

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

Summary

The attached report details the activities of the Office of the General Manager for the month of April 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
- Real Estate Management
- Workforce
- Finance
- Business Processes / Operations
- Business Outreach
- External Affairs

Attachments

General Manager's Monthly Activity Report



Colorado River

Reservoir Storage

	4/16/07 Storage	Percent of Capacity
Lake Powell	11.8 MAF	48%
Lake Mead	13.7 MAF	53%

Basin States Submit Preferred Alternative to Reclamation

On April 30, the Seven Colorado River Basin States finalized a proposal to allocate shortages among the States and implement new water management programs. The States submitted their proposal to the Bureau of Reclamation as a recommended preferred alternative for inclusion in the Final Environmental Impact Statement on developing shortage criteria and implementing new reservoir operating rules. This preferred alternative was based on the Basin States alternative in the Draft EIS with some modifications.

Along with the preferred alternative, the Basin States executed an agreement in which the States formally committed to work together to implement the new water management proposal. The final steps needed to implement the new proposal will be the execution of water delivery agreements between the major water users in each state, including Metropolitan. Such agreements would be signed after the Record of Decision which is projected for December of this year.

Lower Colorado River Water Supply Project

During March, the Lower Basin States executed an agreement to increase funding for the Upper Basin weather modification programs. Under the agreement, the three Lower Basin states paid \$131,000 to expand the existing cloud seeding programs in Colorado, Utah, and Wyoming. California's share of the total was \$44,000 and was paid by the Six Agency Committee that supports the Colorado River Board.

State Water Project

As of 4/16/07	Storage To-Date	Percent of Capacity
Lake Oroville	3.1 MAF	88%
San Luis Reservoir	1.7 MAF	83%
San Luis State Share	1.1 MAF	89%

SWP Energy

The Contractors approved principles for working with the California Department of Water Resources on development of a SWP integrated energy resource plan to guide major acquisitions. The Contractors also established an Energy Committee in which Metropolitan will have a prominent role working with DWR on key policy areas of energy procurement and administration. Finally, the Contractors agreed to support DWR entering into a partnership with about a dozen other public power providers in the Northern California Power Agency to review and analyze plans for a new gas-fired power plant in Lodi, California, that could be online within several years. The plant would have low carbon emissions, use recycled water and be strategically located near main transmission lines. Any action to invest in such a project would depend on a complete review and analysis.

State Water Project Pumping Plant





State Water Project

Expanding Municipal Water Quality Investigation Program

DWR's real time water quality monitoring, forecasting and data dissemination program has historically been confined to the Delta. At the request of municipal State Water Contractors, DWR has agreed to expand the program to cover the entire California Aqueduct. To improve coordination and integration within DWR, additional staffing and equipment will be required. A modification to the existing MWQI agreement is under development to fund the additional positions.

Water Transfers and Exchanges

Arvin-Edison/Metropolitan Water Management Program

Staff has reached a tentative agreement, subject to Board approval, with Arvin-Edison on a proposed Program amendment. The amendment would increase water quality benefits, increase Program return capability, extend the Program term and reduce Program costs. In return, Metropolitan would use Proposition 13 grant funds to finance expanding Arvin-Edison's South Canal. Staff will present these amendments to the Board for action in May 2007.

Regional Resources

Regional Facilitator Role

Building upon the regional facilitator role approved by the Board in December 2005, Metropolitan will broaden its regional support of local resources development in the areas of technology advances, environmental documentation, funding, regional resource planning and regulatory clearances. As an initial step, staff is scheduling bi-monthly meetings with member and retail agencies to discuss implementation and planning issues for water recycling, groundwater recovery, and seawater desalination projects. The first meeting is tentatively scheduled for June 2007. Metropolitan also held a conference call with the member agencies to coordinate participation in two American Water Works Association Research Foundation desalination RFPs.

Conservation

Grant Programs

Metropolitan, in cooperation with the Bureau of Reclamation and its 26 member agencies, is offering grants through a RFP to explore the water savings potential of new water conserving technologies through the Innovative Conservation Program (ICP). The objective of the ICP is to provide funding to promote new innovative devices, technologies and strategies that save water, energy, and reduce urban runoff to help achieve regional water supply reliability within Metropolitan's service area. Projects are selected on a competitive basis. Through this funding, projects are studied and water savings documented to determine the range of applicability for widespread implementation. Staff and member agencies then determine which of these technologies could be incorporated into Metropolitan's conservation credits program. Previous technologies that received grants include waterbrooms, connectionless food steamers, synthetic turf and x-ray film processor recirculation systems. The RFP is open until May 31, 2007, and applications can be downloaded from www.bewaterwise.com. The total budget for this year's Program is \$550,000, which includes \$250,000 of Metropolitan funding and \$300,000 of Reclamation funding.

BioCycle Conference

Staff participated in a composting and waste management industry conference by providing a presentation on California Friendly Landscapes and Model Homes. As part of an ongoing, federally funded pilot program in partnership with Reclamation, Metropolitan has developed specifications for sustainable landscape design and construction under the title of "California Friendly Landscapes." Elements such as the use of compost as a soil amendment, and a potential reduction in green waste resulting from the use of climate-appropriate plants have garnered the interest and support of staff from the California Integrated Waste Management Board, which provides regulatory oversight on waste management and landfill operations in the state.



Metropolitan Water District General Manager's Monthly Activity Report—April 2007

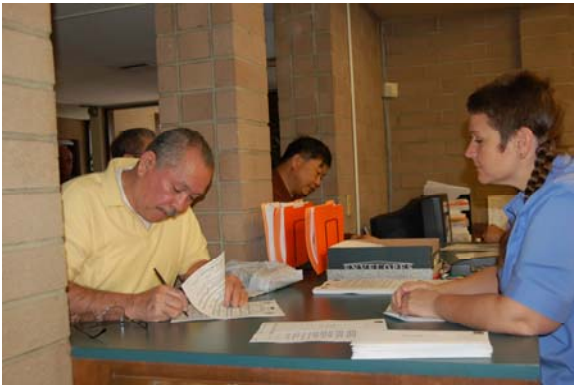
Water Management System Operations

Conservation

Weather-Based Irrigation Controller Program

Metropolitan and Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District distributed 160 weather-based irrigation controllers during a one-day exchange event held at the Upper San Gabriel office in El Monte. Metropolitan also partnered with the City of Santa Monica and Heal the Bay to distribute 67 weather-based irrigation controllers at an event on the Santa Monica Pier. Heal the Bay and Santa Monica advertised and staffed the distribution event. At the exchange events, participants provided a copy of their water bill and exchanged their old controllers for new, high-efficiency models. Participants were given training on installation and programming of the controller and were also given a DVD on installation and programming. A Proposition 13 grant administered by the California Department of Water Resources provided co-funding for both events.

Weather-Based Irrigation Controller Event



Conservation

California Friendly®

City Makeover events were held at National City's Paradise Creek Educational Park (April 17), South Oxnard Public Library (April 19), Shipley Nature Center (April 28) and Riverside-Corona Resource Conservation District Demonstration garden (April 29).

California Friendly® advertisements, including a Spanish-language version, focusing on Earth Day and the importance of water conservation were placed in several daily newspapers. Metropolitan received more than 200 calls in response to the advertisement.

California Friendly® was prominently mentioned in a Orange County Register article about a residential landscape contest supported by Metropolitan.

Water Demands

Water Sales Cash Year (May-April)

2,195,000 AF	Current Projection
2,108,000 AF	Budget Projection
87,000 AF	Difference

The current trend sales projection for Calendar Year 2007 is 2.4 MAF.

Sales/Deliveries

April Sales Projection	202,000 AF
April Deliver Projection	216,000 AF *

* excludes Desert Water / Coachella Valley

Distribution and Storage (As of 4/16/07)

	Current Storage	End of Month Forecast
Lake Mathews	120,259 AF	132,800 AF
Lake Skinner	37,717 AF	38,000 AF
DVL	724,032 AF	727,100 AF



System Operations

System Operations

Current Operations

Staff continues to configure the distribution system to support the planning objectives to best utilize Metropolitan's water supplies to meet agency demands. Estimated deliveries for April are 216,000 AF, of which 154,000 AF (or 71 percent) are from the State Water Project.

System reconfiguration was made during the Rialto Feeder shutdown to keep SWP imports at a high level by maximizing the use of Etiwanda Pipeline and Upper Feeder. During April, 12 hydroelectric generators were operated continuously to produce 55 megawatts (MW), while Diamond Valley Lake generators produced 6 MW for the first 10 days of April to meet demand due to reduced flow during maintenance activities on the Colorado River Aqueduct.

Dry-Year Operations

Staff has prepared operational actions in response to critical dry conditions. With low rainfall and poor snow pack conditions, 2007 is expected to be the driest year on record in Southern California since 1877. In addition, the Colorado River is experiencing the driest eight-year period on record. Operational actions include withdrawals from reservoirs and groundwater storage programs in Southern and Central California, discontinuation of surplus replenishment deliveries, and a call for voluntary conservation to reduce peak demands during the coming summer months. These actions are being coordinated with member agencies.

Operational Contingencies

Staff has prepared operational contingencies in response to the recent Alameda County Superior Court judgment in *Watershed Enforcers v. California Department of Water Resources*. This judgment directed DWR to cease operation of the Banks Pumping facilities of the State Water Project, pending incidental take authorization under the California Endangered Species Act. Operational contingencies include calls for voluntary conservation, maximizing SWP deliveries to replenish Castaic Lake and DVL through June, discontinuing interim agricultural deliveries, maximizing withdrawals from reservoirs and groundwater storage program in Southern and Central California, obtaining additional water deliveries through existing agreements and partnerships, and preparing shortage sharing allocations. These contingencies have been coordinated with the member agencies.

Replenishment

All replenishment deliveries, including State Water Project water, Colorado River water and blends of the two, were available in April, subject to system capacity and availability of groundwater spreading facilities. Due to increasing demand and decreasing supply forecasts, storage into conjunctive-use programs was suspended as of April 1, 2007, and replenishment deliveries were suspended as of May 1, 2007. Participating member agencies have been notified.

	<u>Agency</u>	<u>Connection</u>	<u>CFS</u>
		Replenishment	
	MWDOC	OC-11	155
Direct	Central Basin	CenB-28	60
	MWDOC	OC-28/28A	50
	Eastern MWD	EM-14	22
	Foothill	FM-01 (Injection)	1
In-lieu	MWDOC	Various	75
	Santa Ana	SA-01/02/04/06	20
	Anaheim	A-02 - A-07	15
	Fullerton	F-05/08	10
	Long Beach	LB-08	8
	West Basin	WB-04	2

Conveyance and Distribution

Colorado River Aqueduct - The 230 kV transmission tower ground replacement project started April 9. This was due to theft of copper on some 550 towers between Iron Mountain to Camino, Gene to Camino, and Camino to Nelson Road (Nevada). The project is expected to be completed by the end of April.



System Maintenance / Shutdowns

A portion of the Palos Verdes Feeder was taken out of service to replace two butterfly valves on a relief line at the Washington Street Pressure Control Structure. The shutdown was scheduled from April 10 - 12, and was completed one-day ahead of schedule. An unscheduled shutdown took place on the Rialto Pipeline from April 16 - 20. This allowed Metropolitan's contractor to replace a portion of the prestressed concrete pipeline that was found to have 85 wire breaks. Additionally, a bulkhead was installed at one of the future sectionalizing valve locations to minimize the reach of future shutdowns on the pipeline.

The Maintenance Management Integration Program has completed its assessment phase. Life Cycle Engineering conducted a two-week review of Metropolitan's maintenance practices, focusing on the Jensen plant. The assessment was to evaluate Metropolitan's maintenance-related activities and processes, and the consultant produced a report containing numerous findings and recommendations. The next phase of the program will consist of Master Planning and Strategic Planning efforts to develop and implement changes to Metropolitan's maintenance practices, with the goal of being more efficient. It is anticipated that the implementation of such changes will take 18-24 months.

Treatment Plant

A total of 114,304 acre-feet of treated water was projected for delivery in April. All five plants fully met primary drinking water quality regulations and Metropolitan's salinity and bromate objectives.

Summary of Plant Operations—April 2007

Plant	Capacity (CFS)	Projected Delivery	% SWP/CRA Blend
Jensen	1160	38,831 AF (653 cfs)	100
Diemer	805	23,359 AF (393 cfs)	55
Weymouth	805	19,821 AF (333 cfs)	60
Mills	248	6,989 AF (117 cfs)	100
Skinner	805	25,304 AF (425 cfs)	40

Contractor preparing to cut the pipe on the Rialto Pipeline



Bulkhead to be installed at a future sectionalizing valve location on the Rialto Pipeline





Power Operations and Planning

On March 26, staff met with outside energy legal counsel to discuss current regulatory filings and decisions at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. Additionally, staff and counsel had an initial exchange of ideas regarding actions to prepare for negotiations on the renewal of the Hoover power contract that expires in 2017.

Staff continues to meet with various parties interested in connecting solar and wind generation projects to Metropolitan's CRA transmission system. Staff is also negotiating an amendment to an interconnection agreement at the Hinds Pumping Plant's electrical substation to incorporate a new transmission line to Blythe, California.

Staff has attended various meetings and workshops and initiated discussions with Southern California Edison and the California Independent System Operator regarding the national mandatory power reliability standards. Metropolitan will be required to meet certain standards and will provide information to SCE and/or ISO for others. Compliance with the reliability standards is required by June 4, 2007, and the Western Electricity Coordinating Council will perform enforcement activities.

Taste-and-Odor

There is a planktonic methylisoborneol (MIB) producing blue green algae bloom in Lake Perris. MIB is isolated to the surface at a range of 7 to 18 parts per trillion (ppt). The effluent of the lake is acceptable with low levels of MIB (~ 2 ppt). There are no other significant taste-and-odor issues in the source water system at this time.

Perchlorate

On April 10, the U.S. House of Representatives Subcommittee of Water and Power Committee on Natural Resources held a hearing in Pomona, CA, titled "Sustainable Water Supplies for the West: Part 1 – Protecting Groundwater Resources." The purpose of the hearing was to determine how perchlorate contamination might affect the long-term sustainability of groundwater resources in Southern California. The Congressional representatives present at the hearing included Grace Napolitano, Joe Baca, and Hilda Solis.

Eight witnesses provided written statements and a five-minute summary statement. Brad Coffey, Water Treatment Section Manager, presented Metropolitan's statement, which included background on perchlorate, impact on local supplies, monitoring and contamination history of the Colorado River, treatment technologies, remediation update at Henderson, Nevada, and Metropolitan's Perchlorate Action Plan.

Perchlorate contamination of local groundwater basins remains a serious threat to local supplies. Some agencies, particularly those who rely heavily on groundwater or are not within Metropolitan's service area, find that mitigation for perchlorate – though technically feasible – carries a large financial burden. Metropolitan, through its regional approach to water supply planning, has helped to mitigate the perchlorate issue by advocating for rapid cleanup of the Las Vegas Wash, planning for water quality uncertainties, and funding local groundwater recovery projects. Though much work remains to be done, the supply impacts from perchlorate contamination have been planned for or addressed to minimize the threat to the region's overall supply.



Summary

- Ongoing Contracts - 24 construction contracts and 5 related procurement contracts were ongoing through March. The total bid amount of the 24 construction contracts in progress is over \$939.9 million.
- March Payments - Over \$25 million in contract payments was made for construction performed in the month of March. Over \$11 million was related to work at the Skinner plant, including the ongoing construction of ozonation facilities, the 110-mgd Module 7, and the upgraded chemical system modifications. Over \$6 million related to rehabilitation work on the Colorado River Aqueduct. Over \$4 million was for 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 chlorine containment facilities, and the south slope stabilization work. Over \$2 million was for the chemical system upgrades and chlorine containment facilities at the Mills Plant.
- Major Contracts - Through April 22, the Inland Feeder, Arrowhead East Tunnel mining effort has advanced a total of 17,305 feet, which is 77 percent of the tunnel length. At the Arrowhead West Tunnel, the mining effort has advanced a total of 10,645 feet, which is 54 percent of the tunnel length.
- Other Contracts - At the Skinner plant, the Module 7 construction is 99 percent complete, start-up activities will begin in early May, and ozone facility construction is 49 percent complete. At the Diemer plant, the 144" inlet conduit was relocated to a more seismically stable location during the April plant shutdown. Construction of the Oxidation Retrofit Program Site Preparation work is approximately 40 percent complete. Construction of the new Plant Maintenance Facilities is complete, with the contractor now performing punch list items. Construction of the Vehicle Maintenance Center is approximately 88 percent complete. Construction of Phase I of the Chemical Tank Farm Improvements for the ORP is approximately 92 percent complete. Final design of the ozone facilities is approximately 90 percent complete. At the Weymouth plant, final design of the new ozone facilities is complete and the construction project was advertised for bids on April 12, 2007.

Summary continued.....

- Awarded Contracts - In April, the Board appropriated a total of \$1.867 million in capital funds for (1) refurbishment of 36 flocculators at the Weymouth treatment plant and (2) urgent repairs to the Rialto Pipeline under a change order to J. F. Shea.

Profile on CIP Program

Skinner Water Treatment Plant Expansion No. 4 :

The Skinner Water Treatment Plant Expansion No. 4 program includes construction of a new 110-mgd water treatment module (Module No. 7) and supporting facilities. In order to expedite construction of the expansion, the work is being completed under multiple construction contracts. Recent activities at Diemer include the following:

- Washwater Reclamation Plant No. 3 construction is needed as a replacement for WWRP No. 2 which was demolished to make room for the new ozone facilities, as well as to handle increased used washwater flows and solids from Module 7. Construction was performed under the Oxidation Retrofit Project construction contract, and was completed in December 2006.
- Module No. 7 construction includes new flocculation and settlement basins, filters, solids collection and pumping equipment, and a chemical injection and mixing system. The new module will be on-line this summer.
- The Chemical Systems Modifications construction is approximately 94 percent complete and is scheduled to be completed on September 1, 2007. The chemical feed systems portion of this construction, which is used to support Module No. 7, will be completed by May 2007.



Capital Investment Plan
 Real Estate Management

Facility Planning

Business Development

As part of its effort to improve its knowledge of member agency operations to maximize planning efforts, staff met with staff from Inland Empire Utilities Agency and Three Valleys Municipal Water District to exchange information on operations. A joint Integrated Area Studies meeting was held on April 19, 2007 and staff made several policy presentations, including discussions on: groundwater pump-in to Metropolitan facilities; connections on major Metropolitan conveyance facilities; and the effects of agriculture water deliveries on facility timing. Policy discussions continued on potential potable-to-treated-water pump-in projects. A potable-to-treated-water pump-in project would involve a member agency introducing potable water into Metropolitan's treated water system. A key factor in gaining acceptance of a potential potable-to-treated water pump-in project would be to develop a water quality monitoring program to safeguard downstream users.

Diamond Valley Recreation Program

Appropriation Budget	
Approved distributed funds	\$ 68.1 M
Undistributed funds	\$ 24.7 M
Total Appropriation	\$ 92.8 M
Surplus Property Sales *	\$ 4.7 M
<i>Actual expenditure as of 03/31/07</i>	\$ 61.5 M

* Appropriated for use related to the Center for Water Education debt per February 2007 Board Action.

Diamond Valley Lake Marina Usage Trends

Due to great weather and strong fisheries, DVL enjoyed record-breaking attendance in March and April 2007. 9,284 visitors in March 2007 was double that of March 2006. Attendance numbers for April, typically a strong month for the marina, are expected to exceed 2006 statistics by 18 percent.

Leases, Licenses and Entry Permits

- An entry permit was issued to Los Angeles County Sanitation District No. 2 to construct a sewer line crossing the Middle Cross Feeder near the Rio Hondo Power Plant.
- An entry permit was issued to Mr. Andy Domenigoni to allow horseback riding in conjunction with the 2007 Domenigoni Ranch Charity Ride for Diabetes, benefiting Diabetic Youth Services. The ride took place at the property located west of Diamond Valley Lake.

Real Estate Activities

Metropolitan acquired an entry permit from the SC Fontana Development Corporation. The entry permit provides for construction and equipment staging during repairs to the Foothill Feeder.

Metropolitan acquired a permanent easement from Dayton Hudson (representing Target Stores, Inc.) for ingress and egress parallel to the existing West Basin Feeder alignment.

Metropolitan received a right-of-entry permit from the State of California Department of Parks and Recreation that allows studies to proceed for a secondary access road into the Diemer water treatment plant.

The Alameda Transportation Authority granted two permanent easements to Metropolitan. These easements were granted as replacement rights for the relocation of the Palos Verde Feeder. The PV Feeder was relocated from its former alignment to land owned by Alameda Transportation Authority during the Alameda Corridor Federal Rail Project.

Metropolitan entered into two telecommunication lease agreements to support two-way radio services. One leased location is in the Parker/Vidal, California region, and the second installation is near Searchlight, Nevada.



Classification / Compensation

American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees

Representatives of HR and AFSCME, comprising the Classification and Compensation Study's Core Team, have continued to meet to move the Study forward. The Core Team is preparing to schedule "focus group" meetings with employees in each job classification and their supervisors. The information gathered at these meetings will be used to craft new job descriptions.

Association of Confidential Employees

HR and ACE representatives have continued to meet, and have now reached concurrence on a majority of new job descriptions. The parties will be working to reconcile discrepancies on a handful of new descriptions and will be ready to enter the final phase of the Classification and Compensation Study, which will consist of meeting and conferring over new salaries, as appropriate.

New Employee Orientation

Fifteen new hires who completed probation attended a celebratory event hosted by the General Manager. Upon completion of probation, 31 new employees participated in an Inspection Trip on April 26 – 27.

New Employees Inspection Trip Group



Recruitment

Twelve new hires started employment at Metropolitan in April.

Employee Recognition

The Service Awards Luncheon honors those employees with over 20 years of service. On April 25, 32 employees, their family and friends, supervisors and executive management attended this event.

Apprenticeship Program

Training progress – Nine apprentices continue their 8th training period after a 40-hour Water Treatment Operator Certification (T2/T3) class held in late January. The 8th training period focuses on proficiency of hands-on skills. (see photo below)

Seventeen apprentices began their 4th training period in February. Electrical apprentice's curriculum includes Intermediate Motor Controls Troubleshooting, and NEC – Feeder and Branch Circuit Calculations. Mechanical apprentice's study includes Piping Systems – Installing and Maintaining Valves, and Maintenance Pipefitting.

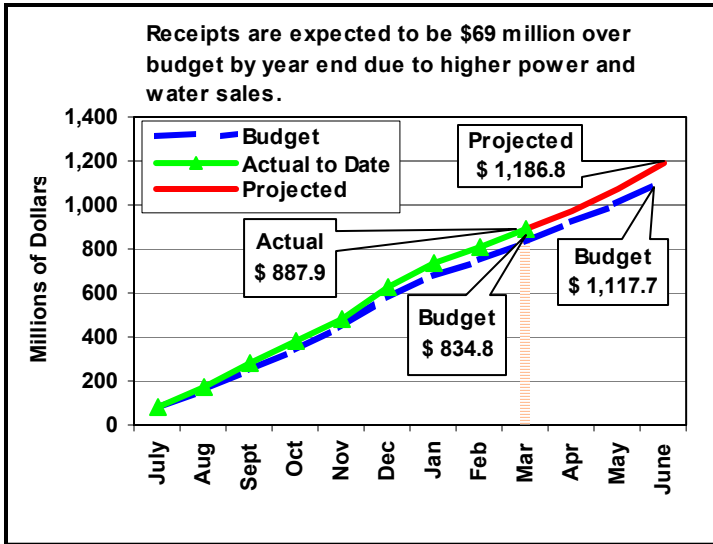
Recruitment of new apprentices – Staff has finalized recruitment of 31 new apprentices (13 electrical and 18 mechanical). Human Resources is conducting the necessary medical and background clearance. It is anticipated that the new apprentices will be on board by June.

Copper Piping Exercise

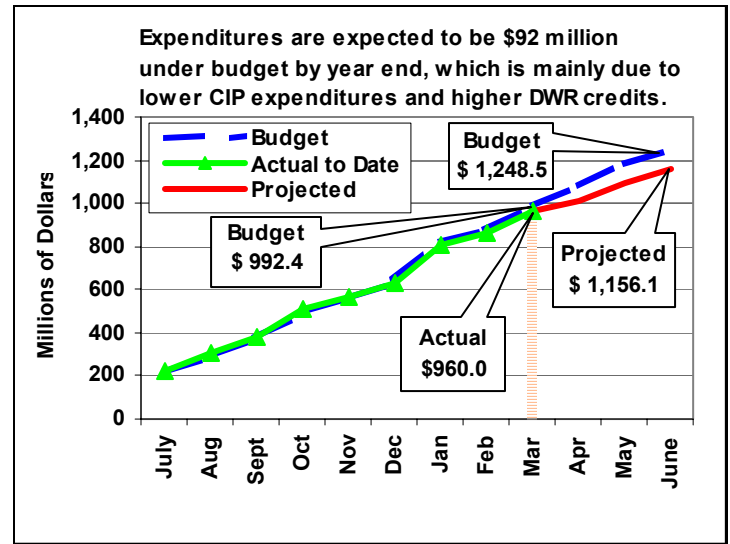




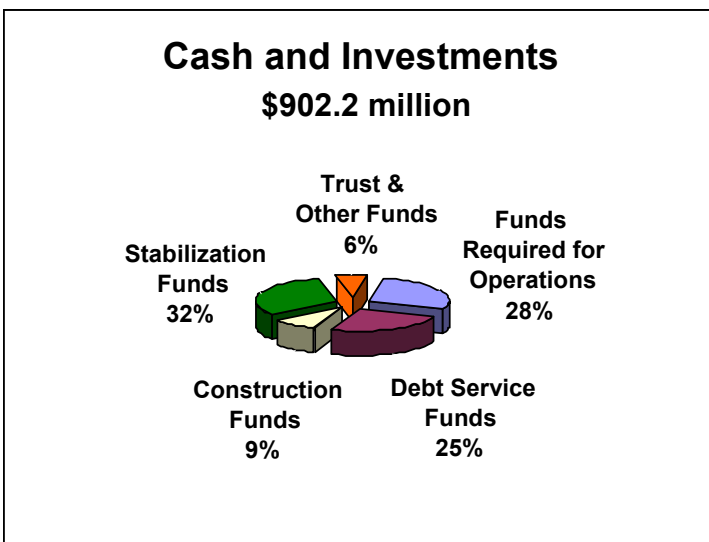
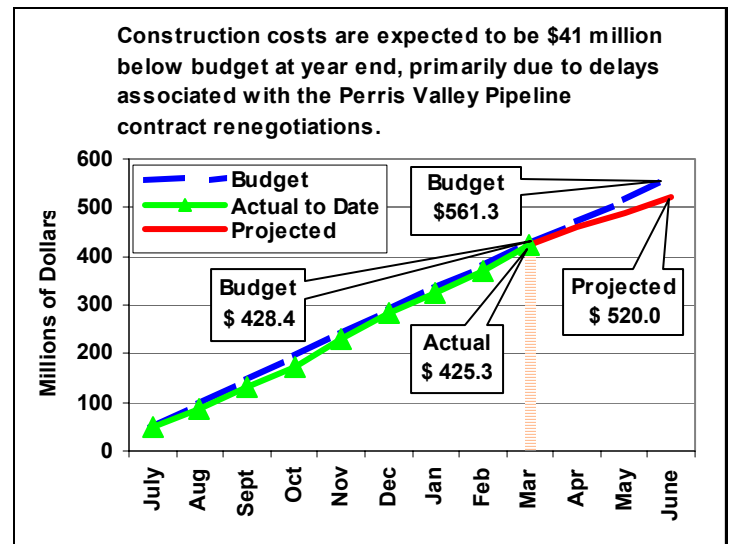
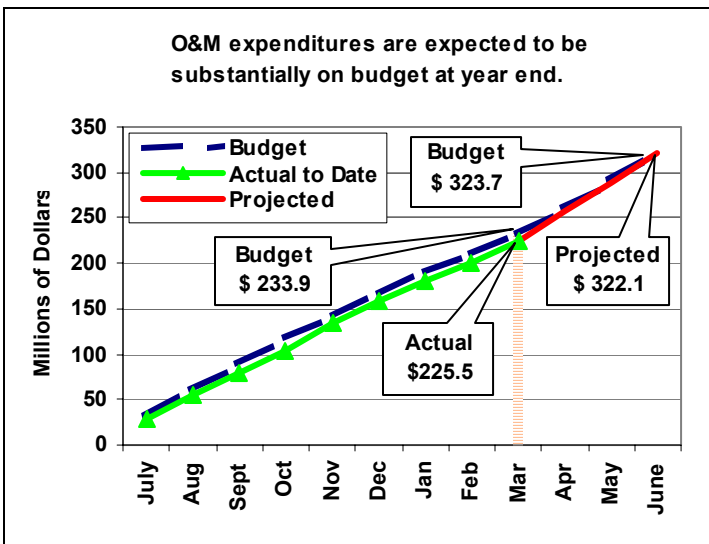
As of March 31, 2007



Excludes Bond Construction and Other Trust Funds Activity



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Summary Financial Statistics

	Target	Actual
Fixed Charge Coverage	1.20 x	1.33 x
Revenue Debt Service Coverage	2.00 x	1.88 x
Revenue Bond Debt / Equity Ratio	100.0%	69.7%

Credit Ratings

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



Energy Management Program

Metropolitan's Energy Management Program was initiated to coordinate all energy management efforts undertaken to enhance Metropolitan's energy efficiency and cost-effectiveness, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and support renewable energy projects. Determination of Metropolitan's initial greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions inventory was completed in February 2007. The data is undergoing final review before posting to the California Climate Action Registry. Staff is reviewing Metropolitan's GHG emissions levels to determine recommended reduction goals. Identification of projects and initiatives to achieve the reduction goals are also 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 to reduce purchased electrical energy, reduce indirect GHG emissions and improve Metropolitan's energy efficiency. In addition, Energy Efficiency Audits have been conducted at the Skinner and Weymouth water treatment plants by Southern California Edison and Metropolitan personnel. Recommendations from those audits are under review for implementation by staff at those facilities.

Emergency Management

On April 4, a Metropolitan-wide expanded tabletop exercise, "Hollywood Havoc," was conducted based on an earthquake scenario on the Hollywood Fault. All Incident Command Centers, including treatment plants, conveyance and distribution, Water Quality, Business Services, and Information Technology participated, with the Emergency Operations Center overseeing the entire simulated response. Altogether there were 180 participants. This exercise was to enhance Metropolitan's ability to respond to a major disaster.

Staff conducted a Member Agency Response System radio test on April 18. Thirteen member agencies participated. The test was successful with most participating agencies. Additional repairs are scheduled for the Saddle Peak repeater. Two agencies were already aware of problems with their own radios.

Security

Used savings in project agreement funds to expand video surveillance capability at Intake with addition of new closed-circuit television cameras.



Environmental, Health & Safety

An electrical hazard assessment was recently conducted to update and ensure the highest level of employee safety in the prevention of arc flashing off electrical panels. Staff completed the Lake Mathews Power Plant as a pilot. As a result, labels will be placed on each panel that will identify the hazard, level of personal protective equipment, and other safety controls.

The Environmental, Health and Safety Tactical Assessment and Compliance Program continues and is currently 75 percent complete. Soto Street, along with its associated reservoirs and power plants are being assessed. Studies at Eagle Rock, Los Angeles Garage and Lake Skinner will follow.



Information Technology

Deployed Internet-Based Recruitment Software - Resume Mirror

Staff implemented Resume Mirror (Internet-based recruitment software), which will allow both internal and external candidates to submit their job applications and resumes on-line over the Internet. Initially, Human Resources staff will use the system before it is released to job applicants for use. The deployment of Resume Mirror completes Phase I of the HR Improvement project.

Deployed New Laptops to Board of Directors

As part of the PC Replacement rollout plan, new laptops were deployed to the Board of Directors in the month of April. Preparations are currently underway to begin the deployment of new desktop and laptops units to Metropolitan staff.

Completed Network Data Storage Upgrade

During the period, IT staff successfully migrated data from an old data storage system to a new system. This upgrade affected a large number of primary network data drives and required significant planning to ensure that file access permissions transferred properly to the new environment. This migration was a huge undertaking and was conducted over a holiday weekend to minimize any interruption of service to Metropolitan staff.

Business Outreach

Metropolitan Co-host Greater Los Angeles Vendor Fair

Known as the area's largest public contracting and procurement networking event, the Greater Los Angeles Vendor Fair drew over 2,000 small business owners to the April 11 event, held at Los Angeles Convention Center.

The Vendor Fair is hosted by five of the largest Southern California public agencies: the City of Los Angeles, County of Los Angeles, Los Angeles Unified School District, Los Angeles Metropolitan Transportation Authority and The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California. The event theme "Green Growth equals Contracts, Environment and Opportunities" highlighted the environment-friendly businesses, and energy and environment design requirements in public contracts.

Weymouth Oxidation Retrofit Networking Event

On April 12, Business Outreach partnered with the Engineering Section and held an informational and networking event at the Weymouth water quality lab. At this event, business owners were given an opportunity to meet Metropolitan's Engineering Staff and Business Outreach Team, get an overview of the \$125 - \$150 million Weymouth Oxidation Project, learn strategies for putting together effective proposals, and network with contractors, sub-contractors, and suppliers. Over 80 subcontractors and three general contractors attended the event.



Federal Legislative Update

Staff worked with a variety of water organizations in Washington, D.C. to brief members of the House and Senate appropriations committees on the importance of restoring federal funding to the American Water Works Association Research Foundation. This foundation has served as an important forum for developing federal, state and local financial resources to sustain applied research in the field of water quality and drinking water standard compliance technology.

State Legislative and Local Government Update

April 3 – Director Helen Hansen and staff from Metropolitan and the Long Beach Water Department met with Assembly Member Laura Richardson regarding emerging Bay-Delta issues.

April 4 – Director Nancy Sutley, Deputy General Manager Linda Waade and staff met with Assembly Member Michael Feuer and district staff to review state and local water issues.

April 17-18 – Director Larry Dick and Metropolitan staff joined the Orange County Business Council and local business leaders on legislative and administration briefings in Sacramento. Among the items discussed were infrastructure and water-related legislation.

April 19 – Deputy General Manager Timothy Quinn presented the Bay-Delta Emergency Preparedness Plan to approximately 150 water leaders at the Association of Water Agencies of Ventura County's breakfast event.

April 20 – Director Jim Blake and staff provided a one-day Diamond Valley Lake tour for members of the Fullerton Chamber of Commerce. The tour included stops at Lake Mathews and at KB Home's "California Friendly" housing development in Perris.

April 20 – Director Ted Grandsen and staff met with Assembly Member Cameron Smyth to provide an overview of Metropolitan and the Bay-Delta Emergency Preparedness Plan.

April 25 – Timothy Quinn and Dr. Ellen Hanak of the Public Policy Institute of California presented the Bay-Delta Emergency Preparedness Plan to more than 50 members of the Energy, Environment and Water Committee of the Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce.

State Legislative and Local Government Update continued.....

April 27 – Director Terry Mylne, Linda Waade and staff met with Assembly Member Kevin Jeffries. The assemblyman was provided with an overview of Metropolitan followed by a discussion of emerging Bay-Delta issues.

Following are legislative highlights at the time of this report:

AB 224 (Wolk): Would incorporate the impacts of climate change in water supply planning. Status: Passed the Assembly Natural Resources Committee on April 23 on vote of 6 to 1. Referred to Assembly Appropriations Committee. *Metropolitan Position: Support*

AB 1260 (Caballero): Would clarify a public agency's requirements for proper notice regarding fee increases for property-related services. Status: Passed the Assembly Local Government Committee on April 24 on vote of 5 to 2. Moves to Assembly floor for vote. *Metropolitan Position: Support*

AB 1420 (Laird): Would encourage the implementation of Best Management Practices for water conservation by urban water agencies. Status: Passed the Assembly Water, Parks and Wildlife Committee on April 24 on vote of 9 to 3. *Metropolitan Position: Co-Sponsor/Support*

SB 178 (Steinberg): Would establish a statewide groundwater-monitoring program. Status: Senate Appropriations Committee suspense file. *Metropolitan Position: Support*

SB 27 (Simitian, Machado, Steinberg and Perata): Originally introduced (Simitian) as a vehicle for authorizing and financing a new Delta conveyance facility. Bill was amended to require a detailed analysis of the five alternatives recommended for further study in the Public Policy Institution of California report. The bill states the intent of the Legislature to make a decision among these alternatives, or hybrids of them, during 2008 and enact legislation accordingly. *Metropolitan Position: Support*



Community Outreach & Other Events

Staff provided a variety of services to several Southern California water agencies, school districts and community groups celebrating Earth Day, including events held by Central Basin Municipal Water District, San Juan Capistrano Water Department and the Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts.

In addition, staff provided education outreach programs and activities to a variety of students at numerous schools and events, including: Cucamonga Valley Water District's Children's Water Festival; Grace Brethren School in Long Beach; Norwalk High School; South Los Angeles Earth Day Celebration; Annual Environmental Expo event at California State University, San Bernardino and Hermosa Valley Elementary School.

In addition, staff:

- Provided an overview about Metropolitan to 20 water executives from China.
- Conducted outreach to Rancho Cucamonga residents affected by the urgent Rialto Feeder repair project.
- Coordinated a helicopter tour and briefing on regional and local facilities for members of the Western Municipal Water District Board of Directors. General Manager Jeffrey Kightlinger and Chief Operating Officer Debra Man provided an overview of key water policy issues.

Education

- In preparation for the upcoming Solar Cup event, staff presented banners to Temecula Valley High School, Moreno Valley Canyon Springs High School, San Geronio High School and Lake Elsinore Unified School District.
- Staff conducted Diamond Valley Lake field trips and conducted programs for students from seven Inland Empire schools and for members of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Murrietta.
- Staff met with Member Agency education coordinators in the final quarterly meeting to review and process implementation of Metropolitan's Education Strategic Plan.

Media

- The Press Office managed numerous news media inquiries involving the *Watershed Enforcers v. Department of Water Resources, et al.*
- The Press Office collaborated with Three Valleys Municipal Water District and Inland Empire Utilities District, along with many retail agencies, to urge conservation in advance of an urgent shutdown to repair a portion of the Rialto Feeder, resulting in positive coverage in local television news and newspapers and a 45 percent reduction in water use.
- Staff managed various other news media requests, including a proposed secondary access road at Diemer, chlorine storage at Jensen and recreation at Diamond Valley Lake.
- Beginning in April, the Straight From The Tap video news show extended its broadcast reach to 10 more cities, including nine in the Southland and one in Northern California. The Metropolitan series now airs on 135 statewide cable stations.
- Staff provided bilingual media efforts for the Rialto Feeder repair work and the Diemer plant shutdown, resulting in interviews with prominent Spanish language television news stations.