

REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT OF ORANGE COUNTY
18700 Ward Street, Board Room, Fountain Valley, California
May 15, 2024, 8:30 a.m.

Teleconference Site:
25652 Paseo De La Paz
San Juan Capistrano, CA 92675

(Members of the public may attend and participate in the meeting at both in-person locations.)

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AGENDA

MOMENT OF SILENCE

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

PUBLIC COMMENTS/PARTICIPATION

At this time, members of the public will be given an opportunity to address the Board concerning items within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board. Members of the public may also address the Board about a particular Agenda item at the time it is considered by the Board and before action is taken. If the item is on the Consent Calendar, please inform the Board Secretary before action is taken on the Consent Calendar and the item will be removed for separate consideration.

The Board requests, but does not require, that members of the public who want to address the Board complete a voluntary "Request to be Heard" form available from the Board Secretary prior to the meeting.

ITEMS RECEIVED TOO LATE TO BE AGENDIZED

Determine need and take action to agendize items(s) which arose subsequent to the posting of the Agenda. (ROLL CALL VOTE: Adoption of this recommendation requires a two-thirds vote of the Board members present, or, if less than two-thirds of the Board members are present, a unanimous vote of those members present.)

ITEMS DISTRIBUTED TO THE BOARD LESS THAN 72 HOURS PRIOR TO MEETING

Pursuant to Government Code section 54957.5, non-exempt public records that relate to open session agenda items and are distributed to a majority of the Board less than seventy-two (72) hours prior to the meeting will be available for public inspection in the lobby of the District's business office located at 18700 Ward Street, Fountain Valley, California 92708, during regular business hours. When practical, these public records will also be made available on the District's Internet Web site, accessible at <http://www.mwdoc.com>.

NEXT RESOLUTION NO. 2148

CONSENT CALENDAR (Items 1 to 6)

(All matters under the Consent Calendar will be approved by one motion unless a Board member requests separate action on a specific item)

1. MINUTES

- a. April 3, 2024 Workshop Board Meeting
- b. April 10, 2024 Special Board Meeting (Elected Officials Forum)
- c. April 17, 2024 Regular Board Meeting

Recommendation: Approve as presented.

2. COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS

- a. Planning & Operations Committee Meeting: April 1, 2024
- b. Administration & Finance Committee Meeting: April 10, 2024
- c. Executive Committee Meeting: April 18, 2024
- d. MWDOC/OCWD Joint Planning Committee: April 24, 2024

Recommendation: Receive and file as presented.

3. TREASURER'S REPORTS

- a. MWDOC Revenue/Cash Receipt Register as of April 30, 2024
- b. Disbursement Registers (April/May)

Recommendation: Ratify and approve as presented.

- c. Summary of Cash and Investment and Portfolio Master Summary Report (Cash and Investment report) as of March 31, 2024
- d. PARS Monthly Statement (OPEB Trust)

Recommendation: Receive and file as presented.

4. FINANCIAL REPORT

- a. Combined Financial Statements and Budget Comparative for the Period Ending March 31, 2024
- b. Quarterly Budget Review

Recommendation: Receive and file as presented.

5. ANNUAL REVIEW OF DISTRICT INVESTMENT POLICY AND GUIDELINES

Recommendation: Receive and file the District's Investment Policy and Guidelines.

6. APPROVE DISTRICT'S BENCHMARK COMPENSATION & BENEFITS STUDY

Recommendation: (1) Approve the recommended position reclassifications and title changes; (2) Approve recommended adjustment for all Pay Structure ranges to be 40%, thereby adjusting ranges 1 to 21 from 35 to 40%; and (3) Approve the District Pay Structure, effective July 1, 2024.

- End Consent Calendar -

ACTION ITEM

7-1 BUREAU OF RECLAMATION GRANT RESOLUTION FOR THE ORANGE COUNTY COMMERCIAL, INDUSTRIAL, AND INSTITUTIONAL (CII) WATER CONSERVATION PLANNING PROJECT

RES. NO. _____

Recommendation: Adopt resolution in support of MWDOC's 2024 Water Conservation Field Services Program grant application for the Orange County Commercial, Industrial, and Institutional (CII) Water Conservation Planning Project.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

8. MEMBER AGENCY SPOTLIGHT – GOLDEN STATE WATER COMPANY

Recommendation: Receive and file presentation.

INFORMATION CALENDAR (All matters under the Information Calendar will be Received/Filed as presented following any discussion that may occur)

9. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT, MAY (ORAL AND WRITTEN)

Recommendation: Receive and file report(s) as presented.

10. MWDOC GENERAL INFORMATION ITEMS

- a. Board of Directors - Reports re: Conferences and Meetings
- b. Requests for Future Agenda Topics

Recommendation: Receive and file as presented.

CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

- 11. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION**
Pursuant to Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Government Code Section 54956.9. One Case: San Diego County Water Authority v. Metropolitan Water District of Southern California; all persons interested in the validity of the rates adopted by the Metropolitan Water of Southern California on April 8, 2014, et al., former Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC547139, transferred on December 2, 2014, to San Francisco Superior Court, now Case No. CPF-14-514004.

- 12. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION**
Pursuant to Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Government Code Section 54956.9. One Case: San Diego County Water Authority v. Metropolitan Water District of Southern California; all persons interested in the validity of the rates adopted by the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California on April 12, 2016, effective January 1, 2017 and January 1, 2018, et al., former Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BS161729, transferred to San Francisco Superior Court, now Case CPF-16-515282.

- 13. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION**
Pursuant to Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Government Code Section 54956.9. One Case: San Diego County Water Authority v. Metropolitan Water District of Southern California; all persons interested in the validity of the rates adopted by the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California on April 10, 2018 to be effective January 1, 2019, and Jan. 1, 2020, et al., Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BS 173868, Transferred to San Francisco Superior Court, now Case CPF-18-516389.

ADJOURNMENT

Note: Accommodations for the Disabled. Any person may make a request for a disability-related modification or accommodation needed for that person to be able to participate in the public meeting by contacting Maribeth Goldsby, District Secretary, at (714) 963-3058, or writing to Municipal Water District of Orange County at P.O. Box 20895, Fountain Valley, CA 92728. Requests must specify the nature of the disability and the type of accommodation requested. A telephone number or other contact information should be included so that District staff may discuss appropriate arrangements. Persons requesting a disability-related accommodation should make the request with adequate time before the meeting for the District to provide the requested accommodation.

**MINUTES OF THE WORKSHOP BOARD MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT OF ORANGE COUNTY (MWDOC)
WITH THE MWDOC MET DIRECTORS**

April 3, 2024

At 8:30 a.m., President McVicker called to order the Workshop Meeting of the Municipal Water District of Orange County in Conference Room 101 at the District facilities located in Fountain Valley, as well as including attendance via the Zoom Webinar application. Director Crane led the Pledge of Allegiance and Secretary Goldsby called the roll.

MWDOC DIRECTORS

Al Nederhood
Larry Dick*
Karl W. Seckel*
Bob McVicker
Randall Crane
Jeffery M. Thomas (absent)
Megan Yoo Schneider

STAFF

Harvey De La Torre, General Manager
Katrina Wraight, Legal Counsel
Maribeth Goldsby, District Secretary
Melissa Baum-Haley, Dir. of MET Issues/Policy
Alex Heide, Sr. Water Resources Analyst
Heather Baez, Director of Governmental Affairs
Kevin Hostert, Sr. Water Resource Analyst
Damon Micalizzi, Director of Public Affairs
Charles Busslinger, Dir. of Engineering/Dist. Eng.
Joe Berg, Director of Water Use Efficiency

*Also MWDOC-MET Directors

OTHER MWDOC-MET DIRECTORS

Linda Ackerman
Dennis Erdman

OTHERS PRESENT

Sara Tucker
Garrett Durst
Syrus Devers
Dick Ackerman
Peter Whittingham
Paul Jones
Doug Davert
Dave Youngblood
Fred Adjarian
Kathryn Freshley
Mike Gaskins
Kay Havens
Mark Monin
Dennis Cafferty
Sherri Seitz
Mike Dunbar
Ken Vecchiarelli
Doug Reinhart
Peer Swan

NRR
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Syrus Devers Advocacy
Ackerman Consulting
Whittingham Public Affairs Advisors
Dopudja & Wells Consulting
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Emerald Bay Service District
Golden State Water Company
Irvine Ranch Water District
Irvine Ranch Water District

Keith Van Der Maaten	Laguna Beach County Water District
Jim Atkinson	Mesa Water
Jim Fisler	Mesa Water
Paul Shoenberger	Mesa Water
Stacy Taylor	Mesa Water
Dick Fiore	Moulton Niguel Water District
Don Froelich	Moulton Niguel Water District
Sherry Wanninger	Moulton Niguel Water District
Laura Rocha	Moulton Niguel Water District
John Kennedy	Orange County Water District
Chris Olsen	Orange County Water District
Sandra Jacobs	Santa Margarita Water District
Don Bunts	Santa Margarita Water District
Erica Castillo	Santa Margarita Water District
Brad Reese	Serrano Water District
Bill Green	South Coast Water District
Joe Muller	South Coast Water District
Jennifer Lopez	South Coast Water District
Mark Serna	South Coast Water District
Sheena Johnson	South Coast Water District
Jody Brennan	South Coast Water District
Taryn Kjolsing	South Coast Water District
Fernando Paludi	Trabuco Canyon Water District
Brett Barbre	Yorba Linda Water District
Gene Hernandez	Yorba Linda Water District
Mark Toy	Yorba Linda Water District
Lisa Ohlund	Ohlund Management & Technical Services
Charles Luas	Orchard Dale Water District
John Lewis	

TELECONFERENCE SITE

Director Yoo Schneider was participating via teleconference location (all agenda requirements pursuant to the Ralph M. Brown Act requirements were complied with).

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION/PUBLIC COMMENTS

President McVicker inquired whether any members of the public wished to comment on agenda items.

No public comments were received.

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No items were presented.

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No items were distributed to the Board less than 72 hours prior to the meeting.

PRESENTATION / DISCUSSION ITEMS**UPDATE BY MWDOC STAFF REGARDING MET'S BIENNIAL BUDGET**

Dr. Melissa Baum-Haley (Director of MET Issues and Policy) updated the Board on the status of MET's Biennial Budget process. Her presentation included a review of MET's rate alternatives (water sale transactions, Ad Valorum property tax rates, conservation spending), overall proposed rate increase scenarios (or alternatives) under consideration, and the projected FY 2024/25 and 25/26 budget (with rate increases and financial metrics, along with minimum reserve targets).

The audience and Board members engaged in considerable discussion, and Board members raised many concerns and expressed opinions with respect to the following: water sale transaction assumptions, the importance of raising Ad Valorum property tax rates (which pays for a portion of the State Water Project), whether additional cuts could be made to the budget in the area of O&M, the overall need for increasing MET's fixed rates, and the danger of limiting rate increases too severely (which would result in deferred maintenance and other financial risks). Several Board members expressed concern with adopting a budget prior to discussing/implementing MET's Business Model, declining water sales, the need for documenting specific cuts to the budget (as none have been outlined), water quality impacts with respect to deferred maintenance, and the importance of a long-term vision. Audience members commented on the need to keep costs and budget increases down (lower expenses), the high pay scales of water district employees (MET's recent 15% salary increases), and how other MET member agencies will respond to the budget and the concerns raised by MWDOC.

General Manager De La Torre advised that MWDOC's member agency managers have discussed the proposed Biennial budget and one of the significant points expressed was the importance of timely adopting the budget in April; a delay would impact setting rates for the retail agencies.

The Board thanked Dr. Baum-Haley for the presentation and received and filed the report as presented.

LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITIES**a. Federal Legislative Report**

Mr. Garrett Durst of NRR reviewed NRR's written report in the packet, highlighting the appropriations process, and he advised that Congressman Huffman would be introducing a Tax Parity for Water Rebates bill later in the month. Discussion ensued regarding the proposed Tax Parity for Water Rebates legislation, and whether the bill would receive much needed support from Republicans.

In reference to the Energy and Water Development legislation, it was agreed that Director Seckel and Mr. Durst would meet to discuss the legislation in more depth.

b. State Legislative Report

Mr. Syrus Devers, of SDA, reviewed his report, highlighting the various pieces of legislation as well as spot bill amendments, noting that hearings for some of the bills MWDOC is tracking are scheduled for April 23, 2024.

The Board received and filed the report.

c. Legal and Regulatory Report (Ackerman)

Mr. Dick Ackerman referenced his report, highlighting a recent newspaper article regarding “water artificial intelligence,” specifically the Coast Guard’s removal of buoys in ports and replacing them with GPS identifiers; he noted his concern with this.

The Board received and filed the report.

d. County Legislative Report (Whittingham)

Mr. Whittingham referenced his report, highlighting the search for Orange County’s Chief Executive Officer replacement.

The Board received and filed his report.

e. MWDOC Legislative Matrix

The Board received and filed the report.

f. Metropolitan Legislative Matrix

The Board received and filed the report.

QUESTIONS OR INPUT ON MET ISSUES FROM MEMBER AGENCIES/MET DIRECTOR REPORTS REGARDING MET COMMITTEE PARTICIPATION

Director Erdman highlighted MET’s Engineering, Operations & Technology Committee activities noting that projects totaling approximately \$636 million dollars will be presented to the MET Board in April; he noted that this Committee will review these projects prior to the budget discussions.

Director Ackerman reported on MET’s Delta Ad Hoc Committee activities (of which she is Co-Chair), noting that Governor Newsom is supportive, and that the Committee met with the Sacramento County Supervisors to collaborate on differences.

Director Seckel commented on the increased costs of MET’s Pure Water Project noting costs have doubled (from \$3 billion to \$6 billion) and that they will only increase until construction commences. He advised that this will be a huge upcoming issue for the MET Board (costs,

benefits, and funding sources) and that he asked MET staff to analyze whether a phased approach to the Project could be implemented.

Director Dick highlighted that Deven Upadhyay (MET's Executive Officer/Assistant General Manager) was appointed to WaterReuse California's Board of Trustees. He also highlighted efforts from MET Board member Armstrong to develop an appropriate alternative In-Lieu Program, as well as Colorado River activities, State Water Project dependent areas costs, and a recent presentation by Brian Probolsky regarding public perspectives on water boards of directors as well as water conservation.

ACTION ITEMS

ORANGE COUNTY LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION (OC LAFCO) REGULAR SPECIAL DISTRICT MEMBER SEAT – ELECTION

President McVicker advised that the proposal to authorize he and Director Thomas (his alternate) to vote in the upcoming OC LAFCO election was before the Board for consideration. He advised that candidate Joe Muller (Director from South Coast Water District) addressed the Planning & Operations Committee regarding his candidacy, and that Jim Fisler (Director from Mesa Water) was present to address the Board on his candidacy.

Mesa Water Director Jim Fisler then provided an overview of his accomplishments as OC LAFCO Commissioner, his qualifications, and upcoming issues; he asked for the Board's support in his candidacy. A question/answer period followed with questions relating to his stance on a MWDOC/OCWD consolidation, OCWD's application to LAFCO to study consolidation, and OC LAFCO's role with consolidations (voluntary or forced); he advised that he has no position on the matter and that the entire OC LAFCO Commission would deliberate and make a decision based on several factors including financial viability and public support.

Upon MOTION by Director Yoo Schneider, seconded by Director Crane, and carried (6-0), the Board authorized President McVicker (primary) and Director Jeffery Thomas (alternate) to vote in the appointment process for the OC LAFCO Special District Member Seat expiring June 30, 2024; and directed staff to submit the appropriate forms to OC LAFCO by the deadlines outlined, by the following roll call vote:

AYES:	Directors Nederhood, Dick, McVicker, Seckel, Crane & Yoo Schneider
NOES:	None
ABSENT:	Director Thomas
ABSTAIN:	None

SB 937 (WIENER) - DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS: PERMITS AND OTHER ENTITLEMENTS: FEES AND CHARGES

Director of Governmental Affairs Heather Baez advised that on Monday, April 1, 2024, the proposed amendments she was suggesting were incorporated into SB 937; she suggested the Board take no action.

Following Ms. Baez report, no action was taken.

SB 1164 (NEWMAN) - PROPERTY TAXATION: NEW CONSTRUCTION EXCLUSION: ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS

Ms. Baez reported that she had solicited feedback from the MWDOC member agencies on SB 1164 and since no feedback was received, she recommended either taking no action, or a “watch” position.

Following Ms. Baez report, no action was taken.

SB 1210 (SKINNER) - NEW HOUSING CONSTRUCTION: ELECTRICAL, GAS, SEWER, AND WATER SERVICE CONNECTIONS: CHARGES

Ms. Baez stated she was recommending an “oppose unless amended” position on SB 1210, advising that her amendment would be to remove special districts or the connection or capacity fees from the legislation. Mr. Syrus Devers also weighed-in noting that he supports the recommended position.

Following discussion regarding the confusing nature of the bill, upon MOTION by Director Yoo Schneider, seconded by Director Seckel, and carried (5-1), the Board adopted an “oppose unless amended” position on SB 1210 (Skinner), by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Directors Nederhood, McVicker, Seckel, Crane & Yoo Schneider
NOES: Director Dick
ABSENT: Director Thomas
ABSTAIN: None

H.R 7525 – SPECIAL DISTRICT GRANT ACCESSIBILITY ACT

Upon MOTION by Director Dick, seconded by Director Seckel, and carried (6-0), the Board adopted a support position on H.R 7525 (Fallon, R-TX), by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Directors Nederhood, Dick, McVicker, Seckel, Crane & Yoo Schneider
NOES: None
ABSENT: Director Thomas
ABSTAIN: None

LOCAL RESOURCES PROGRAM (LRP) AGREEMENT BETWEEN METROPOLITAN, MWDOC, AND SOUTH COAST WATER DISTRICT FOR THE DOHENY OCEAN DESALINATION PROJECT

Upon MOTION by Director Dick, which was seconded by Directors Crane and Yoo Schneider, the Board authorized the General Manager to execute the Local Resources Program agreement with the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California and South Coast Water District generally in the form presented for the Doheny Ocean Desalination Project, subject to review and approval by Legal Counsel of any final agreement changes, by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Directors Nederhood, Dick, McVicker, Seckel, Crane & Yoo Schneider
NOES: None
ABSENT: Director Thomas
ABSTAIN: None

INFORMATION ITEMS

MWD ITEMS CRITICAL TO ORANGE COUNTY

- a. MET Finance and Rate Issues
- b. MET Water Supply Conditions Update
- c. Water Quality Update
- d. Colorado River Issues
- e. Delta Conveyance Activities and State Water Project Issues

Director Nederhood highlighted the Water Supply Report and asked staff to incorporate a more complete water picture into future reports (all available water, including amounts released to the ocean). Staff advised they would look into this.

The Board received and filed the report as presented.

METROPOLITAN (MET) BOARD AND COMMITTEE AGENDA DISCUSSION ITEMS

- a. Summary reports regarding the March MET Board Meeting
- b. Review items of significance for the upcoming MET Board and Committee Agendas

The report was received and filed

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:52 a.m.

Maribeth Goldsby
District Secretary

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT OF ORANGE COUNTY
April 10, 2024

At 6:15 p.m. President McVicker called to order the Special Meeting of the Municipal Water District of Orange County Board of Directors, in the Board Room at the District facilities located in Fountain Valley, as well as including attendance via the Zoom Webinar application. YLWD General Manager Mark Toy led the Pledge of Allegiance and Secretary Goldsby called the roll.

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STAFF PRESENT

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Melissa Baum-Haley, Dir. of MET Issues/Policy
Joe Berg, Director of Water Use Efficiency
Heather Baez, Director of Governmental Affairs
Damon Micalizzi, Director of Public Affairs
Alex Heide, Sr. Water Resources Analyst
Kevin Hostert, Sr. Water Resources Analyst
Vicki Osborn, Director of Emergency Mgmt.
Hilary Chumpitazi, Director of Finance/IT
Charles Busslinger, Director of Engineering
Katrina Wraight, Legal Counsel

ALSO PRESENT

Dennis Erdman
Doug Davert
George Murdoch
John Sears
Dave Youngblood
Fred Adjarian
Mike Gaskins
Mark Monin
Dennis Cafferty
Ted Bui
Jim Cunneen
Kim Constanine
Glen Grandis
John Withers
Richard Fiore
Don Froelich
Bill Moorhead
Brian Probolsky
Sherry Wanninger
Johnathan Cruz
Ian Berg
John Kennedy
Gina Ayala
Don Bunts
Jerry Haight
Mike Pelly

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 Bill Green
 Stephen Dopudja
 Trudi DesRoches
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 Dick Ackerman

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TELECONFERENCE SITE

Director Yoo Schneider was participating via teleconference location (all agenda requirements pursuant to the Ralph M. Brown Act requirements were complied with).

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments were received.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

**DISCUSSION WITH REPRESENTATIVES FROM MWDOC’S MEMBER AGENCIES
 REGARDING KEY REGIONAL AND ORANGE COUNTY ISSUES, INCLUDING
 WATER SUPPLY CONDITIONS FOR 2024, MWDOC’S PROPOSED BUDGET AND
 ACTIVITIES FOR FY 2024-25, AND AN OVERVIEW OF MET’S 2-YEAR BUDGET**

President McVicker stated that the evening would consist of short presentations, each followed by open dialogue/questions between the Board and audience. The following topics were covered:

- Water Supply Conditions for 2024
- MWDOC FY 2024-25 Budget and Activities
- Overview of MET’s 2-Year Budget (FY 2024-25 and FY 2025-26)

Sr. Resources Analyst Kevin Hostert began the evening with a presentation regarding Water Supply Conditions for 2024, followed by a presentation by General Manager De La Torre regarding MWDOC’s FY 2024-25 proposed budget. Director of MET Issues/Policy Melissa Baum-Haley concluded the evening by providing an overview of MET’s recently adopted Biennial Budget for fiscal years 2024-25 and 2025-26.

Discussion ensued with respect to the MET Biennial Budget, including the reasons for MET’s revenue shortfall, Ad Valorem property tax rate increases, and the reasons for the rate increases.

The Board received and filed the reports as presented and thanked the audience for their participation.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, President McVicker adjourned the meeting at 8:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Maribeth Goldsby, Secretary

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April 17, 2024**

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Sarina Sriboonlue, Principal Engineer
Hilary Chumpitazi, Director of Finance/IT
Rachel Davis, Water Loss Control Prog. Supervisor
Joe Berg, Director of WUE
Rachel Waite, WUE Programs Supervisor
Vicki Osborn, Director of Emergency Management

ALSO PRESENT

Linda Ackerman
Dennis Erdman
Christine Carson
Doug Davert
Kathryn Freshley
Mike Gaskins
Kay Havens
Mark Monin
Dennis Cafferty
Sherri Seitz
Vu Chu
Doug Reinhart
Peer Swan
Paul Weghorst
Lou Bronstein
Keith Van Der Maaten
Jim Atkinson
Jim Fidler
Stacy Taylor
Dick Fiore
Sherry Wanninger
Saundra Jacobs

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Charles Luas	Orchard Dale Water District

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PUBLIC PARTICIPATION/PUBLIC COMMENT

President McVicker announced that members of the public wishing to comment on agenda items could do so after the item has been discussed by the Board and requested members of the public identify themselves when called on. President McVicker asked whether any member of the public had any comments on items that were not on the agenda.

No public comments were received.

ITEMS RECEIVED TOO LATE TO BE AGENDIZED

No items were received.

ITEMS DISTRIBUTED TO THE BOARD LESS THAN 72 HOURS PRIOR TO MEETING

President McVicker inquired as to whether there were any items distributed to the Board less than 72 hours prior to the meeting.

No items were distributed less than 72 hours prior to the meeting.

CONSENT CALENDAR

President McVicker stated all matters under the Consent Calendar would be approved by one MOTION unless a Director wished to consider an item separately.

Secretary Goldsby advised that Item 2b (Administration & Finance Committee minutes) would be revised to correct a typo; the Board concurred.

Upon MOTION by Director Thomas, seconded by Director Yoo Schneider, and carried (7-0) the Board approved the following Consent Calendar items, by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Directors Nederhood, Dick, McVicker, Seckel, Crane, Thomas, and Yoo
 Schneider
 NOES : None
 ABSENT: None
 ABSTAIN: None

MINUTES

The following minutes were approved.

March 6, 2024 Workshop Board Meeting
 March 20, 2024 Regular Board Meeting

COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS

The following Committee Meeting reports were received and filed as presented.

Planning & Operations Committee Meeting: March 4, 2024
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 Executive Committee Meeting: March 21, 2024

TREASURER'S REPORTS

The following items were ratified and approved as presented.

MWDOC Revenue/Cash Receipt Register as of March 31, 2024
 Disbursement Registers (March/April)

The following items were received and filed as presented.

- Summary of Cash and Investment and Portfolio Master Summary Report (Cash and Investment Report) as of February 29, 2024
- PARS Monthly Statement (OPEB Trust)

FINANCIAL REPORT

The following items were received and filed as presented.

- Combined Financial Statements and Budget Comparative for the Period Ending February 29, 2024

AWARD OF CONSULTING CONTRACT FOR UPDATING THE 2025 HAZARD MITIGATION PLANS FOR COMPLIANCE WITH THE AMERICA'S WATER INFRASTRUCTURE ACT (AWIA)

The Board authorized the General Manager to (1) enter into a consulting contract with Herndon Solutions Group (HSG) in the estimated amount not to exceed \$2.8 million (costs are contingent upon final participating agency commitments and include a 10% contingency) to assist member agencies update their 2025 Hazard Mitigation Plans. This includes MWDOC's cost share of

approximately \$108,000; and (2) authorized the General Manager to enter into Letter Agreements or Contracts with up to 31 of our participating agencies under the WEROC agreement, for cost recovery of this shared service contract.

AWARD OF SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT TO DOPUDJA & WELLS CONSULTING TO CONDUCT DISTRICT NEEDS ASSESSMENT

The Board authorized the General Manager to enter into a Professional Services Agreement with Dopudja & Wells, to conduct a District Needs Assessment in the amount of \$29,485.

AUTHORIZE AMENDMENT TO ADMINISTRATIVE CODE SECTION 1100 (BOARD AND COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETINGS)

The Board authorized the amendments to Administrative Code Section 1100 (Board and Committee meetings) as presented.

- END CONSENT CALENDAR -

PUBLIC HEARING/ACTION ITEM

HOLD PUBLIC HEARING TO ADOPT ORDINANCE SUPERSEDING AND REPEALING MWDOC ORDINANCE NO. 54 REGARDING COMPENSATION FOR DIRECTORS

President McVicker announced that the Board would hold a Public Hearing to receive comments on the proposal to adopt a new Ordinance (superseding and repealing Ordinance No. 54) increasing Compensation for Directors. President McVicker opened the public hearing and encouraged public comments.

There being no public comments, President McVicker closed the Public Hearing and announced that the proposal to adopt Ordinance No. 56 was before the Board for consideration.

Directors Seckel and Thomas each suggested the Board not increase its compensation for the upcoming year and the Board generally concurred.

As a result, the Board took no action and no Ordinance was adopted.

ACTION CALENDAR

ADOPTION OF THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-25

President McVicker announced that the proposed budget for fiscal year 2024-25 was before the Board for consideration.

General Manager De La Torre noted that because an Ordinance increasing compensation was not adopted, he would remove the 5% increase (\$21,610) and any action taken on the budget would include this reduction. He then reviewed the Administration & Finance Committee's recommendation to adopt the budget as presented, however to remove MWDOC's participation in California Water for All initiative in the amount of \$20,000. He then reviewed other areas for consideration, namely (1) whether to remove or adjust the proposed Ambassador Program

(\$40,000), (2) whether to remove the California Water for All participation (\$20,000) or reduce participation to \$10,000; (3) whether to remove participation in the California Data Collaborative (\$16,500); and (4) any other areas of the Budget the Board wished to address.

The Directors then each weighed in on their thoughts for participation in each of the items Mr. De La Torre presented, expressing a general consensus of support for all three initiatives but also supporting any suggested adjustments to the dollar amounts.

Director Thomas highlighted the District’s continued participation in the California Council for Environmental and Economic Balance (CCEEB) suggesting CCEEB membership along with travel be removed from the budget; he cited his concerns with the organization and MWDOC’s value in being a member. Directors Nederhood and Dick concurred with removing CCEEB.

Director Dick made a MOTION, which was seconded by Director Thomas, to adopt a RESOLUTION approving the fiscal year 2024-25 budget as presented, but with the following adjustments: (1) reducing the allocation for the Ambassador Program to \$20,000 (of which \$10,000 would be earmarked for an OC Grand Jury inspection trip), (2) reducing the allocation to the California Water For All initiative to \$10,000; (3) leaving the \$16,500 in the budget toward the California Data Collaborative; and (4) removing MWDOC’s membership and travel in CCEEB.

Discussion ensued, with Directors Crane, Seckel, and Yoo Schneider voicing support for participation in CCEEB, with Director Yoo Schneider noting that staff would be arranging a presentation on CCEEB in the near future at which time the Board could evaluate its continued participation.

Director Yoo Schneider then made a SUBSTITUTE MOTION, which was seconded by Director Crane, to adopt a RESOLUTION establishing the Fiscal Year 2024-25 budget as presented (including the reduction of \$21,610 from Director Compensation), but with the following adjustments: (1) reducing the allocation for the Ambassador Program to \$20,000 (of which \$10,000 would be earmarked for an OC Grand Jury inspection trip), (2) reducing the allocation to the California Water For All initiative to \$10,000; (3) leaving the \$16,500 in the budget toward the California Data Collaborative; and (4) keeping CCEEB participation in the budget. Following discussion, the Board took action on the SUBSTITUTE MOTION, and adopted RESOLUTION NO. 2146 Approving and Establishing the MWDOC Budget for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 including the General Fund, Reserve Fund, Water Fund, Water Use Efficiency Fund, WEROC Fund and AMP Fund (as revised via the MOTION and the reduction in Director Compensation (\$21,610), by the following roll call vote:

- AYES: Directors McVicker, Seckel, Crane, and Yoo Schneider
- NOES : Directors Nederhood, Dick and Thomas
- ABSENT: None
- ABSTAIN: None

(President McVicker left the meeting at 9:10 a.m. and Vice President Thomas assumed the Chair position).

PROPOSED MWDOC WATER RATE RESOLUTION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-25

Vice President Thomas advised that the proposed Water Rate Resolution was before the Board for consideration.

Upon MOTION by Director Crane, seconded by Director Seckel, and carried (6-0), the Board approved: (1) Increasing the MWDOC Retail Meter Charge from \$14.25 to \$14.75 per meter, and increasing the Groundwater Customer Charge from \$383,697 to \$405,463 effective July 1, 2024; and (2) Adopted RESOLUTION NO. 2147 Establishing Water Rates setting forth rates and charges to be effective July 1, 2024, and January 1, 2025, as identified in the Water Rate Resolution for Fiscal Year 2024-25. Said RESOLUTION was adopted by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Directors Nederhood, Dick, Seckel, Crane, Thomas, and Yoo Schneider
NOES : None
ABSENT: Director McVicker
ABSTAIN: None

DISCUSSION ITEM

MEMBER AGENCY SPOTLIGHT – SOUTH COAST WATER DISTRICT

Following an introduction by General Manager De La Torre, South Coast Water District’s (SCWD) General Manager Rick Shintaku presented information regarding SCWD’s mission, history and service area (including its unique characteristics), governance and management, transmission and treatment operations, mutual aid and regional training programs, contract services and agreements, SOCWA participation, its commitment to maximizing recycled water, an overview of its large capital projects (including tunnel stabilization and the Doheny Desalination Project), and its commitment to water use efficiency.

Following a brief discussion and question/answer period, the Board thanked Mr. Shintaku and received and filed the report.

PRESENTATION BY LEGAL COUNSEL RE SB 1439 (CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS)

Legal Counsel Byrne provided an overview of SB 1439 (new FPPC regulations regarding campaign contribution limits and guidelines), otherwise known as The Levine Act. He noted that Best, Best & Krieger would be presenting a more in-depth review of the legislation at the upcoming ACWA Spring Conference for those interested in attending. Mr. Byrne also advised that there was a failed legal challenge against SB 1439 and at present, three pieces of legislation (AB 2911 (McKinnor), SB 1243 (Dodd), and SB 1181 (Glazer)) have been introduced to amend the Levine Act, one of which would return it back to its original state before the adopted SB 1439.

Following discussion, the Board requested staff monitor the three pieces of legislation that challenge or request changes to SB 1439. The Board received and filed the report.

INFORMATION CALENDAR

GENERAL MANAGER’S REPORT, APRIL 2024

General Manager De La Torre advised that the full General Manager’s report was included in the Board packet.

Mr. De La Torre reported that the member agency spotlights have been very helpful, that the Elected Officials Forum was well received, and that Vicki Osborn (Director of Emergency Management) had been chosen to receive the California Emergency Services Association's Senator Nicholas C. Petris Award. Mr. De La Torre and members of the Board congratulated her on this achievement.

Staff was asked to provide additional information on the Regional Fuel Project to Director Dick, as well as an update on the status WEROC's Emergency Operations vehicle purchase at an upcoming meeting.

The Board received and filed the report as presented.

MWDOC GENERAL INFORMATION ITEMS

a. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board members each reported on their attendance at the regular (and special) MWDOC Board and Committee meetings. In addition to these meetings, the following reports were made on conferences and meetings attended on behalf of the District.

Director Nederhood advised that he attended the regularly scheduled MWDOC meetings (Planning & Operations, Administration & Finance, and Executive Committee meetings, as well as the Workshop and Regular Board meetings), the MET Board and Committee meetings, MET's Long-Term Regional Planning Process and Business Modeling subcommittee, the WACO and WACO planning meetings, and the OC Water Summit planning meetings.

Director Dick stated that he attended most of the regularly scheduled MWDOC meetings (except the Executive Committee), (Planning & Operations, and Administration & Finance Committee meetings, as well as the Workshop and Regular Board meetings), the regularly scheduled MET Board and Committee meetings, the Serrano Water District Board meeting, the WACO Planning meeting, the Elected Officials Forum, a meeting with Dick Ackerman, the MET Caucus, MET's Long-Term Regional Planning Process and Business Modeling subcommittee, a preparation meeting for MET's Finance & Asset Management Committee, and MET's Community Leader's Briefing featuring Assemblymember Laura Davies.

Director Crane reported that he attended all of the regularly scheduled MWDOC meetings (Planning & Operations, Administration & Finance, and Executive Committee meetings, as well as the Workshop and Regular Board meetings), the OC Water Summit planning meetings, a meeting with General Manager De La Torre, the Elected Officials Forum, the WACO Planning meeting, the MNWD Board meeting, the IRWD Board meeting, and a meeting with staff and the MWDOC Ad Hoc Committee regarding the OC Water Summit.

Director Seckel advised that he attended the regularly scheduled MWDOC meetings (Planning & Operations, Administration & Finance, and Executive Committee meetings, as well as the Workshop and Regular Board meetings), the regularly scheduled MET Board and Committee meetings, the MET Caucus, the Pure Water Committee, the Long-Term Regional Planning Process and Business Modeling subcommittee meeting, the SCWD Board meeting, the WACO Planning and WACO meetings, MET's Community Leader's Briefing featuring Assemblymember Laura Davies, the Elected Officials Forum, the YLWD dedication of its PFAS facility, and the City of Huntington Beach's water rates workshop.

Director Yoo Schneider advised that she attended the regularly scheduled MWDOC meetings (Planning & Operations, Administration & Finance, and Executive Committee meetings, as well as the Workshop and Regular Board meetings), a meeting with MWDOC staff, the SMWD Board and Committee meetings, the SCWD Board meeting, the Elected Officials Forum, the CCEEB WCW meeting, the CED meeting, the UCI Graduate Esteemed Leadership Council meeting, and the Water Environment Federation Membership Committee meeting. Director Yoo Schneider thanked Mr. Shintaku for his presentation.

As Director McVicker was absent, he submitted a written report to Secretary Goldsby; she read the meetings he attended which were all of the regularly scheduled MWDOC meetings (Administration & Finance, and Executive Committee meetings, as well as the Workshop and Regular Board meetings), the MET Budget workshop, the MET Long-Term Regional Planning Process and Business Modeling subcommittee meeting, the ISDOC Executive Committee meeting, the WACO meeting, the MET Board and Committee meetings, and the WACO Planning meeting.

Director Thomas stated that he attended most of the regularly scheduled MWDOC meetings (Administration & Finance Committee meeting, as well as the Workshop and Regular Board meetings), the OC Water Summit planning meetings, the MET Budget workshop, a meeting with General Manager De La Torre, a meeting with EOCWD Director Davert, a meeting with SMWD Director Ury, and the Elected Officials Forum.

a. REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS

No items for future agenda topics were presented.

CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

At 10:26 a.m., it was announced that the Board would adjourn to closed session to discuss the following items:

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION

Pursuant to Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Government Code Section 54956.9. One Case: San Diego County Water Authority v. Metropolitan Water District of Southern California; all persons interested in the validity of the rates adopted by the Metropolitan Water of Southern California on April 8, 2014, et al., former Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC547139, transferred on December 2, 2014, to San Francisco Superior Court, now Case No. CPF-14-514004.

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION

Pursuant to Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Government Code Section 54956.9. One Case: San Diego County Water Authority v. Metropolitan Water District of Southern California; all persons interested in the validity of the rates adopted by the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California on April 12, 2016, effective January 1, 2017 and January 1, 2018, et al., former Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BS161729, transferred to San Francisco Superior Court, now Case CPF-16-515282.

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION

Pursuant to Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Government Code Section 54956.9. One Case: San Diego County Water Authority v. Metropolitan Water District of Southern California; all persons interested in the validity of the rates adopted by the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California on April 10, 2018 to be effective January 1, 2019, and Jan. 1, 2020, et al., Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BS 173868, Transferred to San Francisco Superior Court, now Case CPF-18-516389.

RECONVENE

The Board reconvened at 11:30 a.m., and Legal Counsel Carson announced that no reportable action was taken in closed session.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Vice President Thomas adjourned the meeting at 11:31 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Maribeth Goldsby, Secretary

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT OF ORANGE COUNTY

Jointly with the

PLANNING & OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING

April 1, 2024 – 8:30 a.m. to 10:21 a.m.

The meeting was in-person at the Municipal Water District of Orange County's office and included attendance via the Zoom Webinar application.

P&O Committee:

Director Seckel, Chair
Director Dick
Director Yoo Schneider

Staff: Harvey De La Torre, Melissa Baum-Haley, Damon Micalizzi, Vicki Osborn, Cathy Harris, Joe Berg, Charles Busslinger, Sarina Sriboonlue, Heather Baez, Hilary Chumpitazi, Tiffany Baca, Maribeth Goldsby, Tina Dubuque, Alex Heide

Also Present:

Director Crane
Director Nederhood
Director McVicker
Director Thomas
MWDOC MET Director Linda Ackerman
MWDOC MET Director Dennis Erdman
David Youngblood, EOCWD
Dennis Cafferty, ETWD
Fred Adjarian, ETWD
Kathryn Freshley, ETWD
Kay Havens, ETWD
Mike Gaskins, ETWD
Vu Chu, El Toro ETWD
Lou Bronstein, IRWD
Paul Cook, IRWD
Peer Swan, IRWD
Keith Van Der Maaten, LBCWD

Hester "Fritz" Petropoulos, Mesa Water
Jim Atkinson, Mesa Water
Stacy Taylor, Mesa Water
Donald Froelich, MNWD
Laura Rocha, MNWD
Sherry Wanninger, MNWD
John Kennedy, OCWD
Chris Olsen, OCWD
Jennifer Lopez, SCWD
Rick Shintaku, SCWD
Joe Muller, SCWD
Bill Green, SCWD
Taryn Kjolsing, SCWD
Sheena Johnson, SCWD
Saundra Jacobs, SMWD
Don Bunts, SMWD
Brad Reese, SWD
Brett Barbre, YLWD

Chairperson Seckel called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Secretary Goldsby conducted a roll call of the Committee members' attendance, with Directors Seckel, Dick, and Yoo Schneider being present. Directors Crane, Dick, Thomas, and Nederhood were also present.

TELECONFERENCE SITE

Director Yoo Schneider participated via teleconference location (all agenda requirements pursuant to the Ralph M. Brown Act requirements were complied with).

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

ITEMS RECEIVED TOO LATE TO BE AGENDIZED

No items were presented.

ITEMS DISTRIBUTED TO THE BOARD LESS THAN 72 HOURS BEFORE MEETING

No items were distributed to the Board less than 72 hours before the meeting.

DISCUSSION ITEM

UPDATE ON THE CONSERVATION AS A WAY OF LIFE STANDARDS

Director of Water Use Efficiency Joe Berg summarized the recent changes the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) released on March 12, 2024, to the proposed Conservation as a California Way of Life Standards.

A robust conversation ensued about the importance of the input from the MWDOC member agencies, customers' ability to choose whether to abide by the proposed standards, and the effects the proposed standards will have on urban tree health and the aesthetics of landscaped areas.

The SWRCB intends to adopt the final standards this summer, effective January 1, 2025.

Responding to Director Nederhood's request, Mr. Berg said that he would alert the Board when the Water Board releases the individual agencies' data.

The Committee received and filed this report.

ACTION ITEM

**ORANGE COUNTY LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION (OC LAFCO)
SPECIAL DISTRICT MEMBER SEAT – ELECTION**

General Manager Harvey De La Torre explained that this item was to discuss potential nominations from the MWDOC Board for the OC LAFCO Special District member seat, authorize President McVicker and an alternate to vote on behalf of MWDOC, and direct staff to submit the appropriate forms.

Chair Seckel solicited interest from members of the MWDOC Board in running for this position; it was confirmed that no MWDOC Board member would be interested in running for the OC LAFCO Special District Member Seat.

South Coast Water District Director Joe Muller introduced himself and asked for support for his candidacy for the OC LAFCO Regular Special District Member Seat.

Responding to a question from Director Seckel, Director of Governmental Affairs Heather Baez confirmed that this action item was to authorize President McVicker and an alternate to vote for

the OC LAFCO Regular Special District Member Seat that expires June 30, 2024. The Declaration of Qualification to Vote is due to OC LAFCO by April 15, 2024. Ms. Baez noted that MWDOC would not be eligible to vote in the upcoming election if the form was not submitted by the deadline. The Committee suggested Director Thomas be approved as the alternate voting person.

Upon MOTION by Director Yoo Schneider, seconded by Director Larry Dick, and carried (3-0), the Committee recommended the Board of Directors approve the following: (1) authorize President McVicker and an alternate, Director Thomas, to vote in the appointment process; and (2) direct staff to submit the appropriate forms to OC LAFCO by the deadlines outlined.

A roll call vote was taken, with Directors Seckel, Dick, and Yoo Schneider voting in favor. This item will be presented to the Board at the Board Workshop on April 3, 2024.

LRP AGREEMENT BETWEEN METROPOLITAN, MWDOC, AND SOUTH COAST WATER DISTRICT FOR THE DOHENY OCEAN DESALINATION PROJECT

General Manager Harvey De La Torre explained that staff is recommending that the Board of Directors authorize the General Manager to execute the Local Resources Program agreement with the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California and South Coast Water District generally in the form as attached for the Doheny Ocean Desalination Project, subject to review and approval by Legal Counsel of any final agreement changes. He went on to say that the proper LRP procedure required by Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MET) is to have the member agency (South Coast Water District) as well as the MET member agency (MWDOC) approve the LRP agreement before the item goes before the MET Board (April).

In response to Director Nederhood's inquiry about the financial impact on MET, Senior Water Resource Analyst Alex Heide stated that existing LRP expenses are included in MET's proposed budget, and the program will continue accepting LRP applications. However, agreements have a four-year construction completion timeline before they begin operations and bill MET for any water production. With the current timeline, it is not anticipated that production/incentive payments will impact MET's budget for a few years.

Mr. De La Torre noted that MET has targets to maintain local supply development, helping the IRP and reliability targets. This project is also looked upon as a reliability project for Orange County as a whole, as well as, South Orange County, and, for these reasons, it is a wise investment from a regional and local standpoint.

Upon MOTION by Director Dick, seconded by Director Yoo Schneider, and carried (3-0), the Committee recommended the Board of Directors authorize the General Manager to execute the final LRP Agreement with Metropolitan and SCWD generally in the form presented for SCWD's Doheny Ocean Desalination Project, for up to five million gallons per day (5,600 AFY), subject to review and approval by Legal Counsel of any final agreement changes.

A roll call vote was taken, with Directors Seckel, Dick, and Yoo Schneider voting in favor. This item will be presented to the Board at the Board Workshop on April 3, 2024.

AWARD OF CONSULTING CONTRACT FOR UPDATING THE 2025 HAZARD MITIGATION PLANS FOR COMPLIANCE WITH THE AMERICA’S WATER INFRASTRUCTURE ACT (AWIA)

The Director of Emergency Management, Vicki Osborn, shared that three projects are being handled within this contract: updating the Hazard Mitigation Plan, Risk Assessments, and Emergency Response Plans.

Upon MOTION by Director Yoo Schneider, seconded by Director Dick, and carried (3-0), the Committee recommended the Board of Directors authorize the General Manager to:

1. Enter into a consulting contract with Herndon Solutions Group (HSG) in the estimated amount not to exceed \$2.8 million (costs are contingent upon final participating agency commitments and include a 10% contingency) to assist member agencies in updating their 2025 Hazard Mitigation Plans. This includes MWDOC’s cost share of approximately \$108,000 and
2. Enter into Letter Agreements or Contracts with up to 31 of our participating agencies under the WEROC agreement to recover the cost of this shared service contract.

A roll call vote was taken, with Directors Seckel, Dick, and Yoo Schneider voting in favor. This item will be presented to the Board at the Board Workshop on April 17, 2024.

INFORMATION ITEM

CONTINUATION OF THE GARDENSOFT WEBSITE IN SUPPORT OF ALL LANDSCAPE WATER USE EFFICIENCY PROGRAMS

The Committee received and filed this report.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS HIGHLIGHTS

The Committee received and filed this report.

QUARTERLY MWDOC K-12 CHOICE SCHOOL PROGRAMS UPDATE

The Committee received and filed this report.

SPEAKERS BUREAU QUARTERLY REPORT

The Committee received and filed this report.

DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES REPORTS

- a. Ongoing MWDOC Reliability and Engineering/Planning Projects
- b. WEROC
- c. Water Use Efficiency Projects

d. Public and Government Affairs

The Committee received and filed these reports.

REVIEW OF ISSUES RELATED TO PLANNING OR ENGINEERING PROJECTS, WEROC, WATER USE EFFICIENCY, FACILITY AND EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE, WATER STORAGE, WATER QUALITY, CONJUNCTIVE USE PROGRAMS, EDUCATION, PUBLIC AFFAIRS PROGRAMS AND EVENTS, PUBLIC INFORMATION PROJECTS, PUBLIC INFORMATION CONSULTANTS, DISTRICT FACILITIES, and MEMBER-AGENCY RELATIONS

ADJOURNMENT

As no further business was brought before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 10:21 a.m.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT OF ORANGE COUNTY

Jointly with the

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE COMMITTEE

April 10, 2024 – 8:30 a.m. to 11:09 a.m.

Director Crane called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. The meeting was held in-person at the District offices as well as including attendance via the Zoom Webinar application.

A&F Committee

Director Crane
Director Thomas
Director Nederhood

Staff:

Harvey De La Torre, Maribeth Goldsby,
Katie Davanaugh, Cathy Harris,
Hilary Chumpitazi, Charles Busslinger,
Damon Micalizzi, Tiffany Baca,
Melissa Baum-Haley, Joe Berg, Heather
Baez

Also Present:

Director McVicker
Director Seckel
Director Dick
Director Yoo Schneider
Linda Ackerman, MWDOC Met Director
Fred Adjarian, ETWD
Vu Chu, ETWD
Dennis Cafferty, ETWD
Kay Havens, ETWD
Mark Monin, ETWD
Sherri Seitz, ETWD
Jim Atkinson, Mesa Water

Paul Weghorst, IRWD
Peer Swan, IRWD
Keith Van Der Maaten, LBCWD
Diane Rifkin, MNWD
John Kennedy, OCWD
Chris Olsen, OCWD
Laura Freese, SMWD
Chuck Gibson, SMWD
Paul Pender, SMWD
Brad Reese, Serrano WD
Glen Acosta, TCWD
Michael Perea, TCWD
Brett Barbre, YLWD
Paul Jones, Dopudja & Wells
Dick Ackerman, Ackerman Consulting

ROLL CALL

Secretary Goldsby conducted a roll call attendance of the Committee members with Directors Crane, Thomas and Nederhood acknowledging attendance for the Administration and Finance Committee; and Directors McVicker, Dick, Yoo Schneider (via Zoom) and Seckel were also present.

TELECONFERENCE SITE

Director Yoo Schneider was participating via teleconference location (all agenda requirements pursuant to the Ralph M. Brown Act requirements were complied with).

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No comments were received.

ITEMS RECEIVED TOO LATE TO BE AGENDIZED

No items were presented.

ITEMS DISTRIBUTED TO THE BOARD LESS THAN 72 HOURS PRIOR TO MEETING

No items were presented. The Communications Plan presentation was posted to the District's website.

PROPOSED BOARD CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS**TREASURER'S REPORT**

- a. Revenue/Cash Receipt Report – March 2024
- b. Disbursement Approval Report for the month of April 2024
- c. Disbursement Ratification Report for the month of March 2024
- d. GM Approved Disbursement Report for the month of March 2024
- e. Consolidated Summary of Cash and Investment – February 2024
- f. OPEB and Pension Trust Fund statement

The Committee reviewed the Treasurer's Report and upon MOTION by Director Nederhood, seconded by Director Thomas and carried (3-0), the Committee recommended approval of the Treasurer's Report at the April 17, 2024 Board meeting. The vote was taken via roll call with Directors Crane, Thomas, and Nederhood all voting in favor.

FINANCIAL REPORT

- a. Combined Financial Statements and Budget Comparative for the Period Ending November 30, 2023

The Committee reviewed the Financial Report and upon MOTION by Director Nederhood, seconded by Director Thomas and carried (3-0), the Committee recommended approval of the Financial Report at the March 20, 2024 Board meeting. The vote was taken via roll call with Directors Crane, Thomas, and Nederhood all voting in favor.

ACTION ITEMS**REVIEW INFORMATION REGARDING PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER AN ORDINANCE TO ADJUST COMPENSATION FOR DIRECTORS**

It was noted that a public hearing regarding an increase in Director Compensation was scheduled for April 17, 2024 at the Board meeting. The Committee and Board members present expressed general desire to not increase Director Compensation, but noted that since the Public Hearing was noticed in the newspaper, the item move forward to the full Board. IRWD Director Swan suggested the most recent Board Compensation survey be

included and the Committee asked that staff include a copy of the survey for the Public Hearing.

Upon MOTION by Director Thomas, seconded by Director Nederhood and carried (2-1), the Committee recommended the Ordinance to Adjust Compensation for Directors be presented at the April 17, 2024 Board meeting for consideration. Directors Thomas and Nederhood voted in favor; Director Crane opposed.

ADOPTION OF THE THIRD DRAFT BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-25

General Manager De La Torre provided a review and presentation of the 3rd draft of the 2024-25 budget which included the addition of a 5% increase in Director compensation. He advised that additional discussion and direction were needed on whether to remove the following: the Pilot "Ambassador Program" (\$40,000), participation in the CA Data Collaborative (\$16,500), participation in the CA Water for All initiative (\$20,000), additional staff resources for choice funded programs (in the Accounting Department), and new water use efficiency shared services (Advanced Metering Infrastructure). Mr. De La Torre described each item and went on to provide a budget overview including rates, revenues, operating expenses, expense category year-to-date changes, outside water use efficiency funding, initial choice year-to-date expenses, and a review of the 2024-25 merit pool. Mr. De La Torre indicated that feedback received from member agencies included strong support of the proposed budget. It was noted that the elected officials meeting is scheduled for later in the day, which will be another opportunity for member agencies to present comments pertaining to the budget.

The Committee discussed the budget refinement items as listed in the staff report and each Director expressed their preferences on items to be supported versus removed from the budget. Additionally, the Committee held discussion on some of the memberships including CCEEB (included in the budget) and AMWA (which was removed from the budget); it was suggested that the full Board discuss whether to remove CCEEB from the budget. The Committee also discussed the proposed Ambassador Program and whether to keep it in the budget or dedicate the funding (or a portion of the funding) to future Grand Jury inspection trips. The Committee generally concurred that participation in the CA Water for All initiative be removed from the budget.

Mr. De La Torre then noted that also included in the budget was funding for modernizing the District's phone system including voicemail and software. It was reported that the current system has reached the end of its useful life, and that the proposed work is scheduled to be completed in the new fiscal year. Staff will present the financial overview of the cost of this item and present findings (in memo format). The cost will be an analysis of on-site phone system versus cloud-based services.

Upon MOTION by Director Nederhood, seconded by Director Crane and carried (2-1), the Committee recommended the Board approve the 3rd Draft Budget for 2024-25, with the removal of the CA Water for All initiative, at the April 17, 2024 Board meeting. Directors Nederhood and Crane voted in favor; and Director Thomas opposed.

PROPOSED MWDOC WATER RATE RESOLUTION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-25

Upon MOTION by Director Thomas, seconded by Director Nederhood and carried (3-0), the Proposed MWDOC Water Rate Resolution for Fiscal Year 2024-25 to the April 17, 2024 Board meeting for approval. The vote was taken via roll call with Directors Crane, Nederhood and Thomas all voting in favor.

AWARD OF SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT TO DOPUDJA AND WELLS CONSULTING TO CONDUCT DISTRICT NEEDS ASSESSMENT

Upon MOTION by Director Thomas, seconded by Director Nederhood and carried (3-0), the Committee recommended the Award of Sole Source Contract to Dopudja and Wells Consulting to Conduct District Needs Assessment be approved at the April 17, 2024 Board. The vote was taken via roll call with Directors Crane, Nederhood and Thomas all voting in favor.

It was noted that the assessment is needed to evaluate the current staffing needs, assist with succession planning and is included in the District's strategic priorities. The work is anticipated to be completed in 4 months and the key findings will be presented to the Board.

AUTHORIZE AMENDMENT TO ADMINISTRATIVE CODE SECTION 1100 (BOARD AND COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETINGS)

Upon MOTION by Director Thomas, seconded by Director Nederhood and carried (3-0), the Amendment to Administrative Code Section 1100 (Board and Committee Meeting Regular Meetings) was referred to the April 17, 2024 Board meeting for approval. The vote was taken via roll call with Directors Crane, Nederhood and Thomas all voting in favor.

It was noted that Legal Counsel reviewed the Administrative Code and recommended this change, which would allow the increase in the number of times a director could use the "emergency circumstances" exemption under AB 2449.

PRESENTATION**2ND PHASE OF MWDOC STRATEGIC COMMUNICATIONS PLAN**

Director of Public Affairs, Damon Micalizzi, provided a review of background, approach, and the strategic process for the communications plan. Public Affairs Manager Tiffany Baca provided an overview of the efforts of the Public Affairs department, including where we are now, current, and future goals, messaging, the process, and future efforts. The presentation included many examples of methods of delivering information to the intended audience, as well as the tools to deliver those messages.

Mr. Micalizzi reviewed the three major policy communication goals which were defined as 1) educate, inform and communicate, 2) identify and promote the District's shared services and programs, and 3) to elevate MWDOC's visibility to develop and extend network of informed advocates. The Board was surveyed by the Public Affairs Department to identify any areas of concern with department activities and goals as well as provide input to staff.

Next steps include a refined and enhanced report on the department goals and activities. Program enhancements include grand jury educational opportunities, community events, the choice school program and others outlined in the staff report.

The Committee expressed appreciation for the well-prepared presentation and looks forward to continuing the communication efforts of the District with input from the Board members on an ongoing basis.

INFORMATION ITEMS

DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES REPORTS

- a. Administration
- b. Finance and Information Technology

MONTHLY WATER USAGE DATA AND WATER SUPPLY INFORMATION

The informational reports were received and filed.

OTHER ITEMS

REVIEW ISSUES REGARDING DISTRICT ORGANIZATION, PERSONNEL MATTERS, EMPLOYEE BENEFITS FINANCE AND INSURANCE

No information was presented.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business brought before the Administration & Finance Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 11:09 a.m.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT OF ORANGE COUNTY
jointly with the
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
April 18, 2024, 8:30 a.m. to 9:17 a.m.
Board Room

Committee:

Director McVicker, President
Director Thomas, Vice President (absent)
Director Yoo Schneider, Immediate Past President

Staff:

H. De La Torre, M. Goldsby,
M. Baum-Haley, H. Baez

Also Present:

Director Nederhood
Director Crane
Director Seckel
Director Dick
Linda Ackerman, MWDOC/MET Dir.

Stacy Taylor, Mesa Water
Sherry Wanninger, MNWD
John Kennedy, OCWD
Greg Mills, Serrano WD
Brad Reese, Serrano WD

President McVicker called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. The meeting was held in-person at the District offices as well as including attendance via the Zoom Webinar application. Secretary Goldsby called the roll, with Committee members McVicker and Yoo Schneider present. Directors Nederhood, Dick, Seckel, and Crane were also present. In the absence of Director Thomas, Director Dick sat on the Committee.

TELECONFERENCE SITE

Director Yoo Schneider was participating via teleconference location (all agenda requirements pursuant to the Ralph M. Brown Act requirements were complied with).

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No items were presented.

ITEMS RECEIVED TOO LATE TO BE AGENDIZED

No items were presented.

ITEMS DISTRIBUTED TO THE BOARD LESS THAN 72 HOURS PRIOR TO MEETING

Secretary Goldsby advised that the draft agendas for the upcoming month were distributed to the Board and made available to the public.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REVIEW OF FUTURE AGENDAS

The Committee reviewed and discussed the draft agendas for each of the meetings and made revisions/additions as listed below.

a. MWDOC/OCWD Joint Planning Committee

General Manager De La Torre advised that due to a conflict with MET's CAMP4W Task Force meeting, Charles Busslinger would attend in his place. Following discussion, it was recommended that a teleconference location (at MET) be set up for virtual attendance by both Mr. De La Torre and Director Seckel.

b. Planning & Operations and Administration & Finance Committees (Joint Meeting)

Mr. De La Torre advised that the two Committees would be held jointly due to a conflict with the ACWA Spring Conference.

Director Dick suggested the Administration & Finance Committee discuss the feasibility of a two-year budget. Mr. De La Torre advised that he would work with Director Crane (Committee Chair) to discuss options.

c. Workshop Board Meeting

No new items were added to the agenda, however, the Committee discussed the proposed presentation/discussion with both MET General Manager Hagekhalil and Chairman Ortega and suggested staff develop an invitation to the agencies highlighting their attendance. It was noted that this meeting may be moved to the Board Room which would accommodate a larger audience.

DISCUSSION REGARDING UPCOMING ACTIVITIES OF SIGNIFICANCE

Mr. De La Torre highlighted the upcoming ACWA Spring Conference.

Director Nederhood referenced the recent budget discussions and asked when a presentation by the California Council on Environmental and Economic Balance (CCEEB) would be made to the Committee; Mr. De La Torre advised that late summer may be best.

MEMBER AGENCY RELATIONS

Mr. De La Torre advised MWDOC will continue its "Member Agency Spotlight" at the May 15, 2024 Board meeting, featuring Golden State Water Company.

Mr. De La Torre then stated that several agencies (including MNWD, Mesa Water, OCWD, YLWD, SDCWA, MET, and Contra Costa WD) would be hosting a reception honoring ACWA and AWWA officers on April 30, 2024 from 5:30-7:30 pm in Laguna Hills. He stated that MWDOC was asked to provide a \$2,000 sponsorship for this event and that MWDOC participated in the 2023 event honoring MET Chair Ortega for the same amount. Following discussion, the Committee generally concurred and approved a sponsorship payment of \$2,000 toward this event. Several Directors asked that MWDOC be included earlier in the process for these events. Directors were encouraged to attend.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORTS

Mr. De La Torre reported that he was invited to participate in an OC Talk Radio segment on April 23, 2024 (speaking on water supply development and planning for the future).

He then referenced MWDOC's Assistant General Manager recruitment process, advising that final panel interviews were scheduled toward the end of the month, and that the panel consisted of him, Director of Human Resources and Administration Cathy Harris, as well as a General Manager from MWDOC's member agencies and a General Manager from MET's member agencies. Director Dick referenced privacy issues with holding interviews at the District office, and Mr. De La Torre advised there was a process in place.

REVIEW AND DISCUSS DISTRICT AND BOARD ACTIVITIES

Mr. De La Torre reported on the following: (1) the remodeling of the break room/kitchen would commence within a week or so; and (2) MWDOC was invited to present information to the OC Legislative Caucus on MWDOC water issues, and that Mr. Syrus Devers presented the information (staff worked with him on the content of the presentation).

Director Nederhood referenced the OC LAFCO MSR Focused Study and asked for updates; it was noted that the draft report was anticipated to be released in July.

Director Seckel asked that Director of Governmental Affairs Heather Baez and Advocate Syrus Devers monitor any discussions by the State regarding low-income assistance for water rates.

Mr. De La Torre updated the Committee on the Lunch and Learn series he is implementing (toward his goal to improve professional development) advising that District Secretary Goldsby kicked off the series with a presentation on the Administrative Code, California Public Records Act, and The Brown Act. The next event will be held on June 13, 2024 regarding the history of MWDOC and its evolution. Responding to an inquiry, Mr. De La Torre advised that a staff committee is conducting surveys (with staff) on subjects of interest.

It was reported that the Public Affairs Department is arranging video spotlights for the member agencies to highlight and speak about collaborative efforts between MWDOC and the agencies and that the next video will be with SCWD.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be brought before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:17 a.m.

MEETING REPORT
JOINT PLANNING COMMITTEE WITH BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT OF ORANGE COUNTY and
ORANGE COUNTY WATER DISTRICT
April 24, 2024 - 8:30 a.m. – 9:33 a.m.
MWDOC Conference Room 101 and Zoom Webinar Application

MWDOC DIRECTORS

Al Nederhood
Larry Dick
Bob McVicker
Karl W. Seckel
Randall Crane
Jeffery M. Thomas (absent)
Megan Yoo Schneider

OCWD DIRECTORS

Dina Nguyen (absent)
Denis Bilodeau
Roger Yoh
Van Tran (absent)
Steve Sheldon (absent)
Cathy Green
Erik Weigand (absent)
Valerie Amezcua (absent)
Natalie Meeks (absent)
Bruce Whitaker

MWDOC STAFF

Harvey De La Torre
Maribeth Goldsby
Heather Baez
Charles Busslinger
Kevin Hostert
Damon Micalizzi
Joe Berg
Melissa Baum-Haley
Sarina Sriboonlue

OCWD STAFF

John Kennedy
Gina Ayala
Adam Hutchinson
Chris Olsen
Leticia Villarreal
Ben Smith

ALSO PRESENT

Linda Ackerman, MWDOC MET Director
Mike Gaskins, ETWD
Alvin Papa, City of HB
Peer Swan, IRWD
Paul Weghorst, IRWD
Keith Van Der Maaten, LBCWD
Jim Atkinson, Mesa Water
Don Froelich, MNWD
Sherry Wanninger, MNWD
Laura Rocha, MNWD

Laura Freese, SMWD
Chuck Gibson, SMWD
Greg Mills, Serrano WD
Brad Reese, Serrano WD
Trudi DesRoches, YLWD
Gene Hernandez, YLWD
Tom Lindsey, YLWD
Dick Ackerman, Ackerman Consulting
Lurette Forrest

OCWD President Green chaired the meeting. The meeting was held in person at the District offices, as well as including attendance via the Zoom Webinar application

TELECONFERENCE SITE

For MWDOC, Directors McVicker, Seckel, and Yoo Schneider participated via teleconference location, and for OCWD Directors Bilodeau and Yoh participated via teleconference (all agenda requirements pursuant to the Ralph M. Brown Act requirements were complied with).

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments were received.

IMPORTED WATER SUPPLY UPDATE

MWDOC Sr. Water Resources Analyst Kevin Hostert updated the Boards on the current imported water supply conditions, highlighting the Northern California 8-station index's accumulated precipitation, snowpack, run-off percentages, key reservoir storage levels and "take" capacities, Colorado River status and Lake Mead's storage levels, and the current SWP Table "A" allocation of 40%.

Following discussion, the Committee received and filed the presentation.

GROUNDWATER BASIN UPDATE

OCWD Executive Director of Engineering and Water Resources Chris Olsen updated the Committee on the status of OCWD operations, which included updates on the Anaheim Field Headquarters Rain Gage, recharge basins storage status, Prado Dam operations, groundwater basin water balances, recharge basin storage status, the OCWD groundwater basin accumulated overdraft, and OCWD's Basin Production Percentage (BPP). He advised that OCWD has no plans for purchasing MET imported water for the next few years.

The Committee received and filed the report as presented.

RECAP OF MET'S ADOPTED TWO-YEAR BUDGET

MWDOC Director of MET Issues/Policy, Melissa Baum-Haley provided an overview of MET's biennial budget process and adopted rates, including overall rate increases of 8.5% in each year (2024-25 and 2025-26), and an increase in the collection of Ad Valorem taxes. Her presentation included an overview of MET's ten-year financial projections.

Following discussion, the Committee received and filed the report.

PFAS UPDATE

OCWD General Manager John Kennedy updated the Committee on OCWD's PFAS issues, reporting that an additional 40 wells will be added to the existing 62 (per new EPA standards), that OCWD is working with consultants on the design/build of the new wells, and that it will take a 5-year period for construction. He reviewed the EPA's new PFAS standards (PFAS compounds are now considered hazardous) and that OCWD is working to have water utilities exempted from this language.

Following discussion, the Committee received and filed the report.

ANY FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Director Nederhood suggested an update on MET's CAMP4W and MET's business model be made at an upcoming meeting. It was noted that the CAMP4W task force meetings have been scheduled through the end of the year.

FUTURE COMMITTEE MEETINGS: JULY 24 AND OCTOBER 23, 2024

Chair Green advised that the next meetings were scheduled for July 24 and October 23, 2024.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 9:33 a.m.

**Municipal Water District of Orange County
REVENUE / CASH RECEIPT REPORT
April 2024**

WATER REVENUES

<u>Date</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
4/01/2024	City of Buena Park	February 2024 Water deliveries	25,390.75
4/01/2024	El Toro Water District	February 2024 Water deliveries	332,361.99
4/01/2024	City of Fountain Valley	February 2024 Water deliveries	3,740.91
4/01/2024	City of La Habra	February 2024 Water deliveries	6,879.32
4/01/2024	South Coast Water District	February 2024 Water deliveries	306,372.80
4/03/2024	Trabuco Canyon Water District	February 2024 Water deliveries	78,749.07
4/03/2024	City of Seal Beach	February 2024 Water deliveries	13,345.73
4/04/2024	Laguna Beach County Water District	February 2024 Water deliveries	232,674.23
4/10/2024	City of Garden Grove	February 2024 Water deliveries	72,184.65
4/10/2024	Santa Margarita Water District (ID9)	February 2024 Water deliveries	179,621.89
4/10/2024	Santa Margarita Water District	February 2024 Water deliveries	1,212,201.40
4/11/2024	City of Orange	February 2024 Water deliveries	81,512.14
4/12/2024	City of San Clemente	February 2024 Water deliveries	448,949.32
4/15/2024	Golden State Water Company	February 2024 Water deliveries	363,678.35
4/15/2024	East Orange Co Water District	February 2024 Water deliveries	213,520.87
4/15/2024	City of La Palma	February 2024 Water deliveries	1,585.28
4/15/2024	Moulton Niguel Water District	February 2024 Water deliveries	1,194,180.75
4/15/2024	Orange County Water District	February 2024 Water deliveries	176,300.72
4/15/2024	Yorba Linda Water District	February 2024 Water deliveries	101,532.88
4/18/2024	Trabuco Canyon Water District	March 2024 Water deliveries	70,793.24
4/22/2024	City of La Habra	March 2024 Water deliveries	6,879.32
4/26/2024	City of Brea	March 2024 Water deliveries	7,178.82
4/26/2024	City of Huntington Beach	March 2024 Water deliveries	228,693.16
4/29/2024	City of Newport Beach	March 2024 Water deliveries	573,527.86
4/29/2024	City of Buena Park	March 2024 Water deliveries	26,018.80
4/30/2024	City of Fountain Valley	March 2024 Water deliveries	3,740.92

TOTAL WATER REVENUES \$ 5,961,615.17

**Municipal Water District of Orange County
REVENUE / CASH RECEIPT REPORT
April 2024**

MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES

<u>Date</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
4/02/2024	WePay	ISDOC Quarterly Luncheon registrations	220.64
4/30/2024	WePay	ISDOC Quarterly Luncheon registrations	634.34
4/04/2024	Metropolitan Water District	1/31/2024 Water Policy dinner registrations	1,150.00
4/01/2024	Karl Seckel	April 2024 Retiree Health insurance	187.02
4/01/2024	Patricia Meszaros	April 2024 Retiree Health insurance	27.99
4/10/2024	Judy Pfister	Apr-Jun 2024 Retiree Health insurance	83.97
4/17/2024	Stan Sprague	May 2024 Retiree Health insurance	187.02
4/30/2024	Keith Lyon	May 2024 Retiree Health insurance	187.02
4/16/2024	Igoe and Company Inc	COBRA Health and Vision insurance	869.78
4/15/2024	City of La Palma	Late Payment penalty on January 2024 Water deliveries	15.85
4/16/2024	11 Checks	MWDOC employees apparel purchase	822.17
4/22/2024	Tiffany Baca	Employee purchase of surplus laptop	150.00
4/29/2024	ODP Business Solutions LLC	Annual rebate	30.60
4/30/2024	US Bank	Monthly Interest	58.51
4/15/2024	Santa Margarita Water District	Dec 2023 - Jan 2024 Smartimer rebate program	143.14
4/30/2024	Santa Margarita Water District	February 2024 Smartimer rebate program	19.00
4/25/2024	City of Seal Beach	December 2023 Spray to Drip rebate program	618.65
4/04/2024	Mesa Water District	January 2024 Turf Removal and Spray to Drip rebate program	444.00
4/22/2024	El Toro Water District	February 2024 Smartimer and Turf Removal rebate program	1,343.86
4/01/2024	City of Orange	January 2024 Turf Removal and Spray to Drip rebate program	1,608.29
4/04/2024	Irvine Ranch Water District	February 2024 Turf Removal and Spray to Drip rebate program	2,188.68
4/08/2024	City of Tustin	February 2024 Turf Removal and Spray to Drip rebate program	555.00
4/09/2024	Golden State Water Company	February 2024 Turf Removal and Spray to Drip rebate program	520.46
4/10/2024	City of Fountain Valley	February 2024 Turf Removal and Spray to Drip rebate program	493.88
4/10/2024	City of Orange	February 2024 Turf Removal and Spray to Drip rebate program	555.00
4/12/2024	City of Brea	February 2024 Turf Removal and Spray to Drip rebate program	666.00
4/15/2024	City of La Habra	February 2024 Turf Removal and Spray to Drip rebate program	444.00
4/15/2024	Moulton Niguel Water District	January 2024 Smartimer, Rotating Nozzles and Turf Removal rebate program	43,206.93
4/15/2024	Moulton Niguel Water District	February 2024 Smartimer, Turf Removal and High Efficiency Clothes Washers rebate program	14,736.00
4/22/2024	Laguna Beach County Water District	February 2024 Turf Removal, Spray to Drip and High Efficiency Clothes Washers rebate program	2,339.00
4/30/2024	Moulton Niguel Water District	March 2024 Smartimer, Turf Removal, Spray to Drip and High Efficiency Clothes Washers rebate program	11,225.60
4/15/2024	Moulton Niguel Water District	December 2023 Smartimer, Rotating Nozzles, Turf Removal, Spray to Drip and High Efficiency Clothes and Washers rebate program	18,318.83
4/15/2024	Yorba Linda Water District	Dedicated Irrigation Meters Measurement Program FY 22-24	34,672.00
4/12/2024	City of Huntington Beach	Addition to the Choice School Program FY 23-24	4,362.64
4/15/2024	East Orange Co Water District	FY 2022-23 O & M Costs of the EOCF #2	25,903.22
4/15/2024	Moulton Niguel Water District	FY 2022-23 O & M Costs of the EOCF #2	89,179.12
4/19/2024	City of Huntington Beach	FY 2022-23 O & M Costs of the EOCF #2	12,638.14
4/22/2024	Laguna Beach County Water District	FY 2022-23 O & M Costs of the EOCF #2	2,972.64
4/22/2024	City of Newport Beach	FY 2022-23 O & M Costs of the EOCF #2	12,520.65
4/22/2024	City of Orange	FY 2022-23 O & M Costs of the EOCF #2	20,900.53
4/29/2024	South Coast Water District	FY 2022-23 O & M Costs of the EOCF #2	1,585.41
4/30/2024	Santa Margarita Water District (ID9)	FY 2022-23 O & M Costs of the EOCF #2	29,726.37
4/30/2024	Santa Margarita Water District	FY 2022-23 O & M Costs of the EOCF #2	35,863.65
4/04/2024	Mesa Water District	Water Loss Control Shared Services FY 2023-24	8,196.00
4/03/2024	City of Seal Beach	Water Loss Control Technical Assistance CY 2024 - E Source	22,040.00
4/30/2024	City of Santa Ana	Water Loss Control Technical Assistance CY 2024 - E Source	12,680.00
4/05/2024	City of San Clemente	50% Upfront LCRR Service Line Inventories Project	37,144.00
TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES			\$ 454,435.60
TOTAL REVENUES			\$ 6,416,050.77



 Harvey De La Torre, General Manager



 Hilary Chumpitazi, Treasurer

**Municipal Water District of Orange County
Disbursement Approval Report
For the month of May 2024**

Vendor/ Invoice	Description	Amount to Pay
Core Disbursements:		
ACCO Engineered Systems Inc		
20533518	03/15/24 HVAC repair service on VAV 26	991.43
Total		991.43
Ackerman Consulting-Richard C Ackerman		
1406	April 2024 Legal and regulatory specialized consulting services	3,500.00
Total		3,500.00
Aleshire & Wynder LLP		
85162/85164/82102	March 2024 Legal services	645.75
Total		645.75
Alta FoodCraft		
12418180	April 2024 Coffee and tea supplies	118.51
12420299	April 2024 Coffee and tea supplies	70.20
Total		188.71
Arc Document Solutions, LLC		
12454304	04/23/24 Printing service - Two copies of the breakroom remodel plans	49.10
Total		49.10
Brown and Caldwell		
12518273	March 2024 Hydraulic model work services for Moulton Niguel Water District	1,072.65
Total		1,072.65
Coast to Coast Computer Products		
A2661415	Two black toner cartridges for laser printer	380.63
Total		380.63
Hunter T Cook		
33124	January-March 2024 Retiree medical premium	1,536.00
Total		1,536.00
CSU Fullerton ASC		
AR174027	04/01/24-06/30/24 Center for Demographic Research Support	15,608.28
AR174069	Completion of 2020-2023 OC Retailer Service and Sub Area Population Estimates	2,194.83
AR174071	Completion of 2010-2019 changes to Historical Service Area Population Estimates	11,724.98
Total		29,528.09
Green Thumb (Indoor Plant Care) LLC-Dedo Verde Interior		
20240566	May 2024 Indoor plant service	305.50
Total		305.50

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Vendor/ Invoice	Description	Amount to Pay
Dopudja & Wells Consulting Inc		
1436	November 2023-January 2024 Senior Advisory Consulting Services for State and Federal Legislative and Policy Matters	5,360.00
1437	November 2023-January 2024 Consulting services on MET Strategic Issues and Priorities	20,740.00
1516	February 2024 Consulting services on MET Strategic Issues and Priorities	6,867.50
1519	March 2024 Consulting services on MET Strategic Issues and Priorities	3,685.00
Total		36,652.50
E Source Companies LLC		
12025	March 2024 Retail Agency Technical Assistance services	10,663.39
12027	March 2024 Business Plan Implementation services	3,920.00
Total		14,583.39
Means Consulting-Edward G Means III		
MWDOC-1315	April 2024 Consulting services for East Orange County Feeder #2 Project	275.00
Total		275.00
Hashtag Pinpoint Corporation		
1840	April 2024 Social Media consultation and services	7,913.00
Total		7,913.00
Steve Hedges		
33124	January-March 2024 Retiree medical premium	524.10
Total		524.10
Inland Group LLC		
241995011	Vinyl Banner for Earth Day Event at Coronet Park	212.62
242023011	Replacement Coronet Park acrylic sign and installation	533.26
242082011	Earth Day promotional signs for event at Coronet Park	128.03
Total		873.91
Jill Promotions		
12100	Promotional item - Rain gauges	1,411.19
12127	Promotional item - Ricky pencils	269.35
Total		1,680.54
Lawnscape Systems Inc		
444902	April 2024 Landscape Maintenance for Atrium	495.00
Total		495.00
Phil Letrong		
41324	January-March 2024 Retiree medical premium	524.10
Total		524.10

**Municipal Water District of Orange County
Disbursement Approval Report
For the month of May 2024**

Vendor/ Invoice	Description	Amount to Pay
Patricia Meszaros		
33124	January-March 2024 Retiree medical premium	733.80
Total		733.80
Natural Resource Results LLC		
4848	April 2024 Federal Advocacy Agreement services	8,000.00
Total		8,000.00
NDS		
833217	04/05/24 Board packet delivery service	134.72
Total		134.72
ODP Business Solutions LLC		
363848019001	04/22/24 Office supplies	217.57
363850357001	04/24/24 Office supplies	77.00
Total		294.57
Orange County Water District		
26343	March 2024 Postage, shared office & maintenance expense	12,204.13
Total		12,204.13
Judy Pfister		
41124	January-March 2024 Retiree medical premium	524.10
Total		524.10
Predict Success-Anne Sandberg		
5238678	Harrison Assessments for staff	1,615.00
5262978	Harrison Assessments for staff	1,615.00
Total		3,230.00
Ralph Andersen & Associates		
INV-04689	March 2024 Compensation and Benefits Study	12,500.00
Total		12,500.00
SMS Datacenter-Groupo SMS USA LLC		
39633	Configuration and secure connection setup and logging solution	3,500.00
39634	Wireless assessment, configuration, installation, and initial testing for six access points	3,400.00
39673	Professional services to assess, plan, configure, and test six new access points on network	1,337.50
39677	Wiring/cabling and physical installation of six new wireless access points	1,647.14
Total		9,884.64
Syrus Devers Advocacy LLC		
1041	April 2024 State Legislative Advocacy services	8,000.00
Total		8,000.00

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For the month of May 2024**

Vendor/ Invoice	Description	Amount to Pay
Tripepi Smith & Associates Inc		
12180	Job posting for WEROC Specialist/Manager	365.00
Total		365.00
Water District Jobs		
1292404	04/19/24 Job posting for WEROC Specialist/Manager	145.00
Total		145.00
Total Core Expenditures		157,735.36
 Choice Expenditures:		
Bryton Printing Inc		
17824	Water Use Efficiency Spring 2024 bill inserts for member agencies - Replacement of 300 inserts for YLWD	140.67
Total		140.67
California Water Efficiency Partnership		
PUB731-168	1115 Practical Plumbing Handbooks for Water Use Efficiency	3,051.17
PUB733-168	472 Practical Plumbing Handbooks for Water Use Efficiency	1,306.68
Total		4,357.85
Droplet Technologies		
1206	Rebate Platform Licensing fees and prepaid DocuSign digital signatures	28,100.00
Total		28,100.00
Goldak Inc		
149405	Car charger for Sewerin T10	71.59
Total		71.59
Mission RCD		
3422	April 2024 Field inspection and verification for Water Use Efficiency rebate programs	1,094.00
Total		1,094.00
Office Solutions		
I-02217576	04/23/24 Supplies for Water Loss Control Shared Services	38.95
Total		38.95
Orange County Dept of Education		
94TI4459	March 2024 Choice School Programs for grades 3-12	36,123.22
Total		36,123.22

**Municipal Water District of Orange County
Disbursement Approval Report
For the month of May 2024**

Vendor/ Invoice	Description	Amount to Pay
Orange County Water District		
26343	March 2024 Postage for Water Use Efficiency rebate programs	55.09
Total		<u>55.09</u>
Westerly Meter Service Co.-Lane M Matsuno		
17574	April 2024 Meter Accuracy Testing for Mesa Water District	7,500.00
Total		<u>7,500.00</u>
Total Choice Expenditures		<u>77,481.37</u>
 Other Funds Expenditures:		
E Source Companies LLC		
12025	March 2024 Retail Agency Technical Assistance services	12,135.00
Total		<u>12,135.00</u>
Mission RCD		
3422	April 2024 Field inspection and verification for Water Use Efficiency rebate programs	4,373.04
Total		<u>4,373.04</u>
County of Orange		
STCS002285	04/01/24-06/30/24 WEROC Radio System operations and maintenance costs	636.50
Total		<u>636.50</u>
Santa Margarita Plumbing & Air		
16167-37953	March 2024 Services for Pressure Regulating Valve program	4,154.61
16167-38202	April 2024 Services for Pressure Regulating Valve program	4,785.00
Total		<u>8,939.61</u>
Terraworks Studio		
MW0030	April 2024 Landscape Design and Landscape Maintenance Assistance Program	1,350.00
Total		<u>1,350.00</u>
The Plant Nerd		
8585	April 2024 Landscape Design and Landscape Maintenance Assistance Program	4,520.00
Total		<u>4,520.00</u>
Total Other Funds Expenditures		<u>31,954.15</u>
Total Expenditures		<u><u>267,170.88</u></u>

**Municipal Water District of Orange County
Disbursement Ratification Report
For the Month of April 2024**

Name/ Date	Check/ EFT	Invoice	Description	Amount
Core Disbursements:				
Heather Baez				
4/30/2024	EFT	22924	February 2024 Business expense	400.97
Total				<u>400.97</u>
Joseph Berg				
4/30/2024	EFT	32024	March 2024 Business expense	181.24
Total				<u>181.24</u>
Corodata Records Management Inc				
4/30/2024	EFT	RS5005753	March 2024 Records Storage Fee	65.14
Total				<u>65.14</u>
Rachel Davis				
4/30/2024	EFT	32124	March 2024 Business expense	23.79
Total				<u>23.79</u>
Larry Dick				
4/30/2024	EFT	32024	March 2024 Business expense	72.36
Total				<u>72.36</u>
Hugo Escamilla				
4/30/2024	EFT	30724	March 2024 Business expense	90.00
Total				<u>90.00</u>
Tina Jocelyn Fann				
4/30/2024	EFT	31324	March 2024 Business expense	25.46
Total				<u>25.46</u>
Lina Gunawan				
4/30/2024	EFT	21924	February 2024 Business expense	20.00
Total				<u>20.00</u>
Melissa Haley				
4/30/2024	EFT	22924	February 2024 Business expense	1,044.27
Total				<u>1,044.27</u>
Claire Johnson				
4/30/2024	EFT	32824	March 2024 Business Expense	84.56
Total				<u>84.56</u>
Robert McVicker				
4/30/2024	EFT	32824	March 2024 Business expense	24.12
Total				<u>24.12</u>
Al Nederhood				
4/30/2024	EFT	32124	March 2024 Business expense	150.75
Total				<u>150.75</u>
Karl Seckel				
4/30/2024	EFT	32124	March 2024 Business expense	71.69
Total				<u>71.69</u>

**Municipal Water District of Orange County
Disbursement Ratification Report
For the Month of April 2024**

Name/ Date	Check/ EFT	Invoice	Description	Amount
Nathan Shepherd				
4/30/2024	EFT	32924	March 2024 Business expense	113.51
Total				113.51
Spectrum Business				
4/09/2024	143194	375210033024	April 2024 Telephone and internet expense	1,513.86
Total				1,513.86
Sarina Sriboonlue				
4/30/2024	EFT	31824	March 2024 Business expense	250.78
Total				250.78
Jeffery Thomas				
4/30/2024	EFT	32224	March 2024 Business expense	88.44
Total				88.44
US Bank				
4/30/2024	143213	2978/4192/8910-MAR24	02/23/24-03/22/24 Cal Card Charges	18,366.64
Total				18,366.64
Verizon Wireless				
4/03/2024	143193	9959930300	March 2024 4G Mobile broadband unlimited service	114.03
Total				114.03
Total Core Disbursements				22,701.61
 Choice Disbursements:				
Rachel Davis				
4/30/2024	EFT	32124	March 2024 Business expense	54.50
Total				54.50
US Bank Voyager Fleet Systems				
4/15/2024	EFT	8694349932413	02/25/24-03/24/24 Fuel for Water Loss Control Shared Services Vehicles	460.98
Total				460.98
Total Choice Disbursements				515.48

**Municipal Water District of Orange County
Disbursement Ratification Report
For the Month of April 2024**

Name/ Date	Check/ EFT	Invoice	Description	Amount
Other Funds Disbursements:				
City of Big Bear Lake				
4/30/2024	143201	31924	Prop 1 Project Partner Reimbursement per Report 11	50.00
Total				50.00
AT&T				
4/15/2024	143195	21469710	March 2024 Telephone expense for WEROC N. EOC	38.07
Total				38.07
Mesa Water District				
4/15/2024	EFT	11411	February 2024 Credit for Local Resources program	25,957.66
Total				25,957.66
Metropolitan Water District				
4/30/2024	EFT04302024	11417	February 2024 Water deliveries	6,397,492.01
Total				6,397,492.01
San Bernardino Valley Municipal WD				
4/30/2024	143209	31924	Prop 1 Project Partner Reimbursement per Report 11	16,122.00
Total				16,122.00
Santiago Aqueduct Commission				
4/30/2024	143210	22024	February 2024 SAC Pipeline Operation Surcharge	2,596.38
Total				2,596.38
Santa Margarita Water District				
4/30/2024	EFT	22024	February 2024 SCP Operation Surcharge	18,389.08
Total				18,389.08
Spray to Drip Rebate				
4/30/2024	143216	S2D7-C-MNT-42600-22264	Bear Brand Master	2,348.50
4/30/2024	143218	S2D7-R-BP-52988-22219	A. Fagin	463.50
4/30/2024	143223	S2D7-R-O-51775-22143	B. Luyen	1,965.00
4/30/2024	143220	S2D7-R-YLWD-51822-22141	L. Hoang	1,048.00
Total				5,825.00
Turf Rebate				
4/30/2024	143217	TR15-R-NWPT-48084-46643	C. Butterfield	5,469.00
4/30/2024	143228	TR16-C-GSWC-39407-50094	The Fairways at Alta Vista HOA	1,206.00
4/30/2024	143232	TR16-R-IRWD-39667-49775	L. Zhao	6,925.00
4/30/2024	143225	TR16-R-MESA-49089-47616	T. Martell	7,134.00
4/30/2024	143229	TR17-C-IRWD-51783-51502	Irvine Company Apartments	13,052.00
4/30/2024	143222	TR17-C-MESA-52982-51509	R. Hunsaker	17,375.41
4/30/2024	143230	TR17-C-NWPT-52978-51467	Irvine Company Apartments	10,592.00
4/30/2024	143227	TR17-C-SC-53146-51608	St Clements Episcopal Church	8,445.00
4/30/2024	143219	TR17-R-BP-52988-51479	A. Fagin	2,739.00
4/30/2024	143226	TR17-R-MNT-52983-51473	H. Sattari	5,040.00
4/30/2024	143224	TR17-R-O-51775-50251	B. Luyen	8,982.00
4/30/2024	143231	TR17-R-SM-53092-51549	A. Zelaya	2,115.00
4/30/2024	143221	TR17-R-YLWD-51822-50297	L. Hoang	5,001.00
Total				94,075.41

**Municipal Water District of Orange County
Disbursement Ratification Report
For the Month of April 2024**

Name/ Date	Check/ EFT	Invoice	Description	Amount
US Bank				
4/30/2024	143213	6066-MAR24	02/23/24-03/22/24 Cal Card Charges - WEROC	537.00
Total				<u>537.00</u>
Verizon Wireless				
4/03/2024	143193	9959930300	March 2024 4G Mobile broadband unlimited service	116.03
Total				<u>116.03</u>
Total Other Funds Disbursements				<u>6,561,198.64</u>
Total Disbursements				<u><u>6,584,415.73</u></u>



 Harvey De La Torre, General Manager



 Hilary Chumpitazi, Treasurer

Cal Card Charges
Statement Date: March 22, 2024
Payment Date: April 30, 2024

Date	Description	Amount
General Manager Card:		
2/05/2024	ACWA DC 2024 Conference in Washington D.C. on 02/27/24-02/29/24 - Registration refund for K. Seckel	(775.00)
2/22/2024	02/22/24 Meals for H. De La Torre's meeting	47.72
2/23/2024	Urban Water Institute Spring Conference in Palm Springs, CA, on 02/21/24-02/23/24 - Parking accommodations for A. Heide	36.00
2/29/2024	ACWA DC 2024 in Washington D.C. on 02/27/24-02/29/24 - Accomodations for H. Baez & M. Baum-Haley	3,551.30
2/29/2024	ACWA DC 2024 in Washington D.C. on 02/27/24-02/29/24 - Accommodations for R. Crane	1,757.80
3/01/2024	03/01/24 Meals for H. De La Torre's meeting	55.81
3/05/2024	03/05/24 Meals for staff 20th anniversary	88.88
3/06/2024	OCBC 2024 Sacramento Advocacy Trip in Sacramento on 03/18/24-03/19/24 - Airfare for H. Baez	667.95
3/07/2024	2024 OCPAA State of the County Event in Newport Beach, CA, on 03/13/24 - Registration for H. Baez	75.00
3/07/2024	Orange County Public Affairs Association Membership	100.00
3/07/2024	Urban Water Institute Spring Conference 2024 in Palm Springs, CA on 02/21/24-02/23/24 - Accommodations for A. Nederhood	36.00
3/08/2024	03/08/24 Meals for H. De La Torre's meeting	65.81
3/11/2024	SWRCB Public Hearing - RE: Making Conservation a California Way of Life in Sacramento on 03/20/24 - Airfare for J. Berg	601.96
3/15/2024	03/15/24 Meals for H. De La Torre's meeting	105.89
3/18/2024	PG&E Water Conservation Showcase in San Ramon, CA on 04/04/24 - Airfare for J. Berg	430.96
3/18/2024	ACWA Legislative Symposium in Sacramento on 04/10/24 - Airfare for H. Baez	389.96
3/18/2024	ACWA Meeting in Sacramento from 03/21/24-03/22/24 - Airfare for H. Baez	708.96
3/18/2024	ACWA Legislative Symposium in Sacramento on 04/10/24 - Registration for H. Baez	335.00
3/20/2024	SWRCB Public Hearing - RE: Making Conservation a California Way of Life in Sacramento on 03/20/24 - Accommodations for J. Berg	566.52
Total:		8,846.52
Public Affairs Card:		
2/21/2024	Urban Water Institute Conference - Meals for staff, directors, and guest	727.89
2/22/2024	Urban water institute Conference - Meals for staff, directors, and guests	434.10
2/22/2024	Coffee for Public Affairs Workgroup meeting	40.00
2/23/2024	Urban Water Institute Spring Conference in Palm Springs, CA, on 02/21/24-02/23/24 - Accommodations for D. Micallizi	66.13
2/23/2024	Lunch for Public Affairs Workgroup on 02/22/24	740.24
2/29/2024	Language processing tool monthly subscription	20.00
3/03/2024	March 2024 Monthly Public Storage unit for Public Affairs	619.00
3/04/2024	Lunch for Public Affairs staff planning meeting	87.48
3/08/2024	EPIC Awards member entry fee for WEEA Career Pathway brochures	140.00
Total:		2,874.84
WEROC Card:		
3/01/2024	Moving service deposit to move from decommissioned Primary EOC to the North EOC	100.00
3/11/2024	Moving service balance paid to move from decommissioned Primary EOC to the North EOC	437.00
Total:		537.00

Cal Card Charges
Statement Date: March 22, 2024
Payment Date: April 30, 2024

Date	Description	Amount
Administration Card:		
2/22/2024	Cake for staff member	35.95
2/22/2024	Staff recognition trophy for cybersecurity excellence	132.75
2/23/2024	Flowers for Director	140.91
2/24/2024	01/25/24-02/24/24 Monthly charge for website hosting	15.00
2/27/2024	Office supplies	282.67
2/27/2024	USB sound adapter for Government Affairs and IT	39.03
2/28/2024	Flowers for staff	117.45
2/28/2024	Office supplies	216.27
3/01/2024	BC Water Jobs - Job post for WEROC Specialist/Manager	200.00
3/01/2024	Supplies for Water Loss Control Shared Services	79.89
3/01/2024	ACWA job post for Assistant General Manager	475.00
3/01/2024	AWWA job post for Assistant General Manager	299.00
3/02/2024	03/02/24-04/01/24 Zoom Video Communications fee with audio licenses	174.93
3/03/2024	Supplies for Water Loss Control Shared Services	53.26
3/05/2024	AMWA job post for Assistant General Manager	250.00
3/07/2024	Supplies for Water Loss Control Shared Services	358.92
3/08/2024	Water Loss Control Workgroup catering on 03/12/24	942.37
3/10/2024	Device to control two computers using a single keyboard/mouse for IT Service Desk	71.76
3/11/2024	Water Loss Control safety vest	31.50
3/12/2024	March 2024 Wireless Internet Backup	45.00
3/14/2024	Office supplies	27.60
3/16/2024	MWDOC office carpet cleaning	800.00
3/19/2024	Lunch for Small Member Agency Workgroup	208.95
3/19/2024	ESRI GIS credits	120.00
3/20/2024	Five wireless access points for wifi coverage throughout offices and board room	1,527.07
Total:		6,645.28

**Municipal Water District of Orange County
GM Approved Disbursement Report (1)
For the Month of April 2024**

Name/ Date	Check/ EFT	Invoice	Description	Amount
Core Disbursements:				
Total Core Disbursements				-
Choice Disbursements:				
Total Choice Disbursements				-
Other Funds Disbursements:				
Total Other Funds Disbursements				-
Total Disbursements				-


 Harvey De La Torre, General Manager


 Hilary Chumpitazi, Treasurer

⁽¹⁾ For disbursements that did not make the cut-off of previous month's Disbursement Approval report. Disbursements are approved by GM for payment and need A & F Committee ratification.



**Municipal Water District of Orange County
Consolidated Summary of Cash and Investment**

March 31, 2024

District investments and cash balances are held in various funds designated for certain purposes as follows:

Fund	Book Value	% of Portfolio
Restricted Reserves		
WEROC Operating Fund	\$ 510,352	3.28%
Pension 115 Trust	1,327,664	8.52%
Total Restricted Reserves	\$1,838,016	11.80%
Designated Reserves		
Operating Reserves	\$3,819,350	24.51%
Election Reserve	1,146,947	7.36%
OPEB Reserve	297,147	1.91%
Total Designated Reserves	\$5,263,444	33.78%
General Operations Fund	\$8,404,678	53.94%
Water Purchase Payments Fund	1,175,210	7.54%
Conservation Fund	(1,118,144)	(7.18%)
Trustee Activities - AMP	17,920	0.12%
Total Other Funds	\$8,479,664	54.42%
Total	\$15,581,124	100.00%

The funds are invested as follows:

Term of Investment	% of Portfolio	Book Value	Market Value
Cash	0.65%	\$ 101,593	\$ 101,593
Pension 115 Trust	8.52%	1,327,664	1,327,664
Short-term investment			
• LAIF	43.73%	6,812,974	6,812,974
• OCTP	27.21%	4,238,940	4,238,940
Long-term investment			
• US Government Issues	1.60%	249,953	232,340
• Corporate Bond	7.70%	1,200,000	1,120,874
• Certificates of Deposit	10.59%	1,650,000	1,621,101
Total	100.00%	\$15,581,124	\$15,455,486

The average number of days to maturity/call as of March 31, 2024, equaled 130 and the average yield to maturity is 3.834%. During the month of March 2024, the District's average daily balance was \$17,285,405.80. Funds were invested in US Bank, Pension 115 Trust, Negotiable Certificate of Deposits, Corporate Bonds, US Government Issues, Local Agency Investment Funds (LAIF) and Orange County Treasurer's Pool (OCTP).

The (\$125,638) difference between the book value and the market value on March 31, 2024, represents the exchange difference if all investments had been liquidated on that date. Since it is the District's practice to "buy and hold" investments until maturity, the market values are a point of reference, not an indication of actual loss or gain. There are no current plans or cash flow requirements identified in the near future that would require the sale of these securities prior to maturity.


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MEMBER AGENCIES

- City of Brea
- City of Buena Park
- East Orange County Water District
- El Toro Water District
- Emerald Bay Service District
- City of Fountain Valley
- City of Garden Grove
- Golden State Water Co.
- City of Huntington Beach
- Irvine Ranch Water District
- Laguna Beach County Water District
- City of La Habra
- City of La Palma
- Mesa Water District
- Moulton Niguel Water District
- City of Newport Beach
- City of Orange
- Orange County Water District
- City of San Clemente
- Santa Margarita Water District
- City of Seal Beach
- Serrano Water District
- South Coast Water District
- Trabuco Canyon Water District
- City of Tustin
- City of Westminster
- Yorba Linda Water District



MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT OF ORANGE COUNTY

Portfolio Management - Portfolio Summary

March 31, 2024

3/31/2024	Par Value	Market Value	Book Value	% of Portfolio	Days to Mat/Call	YTM @ Cost
Negotiable Certificate Of Deposit	1,650,000.00	1,621,101.00	1,650,000.00	11.66	957	3.126
Corporate Bond	1,200,000.00	1,120,874.00	1,200,000.00	8.48	196	1.518
US Government Issues	250,000.00	232,340.00	249,953.35	1.77	56	0.860
Local Agency Investment Funds	6,812,973.82	6,812,973.82	6,812,973.82	48.14	1	4.232
Orange County Treasurer's Pool	4,238,940.05	4,238,940.05	4,238,940.05	29.95	1	4.300
Total Investments	14,151,913.87	14,026,228.87	14,151,867.22	100.00	130	3.834
Cash						
Cash	101,592.95	101,592.95	101,592.95		1	0.00
Pension 115 Trust	1,327,664.29	1,327,664.29	1,327,664.29		1	0.00
Total Cash and Investments	15,581,171.11	15,455,486.11	15,581,124.46		130	3.834

Total Earnings	Month Ending March	Fiscal Year to Date
Current Year	60,760.24	617,339.35
Average Daily Balance	17,285,405.80	
Effective Rate of Return	3.834%	

We certify that this report reflects the cash and investments of the Municipal Water District of Orange County and is in conformity with the Government Code requirements and the District Investment Policy and Guidelines in effect at the time of investment. The Investment Program herein shown provides sufficient cash flow liquidity to meet the next six month's estimated expenditure. The source for the market values are from U.S. Bank. Per Resolution 2059 there are no compliance exceptions to report.

Harvey De La Torre
 Harvey De La Torre, General Manager

MAY 1, 2024
 Date

Hilary Chumipitazi
 Hilary Chumipitazi, Treasurer

05/01/2024
 Date

MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT OF ORANGE COUNTY
Portfolio Management
Long-Term Portfolio Details - Investments
March 31, 2024

Issuer	CUSIP/Ticker	Settlement Date	Par Value	Market Value	Book Value	Coupon Rate	YTM @ Cost	Days To Call/Maturity	Maturity Date
Negotiable Certificate Of Deposit									
American Express Bank	02589ADE9	7/20/2022	200,000.00	192,704.00	200,000.00	3.350	3.350	1,206	7/20/2027
Capital One Bank	14042TBQ9	8/7/2019	250,000.00	247,205.00	250,000.00	2.250	2.250	129	8/7/2024
Capital One NA	14042RMJ7	7/24/2019	250,000.00	247,447.50	250,000.00	2.200	2.200	115	7/24/2024
Discover Bank	2546736R2	7/26/2023	250,000.00	251,685.00	250,000.00	4.500	4.500	1,576	7/24/2028
Sallie Mae Bank	7954507A7	7/14/2021	200,000.00	183,712.00	200,000.00	1.000	1.000	835	7/14/2026
State Bank of India	8562852Q3	8/10/2023	250,000.00	255,165.00	250,000.00	4.550	4.550	1,593	8/10/2028
Toyota Financial SCS Bank	89235MPD7	9/27/2022	250,000.00	243,182.50	250,000.00	3.650	3.650	1,270	9/22/2027
Sub Total			1,650,000.00	1,621,101.00	1,650,000.00	3.126	3.126	957	
US Government Issues									
FHLB	3130ALGR8	3/1/2021	250,000.00	232,340.00	249,953.35	0.850	0.860	56	2/26/2026
Sub Total			250,000.00	232,340.00	249,953.35	0.850	0.860	56	
Corporate Bond									
Bank of America Corp	06048WK41	12/7/2020	250,000.00	231,010.00	250,000.00	0.850	0.800	604	11/25/2025
Citigroup Global Markets	17328WFZ6	9/16/2020	250,000.00	233,237.50	250,000.00	1.000	1.000	77	9/16/2025
JP Morgan Chase	48128GV56	8/18/2020	250,000.00	231,285.00	250,000.00	0.800	0.800	140	8/18/2025
Morgan Stanley Fin LLC	61766YKH3	6/29/2022	200,000.00	190,324.00	200,000.00	4.500	4.500	90	6/29/2027
Societe Generale	83369MD25	8/19/2020	250,000.00	235,017.50	250,000.00	1.150	1.088	49	8/19/2025
Sub Total			1,200,000.00	1,120,874.00	1,200,000.00	1.542	1.518	196	
Total Investments			3,100,000.00	2,974,315.00	3,099,953.35	2.329	2.321	650	
Total Earnings									
Current Year				6,215.76					53,853.34

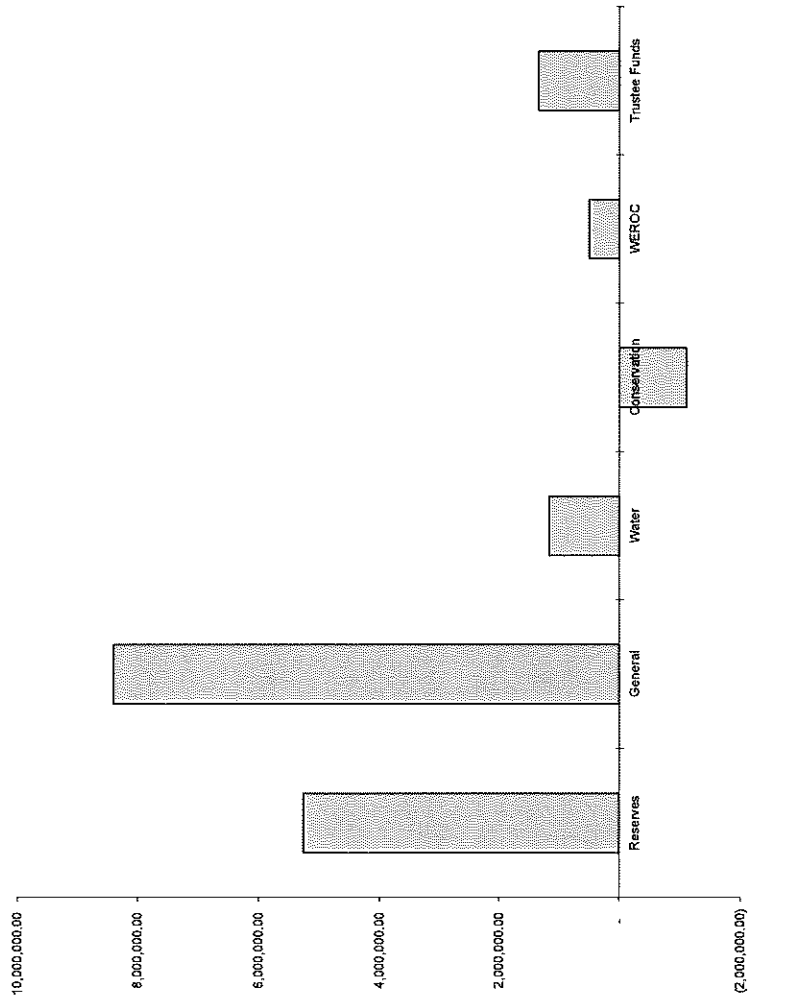
MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT OF ORANGE COUNTY
Portfolio Management
Short-Term Portfolio Details - Cash and Investments
March 31, 2024

Investments	CUSIP/Ticker	Settlement Date	Par Value	Market Value	Book Value	Coupon Rate	YTM @ Cost	Days To Call/Maturity	Maturity Date
Local Agency Investment Funds									
LAIF LGIP	LAIF	6/30/2010	6,812,973.82	6,812,973.82	6,812,973.82	4.232	4.232	1	N/A
Sub Total			6,812,973.82	6,812,973.82	6,812,973.82	4.232	4.232	1	
Orange County Treasurer's Pool									
County of Orange LGIP	OCIP	6/29/2005	4,238,940.05	4,238,940.05	4,238,940.05	4.300	4.300	1	N/A
Sub Total			4,238,940.05	4,238,940.05	4,238,940.05	4.300	4.300	1	
Total Investments			11,051,913.87	11,051,913.87	11,051,913.87	4.258	4.258		
Cash									
Petty Cash Cash	CASH	7/1/2010	500.00	500.00	500.00	0.000	0.000	1	N/A
US Bank Cash	CASHUSBANK	7/25/2018	101,092.95	101,092.95	101,092.95	0.000	0.000	1	N/A
Pension 115 Trust	PENSION115TRUST	7/31/2018	1,327,664.29	1,327,664.29	1,327,664.29	0.000	0.000	1	N/A
Total Cash			1,429,257.24	1,429,257.24	1,429,257.24	0.000	0.000	1	
Total Cash and Investments			12,481,171.11	12,481,171.11	12,481,171.11	4.258	4.258	1	

Total Earnings	Month Ending March	Fiscal Year To Date
Current Year	54,544.48	563,486.01

Municipal Water District of Orange County
Cash and Investments at March 31, 2024

ALLOCATION	AMOUNT	%
MWDOC		
Restricted Reserves		
WEROC Operating Fund	\$ 510,352	3.28%
Pension 115 Trust	1,327,664	8.52%
Total Restricted Reserves	1,838,016	11.80%
Designated Reserves		
Operating Reserve	3,819,350	24.51%
Election Reserve	1,146,947	7.36%
OPEB Reserve	297,147	1.91%
Total Designated Reserves	5,263,444	33.78%
General Operations Fund	\$ 8,404,678	53.94%
Water Purchase Payments Fund	1,175,210	7.54%
Conservation Fund	(1,118,144)	-7.18%
Total Other Funds	8,461,744	54.30%
TOTAL MWDOC	15,563,204	99.88%
TRUSTEE ACTIVITIES		
AMP Sales Admin	\$ 17,920	0.12%
TOTAL TRUSTEE ACTIVITIES	\$ 17,920	0.12%
TOTAL CASH & INVESTMENTS	\$ 15,581,124	100.00%



**MUNICIPAL WATER DIST OF ORANGE COUNTY
PARS Post-Employment Benefits Trust**

**Account Report for the Period
3/1/2024 to 3/31/2024**

Hilary Chumpitazi
Accounting Manager
Municipal Water Dist of Orange County
18700 Ward Street
Fountain Valley, CA 92708

Account Summary

Source	Balance as of 3/1/2024	Contributions	Earnings	Expenses	Distributions	Transfers	Balance as of 3/31/2024
OPEB	\$2,772,257.58	\$0.00	\$60,096.62	\$1,340.33	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,831,013.87
PENSION	\$1,937,079.33	\$0.00	\$41,991.73	\$936.51	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,978,134.55
Totals	\$4,709,336.91	\$0.00	\$102,088.35	\$2,276.84	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,809,148.42

Investment Selection

Source	
OPEB	Moderate - Strategic Blend
PENSION	Moderate - Strategic Blend

Investment Objective

Source	
OPEB	The dual goals of the Moderate Strategy are growth of principal and income. It is expected that dividend and interest income will comprise a significant portion of total return, although growth through capital appreciation is equally important. The portfolio will be allocated between equity and fixed income investments.
PENSION	The dual goals of the Moderate Strategy are growth of principal and income. It is expected that dividend and interest income will comprise a significant portion of total return, although growth through capital appreciation is equally important. The portfolio will be allocated between equity and fixed income investments.

Investment Return

Source	1-Month	3-Months	1-Year	Annualized Return			Plan's Inception Date
				3-Years	5-Years	10-Years	
OPEB	2.17%	4.12%	13.82%	2.72%	6.29%	5.80%	10/26/2011
PENSION	2.17%	4.12%	13.86%	2.74%	6.29%	-	7/31/2018

Information as provided by US Bank, Trustee for PARS; Not FDIC Insured; No Bank Guarantee; May Lose Value

Past performance does not guarantee future results. Performance returns may not reflect the deduction of applicable fees, which could reduce returns. Information is deemed reliable but may be subject to change.
Investment Return: Annualized rate of return is the return on an investment over a period other than one year multiplied or divided to give a comparable one-year return.
Account balances are inclusive of Trust Administration, Trustee and Investment Management fees



**MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT OF ORANGE COUNTY
COMBINED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
AND
BUDGET COMPARATIVE
JULY 1, 2023 THRU MARCH 31, 2024**

**Municipal Water District of Orange County
Combined Balance Sheet
As of March 31, 2024**

	<u>Amount</u>
<u>ASSETS</u>	
Cash in Bank	101,592.95
Investments	15,479,531.51
Accounts Receivable	15,855,065.93
Accounts Receivable - Other	622,877.01
Accrued Interest Receivable	180,171.27
Prepays/Deposits	806,687.44
Leasehold Improvements	7,011,190.45
Furniture, Fixtures & Equipment	913,949.69
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(4,131,305.38)</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>36,839,760.87</u>
<u>LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES</u>	
<u>LIABILITIES</u>	
Accounts Payable	16,595,506.97
Accrued Salaries and Benefits Payable	709,921.90
Other Liabilities	553,575.29
Unearned Revenue	<u>1,144,971.93</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>19,003,976.09</u>
<u>FUND BALANCES</u>	
<u>Restricted Fund Balances</u>	
WEROC Reserve	317,999.82
Pension 115 Trust	<u>1,120,664.29</u>
Total Restricted Fund Balances	<u>1,438,664.11</u>
<u>Unrestricted Fund Balances</u>	
<u>Designated Reserves</u>	
General Operations	3,819,350.00
Election Expense	1,146,947.00
OPEB	<u>297,147.00</u>
Total Designated Reserves	<u>5,263,444.00</u>
General Fund	7,284,339.52
General Fund Capital	<u>86,023.20</u>
Total Unrestricted Fund Balances	<u>12,633,806.72</u>
<u>Excess Revenue over Expenditure</u>	
Operating Fund	3,922,030.45
Other Funds	<u>(158,716.50)</u>
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	<u>17,835,784.78</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	<u>36,839,760.87</u>

**Municipal Water District of Orange County
Revenues and Expenditures Budget Comparative Report
General Fund
July 1, 2023 thru March 31, 2024**

	<u>Month to Date</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>	<u>Annual Budget</u>	<u>% Used</u>	<u>Encumbrance</u>	<u>Budget Remaining</u>
<u>REVENUES</u>						
Retail Connection Charge	0.00	9,206,255.25	9,206,255.00	100.00%	0.00	(0.25)
Ground Water Customer Charge	0.00	383,697.00	383,697.00	100.00%	0.00	0.00
Water Rate Revenues	0.00	9,589,952.25	9,589,952.00	100.00%	0.00	(0.25)
Interest Revenue	65,672.06	645,437.13	319,410.00	202.07%	0.00	(326,027.13)
Subtotal	65,672.06	10,235,389.38	9,909,362.00	103.29%	0.00	(326,027.38)
Choice Programs	48,452.39	1,487,000.58	1,591,032.00	93.46%	0.00	104,031.42
MWD Revenue - Shared Services	46,240.00	184,101.00	0.00	0.00%	0.00	(184,101.00)
Miscellaneous Income	7,763.62	10,708.81	3,000.00	356.96%	0.00	(7,708.81)
Revenue - Other	0.00	913.94	0.00	0.00%	0.00	(913.94)
School Contracts	20,333.45	76,389.24	435,950.00	17.52%	0.00	359,560.76
Delinquent Payment Penalty	15.85	16.90	0.00	0.00%	0.00	(16.90)
Transfer-In from Reserve	0.00	0.00	404,537.00	0.00%	0.00	404,537.00
Subtotal	122,805.31	1,759,130.47	2,434,519.00	72.26%	0.00	675,388.53
TOTAL REVENUES	188,477.37	11,994,519.85	12,343,881.00	97.17%	0.00	349,361.15

Municipal Water District of Orange County
Revenues and Expenditures Budget Comparative Report
General Fund
July 1, 2023 thru March 31, 2024

	<u>Month to Date</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>	<u>Annual Budget</u>	<u>% Used</u>	<u>Encumbrance</u>	<u>Budget Remaining</u>
<u>EXPENSES</u>						
Salaries & Wages	387,345.74	3,612,421.58	5,135,356.00	70.34%	0.00	1,522,934.42
Salaries & Wages - Grant Recovery	(19,072.14)	(29,569.48)	(30,000.00)	(98.56)%	0.00	(430.52)
Director's Compensation	21,282.95	193,511.13	275,041.00	70.36%	0.00	81,529.87
MWD Representation	11,460.05	106,742.18	117,875.00	90.56%	0.00	11,132.82
Employee Benefits	123,797.12	1,074,013.88	1,507,382.00	71.25%	0.00	433,368.12
Employee Benefits - Grant Recovery	(3,623.52)	(5,475.99)	0.00	0.00%	0.00	5,475.99
CalPers Unfunded Liability Contribution	0.00	500,000.00	207,000.00	241.55%	0.00	(293,000.00)
Director's Benefits	9,291.51	82,102.35	104,447.00	78.61%	0.00	22,344.65
Health Insurance for Retirees	11,553.61	56,620.91	84,847.00	66.73%	0.00	28,226.09
Training Expense	270.00	4,718.99	36,000.00	13.11%	0.00	31,281.01
Tuition Reimbursement	0.00	1,872.30	5,000.00	37.45%	0.00	3,127.70
Temporary Help Expense	0.00	10,503.24	5,000.00	210.06%	0.00	(5,503.24)
Personnel Expenses	542,305.32	5,607,461.09	7,447,948.00	75.29%	0.00	1,840,486.91
Engineering Expense	31,292.50	61,775.25	307,000.00	20.12%	96,264.25	148,960.50
Legal Expense	24,521.03	178,730.28	241,000.00	74.16%	61,181.72	1,088.00
Audit Expense	0.00	31,500.00	36,500.00	86.30%	0.00	5,000.00
Professional Services	138,138.16	968,214.01	1,798,425.00	53.84%	832,276.22	(2,065.23)
Professional Fees	193,951.69	1,240,219.54	2,382,925.00	52.05%	989,722.19	152,983.27
Conference - Staff	410.00	21,885.25	49,832.00	43.92%	0.00	27,946.75
Conference - Directors	(775.00)	9,915.12	23,065.00	42.99%	0.00	13,149.88
Travel & Accom. - Staff	7,639.95	38,095.38	102,200.00	37.28%	0.00	64,104.62
Travel & Accom. - Directors	2,521.77	15,112.05	42,400.00	35.64%	0.00	27,287.95
Travel & Conference	9,796.72	85,007.80	217,497.00	39.08%	0.00	132,489.20
Membership/Sponsorship	100.00	163,171.79	167,366.00	97.49%	0.00	4,194.21
CDR Support	0.00	46,824.84	62,433.00	75.00%	15,608.30	(0.14)
Dues & Memberships	100.00	209,996.63	229,799.00	91.38%	15,608.30	4,194.07
Business Expense	267.58	2,695.21	2,000.00	134.76%	0.00	(695.21)
Office Maintenance	13,958.00	106,631.42	175,860.00	60.63%	55,769.61	13,458.97
Building Repair & Maintenance	1,319.12	21,755.43	25,200.00	86.33%	10,337.00	(6,892.43)
Storage Rental & Equipment Lease	65.14	667.35	1,800.00	37.08%	132.65	1,000.00
Office Supplies	1,128.98	15,224.22	27,000.00	56.39%	1,534.53	10,241.25
Supplies - Water Loss Control	580.50	3,117.35	4,000.00	77.93%	0.00	882.65
Postage/Mail Delivery	673.94	5,418.18	11,675.00	46.41%	689.82	5,567.00
Subscriptions & Books	0.00	923.90	1,000.00	92.39%	0.00	76.10
Reproduction Expense	15,381.78	26,469.73	93,000.00	28.46%	2,259.21	64,271.06
Maintenance - Computers	234.99	6,895.03	5,000.00	137.90%	0.00	(1,895.03)
Software Purchase	5,145.67	69,034.03	106,498.00	64.82%	1,224.51	36,239.46
Software Support	0.00	37,277.62	50,185.00	74.28%	0.00	12,907.38
Computers and Equipment	1,527.07	22,333.54	43,000.00	51.94%	0.00	20,666.46
Maintenance Expense	0.00	0.00	6,000.00	0.00%	0.00	6,000.00
Automotive Expense	726.63	9,190.53	9,400.00	97.77%	0.00	209.47
Vehicle Expense	460.98	9,386.55	12,000.00	78.22%	0.00	2,613.45
Toll Road Charges	0.00	295.93	975.00	30.35%	0.00	679.07
Insurance Expense	15,446.45	144,359.99	182,976.00	78.90%	0.00	38,616.01
Utilities - Telephone	4,386.86	30,791.90	46,438.00	66.31%	1,026.27	14,619.83
Bank Fees	0.00	0.00	2,600.00	0.00%	0.00	2,600.00
Miscellaneous Expense	14,201.33	81,993.54	154,200.00	53.17%	3,744.00	68,462.46
MWDOC's Contrib. to WEROC	24,442.25	219,980.25	293,307.00	75.00%	0.00	73,326.75
Depreciation Expense	9,278.14	83,502.75	0.00	0.00%	0.00	(83,502.75)
Other Expenses	109,225.41	897,944.45	1,254,114.00	71.60%	76,717.60	279,451.95
Election Expense	0.00	0.00	563,020.00	0.00%	0.00	563,020.00
Capital Acquisition	0.00	7,110.56	25,892.00	27.46%	0.00	18,781.44
Building Expense	0.00	24,749.33	222,686.00	11.11%	17,268.53	180,668.14
TOTAL EXPENSES	855,379.14	8,072,489.40	12,343,881.00	65.40%	1,099,316.62	3,172,074.98
NET INCOME (LOSS)	(666,901.77)	3,922,030.45	0.00	0.00%	(1,099,316.62)	(2,822,713.83)

**Municipal Water District of Orange County
Revenues and Expenditures Budget Comparative Report
Water Fund
July 1, 2023 thru March 31, 2024**

	<u>Month to Date</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>	<u>Annual Budget</u>	<u>% Used</u>	<u>Budget Remaining</u>
<u>WATER REVENUES</u>					
Water Sales	8,187,872.80	80,542,689.20	181,024,108.00	44.49%	100,481,418.80
Readiness to Serve Charge	1,285,975.00	10,712,343.95	13,768,707.00	77.80%	3,056,363.05
Capacity Charge CCF	313,880.00	2,703,360.00	4,816,710.00	56.12%	2,113,350.00
SCP/SAC Pipeline Surcharge	25,699.61	245,452.10	358,000.00	68.56%	112,547.90
TOTAL WATER REVENUES	9,813,427.41	94,203,845.25	199,967,525.00	47.11%	105,763,679.75
<u>WATER PURCHASES</u>					
Water Sales	8,187,872.80	80,542,689.20	181,024,108.00	44.49%	100,481,418.80
Readiness to Serve Charge	1,285,975.00	10,712,343.95	13,768,707.00	77.80%	3,056,363.05
Capacity Charge CCF	313,880.00	2,703,360.00	4,816,710.00	56.12%	2,113,350.00
SCP/SAC Pipeline Surcharge	25,699.61	245,452.10	358,000.00	68.56%	112,547.90
TOTAL WATER PURCHASES	9,813,427.41	94,203,845.25	199,967,525.00	47.11%	105,763,679.75
EXCESS OF REVENUE OVER EXPENDITURE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%	0.00

**Municipal Water District of Orange County
Revenues and Expenditures Budget Comparative Report
Water Use Efficiency
July 1, 2023 thru March 31, 2024**

	<u>Year to Date Actual</u>	<u>Annual Budget</u>	<u>% Used</u>
Spray To Drip Conversion(3423)			
Revenues	589,802.57	613,600.00	96.12%
Expenses	655,911.27	613,600.00	106.90%
Excess of Revenues over Expenditures	(66,108.70)	0.00	
Member Agency Administered Pass-Thru(3425)			
Revenues	0.00	338,000.00	0.00%
Expenses	0.00	338,000.00	0.00%
Excess of Revenues over Expenditures	0.00	0.00	
ULFT Rebate Program(3410)			
Revenues	740.00	1,000.00	74.00%
Expenses	740.00	1,000.00	74.00%
Excess of Revenues over Expenditures	0.00	0.00	
HECW Rebate Program(3411)			
Revenues	37,765.00	40,000.00	94.41%
Expenses	37,765.00	40,000.00	94.41%
Excess of Revenues over Expenditures	0.00	0.00	
CII Rebate Program(3416)			
Revenues	0.00	1,000.00	0.00%
Expenses	0.00	1,000.00	0.00%
Excess of Revenues over Expenditures	0.00	0.00	
Turf Removal Program(3418)			
Revenues	4,439,545.29	11,298,000.00	39.29%
Expenses	4,493,396.91	11,298,000.00	39.77%
Excess of Revenues over Expenditures	(53,851.62)	0.00	
Comprehensive Landscape (CLWUE)(3427)			
Revenues	177,850.82	152,400.00	116.70%
Expenses	177,886.56	152,400.00	116.72%
Excess of Revenues over Expenditures	(35.74)	0.00	
Recycled Water Program(3433)			
Revenues	23,608.00	50,000.00	47.22%
Expenses	23,608.00	50,000.00	47.22%
Excess of Revenues over Expenditures	0.00	0.00	
WSIP - Industrial Program(3432)			
Revenues	0.00	53,720.00	0.00%
Expenses	0.00	53,720.00	0.00%
Excess of Revenues over Expenditures	0.00	0.00	
Land Design Program(3431)			
Revenues	95,845.00	300,000.00	31.95%
Expenses	95,845.00	300,000.00	31.95%
Excess of Revenues over Expenditures	0.00	0.00	
Pressure Regulation Program(3435)			
Revenues	21,932.61	15,000.00	146.22%
Expenses	21,932.61	15,000.00	146.22%
Excess of Revenues over Expenditures	0.00	0.00	
Dedicated Irrigation Meters Measurement Project (DIMM)(3439)			
Revenues	122,329.69	743,000.00	16.46%
Expenses	345,903.87	743,000.00	46.56%
Excess of Revenues over Expenditures	(223,574.18)	0.00	

**Municipal Water District of Orange County
Revenues and Expenditures Budget Comparative Report
Water Use Efficiency
July 1, 2023 thru March 31, 2024**

	<u>Year to Date Actual</u>	<u>Annual Budget</u>	<u>% Used</u>
Total WUE Projects			
Revenues	5,509,418.98	13,605,720.00	40.49%
Expenses	5,852,989.22	13,605,720.00	43.02%
Excess of Revenues over Expenditures	(343,570.24)	0.00	
 WEROC			
Revenues	529,444.31	586,614.00	90.25%
Expenses	369,919.94	586,614.00	63.06%
Excess of Revenues over Expenditures	159,524.37	0.00	



Memorandum

DATE: May 06, 2024
TO: Administrative & Finance Committee
(Directors Crane, Thomas, Nederhood)
FROM: Harvey De La Torre, General Manager
SUBJECT: Quarter ending March 2024 Fiscal YTD Financials Actual versus Budget

The following reports are attached:

- Revenues and Expenditures Actual versus Budget for the General Fund
- Revenues and Expenditures Actual versus Budget Detailed Comparative Report for the General Fund
- Revenues and Expenditures Actual versus Budget for Water Funds
- Revenues and Expenditures Actual versus Budget for Other Funds
- Revenues and Expenditures Actual versus Budget for the Water Use Efficiency Projects

MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT OF ORANGE COUNTY
Revenues and Expenditures Actual versus Budget Summary Report
Fiscal Year to Date ending March 2024 (Unaudited)
(\$'000 Omitted)
General Fund and Reserve Fund

<u>GENERAL FUND</u>	<u>YTD Actual</u>	<u>Annual Budget</u>	<u>% Used</u>
<u>REVENUES</u>			
Water Rate revenues:			
Retail Connection Charge	9,206	9,206	100.00%
Ground Water Customer Charge	384	384	100.00%
Subtotal	9,590	9,590	100.00%
Other Revenues:			
Interest Income ⁽¹⁾	645	319	202.07%
Choice Programs	1,671	1,591	105.03%
School Contracts ⁽²⁾	76	436	17.52%
Other Income ⁽³⁾	12	3	388.00%
Transfer in from Reserve ⁽⁴⁾	0	405	0.00%
Subtotal	2,405	2,754	87.31%
TOTAL REVENUES	11,995	12,344	97.17%
<u>EXPENSES</u>			
Personnel Expenses (including Directors)	5,607	7,448	75.29%
Professional Services	1,000	1,835	54.48%
Outside Engineering ⁽⁵⁾	62	307	20.12%
Legal Expense	179	241	74.16%
Travel & Conference	85	217	39.08%
Dues and Memberships	210	230	91.38%
General & Admin Expense	898	1,817	49.42%
Building Repair & Expense ⁽⁵⁾	25	223	11.11%
Capital Acquisition ⁽⁵⁾	7	26	27.46%
TOTAL EXPENSES	8,072	12,344	65.40%
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENSES	3,922		
<u>RESERVE FUND</u>			
Beginning Balance	4,599		
Nov 2023 - Contribution to Election Reserves	664		
TOTAL RESERVE FUND	5,263		

(1) Interest rates remain high
(2) School Programs run September to June
(3) Other Income is CalCard rebates and Insurance refund
(4) Transfer in from Reserves moves at year-end
(5) Projects in process

Municipal Water District of Orange County
Revenues and Expenditures Actual vs Budget Line Item Report
Fiscal Year to Date ending March 2024 (Unaudited)
General Fund

	YTD ACTUAL	ANNUAL BUDGET	% Used
REVENUES			
Retail Connection Charge	9,206,255	9,206,255	100.00%
Ground Water Customer Charge	383,697	383,697	100.00%
Water Rate Revenues	9,589,952	9,589,952	100.00%
Choice Programs	1,487,001	1,591,032	93.47%
MWD Revenue - Shared Services	184,101	0	0.00%
Interest Revenue	645,437	319,410	202.07%
Miscellaneous Income	11,640	3,000	388.00%
School Contracts	76,389	435,950	0.00%
Transfer in from Reserve	0	404,537	0.00%
Other Revenues	2,404,568	2,753,929	87.31%
TOTAL REVENUES	11,994,520	12,343,881	97.17%

OPERATING EXPENSES			
Salaries & Wages	3,612,422	5,135,356	70.34%
less Recovery's	(29,569)	(30,000)	98.56%
Directors' Compensation	193,511	275,041	70.36%
MWD Representation	106,742	117,875	90.56%
Employee Benefits	1,074,014	1,507,382	71.25%
less Recovery's	(5,476)	0	0.00%
CALPERS Unfunded Liability Contribution	500,000	207,000	241.55%
Directors Benefits	82,102	104,447	78.61%
Health Insurances for Retirees	56,621	84,847	66.73%
Training Expense	4,719	36,000	13.11%
Tuition Reimbursement	1,872	5,000	37.44%
Temporary Help Expense	10,503	5,000	210.06%
Personnel Expenses	5,607,461	7,447,948	75.29%
Engineering Expense	61,775	307,000	20.12%
Legal Expense	178,730	241,000	74.16%
Audit Expense	31,500	36,500	86.30%
Professional Services	968,214	1,798,425	53.84%
Professional Fees	1,240,219	2,382,925	52.05%
Conference-Staff	21,885	49,832	43.92%
Conference-Directors	9,915	23,065	42.99%
Travel & Accom.-Staff	38,096	102,200	37.28%
Travel & Accom.-Directors	15,112	42,400	35.64%
Travel & Conference	85,008	217,497	39.08%
Membership/Sponsorship	163,172	167,366	97.49%
CDR Support	46,825	62,433	75.00%
Dues & Memberships	209,997	229,799	91.38%

Municipal Water District of Orange County
Revenues and Expenditures Actual vs Budget Line Item Report
Fiscal Year to Date ending March 2024 (Unaudited)
General Fund

	YTD ACTUAL	ANNUAL BUDGET	% Used
Business Expense	2,695	2,000	134.75%
Maintenance Office	106,631	175,860	60.63%
Building Repair & Maintenance	21,755	25,200	86.33%
Storage Rental & Equipment Lease	667	1,800	37.06%
Office Supplies	15,224	27,000	56.39%
Supplies - Water Loss Control	3,117	4,000	77.93%
Postage/Mail Delivery	5,418	11,675	46.41%
Subscriptions & Books	924	1,000	92.40%
Reproduction Expense	26,470	93,000	28.46%
Maintenance - Computers	6,895	5,000	137.90%
Software Purchase	69,034	106,498	64.82%
Software Support	37,278	50,185	74.28%
Computers and Equipment	22,334	43,000	51.94%
Maintenance Expense	0	6,000	0.00%
Automotive Expense	9,191	9,400	97.78%
Vehicle Expense	9,387	12,000	78.23%
Toll Road Charges	296	975	30.36%
Insurance Expense	144,360	182,976	78.90%
Utilities - Telephone	30,792	46,438	66.31%
Bank Fees	0	2,600	0.00%
Miscellaneous Expense	81,994	154,200	53.17%
MWDOC's Contribution to WEROC	219,980	293,307	75.00%
Depreciation Expense	83,503	0	0.00%
Contribution to Election Reserve	0	563,020	0.00%
MWDOC Building Expense	24,749	222,686	11.11%
Capital Acquisition	7,111	25,892	27.46%
Other Expenses	929,805	2,065,712	45.01%
TOTAL EXPENSES	8,072,490	12,343,881	65.40%
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENSES	3,922,030	0	

MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT OF ORANGE COUNTY
Statement of Revenues and Expenditures
Fiscal Year to Date ending March 2024 (Unaudited)
Water Funds

	YTD Actual	Annual Budget	Balance
<u>Water Revenues</u>			
Water Sales	80,542,689	181,024,108	(100,481,419)
Readiness to Serve Charge	10,712,344	13,768,707	(3,056,363)
Capacity Charge CCF	2,703,360	4,816,710	(2,113,350)
SCP/SAC Pipeline Surcharge	245,452	358,000	(112,548)
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MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT OF ORANGE COUNTY
 Revenues and Expenditures Actual versus Budget
 Fiscal Year to Date ending March 2024 (Unaudited)
 Other Funds

	YTD Actual	Annual Budget	Balance
<u>WEROC</u>			
Revenues	529,444	586,614	(57,170)
Expenditures	369,920	586,614	(216,694)
Excess of Revenues over Expenditures	159,524	0	159,524
<u>WUE Projects (details on next page)</u>			
Revenues	5,509,419	13,605,720	(8,096,301)
Expenditures	5,852,989	13,605,720	(7,752,731)
Excess of Revenues over Expenditures	(343,570)	0	(343,570)

Footnote:

- 1) The excess of expense over revenue is waiting for reimbursement.
- 2) USBR (Federal) Grant is billed in October and April with funds being received one month later.
- 3) DWR is billed quarterly to county and takes a few months to a year to receive funds.

MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT OF ORANGE COUNTY
 Revenues and Expenditures Actual versus Budget
 Fiscal Year to Date ending March 2024 (Unaudited)
 Water Use Efficiency Projects

	Actual	Variance %	Fiscal Year Budget	% of Budget	Projected Final FY Budget
<u>Spray to Drip Conversion</u>					
Revenues	589,803		613,600	96.12%	613,600
Expenditures	655,911		613,600	106.90%	613,600
Excess of Revenues over Expenditures	(66,109)	-11%			

Actual Variance: All reporting current. Payments to Program Participants slightly ahead of Grant (DWR & USBR), Metropolitan (on water bill), and Retail Water Agencies reimbursements.

Budget Variance: Program activity is on trajectory to exceed projected budget due to increased participation, particularly in the commercial sector.

Member Agency Administered Pass-Thru

Revenues	0		338,000	0.00%	338,000
Expenditures	0		338,000	0.00%	338,000
Excess of Revenues over Expenditures	0	0%			

Actual Variance: No activity that falls outside of other reported regional programs has occurred.

Budget Variance: Majority of MAA funding is captured under other Programs; pass through to member agencies is likely to be minimal this FY.

ULFT Rebate Program

Revenues	740		1,000	74.00%	1,000
Expenditures	740		1,000	74.00%	1,000
Excess of Revenues over Expenditures	0	0%			

Actual Variance: This tracks MWDOC member agencies activities to provide supplemental funding to increase activity in their service territories.

Budget Variance: Program consistently has low participation; however, is on track to meet or exceed projected budget.

HECW Rebate Program

Revenues	37,765		40,000	94.41%	40,000
Expenditures	37,765		40,000	94.41%	40,000
Excess of Revenues over Expenditures	0	0%			

Actual Variance: This tracks MWDOC member agencies activities to provide supplemental funding to increase activity in their service territories.

Budget Variance: Program consistently has low participation; however, is on track to meet or exceed projected budget.

CII Rebate Program

Revenues	0		1,000	0.00%	1,000
Expenditures	0		1,000	0.00%	1,000
Excess of Revenues over Expenditures	0	0%			

Actual Variance: This tracks MWDOC member agencies activities to provide supplemental funding to increase activity in their service territory.

Budget Variance: EGIA device rebates have seen lower than average activity in recent years.

Notes:

- 1) Variance from Revenues to Expenses. When greater than 5%, an explanation is provided.
- 2) Fiscal year budget versus Actual
- 3) With each quarterly report the projected fiscal year end budget may be re-adjusted.

MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT OF ORANGE COUNTY
Revenues and Expenditures Actual versus Budget
Fiscal Year to Date ending March 2024 (Unaudited)
Water Use Efficiency Projects

	Actual	Variance %	Fiscal Year Budget	% of Budget	Projected Final FY Budget
<u>Turf Removal Program</u>					
Revenues	4,439,545		11,298,000	39.29%	11,298,000
Expenditures	4,493,397		11,298,000	39.77%	11,298,000
Excess of Revenues over Expenditures	(53,852)	-1%			

Actual Variance: Posted revenues from Grants (DWR & USBR) lagging slightly behind expenses. All revenue reporting for reimbursement is up to date.

Budget Variance: Program activity is less than previously predicted, revenue and expense will likely finish the fiscal year under budget.

<u>Comprehensive Landscape (CLWUE)</u>					
Revenues	177,851		152,400	116.70%	152,400
Expenditures	177,887		152,400	116.72%	152,400
Excess of Revenues over Expenditures	(36)	0%			

Actual Variance: Grant funded program. Granting agencies (State) are slow to provide their funding. All reporting is current. Rain Barrels included here.

Budget Variance: EGIA device rebates have seen a slight uptick; activity will exceed projected totals.

<u>Recycled Water Program</u>					
Revenues	23,608		50,000	47.22%	50,000
Expenditures	23,608		50,000	47.22%	50,000
Excess of Revenues over Expenditures	0	0%			

Actual Variance: Projects are currently being implemented with activity reported over the course of the fiscal year.

Budget Variance: Several projects are in the process of finishing shortly with more projected to finish this fiscal year.

<u>WSIP - Industrial Program</u>					
Revenues	0		53,720	0.00%	53,720
Expenditures	0		53,720	0.00%	53,720
Excess of Revenues over Expenditures	0	0%			

Actual Variance: Projects are currently being implemented with activity reported over the course of the fiscal year.

Budget Variance: Program is experiencing lower than average participation; however, projects are anticipated to be completed in the latter half of the fiscal year.

<u>Land Design Program</u>					
Revenues	95,845		300,000	31.95%	300,000
Expenditures	95,845		300,000	31.95%	300,000
Excess of Revenues over Expenditures	0	0%			

Actual Variance: All local, State, and Federal Grant reporting is current.

Budget Variance: Controls have been implemented to reduce costs and maximize effectiveness; activity likely to stay within projected budget.

Notes:

- 1) Variance from Revenues to Expenses. When greater than 5%, an explanation is provided.
- 2) Fiscal year budget versus Actual
- 3) With each quarterly report the projected fiscal year end budget may be re-adjusted.

MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT OF ORANGE COUNTY
 Revenues and Expenditures Actual versus Budget
 Fiscal Year to Date ending March 2024 (Unaudited)
 Water Use Efficiency Projects

	Actual	Variance %	Fiscal Year Budget	% of Budget	Projected Final FY Budget
<u>Pressure Regulation Valve Program</u>					
Revenues	21,933		15,000	146.22%	15,000
Expenditures	21,933		15,000	146.22%	15,000
Excess of Revenues over Expenditures	0	0%			

Actual Variance: All local, State, and Federal Grant reporting current.

Budget Variance: This is a pilot program that is close to wrapping up this fiscal year. The budget will exceed what was predicted as the Pilot wraps up.

<u>Dedicated Irrigation Meters Measurement Project (DIMM)</u>					
Revenues	122,330		743,000	16.46%	743,000
Expenditures	345,904		743,000	46.56%	743,000
Excess of Revenues over Expenditures	(223,574)	-183%			

Actual Variance: Most participating retailers have paid costs upfront in previous fiscal year. Waiting on DWR grant reimbursement for activity.

Budget Variance: Work is in progress but has a lengthy timeline to completion. More work will be completed this fiscal year, likely under the budget projection with more activity being paid the following fiscal year.

Notes:

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CONSENT CALENDAR ITEM
May 15, 2024

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: **Administration & Finance Committee**
(Directors Crane, Thomas, Nederhood)

Harvey De La Torre, General Manager

Staff Contact: Hilary Chumpitazi

SUBJECT: ANNUAL REVIEW OF DISTRICT INVESTMENT POLICY AND GUIDELINES

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of Directors: receive and file the District’s Investment Policy and Guidelines.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Committee concurred with staff recommendation.

SUMMARY

MWDOC’s Administrative Code requires an annual review of this policy. The Board adopted Resolution No. 2140 in May 2023, establishing the District’s Investment Policy and Guidelines. The 2024 Local Agency Investment Guidelines had changes that do not affect our investment policy and the County of Orange did not have any changes that affected our investment policy. As a result, staff recommends no changes at this time.

ALIGNMENT WITH BOARD STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Clarifying MWDOC’s mission and role; defining functions and actions. | <input type="checkbox"/> Work with member agencies to develop water supply and demand objectives. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Balance support for Metropolitan’s regional mission and Orange County values and interests. | <input type="checkbox"/> Solicit input and feedback from member agencies. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Strengthen communications and coordination of messaging. | <input type="checkbox"/> Invest in workforce development and succession planning. |

BOARD OPTIONS

Option #1: It is recommended that the Board of Directors receive and file the Investment Policy and Guidelines with no changes.

Budgeted: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Budgeted amount: N/A	Core: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Choice: <input type="checkbox"/>
Action item amount:		Movement between funds: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	

List of Attachments/Links:

Attachment 1: [*Resolution 2140 Establishing the Investment Policy and Guidelines*](#)
(adopted in May 2023)

**RESOLUTION NO. 2140
MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT OF ORANGE COUNTY
INVESTMENT POLICY AND GUIDELINES**

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**RESOLUTION NO. 2140
MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT OF ORANGE COUNTY
INVESTMENT POLICY AND GUIDELINES
2023**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Director of the Municipal Water District of Orange County that the following is the policy and guidelines of the District for investment of funds and rescinds prior Resolution No. 2114, dated May 19, 2021.

SECTION 2100 - PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to set forth the investment and operational policies for the management of the public funds of Municipal Water District of Orange County. These policies have been adopted by, and can be changed only by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.

These policies are designed to ensure the prudent management of public funds, the safety of principal, the availability of operating funds when needed, and an investment return competitive with those of comparable funds and financial market indexes.

A copy of this policy will be provided to all investment brokers and investment managers doing business with the Municipal Water District of Orange County. Receipt of this policy, including confirmation that it has been reviewed by persons dealing directly with the Municipal Water District of Orange County's account will be received prior to any organization providing investment services to the Municipal Water District of Orange County.

SECTION 2101 - STATUTORY AND DELEGATED AUTHORITY

Authority to manage the investment of surplus funds is derived from California Government Code Sections 53601, et seq. In accordance with Section 53607 of the Government Code of the State of California, the authority of the Board of Directors to invest public funds may be delegated to the Treasurer for a one-year period, which may be renewed annually.

The Municipal Water District of Orange County (MWDOC) Board of Directors has expressly delegated the investment authority of the Board of Directors to the Treasurer pursuant to Resolution No. 1166. By Resolution No. 1277, the Board of Directors created the office of Deputy Treasurer and delegated to the Deputy Treasurer the authority to direct investment of MWDOC funds under the circumstances set forth in said Resolution, and to make a monthly report of those transactions to the Board. The Board of Directors created the office of Alternate Deputy Treasurer by Resolution No. 1434 and specified circumstances under which the Alternate Deputy Treasurer would have authority to direct the investment of MWDOC funds.

No person may engage in an investment transaction on behalf of MWDOC unless he or she has been duly appointed by the Board of Directors to the office of Treasurer, Deputy Treasurer, or Alternate Deputy Treasurer, and subject to the limitations and conditions set forth in the Resolutions establishing those offices and the terms of this policy. Notwithstanding the foregoing, upon the occurrence of a vacancy in the office of Treasurer, the Board of Directors may appoint an Acting Treasurer, who shall have and exercise the authority delegated to the Treasurer until appointment of a successor Treasurer by the Board of Directors.

The delegations in Resolution Nos. 1277 and 1434 are renewed on the adoption of this Policy. The Treasurer shall be responsible for all transactions undertaken and shall establish procedures and a system of internal controls to regulate the activities of subordinate officials.

SECTION 2101.5 – COMPLIANCE EXCEPTIONS REPORTING

Any compliance exceptions with the Investment Policy and Guidelines (IPG) will be reported within 72 hours to the General Manager, Board President, and the Chair of the Administration & Finance Committee. At the time of reporting, a recommended resolution to the matter shall be included. Notification shall also be included in the monthly Treasurer's Report to the Board of Directors with the resolution noted.

SECTION 2102 - ORGANIZATION

The organizational structure of the investment functions of MWDOC shall consist of the Board of Directors, the Administration & Finance Committee, the Treasurer and Deputy Treasurers. The responsibilities of these groups are as follows:

Board of Directors - the elected body responsible for the administration and investment of the assets of MWDOC. The Board may acquire, hold, manage, purchase, sell, assign, trade, transfer and/or dispose of any security, evidence of debt, or other investment in which MWDOC's assets may be invested by law. To assist them in discharging their responsibilities, the Board shall appoint a Treasurer, Deputy Treasurers and custodians of assets.

Administration & Finance Committee - appointed by the Board to review transactions, performance and asset mix, monitor, recommend policy, and propose adjustments for Board approval.

Treasurer - responsible for the administration and the investment of the funds, subject to the policies and restrictions set by the Board. The Treasurer as investment officer of MWDOC is granted full authority and responsibility by the Board in the purchase, sale, assignment, exchange and transfer of securities and for the safe custody of security holdings, subject to Board policies, rules, regulations and directives consistent with regulatory and statutory limitations. The Treasurer is responsible for interpreting, administering and advising on legal requirements, investment policies and strategies; collecting income, preparation of reports. Also responsible for Deputy Treasurer, and investment staff compliance with this Investment Policy and guidelines.

Deputy Treasurers - act in the absence of the Treasurer as specified within the Resolution of appointment to fulfill the duties and responsibilities as assigned by the Treasurer.

SECTION 2103- INVESTMENT PHILOSOPHY

Except where specifically directed by the State Constitution, statutes or regulations, the general investment policies of MWDOC will be guided by the prudent investor standard ("Standard") set forth in California Government Code Section 53600.3. Under this Standard, those with investment responsibility for public funds are trustees and, as trustees, shall act with care, skill, prudence and diligence under the circumstances then prevailing, including, but not limited to, the general economic conditions and the anticipated needs of MWDOC, that a prudent person acting in a like capacity and familiarity with those matters would use in the conduct of funds of a

like character and with like aims to safeguard the principal and maintain the liquidity needs of the agency.

This Standard shall be applied in the context of managing the overall investment portfolio. The investment officer, acting in accordance with written procedures and this investment policy and exercising due diligence shall be relieved of personal responsibility for an individual security's credit risk or market price changes, provided deviations from expectations are reported in a timely fashion and appropriate action is taken to control adverse developments.

SECTION 2104 - SCOPE

It is intended that this Investment Policy cover all funds and investment activities of MWDOC. Any reference to the portfolio shall mean the collection of MWDOC securities held by the Treasurer. Those securities held in Trust or escrow by a third-party Trustee or escrow agent on behalf of MWDOC are invested under the Treasurer's direction in accordance with this Investment Policy and the terms of the specific escrow or trust agreements related to the funds.

MWDOC funds are divided into two categories, and the investment objectives and policies vary with the nature of the fund.

- Operating and Fiduciary Funds - These funds are to provide for the ordinary annual operating expenses of MWDOC (General Fund, Water Fund) and Funds to provide for trustee functions and expenditures (WFC, with the exception of the Debt Service Reserve) and other specified recurring and non-recurring purposes where MWDOC serves in a fiduciary role. These funds are considered "short-term" for investment purposes and will be invested to provide the safety and liquidity to meet all anticipated expenditures.
- Reserve funds – These funds are designated for contingencies or emergencies and may be used to supplement the other funds as necessary. These funds may be invested "longer-term" as defined in this Investment Policy.

SECTION 2105- INVESTMENT OBJECTIVES

When investing, reinvesting, purchasing, acquiring, exchanging, selling or managing MWDOC's funds, the primary objective is to safeguard the principal of the funds. The secondary objective is to meet the liquidity needs of MWDOC. The third objective is to achieve a maximum return on invested funds (California Government Code Section 53600.5.). It is the policy of MWDOC to invest funds in a manner to obtain the highest yield possible while meeting the daily cash flow demands of MWDOC as long as investments meet the criteria established by this investment policy for safety and liquidity and conform to all laws governing the investment of MWDOC's funds.

Safety of Principal.

Safety of principal is the foremost objective of MWDOC. Each investment transaction shall seek to first ensure that capital losses are avoided, whether they arise from securities defaults, institution default, broker-dealer default, or erosion of market value of securities. MWDOC shall mitigate the risk to the principal of invested funds by limiting credit and interest rate risks. Credit risk is the risk of loss due to the failure of a security's issuer or

backer. Interest rate risk is the risk that the market value of the MWDOC's portfolio will change due to an increase/decrease in general interest rates.

- 1) Credit risk will be mitigated by:
 - (a) Limiting investments to only the most creditworthy types of permissible investments as described in Section 2106;
 - (b) By pre-qualifying the financial institutions with which the Agency will do business; and
 - (c) By diversifying the investment portfolio so that the potential failure of any one issue or issuer will not place an undue financial burden on the District.

- 2) Interest rate risk will be mitigated by:
 - (a) Structuring the portfolio so that securities mature to meet the District's cash requirements for ongoing obligations, thereby reducing the possible need to sell securities on the open market at a loss prior to their maturity to meet those requirements; and
 - (b) Investing primarily in shorter term securities.

Liquidity

Availability of sufficient cash to pay for current expenditures shall be maintained. An adequate percentage of the portfolio shall be maintained in liquid short-term securities which can be converted to cash as necessary to meet disbursement requirements. Since cash requirements cannot always be anticipated, sufficient investments in securities with active secondary or resale markets shall be utilized.

Rates of Return

Yield on investments shall be considered only after the basic requirements of safety and liquidity have been met. The investment portfolio shall be designed to attain a market average rate of return throughout budgetary and economic cycles, taking into account the MWDOC's risk constraints, the composition and cash flow characteristics of the portfolio, and applicable laws.

SECTION 2106- INVESTMENT POLICY GUIDELINES

MWDOC authorized investment types, amounts, maturities, and other characteristics are stated in the Government Code Section 53601 (as periodically amended), and with the following exceptions as noted below.

- Collective Investment Pools - Assets of any of the funds may be invested in collective investment pools run and managed by other public bodies and banks that are approved by the Board of Directors. However, no such investment shall be made in a pool where the investment objectives differ from the investment objectives listed in Section 2105 of this investment policy, nor should any investment be made in a fund that engages in market timing or anticipating interest rate changes or that uses derivatives or other securities other than as a hedge against interest rate risk. The investment shall not exceed 20% of portfolio in effect immediately after such investment and no more than 10% in one pool.

- Money Market Mutual Funds - Investment in shares of money market mutual funds may be made if the investments meet the same restrictions as those of collective investment pools. In addition, purchase of these funds must not result in payment of a purchase premium or commission. These mutual funds must attain the highest ranking of two nationally recognized ratings services and the investment adviser must be registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) as an investment adviser with not less than five years' experience managing market mutual funds with investment portfolios of greater than \$500 million. An investment shall not exceed 20% of portfolio in effect immediately after such investment.
- Cash Holdings - The portfolio will hold sufficient cash equivalent investments to ensure availability of sufficient funds to meet known obligations for the next three months. Idle cash will be invested to the fullest extent practicable in interest-bearing investments.
- Other permissible investments for the Operating and Fiduciary funds are:
 - Bank checking accounts, time deposits or certificates of deposit not to exceed the current Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) limit without being collateralized.
 - Negotiable Certificates of Deposit shall not exceed 30% of portfolio in effect immediately after such investment and no more than 5% in one issuer.
 - U.S. Treasury obligations.
 - U.S. Government Agency obligations and, U.S. Government Instrumentality obligations. May not invest more than 50% of portfolio from one issuer.
 - Prime Commercial Paper rated A-1/P-1/F-1 by Moody's, Standard and Poor's or Fitch. May not exceed 25% of portfolio in effect immediately after such investment and may purchase no more than 10% of the outstanding commercial paper of any single issuer. The maximum maturity for Commercial Paper is 270 days.
 - Prime Banker's Acceptances rated A-1/P-1/F-1 by Moody's, Standard and Poor's or Fitch shall not exceed 40% of portfolio in effect immediately after such investment and no more than 5% may be of any one commercial bank. The maximum maturity is 180 days.
 - Corporate Securities (Medium-Term Notes) with a rating of "A" or better by at least two nationally recognized rating services. Shall not exceed 30% of portfolio in effect immediately after such investment with no more than 10% in one issuer.
 - Loans with an agreement for the collateral to be repurchased by the borrower (Repurchase Agreements); the amount of such instruments will not exceed 20% of the market value of the portfolio with no more than 10% from one issuer. Maximum maturity is 1 year. U.S. Treasury and Agency securities are acceptable collateral with a market value of at least 102% of the value of the Repurchase Agreement. Prior to investment, a Master Repurchase Agreement will be signed with the qualified counterparty.
- Permissible investments for Reserve Funds are:
 - All investments permitted for the Operating and Fiduciary funds, except maturities may not exceed five years without Board approval prior to investment.
- Prohibited Investments and Investment Practices - The following are prohibited:

- Purchases on margin or short sales.
 - “Derivative” securities of any type.
 - Lending securities with an agreement to buy them back after a stated period of time (Reverse Repurchase Agreements).
 - Futures, Options and Margin Trading
 - In no instance shall a swap be used in speculation. Losses are only acceptable if the proposed swap or trade can clearly enhance quality or yield (value) over the life of the new security on a Total Return basis.
 - Investments are limited to maturities of five years or less without express authorization of the Board prior to the investment.
- Diversification - The investment portfolio will be diversified to avoid undue concentration in securities of one type or securities of one financial institution, so that no single investment or class of investments can have a disproportionate impact on the total portfolio. This restriction does not apply to U.S. Treasury securities.
 - Exemptions - Any investment currently held that does not meet the guidelines of this policy shall be exempted from the requirements of this policy. At maturity or liquidation, such monies shall be reinvested only as provided by the current policy.

SECTION 2107 - EXECUTION

The responsibility for the execution of security transactions shall rest with such qualified members of the investment staff as designated by the Board. The selection of the broker-dealer for a specific transaction shall be based on price and yield quotations. Every effort shall be made to obtain appropriate discounts on individual orders.

Security orders shall be placed on the basis of accepted investment practices. All security transactions, including for repurchase agreements, entered into by MWDOC shall be on a Delivery-vs.-Payment (DVP) basis, i.e. payment will be made upon receipt of the securities to the safekeeping or trust account or custodial facility. All securities shall be held in MWDOC's name pursuant to an agreement and all financial institutions are instructed to mail confirmation and safekeeping receipts directly to MWDOC within three business days after the trade.

Receipts for the confirmation of trades of authorized securities will include information on trade date, par value, maturity, interest rate, price, yield, settlement date, description of securities purchased, agency's name, amount due, and third party custodial information.

SECTION 2108 - PERSONAL CONDUCT

The Board of Directors of Municipal Water District of Orange County is acutely aware of the responsibilities the staff has in administering the investment assets of MWDOC.

Members of the Board of Directors, the Treasurer, Deputy Treasurers and members of the investment staff may not have a direct or indirect interest in the gains or profits of any investment made by MWDOC and may not receive any pay or emolument (profit arising from office or employment usually in the form of compensation or perquisites) for services other than as designated by MWDOC for compensation and authorized expenses.

All persons responsible for investment decisions or who are involved in the management of MWDOC assets shall be governed in their personal investment activities by the codes of conduct established by the applicable state statutes, the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA), the Securities and Exchange Commission, and the Code of Ethics and Standards of Professional Conduct of the Association for Investment Management and Research.

All persons responsible for investment decisions or who are involved in the management of MWDOC assets shall refrain from any personal business activity that could conflict with the proper execution and management of the MWDOC investment program, or that could impair their ability to make impartial investment decisions.

SECTION 2109 - REPORTING

The Treasurer shall prepare an investment report monthly, including a management summary that provides the status of the current investment portfolio and transactions made over the last month. The Report shall be submitted within forty-five (45) days following the month ended. The report should be provided to and reviewed by the General Manager, the Administration & Finance Committee and provided to the Board of Directors. The report will include the following:

- A listing of individual securities held at the end of the reporting period;
- Average weighted yield to maturity of portfolio on MWDOC investments;
- Listing of investments by maturity date;
- Market values of current investments;
- Percentage of the total portfolio which each type of investment represents.

This investment policy shall be reviewed by the Administration and Finance Committee annually and as frequently as necessary, to enable the Treasurer to respond to changing economic and market conditions.

SECTION 2110 - GLOSSARY

AGENCIES: Federal agency securities and/or Government-sponsored enterprises.

ANNUAL COMPREHENSIVE FINANCIAL REPORT (ACFR): A set of government financial statements comprising the financial report of a government entity that complies with the accounting requirements of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB). It is composed of three sections: Introductory, Financial and Statistical.

ASKED: The price at which securities are offered.

BANKERS' ACCEPTANCE (BA): A draft or bill or exchange accepted by a bank or trust company. The accepting institution guarantees payment of the bill, as well as the issuer.

BENCHMARK: A comparative base for measuring the performance or risk tolerance of the investment portfolio. A benchmark should represent a close correlation to the level of risk and the average duration of the portfolio's investments.

BID: The price offered by a buyer of securities. (When you are selling securities, you ask for a bid.) See Offer.

BROKER: A broker brings buyers and sellers together for a commission.

BROKER-DEALER: A person or firm acting as a principal in securities transaction as either a broker or a dealer depending on the transaction. Technically, a broker is only an agent who executes orders on behalf of clients, whereas a dealer acts as a principal and trades from the firm's own account. Transaction confirmations must disclose this information. Because most brokerage firms act as both brokers and principals, the term broker-dealer is commonly used to describe them.

CASH EQUIVALENTS (CE): Highly liquid and safe instruments or investments that can be converted into cash immediately. Examples include bank accounts, money market funds, and Treasury bills.

CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT (CD): A time deposit with a specific maturity that usually pays interest. Also referred to as Negotiable CD's, they are insured by FDIC up to \$250,000, but they are not collateralized beyond that amount.

COLLATERAL: Securities, evidence of deposit or other property, which a borrower pledges to secure repayment of a loan. Also refers to securities pledged by a bank to secure deposits of public monies.

COMMERCIAL PAPER: Short-term unsecured promissory note issued by corporations or municipalities with maturities ranging from 2 to 270 days.

COUPON: (a) The annual rate of interest that a bond's issuer promises to pay the bondholder on the bond's face value. (b) A certificate attached to a bond evidencing interest due on a payment date.

DEALER: A dealer, as opposed to a broker, acts as a principal in all transactions, buying and selling for his own account.

DEBENTURE: A bond secured only by the general credit of the issuer.

DELIVERY VERSUS PAYMENT: There are two methods of delivery of securities: delivery versus payment and delivery versus receipt. Delivery versus payment is delivery of securities with an exchange of money for the securities. Delivery versus receipt is delivery of securities with an exchange of a signed receipt for the securities.

DERIVATIVES: (1) Financial instruments whose return profile is linked to, or derived from, the movement of one or more underlying index or security, and may include a leveraging factor, or (2) financial contracts based upon notional amounts whose value is derived from an underlying index or security (interest rates, foreign exchange rates, equities or commodities).

DISCOUNT: The difference between the cost price of a security and its maturity when quoted at lower than face value. A security selling below original offering price shortly after sale also is considered to be at a discount.

DISCOUNT SECURITIES: Non-interest bearing money market instruments that are issued at a discount and redeemed at maturity for full face value (e.g., *U.S. Treasury Bills.*)

DIVERSIFICATION: Dividing investment funds among a variety of securities offering independent returns.

DURATION: A measure of the sensitivity of the price (the value of principal) of a fixed-income investment to a change in interest rates. Duration is expressed as a number of years. Rising interest rates mean falling bond prices, while declining interest rates mean rising bond prices.

FEDERAL CREDIT AGENCIES: Agencies of the Federal government set up to supply credit to various classes of institutions and individuals, e.g., S&L's, small business firms, students, farmers, farm cooperatives, and exporters.

FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION (FDIC): A federal agency that insures bank deposits, currently up to \$250,000 per entity.

FEDERAL FUNDS RATE: The rate of interest at which Fed funds are traded. This rate is currently pegged by the Federal Reserve through open-market operations.

FEDERAL HOME LOAN BANKS (FHLB): Government sponsored wholesale banks (currently 12 regional banks), which lend funds and provide correspondent banking services to member commercial banks, thrift institutions, credit unions and insurance companies. The mission of the FHLBs is to liquefy the housing related assets of its members who must purchase stock in their district Bank.

FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION (FNMA): FNMA, like GNMA was chartered under the Federal National Mortgage Association Act in 1938. FNMA is a federal corporation working under the auspices of the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Fannie Mae, as the corporation is called, is a private stockholder-owned corporation. The corporation's purchases include a variety of adjustable mortgages and second loans, in addition to fixed-rate mortgages. FNMA's securities are also highly liquid and are widely accepted. FNMA assumes and guarantees that all security holders will receive timely payment of principal and interest.

FEDERAL OPEN MARKET COMMITTEE (FOMC): Consists of seven members of the Federal Reserve Board and five of the twelve Federal Reserve Bank Presidents. The President of the New York Federal Reserve Bank is a permanent member, while the other Presidents serve on a rotating basis. The Committee periodically meets to set Federal Reserve guidelines regarding purchases and sales of Government Securities in the open market as a means of influencing the volume of bank credit and money.

FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM: The central bank of the United States created by Congress and consisting of a seven member Board of Governors in Washington, D.C., 12 regional banks and about 3,543 commercial banks that are members of the system.

FITCH, INC.: (See Nationally Recognized Statistical Rating Organization)

GOVERNMENT NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION (GNMA or Ginnie Mae): Residential mortgage-backed security (MBS) instruments influencing the volume of bank credit guaranteed by GNMA and issued by geographically diverse mortgage companies, commercial banks, and thrifts of all sizes, as well as state housing finance agencies. Security holder is protected by full faith and credit of the U.S. Government. Ginnie Mae securities are backed by the FHA, VA or FHA mortgages. The term "pass-throughs" is often used to describe Ginnie Maes.

LIQUIDITY: A liquid asset is one that can be converted easily and rapidly into cash without a substantial loss of value. In the money market, a security is said to be liquid if the spread between bid and asked prices is narrow and reasonable size can be done at those quotes.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT INVESTMENT POOL (LGIP): The aggregate of all funds from political subdivisions that are placed in the custody of the State Treasurer for investment and reinvestment.

MARKET VALUE: The price at which a security is trading and could presumably be purchased or sold.

MASTER REPURCHASE AGREEMENT: A written contract covering all future transactions between the parties to repurchase—reverse repurchase agreements that establishes each party's rights in the transactions. A master agreement will often specify, among other things, the right of the buyer-lender to liquidate the underlying securities in the event of default by the seller borrower.

MATURITY: The date upon which the principal or stated value of an investment becomes due and payable.

MEDIUM TERM NOTES: Debt securities issued by a corporation or depository institution with a maturity of five years or less. This can also include debt securities originally issued for maturities longer than five years, but which have now fallen within the five year maturity range. If issued by a bank they are also referred to as "bank notes".

MOODY'S INVESTORS SERVICES, INC.: (See Nationally Recognized Statistical Rating Organization)

MONEY MARKET: The market in which short-term debt instruments (bills, commercial paper, bankers' acceptances, etc.) are issued and traded.

NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED STATISTICAL RATING ORGANIZATION: Firms that review the creditworthiness of the issuers of debt securities and express their opinion in the form of letter ratings (e.g. AAA, AA, A, BBB, etc.). The primary rating agencies are the following Standard & Poor's Corporation, Moody's Investor Services, Inc., and Fitch, Inc.

OFFER: The price asked by a seller of securities. (When you are buying securities, you ask for an offer.) See Asked and Bid.

OPEN MARKET OPERATIONS: Purchases and sales of government and certain other securities in the open market by the New York Federal Reserve Bank as directed by the FOMC in order to influence the volume of money and credit in the economy. Purchases inject reserves into the bank system and stimulate growth of money and credit; sales have the opposite effect. Open market operations are the Federal Reserve's most important and most flexible monetary policy tool.

OPTIONS: A contract that gives the buyer the right to buy or sell an obligation at a specified price for a specified time.

PORTFOLIO: Collection of securities held by an investor.

PRIMARY DEALER: A group of government securities dealers who submit weekly reports of market activity and positions and monthly financial statements to the Federal Reserve Bank of New York and are subject to its informal oversight. Primary dealers include Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC)-registered securities broker-dealers, banks, and a few unregulated firms.

PRUDENT PERSON RULE: An investment standard. In some states the law requires that a fiduciary, such as a trustee, may invest money only in a list of securities selected by the custody state—the so-called legal list. In other states the trustee may invest in a security if it is one which would be bought by a prudent person of discretion and intelligence who is seeking a reasonable income and preservation of capital.

QUALIFIED PUBLIC DEPOSITORIES: A financial institution which does not claim exemption from the payment of any sales or compensating use or ad valorem taxes under the laws of this state, which has segregated for the benefit of the commission eligible collateral having a value of not less than its maximum liability and which has been approved by the Public Deposit Protection Commission to hold public deposits.

RATE OF RETURN: The yield obtainable on a security based on its purchase price or its current market price. This may be the amortized yield to maturity on a bond the current income return.

REPURCHASE AGREEMENT (REPO): A holder of securities sells these securities to an investor with an agreement to repurchase them at a fixed price on a fixed date. The security “buyer” in effect lends the “seller” money for the period of the agreement, and the terms of the agreement are structured to compensate him for this.

REVERSE REPURCHASE AGREEMENT (REVERSE REPO): A reverse-repurchase agreement (reverse repo) involves an investor borrowing cash from a financial institution in exchange for securities. The investor agrees to repurchase the securities at a specified date for the same cash value plus an agreed upon interest rate. Although the transaction is similar to a repo, the purpose of entering into a reverse repo is quite different. While a repo is a straightforward investment of public funds, the reverse repo is a borrowing.

SAFEKEEPING: A service to customers rendered by banks for a fee whereby securities and valuables of all types and descriptions are held in the bank’s vaults for protection.

SECONDARY MARKET: A market made for the purchase and sale of outstanding issues following the initial distribution.

SECURITIES & EXCHANGE COMMISSION: Agency created by Congress to protect investors in securities transactions by administering securities legislation.

SEC RULE 15(C) 3-1: See Uniform Net Capital Rule.

STANDARD & POOR’S CORPORATION: (See Nationally Recognized Statistical Rating Organization)

STRUCTURED NOTES: Notes issued by Government Sponsored Enterprises (FHLB, FNMA, SLMA, etc.) and Corporations, which have imbedded options (e.g., call features, step-up coupons, floating rate coupons, derivative-based returns) into their debt structure. Their market performance is impacted by the fluctuation of interest rates, the volatility of the imbedded options and shifts in the shape of the yield curve.

TOTAL RETURN: A measure of performance, Total Return is the actual rate of return of an investment or a pool of investments, over a given evaluation period. Total Return accounts for two categories of return: income and capital appreciation. Income includes interest paid by fixed-income investments, distributions or dividends. Capital appreciation represents the change in the market price of an asset.

TREASURY BILLS: A non-interest bearing discount security issued by the U.S. Treasury to finance the national debt. Most bills are issued to mature in three months, six months, or one year.

TREASURY BONDS: Long-term coupon-bearing U.S. Treasury securities issued as direct obligations of the U.S. Government and having initial maturities of more than 10 years.

TREASURY NOTES: Medium-term coupon-bearing U.S. Treasury securities issued as direct obligations of the U.S. Government and having initial maturities from two to 10 years.

TREASURY SECURITIES: Securities issued by the U.S. Treasury and backed by the full faith and credit of the United States. Treasuries are considered to have no credit risk and are the benchmark for interest rates on all other securities in the U.S. and overseas. The Treasury issues both discounted securities and fixed coupon notes and bonds.

UNIFORM NET CAPITAL RULE: Securities and Exchange Commission requirement that member firms as well as nonmember broker-dealers in securities maintain a maximum ratio of indebtedness to liquid capital of 15 to 1; also called net capital rule and net capital ratio. Indebtedness covers all money owed to a firm, including margin loans and commitments to purchase securities, one reason new public issues are spread among members of underwriting syndicates. Liquid capital includes cash and assets easily converted into cash.

U.S. GOVERNMENT AGENCY SECURITIES: Debt securities issued by U.S. Government sponsored enterprises and federally related institutions (FHLB, Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation (FHLMC or Freddie Mac), FNMA).

YIELD: The rate of annual income return on an investment, expressed as a percentage. (a) INCOME YIELD is obtained by dividing the current dollar income by the current market price for the security. (b) NET YIELD or YIELD TO MATURITY is the current income yield minus any premium above par or plus any discount from par in purchase price, with the adjustment spread over the period from the date of purchase to the date of maturity of the bond.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the investment policy shall be reviewed by the Administration and Finance Committee annually, and as frequently as necessary, to enable the Treasurer to respond to changing market conditions;

Said Resolution was adopted, upon roll call, by the following vote:

AYES: Directors Nederhood, Dick, McVicker, Seckel, Crane, Thomas & Yoo Schneider
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

I certify the foregoing is a true, full and correct copy of Resolution No. 2140 adopted by the Board of Director of Municipal Water District of Orange County at its Regular meeting held on May 17, 2023.



Maribeth Goldsby, District Secretary
Municipal Water District of Orange County



CONSENT CALENDAR ITEM

May 15, 2024

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: **Administration & Finance Committee**
(Directors Crane, Thomas, Nederhood)

Harvey De La Torre, General Manager

Cathy Harris, Director of Human Resources & Administration

SUBJECT: APPROVE DISTRICT BENCHMARK COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS STUDY

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of Directors:

- 1) Approve the recommended position reclassifications and title changes;
- 2) Approve recommended adjustment for all Pay Structure ranges to be 40%, thereby adjusting rages 1 to 21 from 35 to 40%; and
- 3) Approve the District Pay Structure, effective July 1, 2024.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The Committee recommended the Staff recommendation. The Committee held considerable discussion regarding issues such as employee retention, a benefits assessment, etc.; these issues will be addressed in the Needs Assessment findings (the Assessment is currently underway).

DETAILED REPORT

In accordance with District Policy, a comprehensive compensation and benefits survey is conducted every three years to evaluate market practices and job classifications to ensure that pay and benefits are competitive with the market. The last Benchmark Compensation and Benefits Study (Compensation Study) was initiated in fall 2020 and completed in April 2021. In October 2023, the Board approved the professional services contract with Ralph Andersen & Associates to conduct a current Classification Study to provide a third-party review of salaries and benefits; this ensures the District remains competitive with the market in attracting and retaining the best available team and avoid significantly falling behind.

Budgeted: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Budgeted amount: NA	Core: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Choice: <input type="checkbox"/>
Action item amount: NA		Movement between funds: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	

Ralph Andersen & Associates began working on the Compensation Study in November of 2023 and recently completed the analysis. Doug Johnson, Vice President, of Ralph Andersen and Associates will present his findings via Zoom at the Administration and Finance Committee Meeting on May 6.

Based on Classification Study results and evaluation of the salary structure, the following was identified and is being recommended:

Adjustment to Pay Structure Ranges

To allow for more progression through each salary range, it is recommended that the range spread (minimum to maximum) for Pay Structure ranges 1 to 21 be adjusted to 40%. Currently, these range spreads are 35%. This will result in all ranges within the Pay Structure (1 to 23 and GM) to consistently have a 40% range spread.

Title/Position Changes and Removal of Positions

Employees were provided the opportunity to review and discuss their job descriptions during the process. Job descriptions were then reviewed and closely evaluated based on market data. Based on this analysis, the following title/position changes and position removals were recommended by the consultant:

- Remove *Office Assistant* from the Pay Structure. This is currently not a filled position and has not been utilized for many years.
- Remove *Database Coordinator* from the Pay Structure. Currently, this position is filled, and the position is responsible for performing a variety of office support duties beyond solely maintaining the District's contact mailing list. To reflect the current office support duties and responsibilities of the position more accurately, it is recommended this position be reclassified to *Administrative Assistant*.
- Replace *Records Coordinator* title with *Records Specialist*. This change more accurately reflects the specialized duties, responsibilities, and experience of this position. Currently, this position is filled and is being recommended for reclassification.
- Add *Senior Human Resources Analyst* position to the Pay Structure. Currently, the *Senior Executive Assistant* is performing complex human resources support to the *Director of Human Resources and Administration*. To reflect the current duties, responsibilities, and experience of this position, it is recommended that the *Senior Executive Assistant* be reclassified to the *Senior Human Resources Analyst* position.

Reclassifications

The Classification Study results identified that overall MWDOC's current ranges, compared to median market range maximums, are on average 0.8% above the market median. To

maintain internal equity within the organization and job family, as well as remain competitive within the labor market, the following job classifications are being identified for range reclassification in accordance with the July 1, 2024, Pay Structure:

Job Classification Title	Status	Current Range #	Adjusted Range #
* <i>Intern</i>	NE	INT	1
* <i>WUE Programs Assistant</i>	NE	3	5
<i>Water Loss Control Programs Assistant</i>	NE	3	5
<i>Accounting Technician</i>	NE	5	7
* <i>Administrative Assistant</i>	NE	6	7
<i>Sr. Administrative Assistant</i>	NE	7	8
* <i>Records Specialist (Records Coordinator) (title change)</i>	NE	8	9
* <i>Executive Assistant</i>	NE	10	11
* <i>Senior Human Resources Analyst (new position added)</i>	E	13	14
<i>Public Affairs Assistant</i>	NE	5	6
* <i>Public Affairs Coordinator I</i>	NE	7	8
<i>Public Affairs Coordinator II</i>	NE	9	10
* <i>Public Affairs Specialist</i>	NE	11	12
<i>Public Affairs Supervisor</i>	E	13	14
<i>IT System Analyst I</i>	E	11	12
* <i>IT System Analyst II</i>	E	13	14
<i>Assoc. Water Resources Analyst</i>	NE	10	11
<i>Water Resources Analyst</i>	E	12	13
* <i>Sr. Water Resources Analyst</i>	E	14	15
<i>Principal Water Resources Analyst</i>	E	17	18
* <i>WEROC Emergency Program Specialist</i>	NE	11	12
<i>WEROC Emergency Program Manager</i>	E	15	16
* <i>Director of Engineering/District Engineer</i>	E	20	21
<i>Associate General Manager</i>	E	21	22
* <i>Assistant General Manager</i>	E	22	23

(*) Denotes positions that are currently filled.

Adjustment to Pay Structure

MWDOC annually adjusts its salary ranges utilizing the local Consumer Price Index (CPI-U) for the previous calendar year. As evaluated during the MWDOC FY 2024-25 Budget process, the 2023 CPI-U average for Los Angeles/Long Beach Anaheim area was 3.50%. Adjusting the Pay Structure annually helps the District stay consistent within the market and avoid significantly falling behind.

In accordance with CalPERS guidelines, the Board is required to formally approve revised Pay Structures. Therefore, attached is the adjusted July 1, 2024, Pay Structure reflecting both the recommended salary range reclassifications and CPI-U adjustments.

Benefits

The District’s health, pension, and leave benefits were also reviewed as part of the Classification Study. The following was found:

- The District’s benefits are slightly lower than the labor market by 4.4%. The District is slightly lower in insurance contributions (health/dental/vision) by 1.1% and 3.3% lower in employer-paid deferred compensation benefits (the District does not currently contribute towards the Deferred Compensation Plan, 457).

To retain and attract employees, staff will continue to evaluate market trends relating to the District’s benefits and recommend changes, as necessary.

ALIGNMENT WITH BOARD STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Clarifying MWDOC’s mission and role; defining functions and actions. | <input type="checkbox"/> Work with member agencies to develop water supply and demand objectives. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Balance support for Metropolitan’s regional mission and Orange County values and interests. | <input type="checkbox"/> Solicit input and feedback from member agencies. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Strengthen communications and coordination of messaging. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Invest in workforce development and succession planning. |

Additional Comments: This effort is consistent with Board Strategic Priorities regarding Staff Development to ensure that we are competitive with the marketplace so that the District can continue to attract and retain an excellent workforce.

BOARD OPTIONS

- Option #1:** It is recommended that the Board of Directors:
- 1) Approve the recommended position reclassifications and title changes;
 - 2) Approve recommended adjustment for all Pay Structure ranges to be 40%, thereby adjusting rages 1 to 21 from 35 to 40%; and
 - 3) Approve the District Pay Structure, effective July 1, 2024.

Fiscal Impact: Fiscal impacts have been included in the Merit Pool amount approved by the Board for the FY 2024-25 Budget.

- Option #2:** Do not approve.

Fiscal Impact: Future fiscal impact due to salaries falling behind the market median potentially requiring reclassification adjustments by more than one range.

List of Attachments/Links:
<i>Attachment 1: Ralph Andersen & Associates Presentation</i>
<i>Attachment 2: MWDOC Pay Structure, effective July 1, 2024</i>

MWDOC Compensation Survey Findings

Ralph Andersen &
Associates

April 30, 2024



Why Surveys Are Done

Compensation surveys are a necessary part of assessing and updating an organization's compensation plan.

- Anticipate and understand what the labor market is doing
- Survey data **informs decision makers** and provides data-driven framework for allocating resources to wages and benefits
- Provide defensibility and public accountability for employee compensation
- **Optimize the District's ability to recruit and retain employees**

Public and Private employers both use market data to assess compensation; just a difference in accessibility and transparency of data.

Survey agencies are a balance between the selection factors of:

- Nature of services
- Geographic proximity
- Size
- Economic similarity

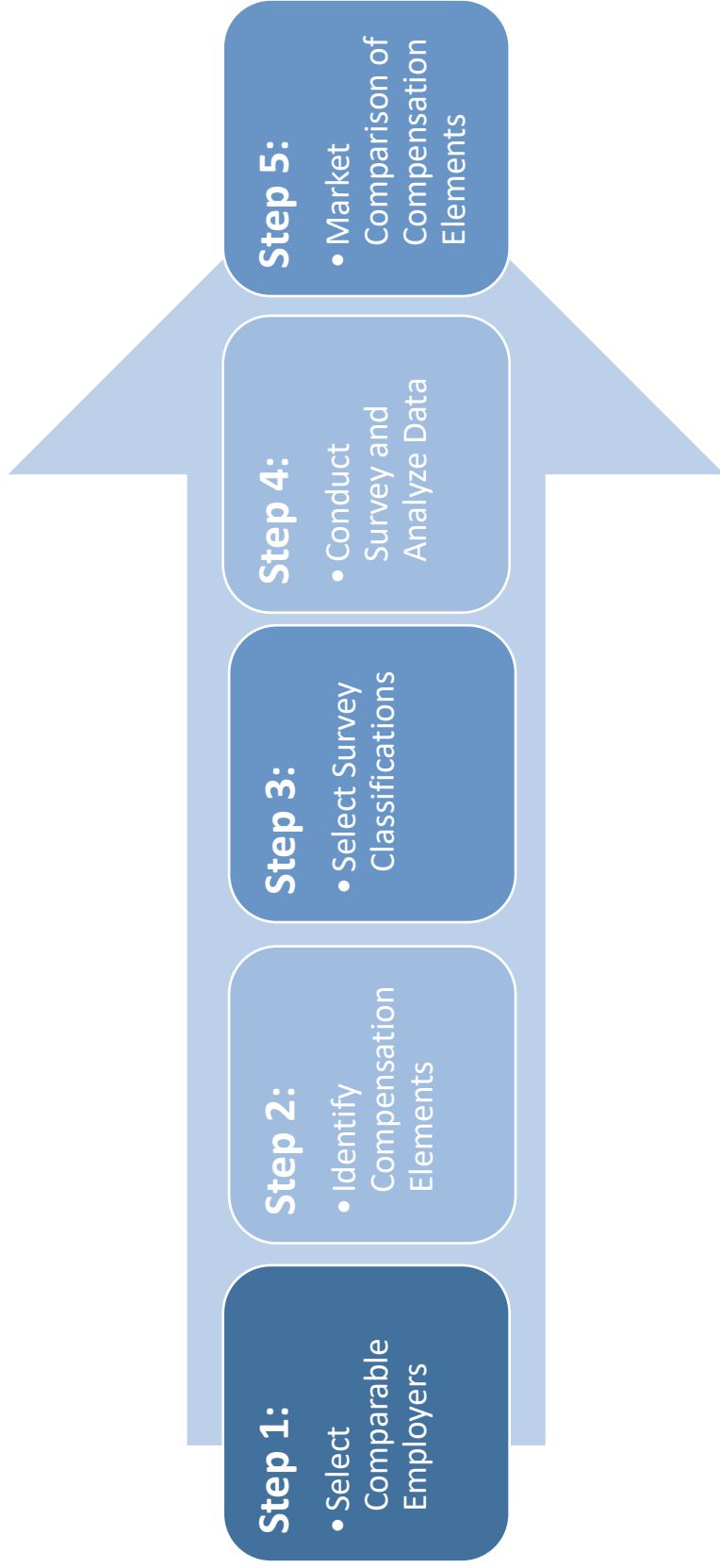


- Calleguas MWD
- Eastern MWD
- El Toro Water District
- Inland Empire UA
- Irvine Ranch WD
- Laguna Beach CWD
- Las Virgenes MWD
- Mesa WD
- Moulton Niguel WD
- Orange County SD
- Orange County WD
- San Diego Co WA
- Santa Margarita WD
- South Coast WD
- Three Valleys MWD
- Walnut Valley WD
- West Basin MWD
- Western Municipal WD
- Yorba Linda WD

Supplemental (EROC):

- Metropolitan Water District
- County of Orange
- Orange County Fire Authority
- City of Anaheim
- City of Los Angeles

Survey Process



Compensation survey data was collected by the project consultants and included the collection and analysis of the following:

- Organization charts, budgets, and position control documents
 - Job descriptions
 - Salary schedules
 - Benefits summaries
 - Follow-up information provided by each survey agency
- Survey job matches were determined by the project consultants and went beyond title comparisons.

Matching Job Classifications

Matching job classifications relies on a number of source documents beyond comparisons of job descriptions.

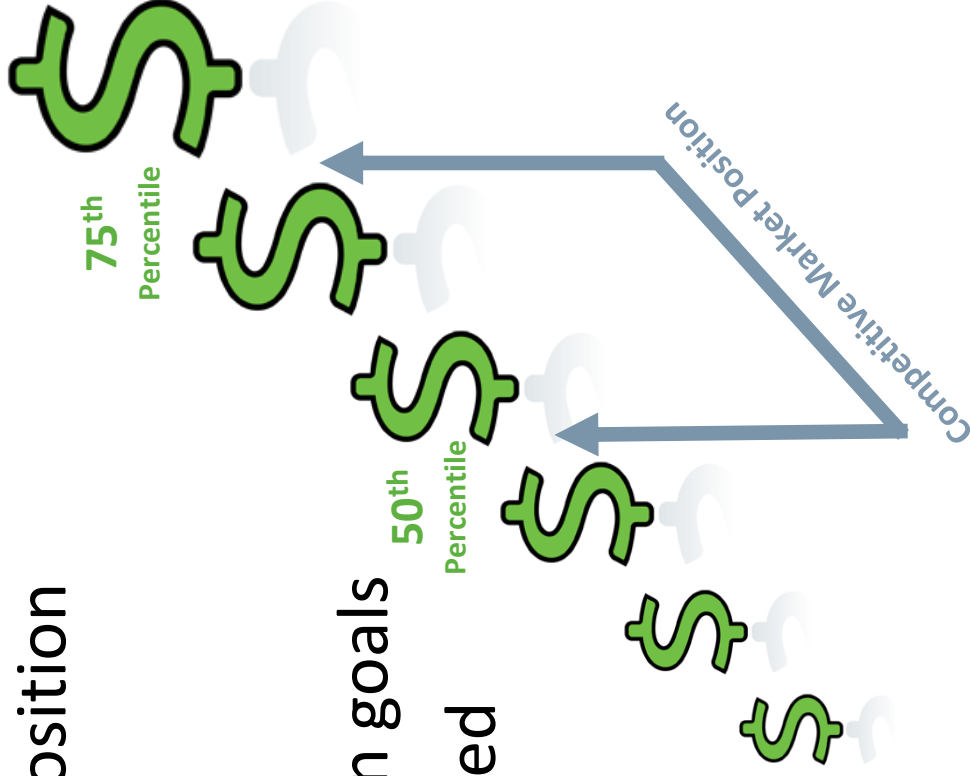
- Job matches only occur if a position exists and is allocated in the budget (and staffed). Some agencies may have legacy job descriptions or titles in their salary schedules that are not used.
- Job matches are based on a review of major and essential job duties along with a comparison of qualifications. Significant differences can result in no comparable job being matched. Examples of differences include:
 - Mismatches in qualification requirements such as requiring specific certifications or a four-year degree
 - Different organization structures such as layers of supervisory and management and broader responsibilities
 - Position allocations that demonstrate working versus advanced levels
- **Factors not considered in matching jobs:**
 - Staffing, equipment, facility, and resource differences that don't impact required skills and abilities
 - Job functions performed within a broad classification that is used in many assignments
 - Job classifications performing the same duties but in a different department
 - Employee performance or unique qualifications that are beyond what is required

The compensation survey included the collection and analysis of base salary and benefit data to understand how the District's total compensation compares with labor market practices. Elements included in the survey include:

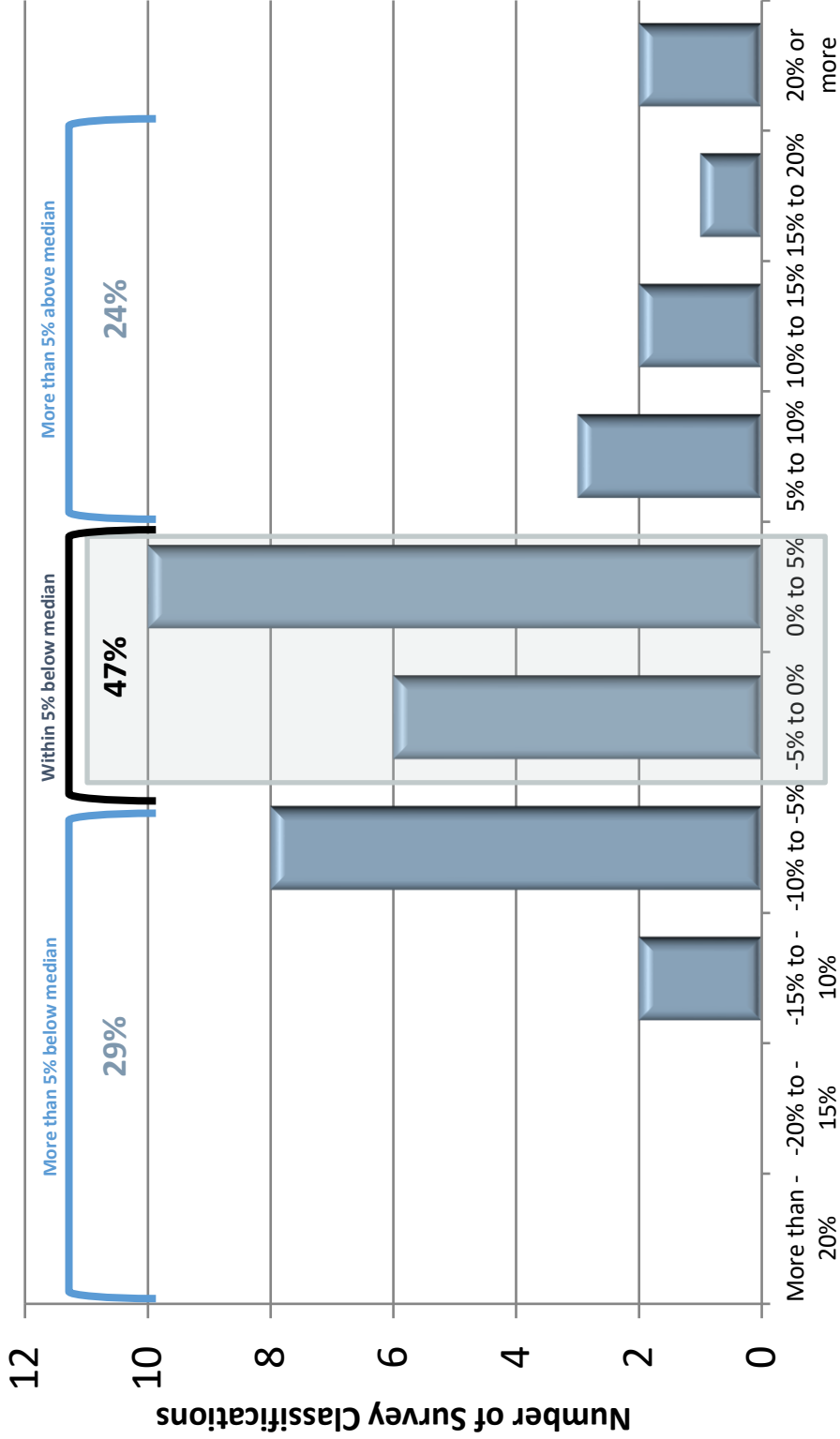
- Base Salary
 - Range maximum (control point of range)
- Cash Benefits
 - Employer Paid Member Contribution (EPMC)
 - Longevity
 - Deferred Compensation
- Insurance benefits
 - Health
 - Dental
 - Vision
- Employer Retirement
 - Employee Contributions to Employer
 - Normal Cost Employer Contribution
 - Retirement Formula

Employer retirement contributions may not be a relevant benefit comparison since differences in employer contribution rates may have little to do with the retirement benefits received.

- Establishes competitive position
- Recruitment challenges
- Retention needs
- Recruitment and retention goals
- Percentiles are a rank-based statistic



0.8% Above Median on Average

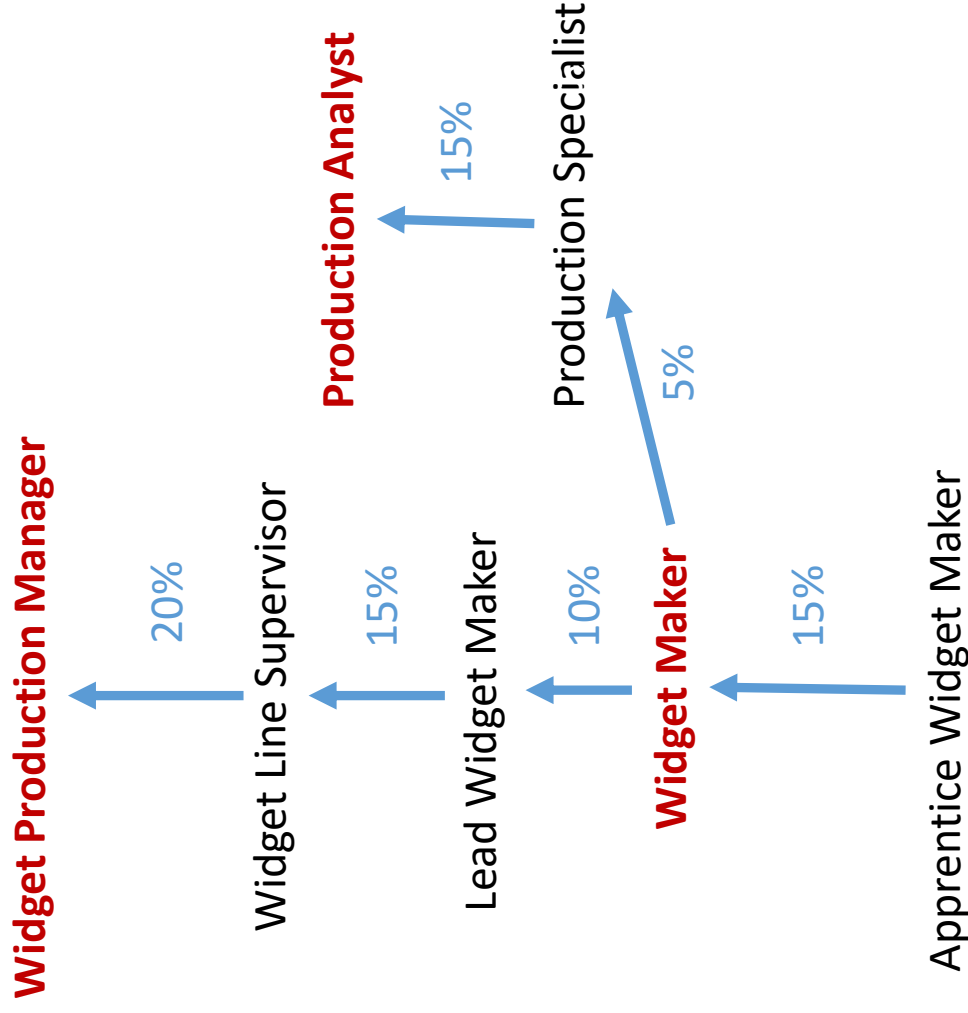


Base Salary Relationship to Market Median

Strongest trend of the survey jobs should be in shaded region

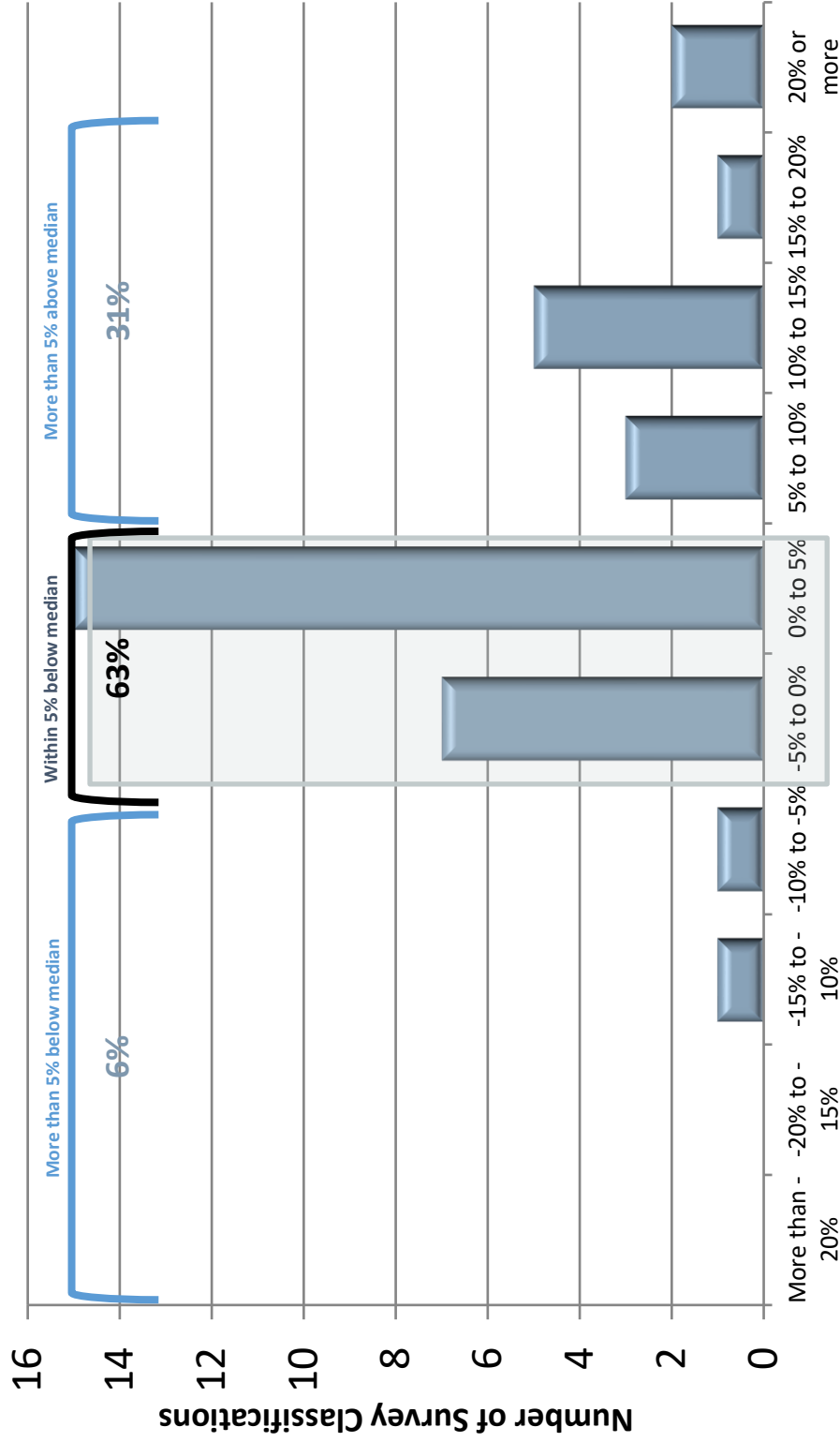
Benchmarking - Example

- Establish market benchmarks
 - Best job matches
 - High number of comparables
 - Best data statistically
- Analyze internal relationship
- Establish % differentials
- Result: salary range adjustments



Salary Range Recommendations

- Benchmark positions tied to market median deviation
 - Not all jobs need market ties
 - Tied to control point
- Internal relationships
 - Assessment of differences and similarities in duties, role, responsibilities, qualifications, and resources
 - 5% difference between jobs when minor differences exist
 - 10% between classes in a series where moderate differences exist
 - 15% - 20% minimum over subordinates and between job classes with significant differences
- Adjustments to pay range, not employee salary
- Internal salary alignments for internal equity where important
 - Some market relationships may be ignored due to internal ties and better market benchmarks
- Adjusted to fit the District's salary table



Base Salary Relationship to Market Median

Strongest trend of the survey jobs should be in shaded region

- While the overall survey results for all employee groups show a strong central trend (bell curve), there are jobs that are more than 5% below and 5% above market.
 - 29% of the survey jobs are more than 5% below the median (50th percentile)
 - 24% of the survey jobs are more than 5% above the median
 - 47% of the survey jobs are within 5% of the median
- On average, the District is 0.8% above the market median and is at the 49th percentile
- Our analysis of the District's benefits found the following:
 - Four agencies have Employer Paid Member Contribution (EPMC) for retirement and 14 agencies provide an employer paid deferred compensation benefit; combined these have a 3.3% impact in reducing the District's market position to median
 - The District's insurance benefits are 1.1% lower compared to the market median in terms of employer contribution (approximately \$130 a month less than the market average for health, dental, and vision benefits combined)
 - Overall, the District's benefits are slightly lower than the labor market with an average loss in market position of 4.4% when cash and insurance benefits are analyzed (3.3% is due to cash benefit differences and 1.1% is due to insurance benefit differences)



Classification Review

Analysis of District positions and job classifications based on:

- Assigned role, duties, and qualifications
- Organization structure, reporting relationships, and career progression
- Industry guidelines for titling and classification structures

Current Class Title	Recommended Class Title
Sr. Executive Assistant	Senior Human Resources Analyst
Records Coordinator	Records Specialist
Database Coordinator	Administrative Assistant

MWDOC Pay Structure - Effective July 1, 2024 (3.5% range adjustment)

Grade	Dept	Status	Job Classification	Period	Range Min \$	25th %\$	Mid \$	75th %\$	Range Max \$
R1		NE	Intern	Hourly	20.78	22.86	24.94	27.01	29.09
R2				Annually	46,459	51,104	55,750	60,396	65,042
				Monthly	3,871	4,259	4,646	5,033	5,420
				Hourly	22.34	24.57	26.81	29.04	31.27
R3				Annually	49,950	54,945	59,940	64,935	69,930
				Monthly	4,163	4,579	4,995	5,412	5,828
				Hourly	24.01	26.41	28.82	31.22	33.62
R4				Annually	53,739	59,112	64,486	69,860	75,234
				Monthly	4,479	4,926	5,374	5,822	6,270
				Hourly	25.84	28.42	31.01	33.59	36.17
R5	WLC	NE	Water Loss Control Programs Assistant	Annually	57,750	63,525	69,300	75,075	80,850
	WUE	NE	WUE Programs Assistant	Monthly	4,813	5,294	5,775	6,257	6,738
				Hourly	27.76	30.54	33.32	36.09	38.87
R6	PA	NE	Public Affairs Assistant	Annually	62,073	68,280	74,487	80,695	86,902
				Monthly	5,173	5,690	6,207	6,725	7,242
				Hourly	29.84	32.83	35.81	38.80	41.78
R7	FIN	NE	Accounting Technician	Annually	66,724	73,396	80,068	86,741	93,413
	ADMIN	NE	Administrative Assistant	Monthly	5,560	6,116	6,672	7,228	7,784
	WLC	NE	Water Loss Control Programs Technician I	Hourly	32.08	35.29	38.50	41.70	44.91
R8	PA	NE	Public Affairs Coordinator I	Annually	71,701	78,871	86,041	93,211	100,381
	ADMIN	NE	Sr. Administrative Assistant	Monthly	5,975	6,573	7,170	7,768	8,365
		NE		Hourly	34.47	37.92	41.37	44.81	48.26
R9	ADMIN	NE	Records Specialist	Annually	77,124	84,836	92,548	100,261	107,973
	WLC	NE	Water Loss Control Programs Technician II	Monthly	6,427	7,070	7,713	8,355	8,998
				Hourly	37.08	40.79	44.50	48.20	51.91
R10	FIN	NE	Accountant	Annually	82,903	91,193	99,483	107,774	116,064
	PA	NE	Public Affairs Coordinator II	Monthly	6,909	7,599	8,290	8,981	9,672
	WUE	NE	Water Use Efficiency Programs Analyst I	Hourly	39.86	43.85	47.83	51.82	55.80
	WEROC	NE	WEROC Emergency Coordinator						
R11	MET	NE	Assoc. Water Resources Analyst	Annually	89,099	98,008	106,918	115,828	124,738
	ADMIN	NE	Executive Assistant	Monthly	7,425	8,168	8,910	9,653	10,395
	WLC	NE	Water Loss Control Programs Lead	Hourly	42.84	47.12	51.41	55.69	59.97
	WUE	NE	Water Use Efficiency Programs Analyst II						
R12	FIN	E	IT System Analyst I	Annually	95,784	105,363	114,941	124,520	134,098
	PA	NE	Public Affairs Specialist	Monthly	7,982	8,780	9,579	10,377	11,175
	FIN	NE	Senior Accountant	Hourly	46.05	50.66	55.26	59.87	64.47
	WEROC	NE	WEROC Emergency Specialist						
R13	FIN	E	Financial Analyst/Database Analyst	Annually	102,990	113,289	123,588	133,887	144,186
	ADMIN	NE	Senior Executive Assistant	Monthly	8,583	9,441	10,299	11,158	12,016
	WUE	NE	Senior Water Use Efficiency Programs Analyst	Hourly	49.51	54.46	59.42	64.37	69.32
	MET	E	Water Resources Analyst						

MWDOC Pay Structure - Effective July 1, 2024 (3.5% range adjustment)

Grade	Dept	Status	Job Classification	Period	Range Min \$	25th %\$	Mid \$	75th %\$	Range Max \$
R14	FIN	E	Accounting Supervisor	Annually	110,701	121,771	132,841	143,911	154,981
	ENG	E	Associate Engineer	Monthly	9,225	10,148	11,070	11,993	12,915
	FIN	E	IT System Analyst II	Hourly	53.22	58.54	63.87	69.19	74.51
	PA	E	Public Affairs Supervisor						
	ADMIN	E	Senior Human Resources Analyst						
R15	ADMIN	E	District Secretary	Annually	119,006	130,906	142,807	154,707	166,608
	FIN	E	Sr. Financial Analyst/Database Analyst	Monthly	9,917	10,909	11,901	12,892	13,884
	MET	E	Sr. Water Resources Analyst	Hourly	57.21	62.93	68.66	74.38	80.10
	WLC	E	Water Loss Control Programs Supervisor						
	WUE	E	WUE Programs Supervisor						
R16	ADMIN	E	Executive Assist. to the GM & District Secretary	Annually	127,905	140,696	153,486	166,277	179,067
	PA	E	Public Affairs Manager	Monthly	10,659	11,724	12,790	13,856	14,922
	ENG	E	Senior Engineer	Hourly	61.49	67.64	73.79	79.94	86.09
	WEROC	E	WEROC Emergency Manager						
R17	FIN	E	Accounting Manager	Annually	137,533	151,286	165,039	178,793	192,546
	GA	E	Government Affairs Manager	Monthly	11,461	12,608	13,754	14,900	16,046
	WUE	E	WUE Programs Manager	Hourly	66.12	72.73	79.35	85.96	92.57
R18	ADMIN	E	Administrative Services Manager	Annually	147,859	162,644	177,430	192,216	207,002
	ENG	E	Principal Engineer	Monthly	12,321	13,554	14,786	16,018	17,250
	MET	E	Principal Water Resources Analyst	Hourly	71.09	78.20	85.31	92.41	99.52
R19				Annually	158,897	174,787	190,677	206,566	222,456
				Monthly	13,241	14,566	15,890	17,214	18,538
				Hourly	76.39	84.03	91.67	99.31	106.95
R20	WEROC	E	Director of Emergency Management	Annually	170,857	187,943	205,029	222,114	239,200
	FIN	E	Director of Finance/IT	Monthly	14,238	15,662	17,085	18,509	19,933
	GA	E	Director of Government Affairs	Hourly	82.14	90.36	98.57	106.79	115.00
	ADMIN	E	Director of HR & Administration						
	MET	E	Director of Metropolitan Issues & Policy						
	PA	E	Director of Public Affairs						
	WUE	E	Director of Water Use Efficiency Programs						
R21	ENG	E	Director of Engineering/District Engineer	Annually	183,664	202,031	220,397	238,764	257,130
				Monthly	15,306	16,836	18,367	19,897	21,428
				Hourly	88.30	97.13	105.96	114.79	123.62
R22	ADMIN	E	Associate General Manager	Annually	197,436	217,180	236,924	256,667	276,411
				Monthly	16,453	18,098	19,743	21,389	23,034
				Hourly	94.92	104.41	113.91	123.40	132.89
R23	ADMIN	E	Assistant General Manager	Annually	212,249	233,474	254,699	275,924	297,149
				Monthly	17,687	19,456	21,225	22,993	24,762
				Hourly	102.04	112.25	122.45	132.66	142.86
GM		E	General Manager	Annually	259,213	285,134	311,055	336,977	362,898
				Monthly	21,601	23,762	25,922	28,082	30,242
				Hourly	124.62	137.08	149.55	162.01	174.47



ACTION ITEM

May 15, 2024

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: **Planning & Operations Committee**
(Directors Seckel, Yoo Schneider, Dick)

Harvey De La Torre, General Manager

Staff Contact: Joe Berg, Director of WUE
Rachel Waite, WUE Program Supervisor

SUBJECT: **Bureau of Reclamation Grant Resolution for the Orange County Commercial, Industrial, and Institutional (CII) Water Conservation Planning Project**

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of Directors adopt the attached resolution in support of MWD OC’s 2024 Water Conservation Field Services Program grant application for the Orange County Commercial, Industrial, and Institutional (CII) Water Conservation Planning Project.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Committee concurred with staff recommendation.

SUMMARY

In response to Bureau of Reclamation’s Water Conservation Field Services Program Fiscal Year 2024 Funding Opportunity Announcement, staff will be submitting a grant application proposing the Orange County Commercial, Industrial, & Institutional (CII) Water Conservation Planning Project (Project). This Project will assist Orange County water suppliers prepare for compliance with the CII Performance Measures component of Making Conservation a California Way of Life (Conservation Framework) by offering Choice-based consultant services for CII customer classifications and/or the creation of a CII Best

Budgeted: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Budgeted amount: N/A	Core: <input type="checkbox"/>	Choice: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Action item amount: N/A		Movement between funds: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	

Management Practices (BMP) Implementation Plan. Grant funding awarded through this opportunity would be used as MWDOC cost-share to help reduce retailer costs.

Framework Compliance

The CII Performance Measures component of the Conservation Framework includes a variety of non-volumetric measures that urban water suppliers must comply with. One significant component is CII customer classifications, which—as written in the current regulation draft—requires that CII customer accounts be classified in accordance with Energy Star Portfolio Manager’s eighteen broad categories listed here: www.energystar.gov/property-types, in addition to four additional categories (CII laundries, landscapes with dedicated irrigation meters, water recreation, car wash). These classifications must be completed by June 30, 2027.

Additionally, CII BMPs must be implemented for customers that exceed recommended size, volume of water use, or other defined thresholds. BMP categories broadly include Outreach, Technical Assistance, and Education; Incentives; Landscape; Collaboration and coordination; and Operational BMPs. A water supplier must implement a conservation program for existing CII customers meeting the specified criteria by June 30, 2039.

Project Costs

Consultant services for CII Classifications and creation of BMP Implementation Plans will be offered as a Choice Program. Costs will be sourced from (1) participating retail agencies, (2) Metropolitan Conservation Credits Program, and (3) Bureau of Reclamation grant funding, if awarded. There are no direct MWDOC costs associated with this project, except staff time to administer the Project. CII Customer Classification total costs are roughly estimated to range from \$10,000 to \$40,000 per agency. The creation of BMP Implementation Plans is roughly estimated to have a one-time cost of \$50,000 for a base plan template, and \$10,000 to \$15,000 per agency for individual customization. Cost will vary due to agency size, complexity, and other specifics. Staff will complete a formal request for proposals (RFP) process after the State Water Resources Control Board adopts the final regulations in, what is estimated to be, August 2024. After reviewing consultant proposals, staff will refine the actual costs associated with the Project and return to the Board to request authorization to enter into a professional services agreement with the preferred consultant to provide Project services.

Grant Proposal Submittal

In response to Bureau of Reclamation’s Funding Opportunity No. R24AS00252, staff will submit an application for Orange County Commercial, Industrial, & Institutional (CII) Water Conservation Planning Project before the deadline of June 3. Staff is seeking the maximum award of \$100,000 and is exploring requesting another \$100,000 in 2025. The minimum 50% grantee cost-share requirement will be met through Metropolitan funding, participating retailer contributions, and MWDOC staff time.

Applications must include an official Board Resolution supporting the grant application. The proposed Resolution containing the required content is attached for your consideration.

ALIGNMENT WITH BOARD STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Clarifying MWDOC’s mission and role; defining functions and actions. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Work with member agencies to develop water supply and demand objectives. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Balance support for Metropolitan’s regional mission and Orange County values and interests. | <input type="checkbox"/> Solicit input and feedback from member agencies. |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Strengthen communications and coordination of messaging. | <input type="checkbox"/> Invest in workforce development and succession planning. |

Additional Comments:

BOARD OPTIONS

Option #1: Staff recommends the Board of Directors adopt the attached resolution in support of MWDOC’s 2024 Water Conservation Field Services Program grant application for the Orange County CII Conservation Planning Project.

Fiscal Impact: The grant proposal may result in an award of up to \$100,000 in federal funds that will directly benefit Orange County water suppliers with compliance of the Conservation Framework. Utilization of Metropolitan’s Conservation Credits Program funding and retailer cost-share to meet matching requirements results in nothing more than staff time to implement this Project.

Option #2: Do not approve the staff recommendation.

Fiscal Impact: A potential loss of up to \$100,000 in grant funds competitively awarded to MWDOC to assist Orange County retailers and increased out-of-pocket costs to Orange County water suppliers.

List of Attachments/Links:
Attachment 1: none
Link 1: Energy Star Property Type categories: https://www.energystar.gov/buildings/benchmark/understand-metrics/property-types

RESOLUTION NO. _____
RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT OF ORANGE COUNTY SUPPORTING A BUREAU OF RECLAMATION 2024 WATER CONSERVATION FIELD SERVICES PROGRAM GRANT APPLICATION

WHEREAS, the Municipal Water District of Orange County will submit an application to the Bureau of Reclamation requesting funding for the Orange County Commercial, Industrial, & Institutional (CII) Water Conservation Planning Project to provide assistance to Orange County water providers with compliance of the CII Performance Measures component of SB606 and AB1668, the Making Conservation a California Way of Life regulation,

WHEREAS, the Municipal Water District of Orange County is committed to making available Choice-based consultant services to assist Orange County water providers with compliance of Making Conservation a California Way of Life and meeting water efficiency standards and implementation requirements as established by SB 606 and AB 1668,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Municipal Water District of Orange County Board of Directors designates Harvey De La Torre, General Manager, as the official who has reviewed and supports the application submittal and the legal authority to enter into an agreement on behalf of the District, and designates Joseph M. Berg, Director of Water Use Efficiency, as the District's representative to sign the progress reports and approve reimbursement claims.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Municipal Water District of Orange County Board of Directors assures its capability to provide the amount of funding and in-kind contributions specified in the funding plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Municipal Water District of Orange County will work with the Bureau of Reclamation to meet established deadlines for entering into a cooperative agreement.

Said Resolution was adopted on May 15, 2024, by the following roll call vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

I HEREBY CERTIFY the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of Resolution No. _____ adopted by the Board of Directors of Municipal Water District of Orange County at its meeting held on May 15, 2024.

Maribeth Goldsby, Secretary
Municipal Water District of Orange County



GENERAL MANAGER REPORT OF STAFF ACTIVITIES

May 2024

MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT OF ORANGE COUNTY

MEMBER AGENCY MANAGERS MEETING

MWDOC held its Member Agency Managers' meeting at its office in Fountain Valley on Thursday, March 18, 2024.

In attendance: Mike McGee - Buena Park, David Youngblood – East Orange County Water District, Mark Sprague – Fountain Valley, Cel Pasillas – Garden Grove, Ken Vecchiarelli – Golden State Water Company, Alvin Papa – Huntington Beach, Paul Weghorst– Irvine Ranch Water District, Dean Chambers – La Palma, Paul Shoenberger – Mesa Water District, Drew Atwater, Ian Berg, Laura Rocha, Johnathan Cruz, Matt Collings & Kaden Young – Moulton Niguel Water District, Mark Vukojevic & Steffen Catron – Newport Beach, Jose Diaz – Orange, Chris Olsen & John Kennedy – Orange County Water District, Dustin Burnside - San Clemente, Fernando Paludi – Trabuco Canyon Water District, Jason Churchill & Mike Chandler – Tustin, Mark Toy & Doug Davert – Yorba Linda WD

Staff in attendance: Harvey De La Torre, Melissa Baum-Haley, Heather Baez, Joe Berg, Charles Busslinger, Sarina Sriboonlue, Alex Heide, Kevin Hostert, Tiffany Baca

General Meeting Information/Discussion Items:

- Draft Board Agendas
- MWDOC Final Budget
- MET Final Budget
- MET Business Model/CAMP4W Update
- Water Use Efficiency Update
- AWIA & HMP Update
- Engineering Update

Announcements:

- Annual Water Supply and Demand Assessments - Due July 1

Report Items

- Monthly GM Report
- Legislative Reports
- WEROC Matrix
- Grant Funding Opportunities
- Additional Reports or Materials

Next managers meeting May 16, 2024

ENGINEERING & PLANNING

LEAD AND COPPER RULE REVISIONS – LEAD SERVICE LINE INVENTORY CHOICE PROGRAM

In mid-March 2023, multiple agencies requested MWDOC's assistance in complying with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Lead and Copper Rule Revisions (LCRR) - Service Line Inventories, which all water systems are required to complete and submit to the primacy agency (for California it is the State Water Resources Control Board - SWRCB) by October 16, 2024.

On September 20, 2023, the MWDOC Board approved a contract award to Hazen and Sawyer (Hazen) to provide technical assistance for a Service Line Inventory shared services program. The shared services program has 13 participating agencies, each with a customized scope of work.

On November 30, 2023, the U.S. EPA announced draft rule changes to the LCRR, which are known as the Lead and Copper Rule Improvements (LCRI). The LCRI proposes significant changes to the LCRR regarding both changed requirements and timelines.

In April 2024, the U.S. EPA formally declared its intent to take final action on the LCRI by October 2024. This declaration provides some clarity on the documentation agencies must submit by October 16, 2024, but leaves additional ambiguity until the final proposed rules are actually published.

The project remains on schedule.

As of late April 2024, baseline inventories for the participating agencies have been completed, and agencies are moving to the field verification phase.

Hazen is assisting participating agencies in obtaining State approvals for their alternative verification plan. Each agency plan maps out the field investigations the agency will complete to meet compliance requirements. Two agencies have received State approval to proceed with their plan, and several additional agencies' plans are currently under review by the Division of Drinking Water (DDW). Additionally, the scope of work for several participating agencies have been modified as some agencies seek additional technical assistance in completing their field verifications. Hazen's sub-contractor, Blaine Tech Services, has multiple experienced crews available to assist with field verification.

Completion of the field verification phase is anticipated by the end of July 2024. Inventories will then be prepared for review by participants in time for submission to DDW in early October 2024.

SHUTDOWNS

Allen McColloch Pipeline (AMP) Prestressed Concrete Cylinder Pipe (PCCP) Inspection and Rehabilitation

In response to the November 2023 AMP PCCP inspection findings, MET initiated Special Operating Conditions (SOC) for the AMP to reduce pressure on the pipeline.

In April 2024, MET shut down the lower reaches of the AMP down gradient of OC-70 to affect PCCP repairs between OC-70 and OC-88 and to install a bulkhead down gradient of OC-88. This work has been completed.

While preparing to return to service for the reaches between OC-70 and OC-88, MET staff discovered an issue with a relief valve for the AMP surge tanks located at OC-88. As MET works to resolve the relief valve issue, MET will continue operating the AMP under a SOC that will continue to limit pressure on the pipeline to a hydraulic grade line (HGL) of 750 ft. MET anticipates resolution of the relief valve issue by the end of May/early June 2024. The reaches below OC-88 (down gradient of the bulkhead) will remain dry to allow permanent repairs to the most critical PCCP segments in the lower reaches of the AMP, which is anticipated to be completed in early 2025.

Late May 2024 – January 31, 2025 – MET staff have received and reviewed bids for the AMP repairs down gradient of OC-88. MET staff will present a construction contract for consideration of award to the Engineering, Operations, and Technology (EOT) Committee at the May 13, 2024, meeting. Should the EOT Committee recommend awarding the contract, the contract will go to the full MET Board for award consideration on May 14, 2024.

Affected retail agencies have coordinated extensively with neighboring agencies, MET, and MWDOC to accommodate the extended AMP shutdown through January 2025. The planned use of the AMP through OC-88 into the South County Pipeline, the Baker Water Treatment Plant, EOCF#2, ATM, OC Feeder, El Toro Reservoir, Upper Chiquita Reservoir, as well as local resources are all being used extensively to support this shutdown.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

(EVENTS LISTED ONLY INCLUDE WEROC INVOLVMENT. EVENTS AND INCIDENTS HAPPEN EVERY DAY BUT MAY NOT REQUIRE REPORTING OR COORDINATION WITH WEROC)

There is nothing significant to report.

COORDINATION/PARTICIPATION WITH MEMBER AGENCIES AND OUTSIDE AGENCIES MEETINGS

- On 4/2/24, Vicki and Janine met with Paula in preparation for the OCWD Management Tabletop (TTX) Exercise that Vicki Developed and facilitated for 50 people on 4/9/24. (see exercise and training section below)
- On 4/3/24, Vicki gave a presentation at the California Emergency Services Association (CESA) spring program in El Segundo titled expand our horizons beyond local government and learn about different sectors of Emergency Management: Tribal, Transportation, and Water. Janine was also in attendance at this meeting.
- On 4/4/24, Vicki and Janine attended the monthly Orange County Emergency Management Organization (OCEMO) meeting in Mission Viejo.
- On 4/4/24, Vicki attended the OCEMO Exercise Design Meeting. The Operational Area is doing final preparation for the Volunteer and Donation Management Seminar. Special Thank you to the MWDOC Public Affairs team for assisting with providing the video support for this training.
- On 4/5/24, Vicki participated in the CESA Conference Planning Meeting as the State Board Liaison.
- On 4/5/24, Vicki and Janine met with local city emergency managers. They discussed the water distribution plan and outlined the hierarchy of when the system would still be able to distribute water to the need for bottled water distribution. Cities are interested in this plan and will be part of the socializing plan and strategies moving forward. A conference call with a local water bottling company occurred to begin working on a cooperative agreement.
- On 4/9/24, Vicki Facilitated a TTX for OCWD (see training and exercises below)
- On 4/9, Vicki facilitated the CalWARN monthly board meeting in the absence of the President. The discussion topics included the strategic plan, governance document, and June statewide exercise.
- On 4/11/24, Vicki attended the SDGE PSPS Tabletop Exercise Event Detail meeting.
- On 4/11/24, Vicki attended the CalWARN Functional Exercise statewide planning meeting.
- On 4/12/24, Vicki attended the CESA Legislative Committee meeting. CESA currently tracks 45 bills with a nexus to emergency management, mostly at the county level.

- On 4/18/24, Vicki attended the MWDOC Managers meeting and provided an update on the Hazard Mitigation and AWIA Project.
- On 4/22/24, Vicki participated in a follow-up meeting with a large water bottling agency about the water distribution plan.
- On 4/24/24, Vicki attended an infrastructure briefing with the OCIAC.
- On 4/25/24, Vicki attended the Southern California Mutual Aid Regional Advisory Committee.

PLANNING, COORDINATION AND PROGRAM EFFORTS

AWIA & Hazard Mitigation Multi-Agency Project

At the April 1, 2024, Planning & Operations Committee meeting, Vicki presented the consultant recommendation for the AWIA and Hazard Mitigation Project. The Board approved this recommendation at the April 17th board meeting. Approval for up to 2.8 million was approved if all agencies wanted to seek the consultant's add-on options.

Since that time, the following has occurred.

- A draft consultant agreement was sent to the contractor for the first review of requirements.
- A letter of commitment was sent to the agencies, who responded by email in January to confirm the commitment based on the proposal received for use in the development of the consultant agreement.
- Once completed, the standard choice agreement with agencies used by other MWDOC Choice Projects will be sent out to each agency for signature.

30 out of 36 WEROC agencies will participate in one or more areas of this contract.

Cyber Security and OCIAC Partnership

WEROC attended a water/wastewater briefing with some WEROC member agencies. This meeting demonstrates the ongoing partnership and importance of the relationship with the OCIAC and WEROC to ensure our coordination and outreach for threats and hazards occurs in a timely manner to support all the agencies with our collective efforts to safeguard our critical infrastructure.

WEROC continues to send out important information to the Cyber Security Distribution Group as received from DHS or the OCIAC. WEROC has been providing information to the member agencies as required about highlighted threats to the water industry and other current world events as required.

Mutual Aid Regional Advisory Committee (MARAC)

On April 25, Vicki attended the Southern California Region 1 and Region 6 MARAC Meeting. Vicki currently sits on the board of this committee as the Public Utility Region 1 Representative. During this meeting, Vicki brought up the activities that CalWARN is doing for water and wastewater mutual aid. She discussed how the MARAC could support public works, water and wastewater diesel engine challenges with the policies drafted by CARB, etc. Different counties identified they would be willing to sign onto a

letter to reach out more to see if we can get an exemption just as Law and Fire have already, so more information will come. Additional conversation areas included legislation, training, and education (Vicki was selected to be on the statewide committee, which is important for the national qualification requirements that are changing to ensure water and wastewater are also represented, and the Alert & Warning plan. Vicki was also appointed to be the SEMS Advisory Alternate and back up the Director of Emergency Management from the County of San Luis Obispo. SEMS Advisory meets in person in Sacramento when policy changes and plans need to be approved. These meetings follow the Bagley-Keene Opening Meeting Act, which requires State meetings; this process and the guidance were updated in 2024.

<https://oag.ca.gov/system/files/media/bk-open-meeting-act-guide-2024.pdf> Vicki will attend the SEMS Advisory Meeting on May 3rd, representing MARAC Region 1.

Each month, Vicki will highlight one committee or board she attends meetings or sits on as to the origin, and/or importance to emergency management and water/wastewater in which she represents and advocates. The Origin of MARAC and the SEMS system is highlighted below.

The Standardized Emergency Management System (SEMS) was established by state legislation, Senate Bill (SB) 1841, Chapter 1069, Statutes of 1992, which went into effect January 1, 1993 (California Government Code Section 8607). The SEMS Maintenance System was developed to establish and formalize a process for supporting the ongoing improvement and maintenance of California's overall system for emergency management, including SEMS.

The SEMS Maintenance System consists of three levels of operation:

- SEMS Advisory Board
- SEMS Technical Group
- SEMS Mutual Aid Regional Advisory Committees (MARACs)

Although there is only one Advisory Board and one Technical Group (supported by SEMS Specialist Committees and a Cal OES SEMS Support Unit), there are six MARACs, one for each of the six mutual aid regions.

MARACs were established to provide a broad base for local government participation in the SEMS Maintenance System and are a principal source of input and information. Recommendations from these committees to the SEMS Technical Group provide a means by which SEMS is maintained and improved.

Responsibilities of the MARAC are to:

- Adopt regional goals and objectives that support the development and implementation of SEMS.
- Ensure that local governments, operational areas, special districts, and other organizations, including the private sector and non-governmental organizations, are informed of the latest information on emergency management and SEMS.
- Recommend changes or modifications to SEMS to the SEMS Technical Group.
- Provide personnel and/or technical support to SEMS Specialist Committees as appropriate.

- Ensure that local agencies and jurisdictions are provided with the opportunity to provide ongoing comments and suggestions for system improvements.

Each MARAC consists of:

- The Cal OES Regional Administrator, or deputy, for the Administrative Region encompassing the mutual aid region
- Regional Mutual Aid Coordinators (fire, law enforcement, disaster medical, and other established mutual aid systems)
- A representative from each Operational Area located within the mutual aid region
- Representatives from two municipalities (small/large)
- Regional Public Utility Representative
- Private utility representative
- Special District Representative

Regional Fuel Project

There has been no work on this project for the past couple of months due to the following: 1) the WEROC Director of Emergency Management was on medical leave, and 2) with the 2025 changes starting to be implemented for the diesel engines regulations and the fact we haven't gotten any traction for public works & water/wastewater exemptions like law and fire. This plan will need to be reworked, so Vicki will continue working on parts of it over the next few months. For example, one main focus was getting the updated fuel needs from the agencies for generators, facilities, and fleets and the type of fuels required: unleaded, diesel, red diesel, or CNG. Vicki also will be speaking to a couple of companies the week of May 6th at the CESA Conference to see if I can see up, during a catastrophic event, a contract similar to what fire has in place for a drive-thru fueling spot in a couple of locations in Orange County.

Regional Mapping Project

Janine continues to work on updating the 2018 WEROC Water/Wastewater Atlas and Public Safety Power Shut Off (PSPS) map project. This project will go into FY 24/25

Regional Water Distribution Plan

Vicki has been working with the WEROC water agencies over the past year to develop a regional water distribution plan where a hierarchy system was identified and developed. WEROC is working with cities to look at the worst case scenario in which we need to obtain bottled water for commodity distribution, like what occurred in San Diego last month. Vicki has been having additional conversations with the San Diego Water Authority regarding this event. Cities are very supportive of this initiative. Vicki has been on several conference calls with a local water bottling company to begin working on a cooperative agreement.

This plan will be exercised (TTX) in all five regions of OC based on the County Board of Supervisor Districts in Q3 of 2024.

Training and Exercises

Vicki wrote, developed, and facilitated A Tabletop Exercise (TTX) for OCWD. 50 management and EOC responders attended this valuable training, which covered their Emergency Response Plan and led to a discussion-based exercise with the group. Vicki is working with EPA and CalWARN to develop the statewide functional exercise on Wednesday, June 4th. The morning will consist of a workshop training on the operations plan for CalWARN (that Vicki wrote) and other aspects of mutual assistance, followed by a function exercise with all the regions and the State Water Control Board, EPA, and DWR.

Vicki will teach 2 - ICS 300 classes in May for OC SANS. 80 People are scheduled to attend these trainings. Vicki is writing a hazard specific to OC SANS annexes to ensure the realism and application of their plan to the training.

WEROC Mobile EOC/Command Vehicle

At the June P&O Meeting, Vicki will provide an update on the current status of the WEROC EOC Vehicle Project, including the delays.

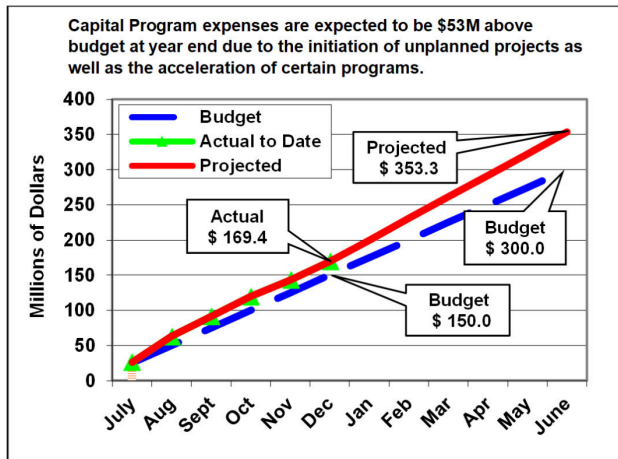
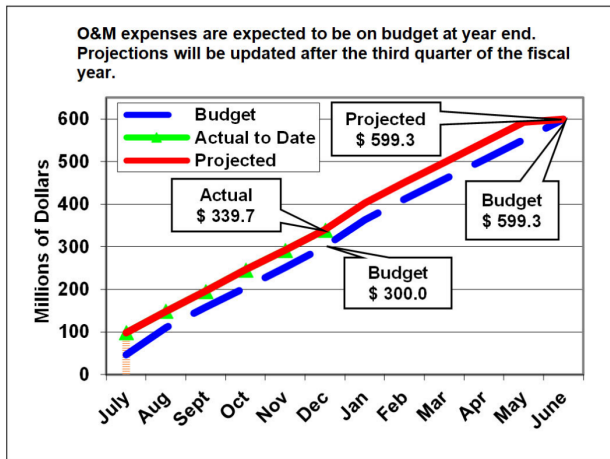
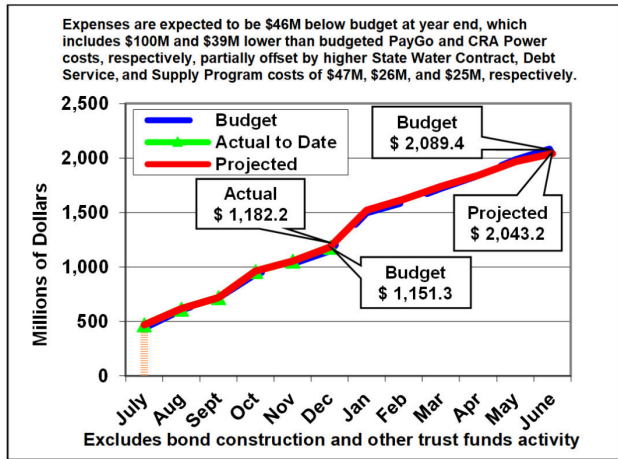
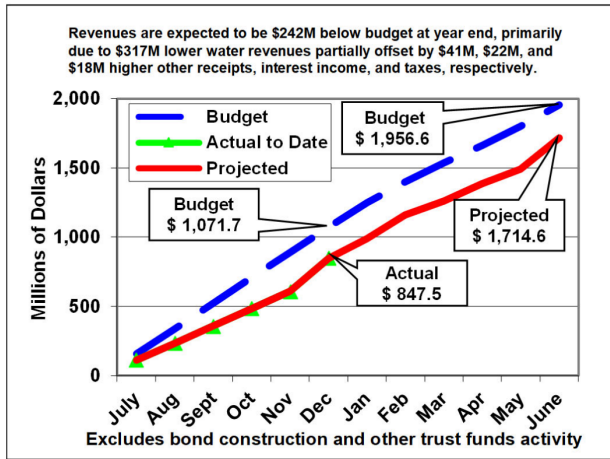
**Special Thank You to MWDOC Public Affairs for supporting the Operational Area Seminar on volunteering and donations. Michelle Anderson, the County Emergency Manager, spoke highly of the professionalism of our videographer who supported the event.

MET ITEMS CRITICAL TO ORANGE COUNTY

MET Finance and Rate Issues

Water Transactions for February 2024 (for water delivered in December 2023) totaled 146.0 thousand acre-feet (TAF), which was 23.2 TAF higher than the budget of 122.8 TAF and translates to \$139.4 million in receipts for February 2024, which was \$24.0 million higher than the budget of \$115.4 million. A .5 TAF adjustment was made to the January 2024 water transaction for cyclic delivery that was incorrectly reported as sales.

Year-to-date water transactions through February 2024 (for water delivered in May 2023 through December 2023) were 887.2 TAF, which was 234.9 TAF lower than the budget of 1,122.1 TAF. Year-to-date water receipts through February 2024 were \$891.3 million, which was \$229.9 million lower than the budget of \$1,121.2 million.

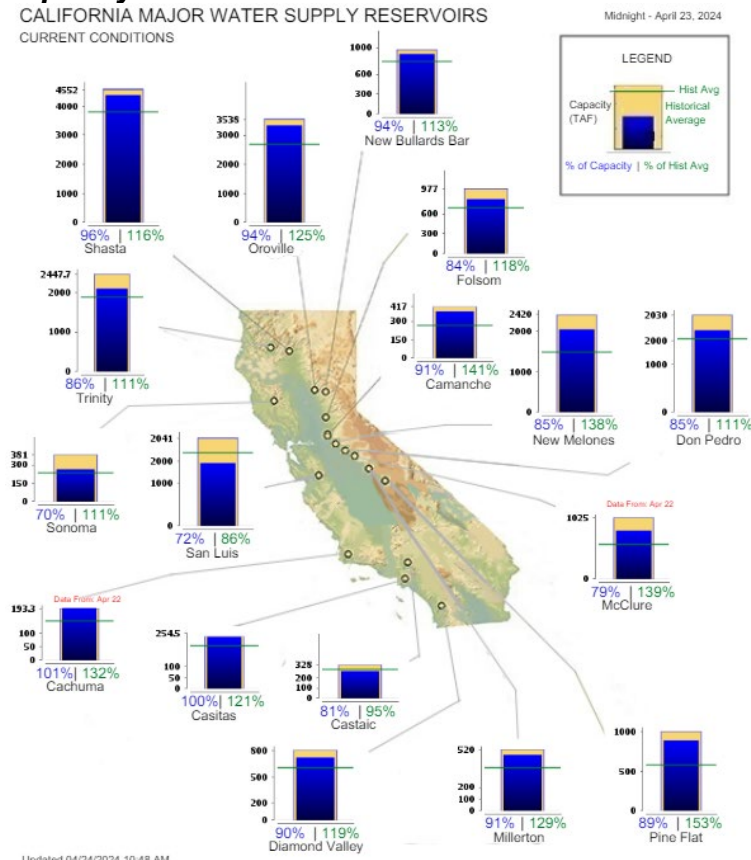


MET'S SUPPLY CONDITION UPDATE

The 2023-24 Water Year (2023-24 WY) officially started on October 1, 2023. Thus far, Northern California's accumulated precipitation (8-Station Index) has been reported at **44.3 inches or 99% of normal** as of April 23rd. The Northern Sierra Snow Water Equivalent peaked at **35.1 inches on April 2nd**, which is **124% of normal** for that day. In April, the Department of Water Resources (DWR) increased the State Water Project (SWP) initial **"Table A" allocation for WY 2023-24 by 40%**.

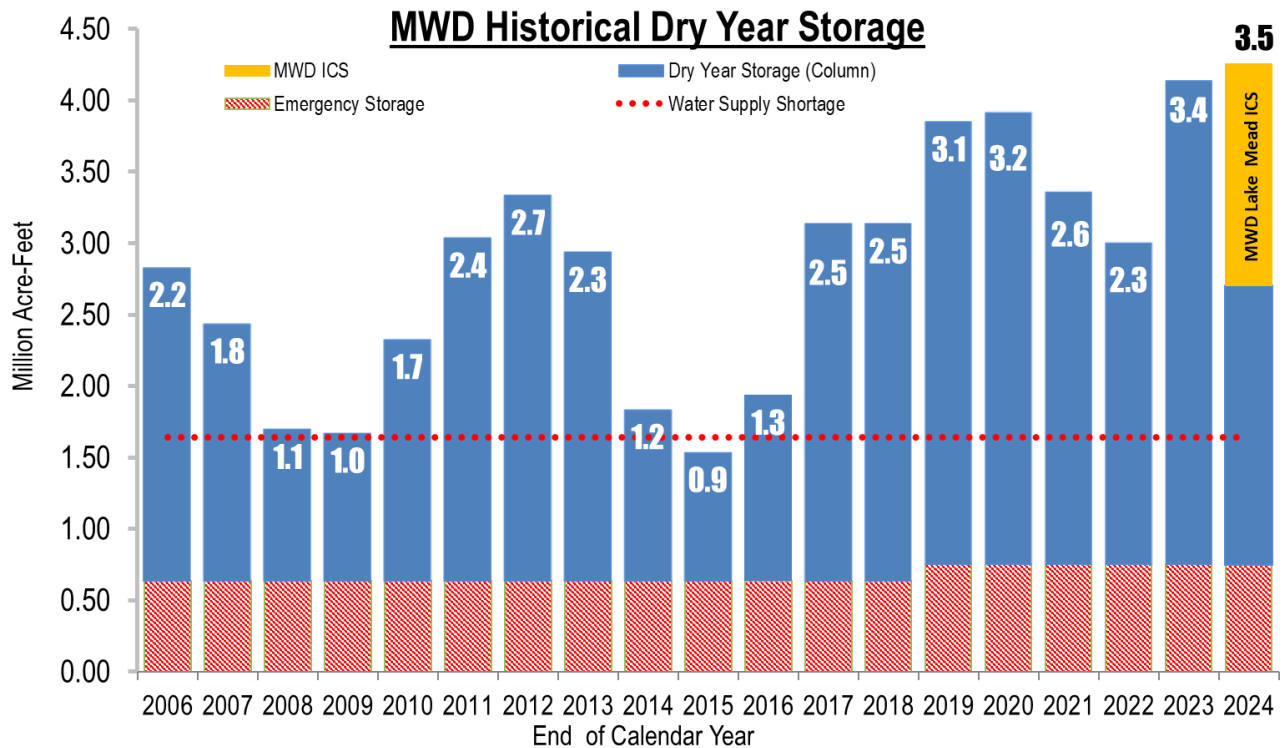
The Upper Colorado River Basin accumulated precipitation, which is reported to be **19.0 inches or 101% of normal as of April 2nd**. On the Colorado River system, snowpack is measured across four states in the Upper Colorado River Basin. The Upper Colorado River Basin Snow Water Equivalent peaked at **17.2 inches as of April 9th**, which is **86% of normal** for that day. Due to the below-average inflows into Lake Powell over the past several years, the United States Bureau of Reclamation **declared a shortage at Lake Mead that has been ongoing since January 1st, 2022**. As of April 2024, **there is a 100% chance of shortage continuing in CY 2024, a 90% chance in CY 2025, and an 83% chance in CY 2026**. In addition, **there is a 10% chance of a California shortage in 2026**.

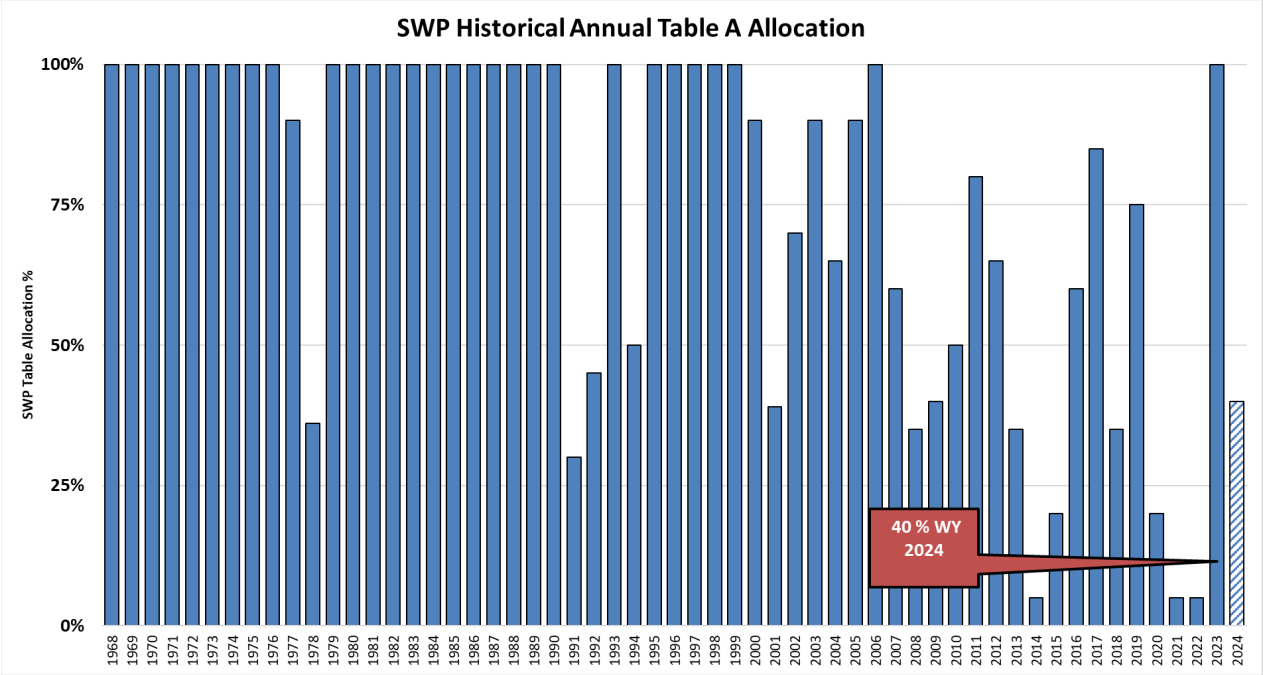
As of April 23rd, Lake Oroville storage has 94% of total capacity and 125% of normal capacity. As of April 23rd, San Luis Reservoir has a current volume of **72% of the reservoir's total capacity and is 86% of normal**.



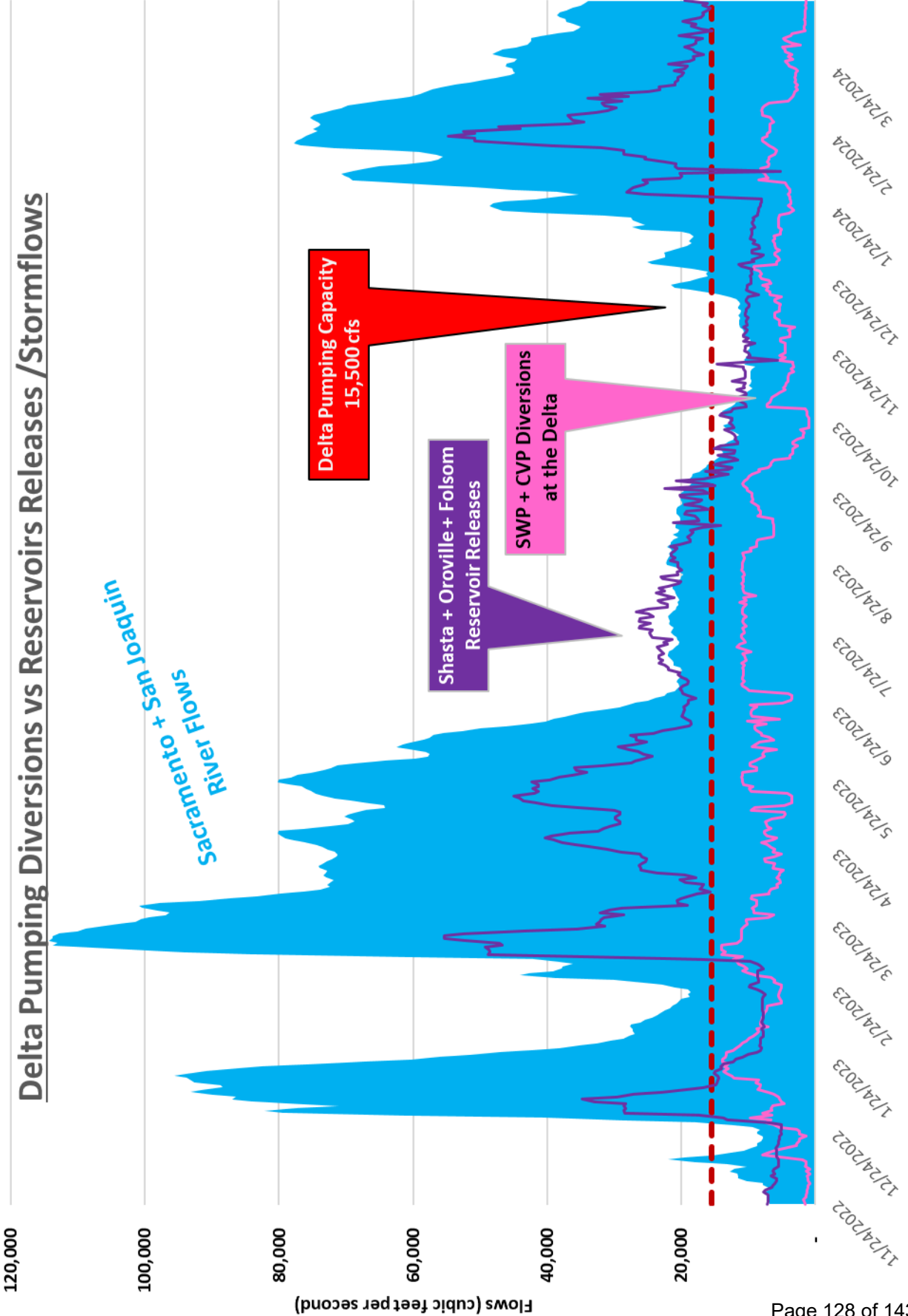
With CY 2024 estimated total demands and losses of 1.486 million acre-feet (MAF) and a 40% SWP Table A Allocation, Metropolitan is projecting that supplies will exceed demand levels in Calendar Year (CY) 2024. Based on this, the estimated total dry-year storage for Metropolitan at the end of **CY 2024 will increase to approximately 3.5 MAF.**

A projected dry-year storage supply of **3.5 MAF would be approximately 2.5 MAF from a typical level where Metropolitan's goes into Water Supply Allocations.** A large factor in maintaining a high water storage level is lower than expected water demands. We are seeing regional water demands reaching a 40-year low. **However, with a majority of MWD's water supplies stored in Lake Mead and still a 5-year shortage projection at Lake Mead, there remains a lot of uncertainty as to where supply balances will be in the future.**





Delta Pumping Diversions vs Reservoirs Releases / Stormflows



2024 WSDM Storage Detail

	1/1/2024 Estimated Storage Levels ¹	CY 2024 Take Capacity ²	2024 Total Storage Capacity
WSDM Storage			
Colorado River Aqueduct Delivery System	1,544,000	212,000	1,657,000
Lake Mead ICS	1,544,000	212,000 ³	1,657,000
State Water Project System	1,006,000	592,000	1,991,000
MWD & DWCV Carryover	297,000	297,000	350,000 ⁴
MWD Articles 14(b) and 12(e)	28,000 ⁵	28,000	N/A
Castaic and Perris DWR Flex Storage	219,000	219,000	219,000
Arvin Edison Storage Program	100,000	0	350,000
Semitropic Storage Program	190,000	31,000	350,000
Kern Delta Storage Program	114,000	17,000	250,000
Mojave Storage Program	19,000	0	330,000
AVEK Storage Program	27,000	0	30,000
AVEK High Desert Water Bank Program	11,000	0	112,000 ⁶
In-Region Supplies and WSDM Actions	1,016,000	634,000	1,246,000
Diamond Valley Lake	753,000	496,000	810,000
Lake Mathews and Lake Skinner	207,000	95,000	226,000
Conjunctive Use Programs (CUP) ⁷	56,000	44,000	210,000
Other Programs	586,000	39,000	1,181,000
Other Emergency Storage	381,000	0	381,000
DWCV Advanced Delivery Account	205,000	39,000	800,000
Total	4,153,000	1,477,000	6,075,000
Emergency	750,000	0	750,000
Total WSDM Storage (AF) ⁸	3,403,000	1,477,000	5,325,000

¹ Preliminary start of year balances, subject to DWR adjustments and USBR final accounting in May 2024.

² Take capacity assumed under a fifteen percent SWP Table A Allocation. Storage program losses included where applicable.

³ Take capacity based on planned maintenance activities and current CRA supply estimate.

⁴ Total storage capacity varies year-to-year based on prior year remaining balance added to current year contractual limits.

⁵ DWR has approved carryover supplies under Articles 14 (b) and 12 (e) of the State Water Project Contract for delivery in 2024.

⁶ Reflects 40 percent of the AVEK High Desert Water Bank Program's total storage capacity that has been constructed. The total storage capacity for the AVEK High Desert Water Bank is 280 TAF. Full recharge and recovery operation anticipated by 2027.

⁷ Total of all CUP programs including IEUA/TVMWD (Chino Basin); Long Beach (Central Basin); Long Beach (Lakewood); Foothill (Raymond and Monk Hill); MWDOC (Orange County Basin); Three Valleys (Live Oak); Three Valleys (Upper Claremont); and Western.

⁸ Total WSDM Storage level subject to change based on accounting adjustments. Total may not sum due to rounding.

MET'S WATER QUALITY UPDATE

Water System Operations

Metropolitan member agency water deliveries were 78,100 acre-feet (AF) for March, with an average of 2,520 AF per day, which was about 500 AF per day higher than in February. Metropolitan has suspended Cyclic and Conjunctive Use Program deliveries to preserve State Water Project supplies. Treated water deliveries were 8,200 AF higher

than in February, for a total of 36,700 AF or 47 percent of total deliveries for the month. The Colorado River Aqueduct (CRA) pumped a total of 7,000 AF in March. Metropolitan reduced CRA flows to zero for the planned CRA shutdown, which started on March 5. State Water Project (SWP) imports averaged 1,030 AF per day, totaling about 31,900 AF for the month. The target SWP blend is 0 percent for the Weymouth and Diemer plants and 20 percent for the Skinner plant.

Metropolitan expects sufficient SWP and Colorado River supplies to meet demands in 2024. Water continues to be managed according to Water Surplus and Drought Management (WSDM) principles and operational objectives, emphasizing positioning SWP supplies to meet future demands in the SWP-dependent area. Metropolitan has suspended deliveries to Desert Water Agency and Coachella Valley Water District. Deliveries will resume as supply conditions improve. Metropolitan is minimizing its use of Table A supplies this year to improve SWP Carryover supplies for next year.

Water Treatment and Distribution

To support the Lake Mathews shutdown, the SWP target blend entering the Weymouth and Diemer plants increased to 100 percent by March 11, then gradually decreased to zero percent by March 20. The SWP target entering Lake Skinner was increased from zero to 100 percent (using DVL water) on March 7 to maintain water storage in the lake during the CRA shutdown. The SWP blend leaving the lake increased to approximately 50 percent in the month. Flow-weighted running annual averages for total dissolved solids from February 2023 through January 2024 for Metropolitan's treatment plants capable of receiving a blend of supplies from the SWP and the CRA were 352, 431, and 469 milligrams per liter (mg/L) for the Weymouth, Diemer, and Skinner plants, respectively.

The Mills plant recently underwent a zero-flow condition, which allowed the Department of Water Resources (DWR) the ability to isolate the second afterbay at Devil Canyon powerplant to repair a minor leak on a bypass line. The Mills plant took this opportunity to perform preventative maintenance on several normally unavailable systems.

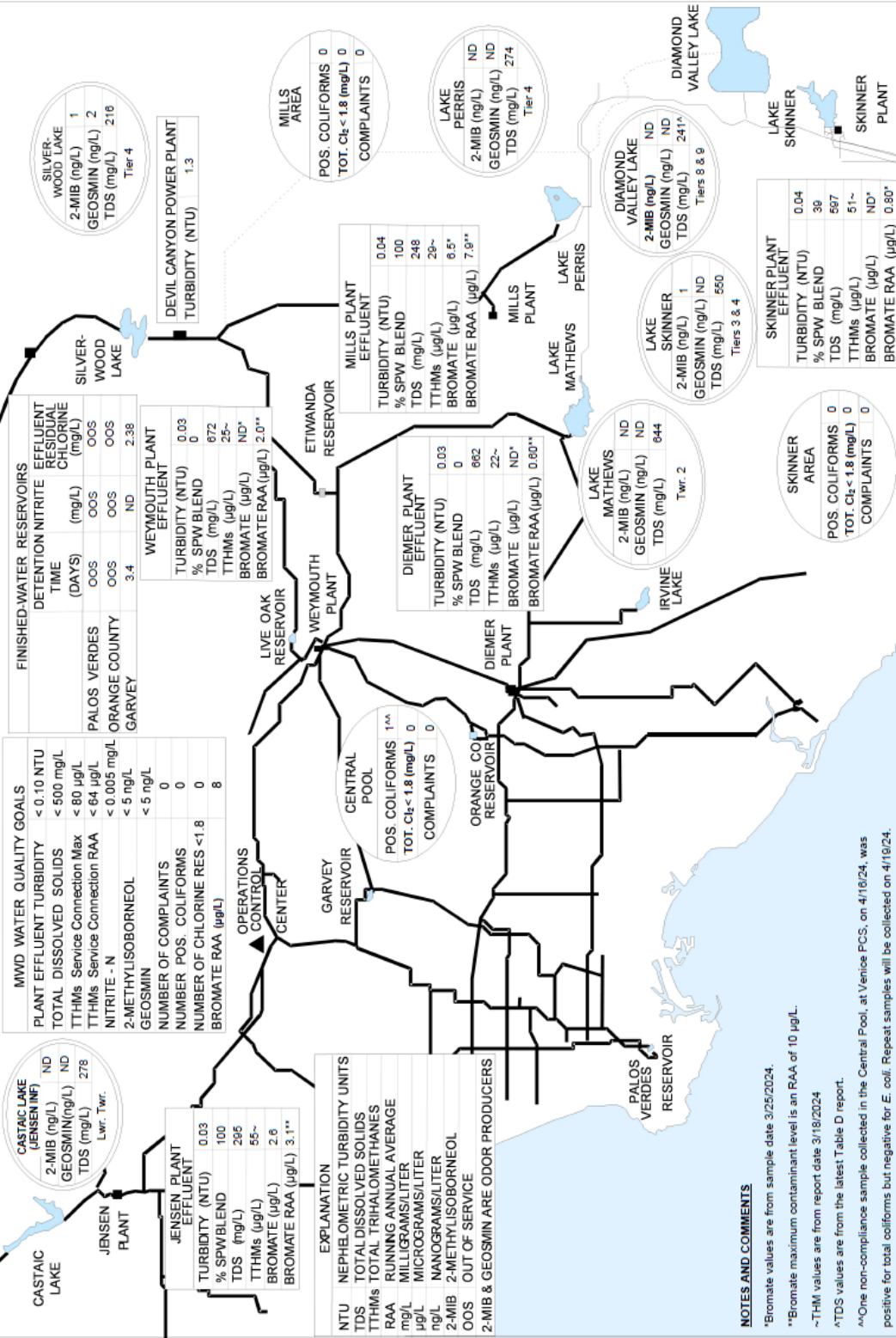
Weekly Water Quality System Status

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No violations of State or Federal regulations were recorded during the current period.



MWD water quality goals meet or exceed all State and Federal regulations.

NOTES AND COMMENTS

*Bromate values are from sample date 3/25/2024.

**Bromate maximum contaminant level is an RAA of 10 µg/L.

~TTHM values are from report date 3/18/2024

^TDS values are from the latest Table D report.

^^One non-compliance sample collected in the Central Pool, at Venice PCS, on 4/16/24, was positive for total coliforms but negative for E. coli. Repeat samples will be collected on 4/19/24.

The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California

Weekly Operations Plan for 4/18/2024 – 4/25/2024

For additional information, please contact James Bodnar at (213) 217-6099

1. **COLORADO RIVER AQUEDUCT:** The CRA is at a 5-pump flow.
2. **EAST BRANCH SPW:** Rialto Pipeline will average a flow of 100 AF/day. Santa Ana Valley Pipeline will be at 80 AF/day. Inland Feeder flow will be at 0 AF/day.
3. **WEST BRANCH SPW:** The flow from Castaic Lake will be at 370 AF/day. Flow to SCVWA (formerly CLWA) is currently at 75 AF/day.
4. **TERMINAL RESERVOIRS:**

Reservoir	Current Storage* (AF)	Percent of Capacity
Lake Mathews	143,500	79%
Lake Skinner	34,000	77%
DVL	728,100	90%

*as of 4/17/2024

5. **WATER QUALITY:**

Plant	Targeted Blend (% SPW)	TDS (mg/L)	TTHMs (µg/L)
	As of 4/17/2024	As of 4/17/2024	As of 3/25/2024
Weymouth	00	672	25
Diemer	00	662	22
Skinner	00	597	51
Jensen	100	295	55
Mills	100	248	29

6. **WATER DELIVERIES:** April deliveries are forecasted to be about 80 TAF. As of April 10, 2024, total system demands are about 3,000 AF/day, about the same as from last week.
7. **HYDROELECTRIC GENERATION:** As of April 10, 2024, the total daily average generation for the week was about 13.1 MW, with 6 of 15 hydroelectric plants in operation.

COLORADO RIVER ISSUES

Lower Basin States Submit Proposed Colorado River Operational Alternative to Reclamation

On March 6, the Lower Basin States submitted a proposal for the Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) to model in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for post-2026 operations of the Colorado River. The alternative included significant new reductions to stabilize Colorado River storage in the face of the recent drought and the future potential impacts of climate change. The proposal includes 1.5 million acre-feet of nearly permanent reductions to Lower Basin water users, with reductions increasing to 3.9 million acre-feet to address future climate change scenarios. All seven Colorado River Basin States would share those additional reductions.

The Lower Basin State representatives had tried to develop an alternative that all seven Colorado River Basin States would support. Progress was made, but by the March deadline imposed by Reclamation, some outstanding issues were still unresolved, so the Upper Basin States and Lower Basin States each submitted separate alternatives. The main difference between the alternatives is that the Upper Basin States do not propose any additional reduction beyond those that normally occur in dry years. Reclamation will consider the two alternatives, including others they may receive, in preparation for the Draft EIS, which is scheduled for release this December. The Basin States will continue to meet to try to resolve outstanding issues and come together with a consensus alternative before the Final EIS is published sometime next year.

Colorado River Non-Governmental Organizations Collaboration Meeting

On March 22, General Manager Hagekhalil convened several non-governmental organizations (NGOs) interested in or working on Colorado River matters to meet and discuss mutual areas of interest. The organizations included LA Waterkeeper, Natural Resources Defense Council, Terra Regenerative Capital, Kiss the Ground, Southwest River Council of American Rivers, Andy Shrader, Sierra Club, Walton Family Foundation, National Audubon Society, The Nature Conservancy, and Culp and Kelly. Metropolitan staff provided an overview of the Lower Basin Proposal. The Walton Family Foundation and the Colorado River NGOs discussed their priorities in the basin. The parties agreed to continue to meet and identify shared priorities, opportunities for future funding, and climate resilience projects.

DELTA CONVEYANCE ACTIVITIES AND STATE WATER PROJECT ISSUES

Delta Conveyance

The California Department of Water Resources submitted a Change in Point of Diversion Petition to the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) on February 22, 2024. The State Water Board issued a public notice on February 29, noting that any protests against the change petition must be filed by April 29, 2024.

At the March 8 Delta Conveyance Design and Construction Authority (DCA) Board of Directors meeting, the DCA Board executed an agreement with Bradner Consulting, LLC, which continues Graham Bradner as the DCA Executive Director.

Sites Reservoir

At the February 16, 2024, Joint Reservoir Committee and Sites Authority Board meeting, the Reservoir Committee and the Authority Board authorized the Executive Director to execute operations agreements with Maxwell Irrigation District and Colusa Drain Mutual Water Company to ensure that the Sites Reservoir Project will not impact their ability to exercise their water rights.

Regulatory and Science Activities

Dr. Shawn Acuña, Metropolitan, presented at the National Academy of Sciences' review of the Long-term Operations of the Central Valley Project and the State Water Project. Dr. Acuña presented on Metropolitan's support for the review and the need to examine the monitoring enterprise in the Sacramento-San Joaquin River Watershed and the debate on the efficacy of Fall X2 to support Delta smelt.

Metropolitan staff is participating in the US Bureau of Reclamation's Value of Information Workshop. The workshop is conducted with Dr. Corey Phillis as a facilitator, who works with the decision scientist Dr. Brian Healy and his team from the United States Geological Survey.

Delta Island Activities

Metropolitan staff transferred floating tules from a previous study and introduced cultured Delta smelt in cages in the West Bouldin Pond as part of the Floating Wetland Pond Study, set to end in April 2024, and the Floating Wetland Cage Study, which is an ongoing study. Results of both studies will be made available to the Board when completed.

PUBLIC/GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

MEMBER AGENCY SUPPORT

Public Affairs Staff:

Speakers Bureau:

- Coordinated and led two introductory meetings for Trabuco Canyon Water District and South Coast Water District to discuss details for the Member Agency spotlight campaign's video briefs
- Coordinated and hosted Consumer Confidence Report one-on-one meetings with Stetson Engineering for 25 Orange County Water Agencies
- Sent member agencies voting for the 2024 Water Awareness Poster Contest Top 4 Grand Prize Winners

Government Affairs Staff:

- Distributed the Member Agency Legislative Feedback Form seeking feedback on connection fee bill proposals (late March)
- Distributed the monthly Grants Tracking and Acquisition Report to member agencies
- Updated the Member Agency Legislative Feedback Form seeking feedback on Prop 218 bill proposals (mid-April)

COMMUNITY AND SPECIAL EVENTS

Public Affairs Staff:

- Attended and presented a water supply delivery activity on March 27 and 28 at the Orange County Water District (OCWD) Children's Water Education Festival
- Coordinated and attended the City of La Palma's community council meeting and event
- Coordinated and attended the Coronet Watersmart Conservation Garden Earth Day Event with Wyland, Inside the Outdoors, Ten Strands, the City of Westminster, and other local community groups and businesses
- Coordinated, attended, and provided support on an inspection trip of the State Water Project with Director Seckel and Three Valleys Water District
- Began coordinating and inviting guests to an inspection trip of the Colorado River Aqueduct with Director Ackerman and the City of Fullerton
- Selected and announced 40 winners for our 2024 Water Awareness Poster Contest
- Attended Metropolitan Water District of Southern California's Water Engineering 4 Good 2024 Awards Ceremony, where Oxford Academy, in Golden State Water District's service area, won first place in the high school category

- Participated in weekly planning meetings for the Coronet Watersmart Conservation Garden Earth Day Event

Government Affairs Staff:

- Distributed the Community Leaders Briefing Invite to member agencies and other interested parties in AD 74
- Attended the Community Leaders Briefing with Assemblywoman Laurie Davies and guest speaker, MWD GM Adel Hagekhalil and emcee Director Larry Dick
- Participated in the OCBC Infrastructure Committee meeting and provided a status update on MWDOC's AMI survey to member agencies
- Attended the OCBC Government Affairs Committee meeting

K-12 WATER EDUCATION

Public Affairs Staff:

- Speakers Bureau: Coordinated and attended Orange County Department of Education's (OCDE) OC Civic Learning Celebration featuring Director Crane as a panelist
- Participated in planning meetings for OCDE's OC Civic Learning Celebration
- Presented an update on MWDOC public affairs activities during The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (Metropolitan) Education Coordinator's Meeting
- Collected commitments from Member Agencies and the Three Cities for the MWDOC K-12 Choice School Programs
- Met with MWDOC 3-12 Choice School Program contractor, Orange County Department of Education's Inside the Outdoors, to discuss program progress and upcoming family engagement opportunities
- Provided information regarding MWDOC's K-12 Choice School Programs to Moulton Niguel Water District and Ocean View High School science and chemistry teacher

WORKFORCE INITIATIVE

Public Affairs Staff:

- Speakers Bureau: Hosted the April Water Energy Education Alliance (WEEA) Leadership Roundtable
- Met with Orange County Water District staff regarding legislative briefing for Steve Garvey
- Met with the California Environmental Education Foundation's CEO to discuss opportunities for a WEEA Career Technical Education (CTE) subcommittee

- Met with GenerationNow! and San Diego County Office of Education’s assistant superintendent to discuss Tiger Woods Learning Labs career exploration proposal
- Met with Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) regional affairs representative to make requested recommendations for keynote and panelist speakers for upcoming meeting
- Participated in a High Road Training Partnerships grant statewide advisory council meeting
- Participated in the Water Environment Federation's Operator Advisory Panel monthly meeting

DIGITAL COMMUNICATIONS, PUBLICATIONS, AND MEDIA ENGAGEMENT

Public Affairs Staff:

- Submitted an article highlighting the Coronet WaterSmart Garden Earth Day Event to the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) –

<https://www.acwa.com/news/mwdoc-hosts-earth-day-event-at-coronet-park/>
- Prepared and delivered MWDOC [April 2024 eCurrents newsletter](#)
 - Open Rate 55% (utilities average 24.6%)
- Set up KUCI [Radio Interview with General Manager](#)

SPECIAL PROJECTS

Public Affairs Staff:

- Met with strategic digital communications contractor Hashtag Pinpoint to discuss direction, goals, and engagement opportunities
- Reviewed, analyzed, and discussed surveys received from MWDOC Departments and the MWDOC Board of Directors with website developer to inform the MWDOC.com Website Refresh Project
- Met with OC Water Summit Committee, prepared materials, and sent invites to potential presenters

Governmental Affairs Staff:

- Staffed the ISDOC Executive Committee Meeting
- Staffed the WACO meeting featuring speaker Peer Swan
- Staffed the WACO Planning Committee Meeting
- Invited a speaker for the June WACO program and coordinated reports
- Met with staff from Palmdale Water District to coordinate an upcoming presentation on CSDA Chapter (clubs) best practices and operations

OUTREACH METRICS

Public Affairs Staff:

- Google Performance Analytics (April 2024)
 - 121 business profile interactions
 - 1,290 people viewed the business profile
- Website Analytics (GM report timeframe)
 - 9.8k pageviews
 - Top pages for this date range
 - Home Page 1822
 - RFP/RFQ 1361
 - Water Awareness Poster Contest 599
 - Agendas, Packets, Minutes 396
 - Residential Rebates 547
- ocwatersmartgardens.com Analytics (April 2024)
 - 877 Sessions
 - Top pages for this date range
 - Landing Page
 - Eligible Sustainability Feature Trees
 - Helpful Plant List
- Social Media (March 27 – April 26)

According to Hootsuite – the global leader in social media management – a good engagement rate is between 1% to 5%.
For this period, MWDOC's engagement rate is at 11.83%

 - 157,242 Post reach (number of people)
 - 18,597 Post engagement (actions taken – likes, shares, etc.)

LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS

Governmental Affairs Staff:

- Met with Paul Jones to review various Prop 218 bill and Advanced Clean Fleet bill proposals and the potential impacts on retail agencies
- Drafted and sent a letter to Congressman Correa on the importance of cybersecurity funding and thanking him for his work on the House Committee on Homeland Security
- Attended the CMUA Regulatory Committee meeting
- Participated in the CMUA Legislative Committee meeting
- Attended the CCEEB WCW Project Monthly meeting
- Drafted and sent a letter to the sponsor and Orange County delegation sharing our support for H.R. 7525 – Special District Grant Accessibility Act
- Participated in the MWD Member Agency Legislative Coordinators meeting
- Attended a tour of the Pure Water Southern California demonstration plant with other MWD member agency legislative staff

- Participated in the Southern California Water Coalition Legislative Task Force Committee

WATER USE EFFICIENCY

Orange County Data Acquisition Partnership (OCDAP) Steering and Technical Advisory Committee (STAC)

On April 9, Rachel Waite attended the OCDAP STAC. The working group collaborates on and organizes a regional effort to share costs for the acquisition of high-resolution aerial imagery and related products. The discussion focused on Cycle #3, the Request for Proposals.

The next meeting is scheduled for May 14.

Dedicated Irrigation Meter (DIM) Landscape Area Measurements (LAM) - City of Fountain Valley Special Landscape Area (SLA) Approvals

On April 10, Rachel W. and Sam Fetter met with the DIM LAM project consultant, NV5, and City of Fountain Valley staff to discuss their project and go over the important process of determining special landscaped areas. When calculating the urban water use objective, these areas receive a higher landscape efficiency factor.

Follow-up meetings with all participating agencies will be scheduled as needed.

PA 22 Advisory Workgroup

On April 15, Rachel W. joined the PA 22 Advisory Workgroup hosted by the Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority (SAWPA) and attended by SAWPA member agencies. Topics discussed included the Proposition 1 Enhanced Decision Support Tool and SARCCP Water Budget Assistance.

The next meeting is scheduled for May 20.

Orange County Landscape Program Advisory Committee (PAC) Meeting

On April 16, Joe Berg, Beth Fahl, Cristal Castro, Rachel W., and Sam hosted the OC Landscape PAC, which was attended by staff from El Toro Water District, Irvine Ranch Water District, Moulton Niguel Water District, Santa Margarita Water District, and City of San Clemente. Topics discussed included Irvine Ranch Water District's Dedicated Irrigation Meter Measurement Performance Reporting Tool and possible revisions to the Landscape Design Assistance Program format.

The next meeting will be scheduled for early May.

CalWEP Research and Evaluation Committee Meeting

On April 17, Joe and Rachel W. joined the CalWEP Research and Evaluation Committee Meeting, which Rachel helped to host as committee vice chair. Topics on the agenda included:

- Research Project Updates
- Next Steps in Implementing the Making Conservation a California Way of Life Framework

- Resources Available and Under Development
- How Can CalWEP R&E Committee Provide Value?
- CalWEP's Framework Hub

The next meeting is scheduled for August 21.

Metropolitan Water Use Efficiency Workgroup Meeting

On April 18, Joe, Rachel Davis, Rachel W., Beth, and Sam attended the Metropolitan Water Use Efficiency Workgroup meeting. Items on the agenda included:

- Board Report
- Leak Detection
- CA Conservation Framework Update
- G3 Classes Updated
- MWD Conservation Program Updates
 - Addendum 22 Release and Grant Funding
 - End of FY Invoicing and Co-Funding
 - Grant Funding Update
 - Budget and MA Allocations for FY 2025-26

The next meeting is scheduled for May 16.

Alliance for Water Efficiency (AWE) Large-Scale Landscapes Project

On April 18, Rachel W. joined the AWE Large-Scale Landscapes Project Meeting, which focused on AWE-led water savings and market readiness. Discussion at this meeting focused on the landscape customer survey under development for this research effort.

Follow-up meetings will be scheduled as needed.

AWE Water Efficiency Research Committee Meeting

On April 23, Rachel W attended the AWE WERC meeting. Topics on the agenda included:

- AWE's Research and Program Roadmap
- Irrigation and Smart Controllers
- Research and Project Updates

The next meeting is scheduled for next quarter.

Metropolitan Program Advisory Committee (PAC) Meeting

On April 24, Rachel D., Rachel W., and Beth participated in the Metropolitan PAC meeting. Items on the agenda included:

- HET Modifications and Peripherals
- Large Landscape Surveys
- Device “Off-Ramps:” Policy / Process / Determinations
- Drip Irrigation
- Dipper Wells
- Devices/Technologies Roundtable
 - “Smart” Sprinklers

The next meeting is scheduled for July 24.

INFORMATION CALENDAR

**MWDOC GENERAL INFORMATION
ITEMS**

MWDOC BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- Al Nederhood
- Larry D. Dick
- Bob McVicker
- Karl W. Seckel
- Randall Crane
- Jeffery M. Thomas
- Megan Yoo Schneider