

- **General Manager's February 2007 Activity Report**

## **Summary**

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The attached report details the activities of the Office of the General Manager for the month of February 2007. Metropolitan has delivered sufficient water supplies to meet all firm, replenishment and agricultural demands and has achieved full compliance with drinking water quality standards.

This report summarizes the status of Metropolitan's core business in terms of:

- Water Management
- System Operations
- Capital Investment Plan
- Workforce
- Finance
- Business Processes / Operations
- External Affairs
- Business Outreach
- Real Estate Management

## **Attachments**

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General Manager's Monthly Activity Report



## Colorado River

### Reservoir Storage

	2/25/07 Storage	Percent of Capacity
Lake Powell	11.6 MAF	48 %
Lake Mead	14.3 MAF	55 %

**Reclamation Releases Draft EIS for the Development of Shortage Guidelines** On February 28, the Bureau of Reclamation issued its Draft Environmental Impact (EIS) Statement to guide shortage decisions in the Lower Colorado Basin and better coordinate the operations of Lakes Powell and Mead. The Draft EIS includes five implementation alternatives: (1) a no-action alternative; (2) an alternative submitted by the Colorado River Basin States; (3) an alternative submitted by a group of non-governmental organizations; and two "bookend" alternatives – (4) one that maximizes water deliveries and (5) one that protects reservoir storage levels. There is no preferred alternative identified.

The public review period is 60 days – ending on April 29. The seven Basin States will be meeting in March and April to finalize their proposal, which includes not only shortage guidelines but also several water management programs, including storage opportunities in Lake Mead. Once completed, the Basin States will submit their proposal as part of their formal comments to the Bureau of Reclamation. Reclamation plans to have the Final EIS, which will include a preferred alternative, completed this September, with a Record of Decision issued in December of this year.

**NAS Report Highlights Need for Long-term Interstate Cooperation** On February 21, the National Academy of Sciences issued a report that recommends development of new water management actions for the Colorado River Basin. The report cites future water supply concerns in the Colorado River Basin from tree ring data that suggest longer droughts have occurred historically than during the last hundred years, that global warming could reduce supplies, and that continued population growth in the Basin will put more pressure on water resources. The report recommends that additional studies be conducted regarding urban water management practices. It also commends the seven states for developing a proposal with progressive water management actions and concludes that such cooperation will be essential in the future.

## State Water Project

	Storage To-Date	Percent of Capacity
Lake Oroville	3.0 MAF	86 %
San Luis Reservoir	1.9 MAF	94 %
San Luis State Share	1.2 MAF	100 %

### State Water Project Deliveries

Staff coordinated with DWR on adjustments to Metropolitan's delivery schedule to accommodate separate outages on the East Branch and West Branch and the subsequent refilling of Castaic and Silverwood reservoirs. Schedule adjustments permitted Metropolitan to take advantage of approximately 50,000 acre-feet of unscheduled interruptible supplies that became available during the month that is in addition to Metropolitan's firm Table A supplies for 2007.

### Public Policy Institute of California Report

In February, the Public Policy Institute of California published an important study on options for long-term management of the Sacramento – San Joaquin Delta. The study, written by Ellen Hanak of PPIC and a group of academics from University of California, Davis concludes that the current management of the Delta is unsustainable for almost all stakeholders due to land subsidence, sea level rise, increasing seismic and flood risk, and pervasive environmental problems. Solutions to the problems require more than small refinements, but instead a fresh look at the physical capabilities in the Delta and the available options for future management, as necessary. Options for management of water exports (which would only be a piece of the overall solution) identified by the PPIC report include several versions of an isolated facility and several through-Delta export proposals that limit exports to periods of minimal biological impact. Staff is currently reviewing the report in detail and will be providing a detailed assessment to the Board.



## State Water Project

### Tehachapi East Afterbay Project

On February 14, the California Department of Water Resources completed the final tie-in connection between Alamo Power Plant and the Tehachapi. The Tehachapi provides increased opportunities to pump off-peak at Edmonston and the other San Joaquin Valley pumping plants. The Tehachapi operated during the summer and fall of 2006 in an "interim" operational mode; however, flows were bypassed around the Alamo Power plant while construction of a permanent interconnection was completed. The completion of this project allows power production to resume at the Alamo Power Plant. The State Water Project energy savings are projected to range between \$10 - \$20 million annually as a result of this project.



Tehachapi East

## State Water Project

### Delta Levees Emergency Preparedness

Refinements to model runs and cost estimates for emergency preparedness options are approaching completion. Discussions have also occurred with DWR Director Lester Snow and other staff within DWR to store information and receive comment. Staff will be providing further information to the Board on the refinements and DWR discussions at the March Water Planning and Stewardship Committee. Efforts continue to assess use of Proposition 84/1E funding and state budgetary processes to implement work.

## State Water Project

### Lake Perris—Grant Funding

The State Water Resources Control Board has restored \$4.4 million Proposition 13 grant funding for two water quality improvement projects at Lake Perris and extended the deadline for completion of the work by one year. Resolutions accepting the grants and authorizing the General Manager to sign the contract amendments extending the deadline were approved at the February 13 Board of Directors meeting. The first project includes design of solutions to reduce pathogen risks associated with body contact recreation. The second project includes construction of a dissolved oxygen enhancement system to provide year-round access to high quality water.

### Lake Perris—Reconnaissance Study

At the request of Metropolitan and other stakeholders, the California Department of Water Resources recently issued a supplemental reconnaissance study that includes cost estimates of four options for repair of Lake Perris dam. Staff is meeting with DWR, the Desert Water Authority and the Coachella Valley Water District, who also pay for the facilities, to review the report and develop a response to DWR.



Lake Perris



## Local Resources Program

### Regional Resources

In partnership with Metropolitan under the Groundwater Recovery Program, Irvine Ranch Water District dedicated its Irvine Desalter Project on February 20, 2007. The 6,700 acre-feet per year project recently commenced operation and will increase regional supply reliability by reducing dependency on imported water. Metropolitan will contribute up to \$250 per acre-foot for 20 years.

## Conservation

### California Friendly Landscape Classes

To improve member agency customer service and administrative efficiency, class materials for Metropolitan's residential and professional landscape irrigation efficiency classes are now available via the worldwide web. Member and retail agencies can immediately download class information such as presentation materials, handouts and evaluation forms for all landscape classes offered by Metropolitan. Materials that previously took more than two days to receive from Metropolitan via mail can now be acquired in a matter of minutes.

Rialto Pipeline Repair—  
removal of existing 96-inch  
diameter pipe at day break.

## Desalination

### Seawater Desalination

Metropolitan recently hosted a meeting of the New Water Supply Coalition (formerly U.S. Desalination Coalition) at Metropolitan's Union Station location. The Coalition's meetings usually take place in Washington, D.C., but occasionally rotate to agencies that make up its national membership. Key discussion areas at the last meeting focused on legislative opportunities that would allow use of tax-credit bonds to fund local resource development capital costs for water recycling, recovery of contaminated groundwater for potable use, and brackish and seawater desalination.





# System Operations

## Water Demands

Water Sales Cash Year (May-April)

<b>2,138,000 MAF</b>	<b>Current Projection</b>
<b>2,108,000 MAF</b>	<b>Budget Projection</b>
<b>30,000 AF</b>	<b>Difference</b>

## System Operations

For the month of February, System Operations expects system deliveries to be 160,000 acre-feet, with State Water Project imports comprising 101,000 acre-feet of the total. The California Department of Water Resources announced the availability of Article 21 (surplus interruptible) water beginning February 14, due to recent wet conditions on the State Water Project. Metropolitan received approximately 50,000 acre-feet of these surplus supplies while available in February.

## Sales/Deliveries

February Sales Projection	122,000 AF
February Deliver Projection	138,000 AF *

\* excludes Desert Water / Coachella Valley

## Replenishment

Member Agencies were notified that replenishment availability will be limited during scheduled outages, including the January 14 Foothill Feeder shutdown and Department of Water Resource's 14-day Tehachapi East Afterbay shutdown beginning January 29.

## Treatment Plants

The Mills plant was shut down from January 29 – February 3 to conduct routine maintenance and install chemical injection diffusers for the fluoride system. The date for system-wide implementation of fluoride has been moved from July 1 to October 1 to provide adequate time for startup activities, fluoride chemical supply improvements, member agency coordination, publicity, and consumer notification.

## Distribution and Storage (As of 2/25/07)

	<u>Current Storage</u>	<u>End of Month Forecast</u>
Lake Mathews	126,700 AF	128,000 AF
Lake Skinner	40,300 AF	39,000 AF
DVL	738,000 AF	733,000 AF

## Power Management

Staff met with representatives from the National Electric Reliability Corporation and the Western Electricity Coordinating Council on February 20 and 21, to discuss new mandatory electric reliability standards. The standards go into effect on June 1, 2007. This effort is the result of new regulations from the national Energy Policy Act of 2005.

## Replenishment

Member Agencies have been notified that replenishment is available following recent scheduled outages, including the February 5 Rialto Feeder shutdown and Department of Water Resource's 14-day Tehachapi East Afterbay shutdown that began on January 29. Cyclic storage, however, will not be pursued due to limits in the amount of Article 21 water currently available.

	<u>Agency</u>	<u>Connection</u>	<u>CFS</u>
<b>Replenishment</b>			
Direct	Central Basin	CenB-28	120
	Eastern MWD	EM-14/19	34
	Foothill	FM-01 (Injection)	1
In-lieu	West Basin	WB-04	2
	Long Beach	LB-08	8
<b>Conjunctive Use</b>			
Direct	Calleguas	CA-02	14
In-lieu	Calleguas	CA-02	7
	MWDOC	CM-8/11/OC-44B	20
	Three Valleys	PM-15	10
	Foothill	FM-01	1



## System Maintenance / Shutdowns

There was a seven-day shutdown on the Rialto Pipeline from February 5 – 10, which finished one-day ahead of schedule. This shutdown allowed Metropolitan personnel to replace one section of pipeline as a result of the Eddy Current Field inspection done in a previous shutdown (See CSU Repair Site picture below). Additionally, Metropolitan's contractor installed spool sections in two locations for future sectionalizing valves (See Site 1, adjacent picture). Metropolitan added a 10-day shutdown on the Colorado River Aqueduct – Lakeview and Perris Valley Siphons. This shutdown was added to repair leaks in the Lakeview Siphon and to replace the cast iron flanges in the Perris Valley Siphon. Doing this work now will give Metropolitan's contractor a jumpstart on the rest of the work that will be completed during the upcoming full CRA shutdown in March.



Site 1



CSU Repair Site

## Quagga Mussels

**UP-TO-DATE INFO:** As part of the ongoing Colorado River Aqueduct shutdown and Metropolitan's quagga mussel control program, Metropolitan divers discovered two small mussels at Copper Basin on March 6, 2007. One of the mussels, which we believe are quaggas, was found at a depth of 60 feet at the dam, with another small specimen found in the rocks at about 20 feet.

The discoveries mark the latest mussel finds since quaggas were found on January 17 at the Whitsett pumping plant and Gene Wash. The latest scheduled dives and physical inspections are focused on areas of the aqueduct that had not been previously inspected last month, primarily in the beginning segments of the system. Additional inspections are scheduled at the Gene, Iron Mountain and Eagle Mountain pumping plants, along with siphons, fore bays and open canals, through the end of the shutdown on March 27.

## Taste and Odor

There are no significant taste-and-odor problems in the source water system at this time.



## Summary

- Ongoing Contracts - 28 construction contracts and four related procurement contracts were ongoing through January. The total bid amount of the 30 construction contracts in progress is over \$1.054 billion.
- February Payments - Over \$34 million in contract payments were made for construction performed in the month of January. Over \$13 million were related to work at the Skinner plant, including the ongoing construction of ozonation facilities, the 110-mgd Module 7, and the upgraded chemical feed and storage systems. Over \$7 million were related to work at the Diemer plant, including the ongoing construction of the vehicle maintenance center, the plant maintenance facilities, the rehabilitation of the filter surface wash headers, the chemical system upgrade and the south slope stabilization work. Over \$2 million was related to Rialto Pipeline Improvements, and \$1.1 million to the chemical system upgrades at the Mills Plant.
- Major Contracts - Through February, the Inland Feeder, Arrowhead East Tunnel advanced 95 feet for a total of 16,710 feet, which is 74 percent of the tunnel length. At the Arrowhead West Tunnel, the contractor spent considerable time grouting, aimed at consolidating ground and stemming water flows in front of the Tunnel Boring Machine. Despite difficult ground conditions with moderate water inflow rates, the TBM advanced 365 feet through February for a total of 9,500 feet, which is 47 percent of the tunnel length.
- Other Contracts - At the Skinner plant, the Module 7 construction is 98 percent complete, and ozone facility construction is 43 percent complete. At the Diemer plant, the new plant maintenance facility is essentially complete with the contractor performing punch-list items. The vehicle maintenance facility is 85 percent complete and the south slope stabilization construction is approximately 35 percent complete with a scheduled completion date of March 2008. At the Weymouth plant, final design of the new ozone facilities is nearing completion and the construction project is planned to be advertised for bids in March 2007.
- Awarded Contracts - In February, the Board appropriated a total of \$12 million in capital funds for (1) final design of replacement slide gates for the San Gabriel Tower and Puddingstone Radial Gate; and (2) five improvement projects at the Skinner Plant including final design of the Electrical Buildings Upgrade and Ground Fault Protection Upgrade, final design,

## Summary continued...

procurement and installation of Skinner Plant No. 2 Filter Surface Wash Valve and Actuator Replacement and the Plant No. 1 Filter Drain Gate Stem Replacement, final design and construction of the Skinner Incoming Electrical Service, and rock excavation for the Skinner Expansion No. 4 Program.

## Profile on CIP Program

### Conveyance and Distribution System Rehabilitation Program:

This program was initiated to maintain reliable deliveries through specific repair and rehabilitation projects on Metropolitan's pipelines, reservoirs, and control structures.

### Recent activities include the following:

- **Foothill Feeder Repair** – The Foothill Feeder shutdown began on January 14, 2007 and concluded on January 29, 2007. Two different contractors repaired three prestressed concrete cylinder pipe segments. Two 201-inch diameter pipe segments were repaired using carbon fiber technology and the remaining pipe segment was replaced with a welded steel pipe.
- **Box Springs Feeder Repairs** – The Box Springs Feeder shutdown began on January 29, 2007 and concluded on February 3, 2007. One 96-inch diameter prestressed concrete cylinder pipe was repaired by Metropolitan forces.
- **Foothill Feeder Cathodic Protection** – Final design was completed for the Foothill Feeder cathodic protection project in February 2007. The project will be advertised for bids in March 2007.
- **Rialto Pipeline Repairs** – The Rialto Pipeline shutdown began on February 5, 2007 and concluded on February 11, 2007. Construction of valve vaults and installation of new pipe sections were completed as part of a program to construct two new isolation structures. This work included removal of approximately 75 feet of 96-inch diameter prestressed concrete cylinder pipe and 65 feet of 96-inch diameter welded steel pipe, installation of equivalent lengths of welded steel pipe spools, and construction of the two 22-foot wide by 31-foot long by 25-foot high valve vaults. Phase 2 is scheduled for completion in winter 2008 and consists of installation of two sectionalizing valves and construction of a third isolation structure. This project will improve Metropolitan's capability to continue water deliveries to member agencies during Rialto pipeline shutdowns by installing strategically located isolation valves.



## Apprenticeship Program

The 26 apprentices in the Class of 2007 and 2009 continued their apprenticeship related instruction classes following the holidays in late January and early February.

Update on the 2006/2007 Apprentice Recruitment - In late January, the recruitment staff from the Human Resources Section in conjunction with WSO management completed approximately 150 candidate interviews using 21 interview panels comprised of about 45 managers.

The final hiring recommendations are expected to occur in March signaling the beginning of candidate reference and background checks. Job offers are planned in late March through April.

## Classification/Compensation

Met with Association of Confidential Employee representatives in effort to finalize updated Job Descriptions and revised Action Plan for follow-up meetings to complete the Classification/ Compensation study.

Completed draft Job Descriptions for O&M Family, and delivered to the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees bargaining unit and Water System Operations Group for review.

Met with AFSCME to jointly develop Project Plan for bargaining unit-wide Class/Comp Study that is officially underway.

## Employee Relations

Worked with Legal and Water System Operations to resolve an outstanding Public Employment Relations Board Unfair Labor Practice that had been filed by AFSCME over Metropolitan's Travel Policy. More discussions are scheduled with AFSCME over four additional PERB Unfair Labor Practice charges filed.

## Recruitment

The Short Term Recruiting and Talent Acquisition (STRATA) Pilot Program is up and running. There are currently 12 recruitments being handled by PeopleFilter that are in varying stages of completion. These recruitments encompass three different bargaining units and range from an Administrative Assistant I to a Principal Systems Analyst. The Human Resources Section is tracking all relevant milestones in recruitments assigned to the pilot program to compare to the recruitment efforts by Metropolitan staff.

As of February 27, there are 192 open recruitments.

## New Employee Orientation

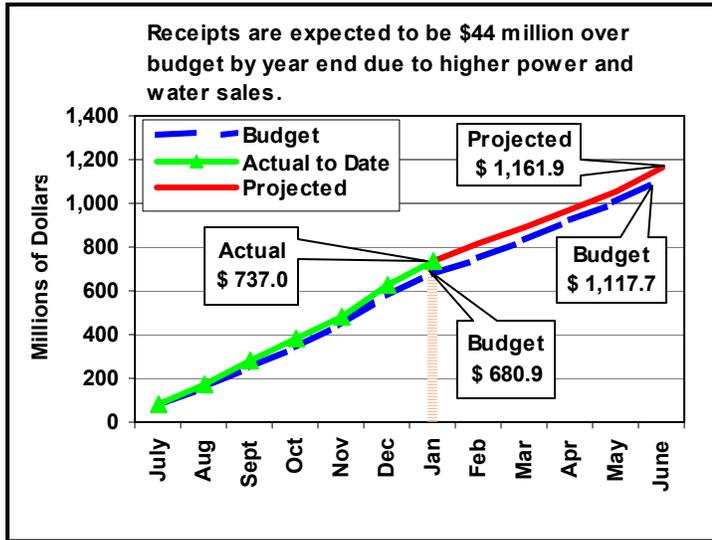
The General Manager and Chief Administrative Officer met with 25 regular employees to celebrate completion of their six-month probation and to welcome them to Metropolitan. Seventeen new employees and one annuitant were brought on-board during January/February 2007.

## Cost Containment

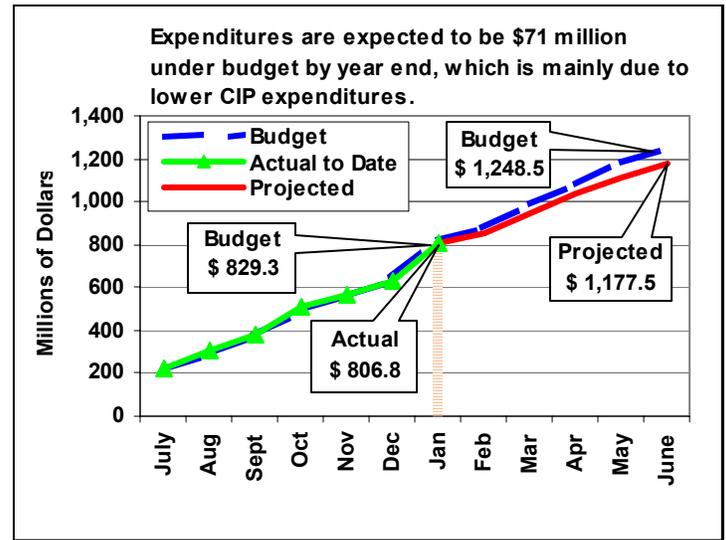
Convened initial meeting of bargaining unit Health Benefits Advisory Committee. Introduced health benefits consultant, ABD, to the Committee, which includes Metropolitan board members, management, and representatives of all four bargaining units.



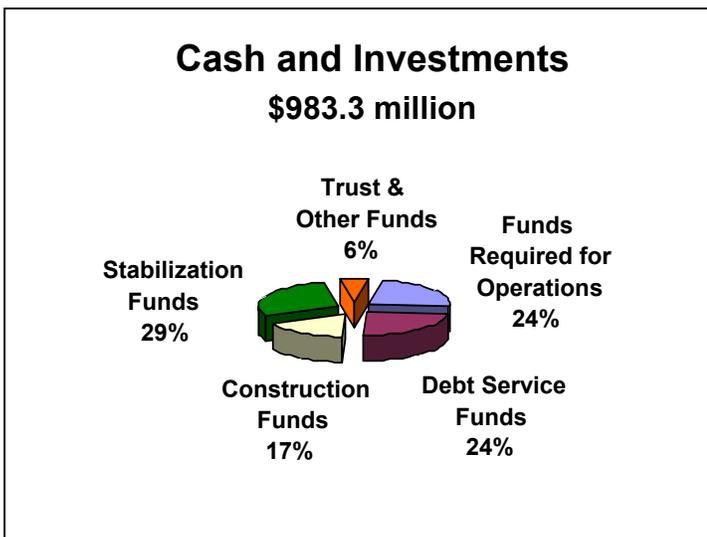
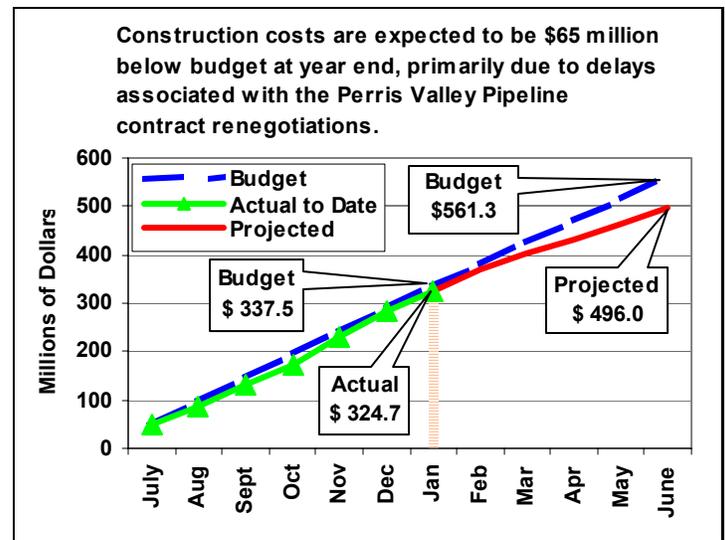
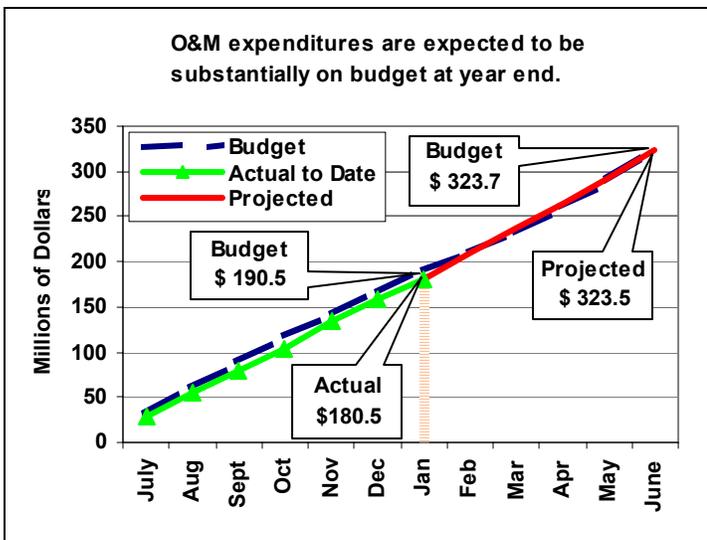
As of January 31, 2006



Excludes Bond Construction and Other Trust Funds Activity



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### Summary Financial Statistics

	Target	Actual
Fixed Charge Coverage	1.20 x	1.25 x
Revenue Debt Service Coverage	2.00 x	1.85 x
Revenue Bond Debt / Equity Ratio	100.0%	66.9%

#### Credit Ratings

	Target	Actual
- Moody's Investors Service	Aa2	Aa2
- Fitch Ratings	AA	AA+
- Standard & Poor's	AA	AA+



## Business Processes/ Operations

### Information Technology

#### **Completed field installation and testing of pilot Remote Terminal Units for the Automated Meter Reading Upgrade Project**

The Automated Meter Reading System is the primary source of data for water billing, providing information on the amount of water delivered to each member agency. This system includes new remote terminal units (field computers used to capture and process water flow readings), communications, software and security.

In February, as part of the Automated Meter Reading Upgrade project, staff installed several pilot remote terminal units at Metropolitan field locations and performed live system testing.

#### **Continued efforts related to change in Daylight Savings Time**

IT continued its efforts with regard to the change in the effective dates for daylight savings time. IT is investigating the impact of this change on Metropolitan's computer systems. Necessary changes/patches are being implemented.

#### **Security Initiatives**

For this period, staff deployed enhanced security for the SCADA system used by the Diemer facility as part of an IT security pilot project.

#### **PC Replacement**

Staff completed the evaluation of laptop computers, selecting a brand and associated models. Testing of Metropolitan's applications continued to determine their compatibility with Microsoft's new Vista operating system.

### Emergency Management Program

Metropolitan's Energy Management Program is designed to enhance energy efficiency, and reduce greenhouse gas emissions. In response to recent state legislation, preparation of Metropolitan's initial greenhouse gas emissions inventory was completed in February 2007. Staff is reviewing the greenhouse gas emissions levels to determine recommended reduction goals. Identification of projects and initiatives to achieve the reduction goals is underway. Design and construction of a 1 MW solar power facility at the Skinner water treatment plant, and replacement of the Yorba Linda Feeder Power Plant turbine, are two projects that have recently been initiated which will help reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

### Security

Responding to news reports of pipe bombs in California Aqueduct, heightened security protocols were activated and government anti-terrorism sources were consulted to validate that there was no actual targeting of water supply.

### Emergency Management

Staff participated or ran five exercises varying from orientation to full scale.

Emergency Management staff observed a joint functional exercise with City of Riverside Fire Department and Mills treatment plant. The exercise simulated (with some visible demonstrations) a chlorine leak within the plant site, testing alarms, terrorism (bomb threats), alert and notification systems, and actual response by City of Riverside Fire Hazardous Materials teams. A joint (Riverside Fire and Metropolitan) Incident Command Post, hot and cold zones, Metropolitan security checkpoints, etc., were established. A number of outside agencies were on hand to observe the exercise, including the California Division of Forestry, City of Corona Fire Department, and Riverside County Health Department. The exercise was valuable to both Metropolitan and outside support agencies in strengthening the communication and face recognition of all agencies in attendance.

One member of the Emergency Management team and one member of the Business Continuity team attended training on "How to Plan for, Respond to, and Recover from the Financial Impact of a Disaster" sponsored by the Office of Disaster Management, hosted by the City of Ontario. There were many topics discussed such as the importance of Finance and Administration, section organization and responsibilities, processing information, Office of Emergency Services /Federal Emergency Management Agency requirements and standards, etc. The information acquired will be used for Emergency Management's future workshops on Finance and Administration Function within the Emergency Operations Center and Business Incident Command Center.



## Federal Legislative Update

Week of February 12: Director Glen Peterson, Director John Foley and Metropolitan staff participated in the Association of California Water Agencies 2007 Washington, DC Legislative Conference. Officials from the Bush Administration, Members of the House, and key Capitol Hill Staff took part in the conference, providing updates and insights on issues that will help shape water policies in 2007. Speakers included John Watts, Environmental Counsel to Senator Feinstein, Leighann Lenti, Deputy Director of Governor Schwarzenegger's Washington, DC Office, Dr. Gene Whitney, Assistant Director of Environment, Office of Science and Technology Policy and Bureau of Reclamation Commissioner Robert Johnson. Congressional Members from California who addressed the Conference included Rep. Jerry McNerney (D-11); Rep. John Doolittle (R-4); Rep. Grace Napolitano (D-38); Rep. Kevin McCarthy (R-22); Rep. Hilda Solis (D-32); and Rep. Jim Costa (D-20).

Feb. 16: Director Glen Peterson and Metropolitan staff attended a luncheon briefing entitled "*The Future of Water in California – Evaluating Options for the Delta Region*" hosted by The Public Policy Institute of California and the California Institute for Federal Policy Research. Co-authors Ellen Hanak, Director of PPIC's Economy Program, and Jay Lund, Professor of Civil and Environmental Engineering at University of California, Davis, presented findings from the report which provides a current analysis of the Delta.

## State Legislative Update

Feb. 2 - Metropolitan sponsored a community leaders breakfast briefing in Temecula with approximately 120 attendees. State Senator Dennis Hollingsworth and Eastern Municipal Water District hosted the briefing. Metropolitan's General Manager Jeffrey Kightlinger delivered a presentation on water reliability and Senator Hollingsworth provided a Sacramento perspective on water issues. Directors Randy Record and John Mylne were present along with Assembly member Kevin Jeffries and local elected officials.

Feb. 21 - At Congresswoman Grace Napolitano's request, Metropolitan staff arranged a briefing at the Union Station building for the Congresswoman and her staff. Chief Operating Officer Debra Man provided a briefing, including updates on Colorado River issues at Moab and Topock.

## State Legislative Update continued...

Feb. 21 - Legislative Analyst's Office released a report on the infrastructure bonds passed in November 2006.

Feb. 23 - Directors Larry Dick and Marcie Edwards joined Metropolitan staff at a briefing with newly elected Assemblyman Jim Silva and staff at his district office in Huntington Beach. A briefing was provided along with a review and discussion of pending legislation, and to provide and other key issues. Later in the day, Director Jim Blake joined Directors Dick and Edwards and Metropolitan staff for a similar briefing with newly elected Assemblyman Michael Duvall and his staff in Duvall's district office in Brea for a similar briefing.

Feb. 27 - Senate Natural Resources and Water Committee's held informational hearing on Propositions 1E and 84, regarding flood protection funding.

Mar. 15 (upcoming) - Joint Senate/Assembly hearing on "A Vision for the Delta," which will outline problems and concerns with the current management of the Delta, as well as proposed short- and long-term solutions. Metropolitan's Assistant General Manager Roger Patterson is scheduled to provide comments regarding potential ways to minimize risks until movement towards long-term stability and sustainability of the Delta is achieved.

### Recently Introduced Legislation (as of 2/26/07)

SB 258 (Ducheny): In response to a recent appellate court decision, SB 258 directs the State Water Resources Control Board to restructure its fee schedule based upon actual water use. Ducheny has introduced this measure as a "starting point" to begin deliberations to implement a more "fairly" structured fee schedule.

SB 178 (Steinberg/Kuehl): Partial reintroduction of Senator Kuehl's SB 1640 (2006), which will streamline and clarify groundwater monitoring and reporting responsibilities to better utilize the information for improved water management.

AB 224 (Wolk): Requires the Department of Water Resources to incorporate "climate change" projections in the State's plan for water delivery which includes the State Water Plan, urban water management and water quality plans by state and regional water boards.



## Community Outreach & Other Events

February 1 and 8: Outreach to more than 1,000 Yorba Linda residents regarding Diemer Ozone Retrofit Project schedule.

February 1 and 5: Outreach to approximately 200 residents in Claremont regarding a 12-hour closure of Indian Hill Boulevard and five days of around-the-clock work for the Rialto Feeder project.

Staff also participated in community events or professional association activities with the following organizations: Central Basin Municipal Water District, City of Hawthorne, Irvine Chamber of Commerce and Southern California Chinese-American Environmental Protection Association.

## Education

The California Education and Environment Initiative and the California Department of Education has selected Metropolitan's Education Team to serve on the EEI Education Working Group that will review proposed K-12 environmental education model curriculum. The curriculum will serve as the foundation for teaching environmental education, including water education in public schools.

Education staff conducted workshops/presentations, including:

- The second of two Solar Cup technical workshops was convened for more than 300 students and teachers.
- Twelve Diamond Valley Lake field trips with approximately 385 students from nine Inland Empire schools were conducted.
- Staff taught a student teacher class at California State University at Channel Islands regarding the integration of water education materials into secondary school science classes.
- Staff conducted hands-on workshops at Bridges Academy in Los Angeles for 20 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade students and for 40 kindergarten students at Village View Elementary in Huntington Beach.
- Staff provided training on Metropolitan curricula to 46 K-12 teachers in Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Diego and Ventura counties

## Media

- The Press Office managed multiple news media requests involving board action on the Center for Water Education. Coverage of this topic included multiple articles in the Los Angeles Times and Riverside Press Enterprise, as well as a national television news report on Fox News.
- Press Office staff coordinated interviews with Assistant General Manager Roger Patterson regarding a recently published report about tree rings and historic flows along the Colorado River. Stories appeared in the Los Angeles Times and Riverside Press Enterprise.
- Metropolitan's Colorado River Aqueduct pumping facilities were featured on the History Channel's "Modern Marvels" program on pumps.
- Staff managed news media requests for other stories, including a report released by the Public Policy Institute of California regarding proposed solutions for the Bay-Delta.
- Staff, in collaboration with affected Member Agencies, issued a press release calling for extra conservation during a shutdown of the Rialto Feeder. News coverage included newspaper articles and reports on local television news stations.
- Staff was involved in producing a video to represent the General Manager's 2006/07 Business Plan Semiannual Report. Media staff worked with the Office of the General Manager, in house videographers and other employees to create this video.



## Business Outreach

## Real Estate Management

### Business Outreach

#### Member Agency Partnering

The Business Outreach staff met with West Basin Municipal Water District's staff to discuss Metropolitan's Business Outreach Program. Staff discussed working a strategy that would benefit West Basin and its business constituents in the short- and long-term.

Metropolitan collaborated with the San Diego County Water Authority on two vendor development series.

- The first class focused on "Successful Strategies of Public Sector Contracting." This class helps business owners learn strategies on how to be more successful. Twenty-eight businesses attended the training.
- The second course helps prepare business owners to be successful in the public procurement sector market.

Feb. 2: Participated in the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Minority Enterprise Development awards program. Approximately 800 businesses and community leaders attend the event. Awardees were recognized for their economic impacts on the Los Angeles community and the entire Southern California Region.

Feb. 14: Attended San Gabriel Valley Water Association Luncheon for Chairman Brick in Baldwin Park with approximately 100 in attendance. Chairman Brick delivered a presentation on water reliability and gave his perspective on water issues facing us both locally and globally. Director David D. De Jesus was present along with other local elected officials.

Feb. 21: Partnered with Metropolitan's Warehouse and Inventory Management teams at the La Verne facility to discuss Business Outreach and the impact on field locations. There were over 30 employees in attendance representing five facilities.

Feb. 22: Participated in workshops and business matchmaking at the 2007 Minority Business Opportunity Day held in Industry Hills. Director John W. Murray, Jr. attended the event. Minority Business Opportunity Day exposes minority businesses to progressive workshops and seminars that optimize business potential and/or enhance business growth. The day also provided valuable opportunities for Minority Business Enterprises to network with Southern California Minority Business Development Council member corporations who sponsor and fund the events and activities. Member corporations value this event as a forum for meeting new MBE suppliers and vendors.

### Leases, Licenses and Entry Permits

- Two leases were issued to Boulevard Greenhouses on a one acre and 0.6 acre area sites. These leases are for containerized nursery stock along the Foothill Feeder right-of-way nearby the F. E. Weymouth Water Treatment Plant in La Verne, California. These sites were the location of a previous nursery lease vacated when the lessee relocated his business.
- An entry permit was issued from Metropolitan to the State of California, Department of Water Resources, to conduct environmental and archeological studies along a portion of the Inland Feeder.
- Staff continues site inspections of properties being leased to others.

### Real Estate Activities

- Staff continues to monitor activities of the Lake Elsinore and Canyon Lake Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDL) Task Force. Metropolitan is required to participate in the development of a TMDL. The TMDL regards nutrients potentially resulting from the agricultural uses of Metropolitan-owned land being used or leased for agricultural operations.
- Two permanent easements for operations along the West Basin Feeder were granted to Metropolitan from Target Stores.
- Metropolitan quitclaimed a temporary easement to Nelson Land Company over a portion of the proposed alignment of the San Diego Pipeline No. 6.
- Staff continues the Perris Valley Pipeline right-of-way acquisition.