6. COMMITTEE ITEMS (INFORMATIONAL FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION)

NONE

7. COMMITTEE ITEMS (INFORMATIONAL)

- a.** Discuss department head performance and goal setting [Public employee performance evaluation—General Counsel; to be heard in closed session pursuant to Gov. Code Section 54957] [21-5893](#)
- b.** Conference with Labor Negotiator; agency designated representative: Chair of Legal and Claims Committee Kassakhian; Unrepresented employee: General Counsel; to be heard in closed session pursuant to Gov. Code Section 54957.6 [21-5947](#)

8. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

NONE

9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

10. ADJOURNMENT

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Ethics Committee

K. Seckel, Chair
G. Cordero, Vice Chair
P. Daniels
C. Douglas
M. Katz
J. Lewitt
T. McCoy
P. Paule
M. Ramos
G. Shepherd Romey

Ethics Committee - Final

Meeting with Board of Directors *

June 9, 2026

11:30 a.m.

**Tuesday, June 9, 2026
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**** CONSENT CALENDAR ****

2. **COMMITTEE ACTION (ONLY)**

A. Approve the Minutes of the Ethics Committee of May 12, 2026 [21-5700](#)

Attachments: [06092026 ETHICS 2A \(05122026\) Minutes](#)

3. **COMMITTEE ITEMS (FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION)**

NONE

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

4. **COMMITTEE ITEMS (ACTION FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION)**

NONE

5. **COMMITTEE ITEMS (INFORMATIONAL FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION)**

NONE

6. **COMMITTEE ITEMS (INFORMATIONAL)**

- a. Discuss department head performance and goal setting [Public employee performance evaluation—Ethics Officer; to be heard in closed session pursuant to Gov. Code Section 54957] [21-5888](#)
- b. Conference with Labor Negotiator; agency designated representative: Chair of Ethics Committee Seckel; Unrepresented employee: Ethics Officer; to be heard in closed session pursuant to Gov. Code Section 54957.6 [21-5949](#)

7. MANAGEMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HIGHLIGHTS

- a. Ethics Officer's report on monthly activities [21-5701](#)

Attachments: [06092026 ETHICS 7a Ethics Officer's report on monthly activities](#)

8. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

NONE

9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

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Board of Directors - Final - Revised 1

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2:00 PM

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1. Call to Order

- a. Invocation: Director Karl Seckel, Municipal Water District of Orange County
- b. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Roll Call

3. Determination of a Quorum

4. Opportunity for members of the public to address the Board on matters within the Board's jurisdiction. (As required by Gov. Code §54954.3(a))

5. OTHER MATTERS AND REPORTS

A. Report on Director's Metropolitan Expenses [21-5625](#)

Attachments: [06092026 BOD 5A Report](#)

B. Chair's Monthly Activity Report [21-5964](#)

Attachments: [06092026 BOD 5B Report](#)

C. General Manager's summary of activities [21-5626](#)

Attachments: [06092026 BOD 5C Report](#)

D. General Counsel's summary of activities [21-5627](#)

Attachments: [06092026 BOD 5D Report](#)

E. General Auditor's summary of activities [21-5628](#)

Attachments: [06092026 BOD 5E Report](#)

- F. Ethics Officer's summary of activities [21-5629](#)

Attachments: [06092026 BOD 5F Report](#)

- G. Presentation of 5-year Service Pin to Director Brenda Dennstedt, Western Municipal Water District of Riverside County [21-5919](#)

**** CONSENT CALENDAR ****

6. BOARD CONSENT ITEMS

- A. Approve the Minutes of the Board of Directors of April 14, 2026 and May 12, 2026, and the Special Board Meeting of May 11, 2026 [21-5630](#)

Attachments: [06092026 BOD 6A \(04142026 BOD\) Minutes](#)
[06092026 BOD 6A \(05112026 SP BOD\) Minutes](#)
[06092026 BOD 6A \(05122026 BOD\) Minutes](#)

- B. Approve Committee Assignments [21-5631](#)

7. BOARD LETTERS CONSENT

- 7-1 Award a \$698,352.64 contract to Tintometer Inc. to furnish 128 turbidity meters for the Robert A. Skinner and Robert B. Diemer Water Treatment Plants; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA (EOT) [21-5883](#)

Attachments: [06092026 EOT 7-1 B-L](#)
[06082026 EOT 7-1 Presentation](#)

- 7-2 Award a \$4,542,000 construction contract to J.F. Shea Construction Inc. for upgrades to the Hollywood Tunnel North Portal Pressure Control Structure; amend Metropolitan's Project Labor Agreement to include the subject project; and authorize the General Manager to acquire a temporary construction easement for an amount not to exceed \$60,000; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA (EOT) [21-5884](#)

Attachments: [06092026 EOT 7-2 B-L](#)
[06082026 EOT 7-2 Presentation](#)

- 7-3** Authorize a five-year agreement with ZGlobal Inc., for a not-to-exceed amount of \$609,000 for power scheduling services associated with the output from up to fourteen of Metropolitan's hydroelectric plants; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA. [DEFERRED on 6/1/2026] (EOT) [21-5885](#)
- 7-4** Approve the resolution adopting the Hazard Mitigation Plan; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA (EOT) [21-5886](#)
- Attachments:** [06092026 EOT 7-4 B-L](#)
[06082026 EOT 7-4 Presentation](#)
- 7-5** Approve up to \$2.65 million to purchase insurance coverage for Metropolitan's Property and Casualty Insurance Program for fiscal year 2026/27; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA (FAAME) [21-5890](#)
- Attachments:** [06092026 FAAME 7-5 B-L](#)
[06092026 FAAME 7-5 Presentation](#)
- 7-6** Approve Metropolitan's Statement of Investment Policy for fiscal year 2026/27, delegate authority to the Treasurer to invest Metropolitan's funds for fiscal year 2026/27; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA (FAAME) [21-5891](#)
- Attachments:** [06092026 FAAME 7-6 B-L](#)
[06092026 FAAME 7-6 Presentation](#)
- 7-7** Approve amendments to the Metropolitan Water District Administrative Code Section 6451 regarding the Audit Department Charter; the General Manager has determined that the proposed actions are exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA (Audit) [21-5914](#)
- Attachments:** [06092026 AUDIT 7-7 B-L](#)
[06082026 AUDIT 7-7 Presentation](#)

- 7-8** Approve the General Auditor's Internal Audit Plan for Fiscal Year 2026/27; the General Manager has determined the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA (Audit) [21-5915](#)

Attachments: [06092026 AUDIT 7-8 B-L](#)
[06082026 AUDIT 7-8 Presentation](#)

- 7-9** Award a \$789,356 contract to Ortiz & Son Inc. to rehabilitate the toe of the slope supporting Basin No. 8 at the Robert B. Diemer Water Treatment Plant; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA (EOT) [21-5916](#)

Attachments: [06092026 EOT 7-9 B-L](#)
[06082026 EOT 7-9 Presentation](#)

- 7-10** Approve the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California's salary schedules pursuant to CalPERS regulations; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA (OPE) [21-5943](#)

Attachments: [06092026 OPE 7-10 B-L](#)
[06092026 OPE 7-10 Presentation](#)

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

8. BOARD LETTERS ACTION

- 8-1** Amend the Administrative Code to incorporate board policy on climate action and adaptation; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA. [WITHDRAWN on 6/1/2026] (OWA) [21-5930](#)

- 8-2** Authorize an increase under contract with Van Ness Feldman, LLP in the amount of \$500,000 for a total amount not to exceed \$1,000,000 and with Milbank, LLP in the amount of \$1,000,000 for a total amount not to exceed \$1,250,000 for legal advice on Colorado River matters; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA [Conference with legal counsel - anticipated litigation; unknown number of potential cases; to be heard in closed session pursuant to Gov. Code Section 54956.9(d)(4)] (LC) [21-5931](#)

9. BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS

- 9-1** Capital Investment Plan Quarterly Report for period ending March 2026 (EOT) [21-5887](#)
Attachments: [06092026 EOT 9-1 B-L](#)
[06082026 EOT 9-1 Presentation](#)
- 9-2** SB 707 Implementation: Public Outreach Efforts (LEG) [21-5897](#)
Attachments: [06092026 LEG 9-2 B-L](#)
[06082026 LEG 9-2 Presentation](#)
- 9-3** Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion activities [21-5910](#)
Attachments: [06092026 BOD 9-3 Report](#)
- 9-4** Equal Employment Opportunities activities [21-5911](#)
Attachments: [06092026 BOD 9-4 Report](#)
- 9-5** Provide for review of proposed updates to the criteria, policies, and procedures for the naming of District facilities (LEG) [21-5951](#)
Attachments: [06092026 LEG 9-5 B-L](#)
[06082026 LEG 9-5 Presentation](#)

10. OTHER MATTERS - ACTION

- 10-1** Discuss department head performance [Public employee performance evaluation—Ethics Officer, General Auditor, General Counsel, and General Manager; to be heard in closed session pursuant to Government Code Section 54957] [21-5912](#)
- 10-2** Approve cost of wage increase of 3.4 percent for the department heads - Ethics Officer, General Auditor, General Counsel, and General Manager - for competent or better review; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA. [SUBJECT REVISED on 6/1/2026] [21-5913](#)
Attachments: [06092026 BOD 10-2 B-L](#)

11. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

12. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

13. ADJOURNMENT

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**Summary Report for
The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California
Board Meeting
June 9, 2026**

CONSENT CALENDAR OTHER ITEMS - ACTION

Approved Committee Assignments:

Appointed Board Vice Chair Pressman and Director Gold to the Ad Hoc Committee on Delta Islands on June 4, 2026.

Appointed Director Shepherd Romey as Vice Chair of the Legal and Claims Committee.

Appointed Director Paule as Alternate on the Delta Conveyance Design and Construction Authority and the Delta Conveyance Finance Authority. **(Agenda Item 6B)**

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS – ACTION

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OTHER MATTERS - ACTION

Approved a cost of wage increase of 3.4% for each of the department heads - the General Manager (annual base pay is \$495,040), General Counsel (annual base pay is \$427,627.20), General Auditor (annual base pay is \$346,569.60), and Ethics Officer (annual base pay is \$335,691.60), with an effective date of June 21, 2026, for competent or better review. The final increased pay rate for these positions would be reflected on the salary schedules, which would be submitted for Board approval at the August 2026 meeting. **(Agenda Item 10-2)**

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June 24, 2026

Attention: Imported Water Committee

Colorado River Board Representative's report. (Discussion)

Purpose

The Colorado River Board Representative's report summarizes monthly activities of the Colorado River Board of California for June.

Executive Summary

- This report covers activities and items reported from the June 10, 2026, Colorado River Board of California (CRB) meeting in Claremont, CA.
- The CRB approved the Fiscal Year 2026/2027 funding request of \$3,196,000 for CRB operations.
- The Lower Basin states are reviewing the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation's recent feedback to their May 1 proposal to provide at least 3.2 million acre-feet to the river through 2028, contingent on appropriate funding.
- A portion of approximately \$52 million in federal funding will replace up to three turbines at Hoover Dam with turbines capable of operating under low reservoir conditions, reducing hydropower losses when Lake Mead is below water elevation 1,035 feet.

Discussion

Welcome Remarks from Colorado River Board of California Vice Chair

Colorado River Board of California (CRB) Vice Chair Jim Madaffer acknowledged the attendance of Water Authority Director Joel Scalzitti.

Special Presentation from U.S Bureau of Reclamation

U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) Lower Colorado Dams Area Manager Len Schilling provided an overview of hydropower operations at Hoover Dam (Hoover). Mr. Schilling explained that while power generation is the lowest priority purpose for which Hoover operates, power funds all dam operations, including downstream water deliveries. If power revenues decline, Reclamation may face challenges meeting water delivery obligations. Hoover power generation capacity is driven by Lake Mead's (Mead) elevation and the number of operating turbines. Of Hoover's 17 turbines, 12 are not designed for low-elevation operations. Of the five wide-head turbines that are, one is out of service, leaving only four capable of operating at low elevations. Mr. Schilling shared Reclamation's plan to maintain power reliability under low elevations by replacing non-wide-head turbines, beginning with at least three new wide-head units and pursuing additional funding to replace additional turbines. Reclamation estimates it will take about three years for the first new turbine to be installed and operational.

Member Agency Water Supply Reports

- The Department of Water Resources reported that as of May 2026, statewide precipitation was 93% of average for the water year and statewide reservoir storage was 113% of average.
- The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (Metropolitan) reported that as of May 26, 2026, its total water supply balance is approximately 1.78 million acre-feet (MAF). This includes roughly 909,000 AF from the Colorado River and 866,000 AF from the State Water Project (SWP) at a 45% allocation. Demands are estimated to be approximately 1.53 MAF for 2026, which includes delivery of the Water Authority's conserved Colorado River supplies, resulting in an approximately 250,000 AF surplus. Metropolitan is discussing a new potential System Conservation Implementation Agreement with Reclamation. The Colorado River Aqueduct (CRA) operated at a six-pump flow at the end of May, meaning six of the nine pumps are running at Metropolitan's Whitsett Intake Pumping Plant, the CRA starting point.

Member Agency Monthly Reports

- The Water Authority reported on the June 3 signing ceremony for a memorandum of understanding (MOU) to explore interstate water exchanges, to which the Water Authority is a signatory. The Water Authority hosted the ceremony at the Claude "Bud" Lewis Carlsbad Desalination Plant and was joined by representatives from the other signatory agencies: Reclamation, Metropolitan, Southern Nevada Water Authority, Arizona Department of Water Resources, Central Arizona Project, and Salt River Project. The MOU envisions a pilot program using supplies from the Carlsbad Desalination Plant that could set the stage for future exchanges, promoting flexible water management.
- The Coachella Valley Water District (CVWD) reported that it continues its community engagement in response to the state's primary drinking water standard for hexavalent chromium (chromium 6), which is naturally occurring in Coachella Valley groundwater. CVWD estimates it will cost Coachella Valley approximately \$500 million to address chromium 6.
- The Imperial Irrigation District (IID) reported it conserved a record-breaking 726,000 AF in 2025, as verified by Reclamation in its annual water accounting. IID's On-Farm Efficiency Conservation and Deficit Irrigation programs accounted for more than half of the 2025 conservation volume. IID has conserved a total of 9.1 MAF since implementing the Quantification Settlement Agreement in 2003.
- Metropolitan reported that in May, General Manager Shivaji Deshmukh spoke at the House Natural Resources Subcommittee on Water, Wildlife, and Fisheries where he called for continued support for recycled water programs, like Pure Water Southern California. General Manager Deshmukh urged members of Congress to reauthorize Reclamation's large-scale recycled water grant program to ensure robust, ongoing funding for water resiliency in the West.

Colorado River Basin Water Supply Conditions Report

Water supply and storage conditions from Reclamation’s Weekly Water Supply Report are shown in Table 1.

Table 1. Colorado River Reservoir Conditions

Conditions as of June 7, 2026	Volume (MAF)	% of Capacity	Elevation (feet)
Lake Powell	5.71	25%	3,528
Lake Mead	7.57	29%	1,048
Total System Storage	20.1*	34%	---
Water Year (WY) 2026 Precipitation		81% of normal	
Unregulated Inflow to Lake Powell (WY 2026 Forecast)		35% of normal	

*3 MAF less than total system storage this time last year.

Post-2026 Operating Guidelines

On May 1, the Lower Basin submitted a new proposal to Reclamation for Colorado River operations that would provide at least 3.2 MAF in water savings to the river through 2028, contingent on appropriate federal funding. Under the proposal, California would face 440,000 AF per year in reductions and conserve 300,000 AF through 2028. The Lower Basin characterizes the proposal as inseverable, meaning Reclamation cannot modify or select portions of it without Lower Basin consent. The Lower Basin states are reviewing Reclamation’s recent feedback, which was largely supportive but called for further refinement. If the proposal is incorporated into Reclamation’s environmental impact statement (EIS) for post-2026 guidelines as the preferred alternative, implementation would require agreements among the Lower Basin states, California agencies, and Reclamation. Reclamation aims to release a final EIS and record of decision no later than August.

Water Year 2026 Operations

Reclamation’s operational changes to protect Lake Powell were incorporated into Reclamation’s May 2026 24-Month Study, which projected end of WY 2026 water elevation levels for Lakes Powell and Mead at 3,510 feet and 1,039 feet, respectively. Reclamation has reported that Hoover power generation would significantly decrease below 1,035 feet. On May 21, Reclamation announced that approximately \$52 million, originally collected by the Western Area Power Administration (WAPA) for pension purposes, has been released to support critical infrastructure updates and operations and maintenance activities at Hoover. A significant portion of this funding will be used to replace up to three older turbines at Hoover with new wide-head units capable of operating under low reservoir conditions. This effort will reduce, though not fully eliminate, hydropower losses if Mead falls to 1,035 feet.

Lower Colorado River Multi-Species Conservation Program

Discussions continue regarding potential modifications to the program’s environmental coverage under federal and California law for the post-2026 operating guidelines. Additionally, the Lower Colorado River Multi-Species Conservation Program Amendment Act is advancing in Congress, which would establish an interest-bearing account with the U.S. Treasury for non-federal funds

collected by the Lower Colorado River Multi-Species Conservation Program. Non-federal funds provided by state water and power users in the Lower Basin, including the Water Authority, are currently held in non-interest-bearing federal accounts until used. As such, these funds depreciate while program expenses grow in response to inflation.

Salinity Control Program

Reclamation reported to the Colorado River Basin Salinity Control Forum that the Paradox Valley Unit (PVU), the largest non-agricultural salinity control measure on the river, has prevented over 23,000 tons of salt from entering the Colorado River in 2026 as of May. Reclamation also reported that it continues to explore potential long-term options for future salinity control in the Paradox Valley, including consideration of a phased approach to transitioning to a PVU replacement.

Announcements

The Trump Administration is expected to nominate Aubrey Bettencourt as the commissioner of Reclamation. Ms. Bettencourt served as deputy assistant secretary of water and science at the Department of the Interior from 2017 to 2021 among other senior-level roles at the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Six Agency Committee and Colorado River Authority

Following the CRB meeting, the CRB budget was discussed under the Six Agency Committee (SAC), a joint powers authority (JPA) arm of CRB that funds operations, and under the Colorado River Authority, a separate JPA that funds outreach and education. The combined funding request for FY 2026/2027 was approved for \$3,196,000, covering the \$2.8 million target established in the state budget. The Water Authority's cost share is 10% (\$319,600) and is included in the Water Authority's proposed FY 2027 budget.

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