

- **General Manager's May 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 May 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
- Business Outreach
- Finance
- Business Processes / Operations
- External Affairs

## **Attachments**

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General Manager's Monthly Activity Report



# Water Management

## Colorado River

### Reservoir Storage

	5/23/07 Storage	Percent of Capacity
Lake Powell	12.4 MAF	51%
Lake Mead	13.1 MAF	51%

### Metropolitan Increases PVID Following Call

During May, Metropolitan increased its following call with Palo Verde Irrigation District on a voluntary basis beginning August 1 of this year. Under existing contract terms, Metropolitan is required to give the PVID farmers a 12-month notice in order to require them to fallow land at Metropolitan's call. During May, however, the PVID Board of Directors approved a one-time voluntary fallowing call that would begin on much shorter notice – only a few months. It is anticipated that many of the farmers will participate in the voluntary program, which includes the same payment terms as the formal program, and Metropolitan projects about 12,000 acre-feet of additional Colorado River supplies being made available for a total of about 72,000 acre-feet.

## Salton Sea Restoration

On May 25, 2007, the Secretary of Resources issued a report to the Legislature identifying a preferred alternative for restoration of the Salton Sea ecosystem. The preferred alternative draws on alternatives identified in the previously released draft programmatic Environmental Impact Report. The report estimates an \$8.9 billion cost for the preferred alternative. The legislature is expected to consider the report's recommendations that include funding a \$500 million five-year plan that would culminate in all designs and permits required to begin construction. A more detailed analysis of the report will be prepared for the Board.

## State Water Project

As of 5/23/07	Storage To-Date	Percent of Capacity
Lake Oroville	2.995 MAF	84%
San Luis Reservoir	1.185 MAF	58%
San Luis State Share	0.683 MAF	64%

### Delta Smelt / DWR Shuts Down Delta Pumps

Monitoring in mid-May of juvenile Delta smelt suggested that smelt populations are now at their lowest levels ever. Moreover, the location of a few smelt juveniles were found near the state and federal pumps.

On May 31, the California Department of Water Resources shut down the State Water Project pumping facilities in the Delta, to provide maximum protection for Delta smelt that are currently located near the SWP facilities. DWR anticipates the shut down will last from seven to ten days or until Delta water temperatures warm up and the smelt move west to cooler waters. Metropolitan urged state leaders to also quickly address the other potential causes of the Delta smelt decline, including toxic contaminants, invasive species, power plant operations and Delta pumping from other sources. Metropolitan is working closely with DWR, the State Water Contractors and the member agencies on contingency planning and operations to respond to the immediate situation as well as the potential for ongoing constraints that could affect SWP supplies over the next few years. In addition, Metropolitan is identifying actions that should be aggressively considered and pursued in order to support the restoration of the fish population as well as supply reliability.

### CVWD/DWA/MWD Exchange

Metropolitan notified the Coachella Valley Water District (Coachella) and the Desert Water Agency (DWA) that it will not exercise its option to call-back Table A supplies Metropolitan transferred to those two agencies under the 2003 Exchange Agreement, saving nearly \$19 million in SWP fixed costs. Metropolitan will make 60,000 AF of exchange deliveries to Coachella and DWA from the Advance Delivery Account held in the aquifer beneath the upper Coachella Valley. Currently Metropolitan has 224,000 AF of Metropolitan storage credits held in the Advance Delivery Account as of January 1, 2007. This action maximizes Metropolitan's use of stored supplies while saving dollars.



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# Water Management System Operations

## Groundwater Resource Assessment Workshop

The draft Groundwater Resource Assessment has been released to member agencies and groundwater basin managers for review since April 10. Staff held a feedback workshop with the member agencies and basin managers on May 24 to actively solicit comments on the draft report and elements for inclusion in the executive summary. In general, staff received positive feedback that the draft is technically accurate and captures essential data on the groundwater basins. Formal comments on the draft are due to Metropolitan staff on June 12. With the comments, staff will make appropriate revisions, produce the executive summary and finalize the report. The final report will be presented to the Board in September.

## Lake Perris

Staff worked with the California Department of Water Resources to lower the water elevation in Lake Perris to approximately 1,561 feet to allow DWR to perform boat ramp related work to comply with Americans with Disabilities requirements.

## Water Demands

Water Sales Cash Year (May-April)

2,368,550 AF	Current Projection
2,161,750 AF	Budget Projection
206,800 AF	Difference

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

## Sales/Deliveries

May Sales Projection	221,000 AF
May Deliver Projection	229,000 AF *

\* excludes Desert Water / Coachella Valley

## Distribution and Storage (As of 5/17/07)

	<u>Current Storage</u>	<u>End of Month Forecast</u>
Lake Mathews	132,680 AF	144,706 AF
Lake Skinner	38,422 AF	38,000 AF
DVL	728,533 AF	733,996 AF



# System Operations

## System Operations

Over 4,000 acre-feet of high-quality groundwater have been delivered to Metropolitan from the Arvin-Edison Water Management Program, under the expanded program terms approved by the Board in May. Additional supplies from banking partners are currently being scheduled for delivery to Metropolitan.

## Conveyance and Distribution

System Operations partnered with IT on handheld devices for use by field maintenance personnel with the objective of improving timekeeping and equipment inventory processes.

## Treatment Plant

A small leak (5 gpm) was discovered on an influent pipeline at the Diemer water treatment plant. Repair will not require any shutdown or loss of production. Staff is coordinating with a contractor on the repair.

Staff continues to prepare the Chemical Unloading Facility in Perris to begin transloading chlorine from railcars to truck trailers beginning in July. Staff is working with the Department of Homeland Security and the Riverside County Sheriff's Department to review security protocols.

A total of 126,900 acre-feet of treated water was projected for delivery in May. All five treatment plants met primary drinking water quality regulations and Metropolitan's goals for salinity, turbidity, and disinfection by-products.

## System Maintenance / Shutdowns

Staff is preparing for a shutdown of San Diego Pipeline No. 5 to replace two distressed sections of prestressed pipe; that shutdown is currently scheduled for June 5 - 13.

### FEMA Disaster Repairs

In late-December 2004 and mid-February 2005, Southern California experienced record rainfall. These two rainfall events were declared as federal disasters. During the two events, some Metropolitan facilities and patrol roads in Riverside, San Diego, Orange, San Bernardino, and Los Angeles Counties incurred damages due to severe erosion. Metropolitan submitted eight projects to the Governor's Office of Emergency Services for FEMA reimbursements. To date, Metropolitan has received from FEMA over \$621,000 for repairs made due to the storm-related damages. In addition, approximately \$1.257 million is anticipated from FEMA for the repair projects.

Also, Metropolitan has submitted for FEMA reimbursement for January 2007 freeze-related damage, the repair of some leaking points at Lakeview Siphon on the Colorado River Aqueduct; \$276,900 is being sought for this FEMA claim.

## Replenishment

Replenishment and conjunctive-use groundwater storage deliveries are not currently available, due to the dry-year conditions.

### Summary of Plant Operations—May 2007

Plant	Capacity (CFS)	Projected Delivery (AF)	Projected SWP Blend %
Diemer	805	22,400	75
Jensen	1,160	38,300	100
Mills	248	9,100	100
Skinner	805	34,200	40
Weymouth	805	22,900	83



## Power Operations and Planning

On May 15, staff participated in a California Energy Commission workshop on electrical resource adequacy. Electric load serving entities in California must meet certain electric reserve requirements to assure power system reliability. As part of Metropolitan's 1987 Service and Interchange Agreement with Southern California Edison, the provision and report on electrical reserves above the expected load for the CRA is the responsibility of SCE.

Staff attended a power rate hearing for Hoover Dam power on May 9, and submitted written comments on the proposed rates. Metropolitan requested information on projected future costs associated with mandatory reliability requirements, security, personnel retirement, and the Visitor Center.

Negotiations continue on a new contract for the sale of power from some of Metropolitan's small conduit hydro-power plants and modification of an agreement to provide power for the transport of water on the Colorado River Aqueduct. Metropolitan will receive increased compensation for the hydro generation due to the increased value of "renewable" energy and seek simplification of the administrative process in managing small energy schedules.

## Taste-and-Odor

Lake Skinner has been experiencing a slowly developing earthy/musty taste-and-odor event with geosmin concentrations not yet exceeding 8 parts per trillion--water leaving the treatment plant is acceptable but is being closely monitored.

## Source Water Protection

Water quality staff put together its first Source Water Protection Workshop for the 26 member agencies on May 17 at Etiwanda. Presentations focused on planning efforts and regulatory initiatives, emerging threats to drinking water sources, as well as projects, tools and programs to manage and protect source waters and the watershed. Speakers included regulators from the California Department of Health Services, the Environmental Protection Agency Region 9, experts from the LA County Department of Public Works, Sanitation Districts of LA County, Orange County Water District, and water quality staff. The workshop was well received and there will be continued follow up on this issue.

## Chromium 6

Chromium 6 is present in a groundwater aquifer along the Colorado River near the town of Topock, Arizona. The contamination is from past disposal practices at a Pacific Gas and Electric gas compressor station.

As outlined in the Chromium 6 Action Plan, which was adopted by the Board on May 8, staff has initiated a task force with PG&E and has met on March 29 and May 14. The most recent meeting was to discuss the feasibility of a subsurface barrier (an option for the final treatment). Meetings will continue to be held every two months.

Chairman Brick, Directors Fellow, De Jesus, Edwards, Little, Peterson, and Pocklington, Debra Man, Gilbert Ivey, Karen Tachiki and other staff members visited the Topock site on May 18. PG&E provided an overview of the history and current remediation efforts. The group visited the current monitoring and treatment systems, as well as some of the sensitive cultural and wildlife areas that could be affected by the final treatment remedy.



Metropolitan Board members and staff and PG&E staff standing at site of Indian sacred ground (Topock Maze) near PG&E Topock remediation groundwater area.



## Summary

- Ongoing Contracts - 22 construction contracts and 5 related procurement contracts were ongoing through April. The total bid amount of the 22 construction contracts in progress is over \$964.6 million.
- April Payments - Over \$24 million in contract payments were made for construction performed in the month of April. Over \$11 million were related to work at the Skinner plant, including the ongoing construction of ozonation facilities, and the upgraded chemical system modifications. Over \$3 million were related to work at the Diemer plant, including the ongoing construction of the vehicle maintenance center and solids handling, the chemical system upgrade, and the south slope stabilization work. Nearly, \$2 million were related to the chemical system upgrades at the Mills Plant. And \$1.4 million were related to Chlorine Containment and Fluoride project at Jensen.
- Major Contracts - Through May 28, the Inland Feeder Arrowhead East Tunnel mining effort has advanced a total of 17,940 feet, which is 80 percent of the tunnel length. At the Arrowhead West Tunnel, the mining effort has advanced a total of 11,150 feet, which is 56 percent of the tunnel length.
- Other Contracts - At the Skinner plant, the Module 7 construction was completed in May 2007. Start-up and testing of the facility is currently underway, the Chemical Systems modification construction is approximately 96 percent complete and is scheduled to be completed in September 2007, and the ozone facility construction is 52 percent complete. At the Diemer plant, the construction of the ORP Site Preparation work is approximately 50 percent complete. Construction of the new Plant Maintenance Facilities is complete, staff has taken occupancy and the building is in full operation. Construction of the Vehicle Maintenance Center is approximately 92 percent complete. Construction of Phase I of the Chemical Tank Farm Improvements for the ORP is approximately 94 percent complete. Final design of the Diemer ozone facilities is approximately 92 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 2007. The schedule to open bids is late June 2007.

## Summary continued.....

- Awarded Contracts - In May, the Board appropriated \$1.56 million in capital funds for repair of two pipe segments on San Diego Pipeline No. 5.

## Profile on CIP Program

### Infrastructure Reliability :

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. The program currently contains 52 projects, of which 20 have been completed. Recent activities include the following:

- San Diego Pipeline No. 5 Repairs: Results of recent electromagnetic inspections on San Diego Pipeline No. 5 identified two 24-foot-long distressed segments of prestressed concrete cylinder pipe (PCCP) with up to 50 and 20 prestressed wire breaks. The Board authorized the repairs in May 2007. The work involves replacement of the two 96-inch diameter PCCP segments with equivalent lengths of welded steel pipe. Staff completed final design and fabricated the welded steel pipe in May; the repairs are scheduled for a 9-day shutdown beginning in early June 2007. Repairs will proceed concurrently with another shutdown scheduled by the San Diego County Water Authority.
- Middle Feeder Cathodic Protection – Final design was completed and the Middle Feeder Cathodic Protection project was advertised for bids on May 21, 2007.
- Lakeview Pipeline Cathodic Protection – Final design was completed and the Lakeview Pipeline Cathodic Protection project was advertised for bids on May 28, 2007.
- San Diego Pipelines Nos. 1 and 3 – Metropolitan forces completed installation of 29 six-inch butterfly valves during the April 2007 shutdown. The remaining non-shutdown work will be completed by June 2007.

The program is on schedule to be completed in fiscal year 2011/12 and is within budget.



Capital Investment Plan  
 Real Estate Management

Facility Planning

**Water Supply Planning**

Metropolitan staff met with entities in the West Valley Area to gather information about facilities, local projects and demands as part of the ongoing Integrated Area Studies. Staff also presented preliminary information on potential future gaps in conveyance and treated water availability for the West Valley Area.

The collaborative Integrated Area Study process is aimed at better integrating local and regional planning efforts and clarifying policy issues related to facility planning. The overall Study effort now includes four independent studies that focus on specific portions of Metropolitan's service area. Joint meetings are also conducted with all four of the teams to discuss policy issues.

In May, a Joint Integrated Area Study meeting was held to summarize the policies that have been clarified to date and to review initial project evaluations for the Riverside/San Diego IAS. The teams reviewed the performance measure descriptions and scoring methods and refined the weighting of each objective. At the end of the month, a second Riverside/San Diego IAS project workshop was held to develop alternative portfolios of projects that could meet future demands. These draft portfolios will be discussed with all IAS teams in June.

Leases, Licenses and Entry Permits

An entry permit was issued to Columbia Broadcasting Systems Paramount Network Television to film scenes for the television series "Numbers" and another entry permit was issued to Twentieth Century Fox Television to film scenes for the television series "Shark." Both filming productions were completed at Metropolitan's Union Station Headquarters Building.

An entry permit was issued to Rancho Cucamonga Valley Water District for access and temporary placement of a portable nitrate removal system in the vicinity of the Rialto Pipeline.

A lease was granted to Pine Trails Partners for a passive greenbelt park for an adjacent residential development in the City of San Bernardino.

Staff continued site visits and inspections of existing leases and licenses. These assessments are done to observe and enforce lessee's compliance with agreement terms.

Real Estate Activities

Right-of-way acquisition is continuing along the south reach of the Perris Valley Pipeline alignment in the City of Perris. Acquisition of entry permits to monitor ground water is continuing along the south reach of the San Diego No. 6 Pipeline alignment.

**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 04/30/07</i>	\$ 61.8 M

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



Installed new solar-powered surveillance cameras at Diamond Valley Lake where power connections are absent.



## Workforce Business Outreach

### Training and Organization Effectiveness

Human Resources partnered with External Affairs and Information Technology to launch a *Learn Vista and Office 2007* training website to prepare users to take advantage of the ease-of-use and productivity improvements of the PC Replacement Project. Short videos, QuickClips, e-learning courses, and learning tips and guides provide employees quick, easily accessible 24/7 training which reduces the need for traditional, away from the job and classroom training. The training strategy focuses on providing employees with a wide assortment of learning opportunities:

1. before the new computer arrives at an employee's workstation,
2. to effectively use the new computer and software from day 1,
3. to address technical learning issues that may arise, and
4. to take advantage of the productivity improvements of the new software.

### Recruitment

There are 177 recruitments in various stages of the process. The 32 apprentice program candidates have been offered positions and 10 candidates started at Metropolitan on May 21, 2007. New processes have been implemented regarding the Reinstatement Class Member Program and to reduce the overall time for recruitment.

The Short-Term Recruiting and Talent Acquisition Pilot Program is continuing with 18 recruitments being handled by PeopleFilter. The first employee recruited through this process started on May 21 and four more jobs offers are pending acceptance. All relevant milestones in recruitments assigned to the pilot program are being tracked for comparison to regular recruitments.

### Health Benefits Advisory Committee

All bargaining units participated in focus groups facilitated by ABD Consultants to the Health Benefits Advisory Committee. The focus group results will be discussed with the committee at its next meeting.

### Business Outreach

#### Chairman Timothy F. Brick hosts "Connect 2 MET" in Pasadena

On May 4, Metropolitan and The City of Pasadena jointly hosted its eighth Connect 2 MET conference at the Huntington Gardens in Pasadena. Chairman Brick welcomed over 240 attendees, the largest attendance since starting the program in 2005. The objective of the event is to connect the Directors' local business constituency with business opportunities at Metropolitan and other public agency partners. Chairman Brick said, "Metropolitan is committed to providing an economic stimulus to the region and this is evident by the \$500 million invested into the small business community since the program started in 2002."

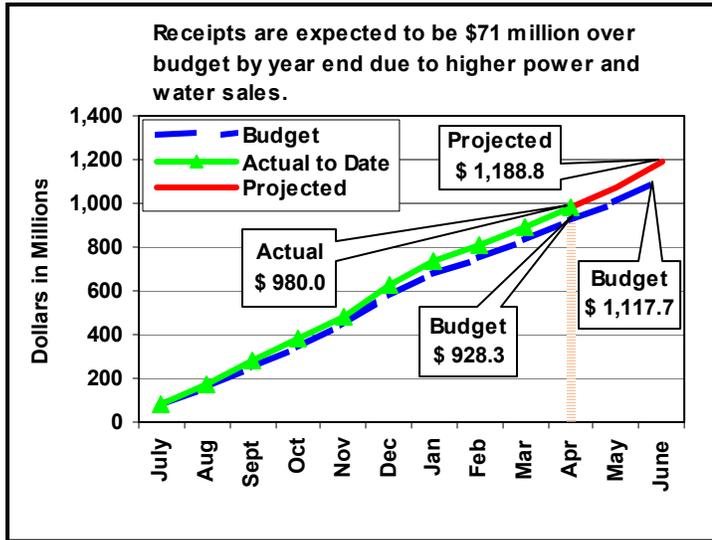
Resource partners and strategic partners included: The City of Pasadena, the Port of Long Beach, METRO, Los Angeles Community College District, the Los Angeles Unified School District, Jet Propulsion Laboratory, The Gas Company, The Los Angeles Minority Business Opportunity Center, The Department of General Services, and Metropolitan.

### Focus on Fitness

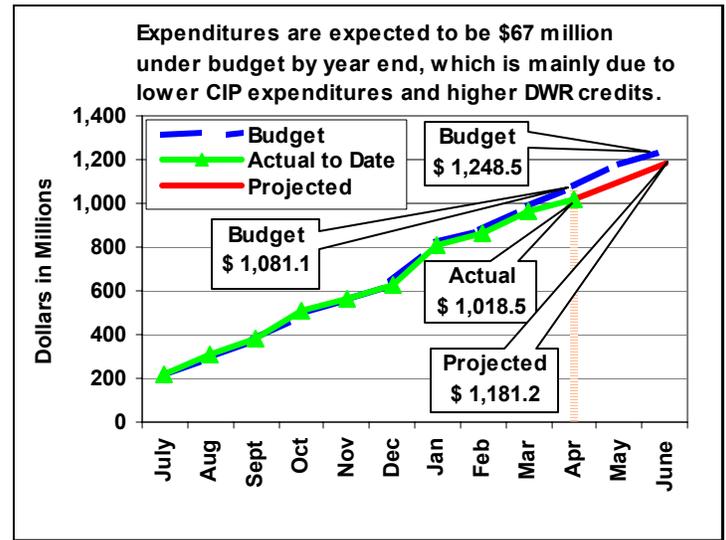
As part of Metropolitan's Wellness Program, nearly 80 employees just completed the Active for Life program recently sponsored by Metropolitan. Active for Life is a 10-week program designed by the American Cancer Society to encourage physical activity in and out of the workplace. Participants are measured by a system called Life Points. Feedback from those who participated in the first program was so positive, registration for the Active for Life Campaign II, which began in early May, increased almost 70 percent. There are now 136 employees joining teams and getting support to make healthy choices.



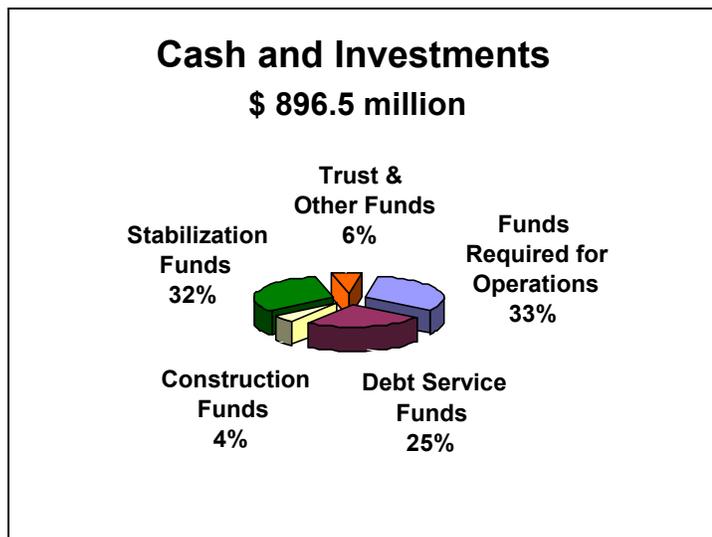
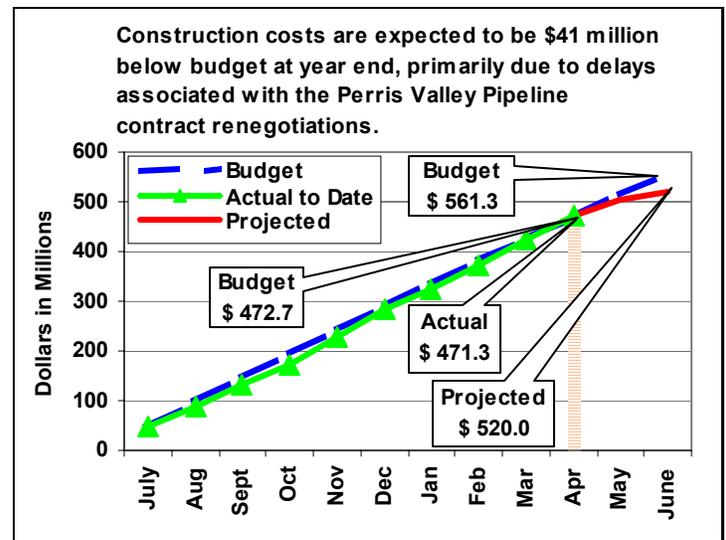
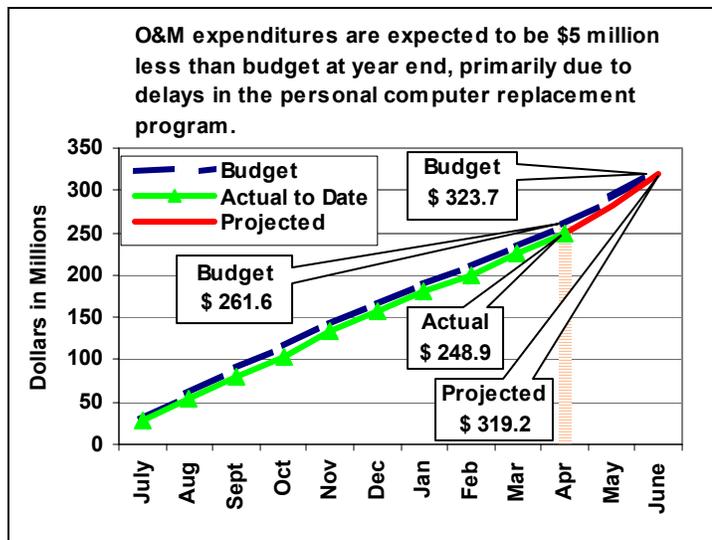
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Excludes Bond Construction and Other Trust Funds Activity



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### Summary Financial Statistics

	Target	Actual
Fixed Charge Coverage	1.20 x	1.40 x
Revenue Debt Service Coverage	2.00 x	1.85 x
Revenue Bond Debt / Equity Ratio	100.0%	67.4%

#### Credit Ratings

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



## Information Technology

### Mobile Technology Pilot for Calabasas Feeder

During the period, staff deployed handheld mobile devices to maintenance workers on a pilot basis. The handheld devices were set up to display and create work orders, allow time entry, and collect asset data on approximately 40 structures in the Calabasas feeder. Preliminary results are positive. The next step will be a pilot for the East Valley Feeder consisting of approximately 105 structures, which is scheduled for completion in June.

### PC Replacement Project

In keeping with the overall project plan, IT began deploying new desktops and laptops to some water quality staff members in the month of May as part of a pre-pilot phase of the rollout. Results from the pre-pilot rollout will be evaluated before moving forward to the pilot deployment at a number of field facilities, slated to occur in June.

### Phase I of the Comprehensive Information Security Assessment and Remediation Project

In May, staff completed Phase I of the Comprehensive Information Security Assessment and Remediation Project. The key deliverables from this project included:

- Completed a comprehensive cyber security assessment by a security consultant,
- Implemented stronger security on Metropolitan laptop computers, and
- Deployed enhanced security for the Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition network.

## Security

Metropolitan supported the largest mass transit terrorist detection exercise in U.S. history as Metropolitan Transportation Authority, Amtrak, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department, Homeland Security, and other agencies deployed bomb-sniffing dogs and over 200 officers at Union Station and other stations on April 28. Staff were stationed in MTA's Emergency Operations Center and participated in the post-event debriefing. Local participants successfully caught all role-players of the red team who were trying to infiltrate the train station with explosive-trace materials.

New solar-powered surveillance cameras at Diamond Valley Lake, where power connections are absent, were installed. Innovative enclosures were included to protect the solar array and camera from accidental damage.

## Emergency Management

A Radio and Patrol Route Exercise was conducted on May 15 throughout Metropolitan's work sites. Patrollers covered all pipelines. All treatment plant and conveyance and distribution Incident Command Centers responded.

Emergency response staff assisted Diemer and Weymouth plants in holding Incident Command Center exercises in coordination with the Hazardous Materials First Responder Operations drills.

## Environmental, Health & Safety

The Environmental, Health and Safety Tactical Assessment and Compliance Program continues and is currently 80 percent complete. As a result, employee-training requirements have been identified and training class schedules have been developed for the facilities surveyed.



## Federal Legislative Update

April 30 - May 2: Chairman Tim Brick, Vice Chair Tony Fellow, Director Isadore Hall, Chief Administrative Officer Gilbert Ivey, Deputy General Manager Linda Waade and Brad Hiltcher, Executive Legislative Representative, attended a series of meetings in Washington, D.C. with California congressional delegation members, including: George Miller, Grace Napolitano, George Radanovich, Lucille Roybal-Allard and Bob Filner to discuss Metropolitan's federal legislative priorities and policies. A meeting was also held with Daniel Beard, Chief Administrative Officer for the U.S. House of Representatives, regarding the federal "green building" initiative program, and other global climate change concerns.

## State Legislative and Local Government Update

During the month of May, Metropolitan staff joined several organizations in their annual legislative trips to Sacramento. Organizations hosting these trips included the Independent Cities Association, Harbor Association of Industry and Commerce, League of California Cities, Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce, the South Bay Association of Chambers of Commerce and United Chambers of Commerce. Each trip included discussions with legislators concerning local government issues, funding concerns and infrastructure needs

May 4: Metropolitan held a community leaders briefing for Assemblyman Van Tran (R-68) in Anaheim. Director Daniel Griset served as the master of ceremonies. General Manager Jeffrey Kightlinger provided an update on water legislation and the use of bond money for water infrastructure.

May 4: Deputy General Manager Timothy Quinn addressed 120 mayors and council members with the League of California Cities Los Angeles County division and provided them with an update on the status of Metropolitan's proposed "Emergency Preparedness Response Plan" and other key Delta issues.

May 8-11: The Association of California Water Agencies hosted its Spring Conference in Sacramento. Governor Schwarzenegger was the keynote luncheon speaker on the opening day of the conference. A number of Directors and staff attended.

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

May 14: The Governor's office released the "May revise" – an update of the revenues and expenditures since the January release of his fiscal 2007/08 state budget. The May revise identifies modified spending proposals based upon recalculated revenues and priorities. Among the changes identified in the May revise of interest to Metropolitan are:

### Department of Water Resources

- \$629.9 million from Propositions 13, 84 and 1E and the general fund to continue the repair of critical levee erosion sites, provide local flood control subventions and continue development of the state's strategic flood management capability; and
- \$13.9 million from Proposition 84 to supplement the San Joaquin River settlement.

### Department of Fish and Game

- \$5.7 million from the general fund for the exclusion and eradication of the quagga mussel;
- \$6.8 million from Proposition 84 for the Lower Colorado River Multi-Species Habitat Conservation Plan;
- \$2 million from the general fund for interim management of the Salton Sea; and
- \$47.3 million from the general fund and \$34.7 million from Proposition 84 for the lining of the All American and Coachella Canals.

May 15: Metropolitan staff met with Los Angeles County Supervisor Gloria Molina's staff regarding the California Friendly® programs. Recently, the county Board of Supervisors adopted a Molina-sponsored resolution requiring all county facilities of more than 10,000 square feet to be LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Silver Certified. Metropolitan staff briefed the supervisor's staff on the benefits of our California Friendly programs – highlighting residential and commercial/industrial rebates and programs.

May 31: Chairman Brick, Director John Morris and Metropolitan staff attended a luncheon honoring Congresswoman Grace F. Napolitano for her achievements benefiting the San Gabriel Valley. The luncheon was organized by the San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership, San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments and the Public Affairs Network of the San Gabriel Valley.



## Media

- The Press Office managed multiple news media inquiries about dry-weather conditions and water supplies. Stories included a KABC-TV (Los Angeles) interview with General Manager Jeff Kightlinger on the shores of Lake Mead, and a San Jose Mercury News article acknowledging Metropolitan and Southern California for water efficiency gains.
- Jeff Kightlinger appeared on KTLA's (Channel 5 in Los Angeles) "Pacesetters" program along with David Nahai, President of the City of Los Angeles Department of Water and Power Commission, as part of a discussion about record-dry conditions.

## California Friendly®

In response to record-dry conditions affecting the region and Metropolitan's major sources of water supply, Metropolitan launched a radio advertisement campaign throughout the Southland. The five-week campaign began Memorial Day, involving 10-second spots during traffic reports on 91 radio stations. The "Let's Save Water" campaign focused on the dry conditions and provided simple tips for consumers to save water, in addition to directing them to the website [bewaterwise.com](http://bewaterwise.com) for more tips.

Metropolitan received a report on the pilot "LEED® for Homes" program in collaboration with the U.S. Green Building Council. The Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design demonstration program for homes examined a rating system for homes to earn the LEED design. The voluntary program recognizes the top 25 percent of green homebuilders for environmentally sound construction. Metropolitan financially participated to determine how its California Friendly water standards could be utilized. The program identified opportunities to cross-market LEED® for Homes and California Friendly Homes programs.

## Education

Sun-powered boats from Diamond Bar High School and Pamela County Park in Duarte, won their respective divisions (veterans and newcomers) at the Fifth Annual Solar Cup™ event held May 18-20 at Lake Skinner recreation area. Teams from 41 high schools in five southland counties competed in the three-day event, the culmination of a six-month education program in which high school students apply engineering and math skills and learn more about water conservation and resource management. News media coverage in advance and during the event was substantial and included positive, prominent front-page newspaper stories and features on local television stations.

Additional educational and community outreach events included:

- A multi-agency Community Water Conservation Festival was held at the Water Life Campus in Hemet. Staff collaborated with Eastern and Western Municipal Water Districts; local retail agencies Elsinore Valley and Rancho California Water District, and the California Department of Water Resources, federal Bureau of Reclamation and water conservation vendors to help educate the public on water saving technology and techniques. About 1,000 people attended the event.
- Staff conducted 10 Diamond Valley Lake education programs with 326 students from five Inland Empire schools.
- The "Water is Life" student art exhibit was in the city of Corona and Cucamonga Valley Water District this month.

## Community Outreach & Other Events

Staff participation at community outreach and other events included:

- Diamond Valley Lake tours for the Water Corporation of Western Australia and the Riverside County Historical Commission.
- A briefing for Riverside county Supervisor Marion Ashley on water quality initiatives at Lake Perris.
- Outreach to 60 residents who may be affected by the San Diego Pipeline No. 5 emergency repair program.