

- **General Manager's June 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 June 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



## Colorado River

### Reservoir Storage

	6/20/07 Storage	Percent of Capacity
Lake Powell	12.9 MAF	53%
Lake Mead	12.8 MAF	49%

### Reclamation Formally Releases Preferred Alternative

On June 20, Reclamation released its preferred alternative to be included in the Final Environmental Impact Study for Interim Shortage Guidelines. As expected, the preferred alternative matches the Basin States alternative, with one modification to increase the amount of Intentionally Created Surplus (ICS) water that can be stored in Lake Mead. The purpose of the increased ICS storage is to include the potential to offer storage credits to parties that are not signatories of the Basin States Agreement, including the Republic of Mexico. A record of decision is anticipated in December of this year.

### Colorado River Basin Salinity Control Forum

The Forum met on June 5 and 6 to review salinity control projects proposed for FY2007/08. One concern raised was the rapid pace of oil shale development in the Upper Colorado River Basin, which has been put on the fast track through the Energy and Policy Act of 2005. Oil shale development has potential water supply and quality impacts, and impacts to natural resources and local infrastructure. At this time, only small-scale projects have been approved to test feasibility of recovering oil from the shale. If the technology proves effective, commercial leases could be granted, and new power plants would need to be constructed to support energy demand for the extraction process. About 90,000 acre-feet of water would be needed to generate 1 million barrels of oil, and the impacts to salinity are uncertain.

Also of concern were land use changes in western Colorado resulting in increased pond construction for recreational and residential landscaping. Most of these ponds are unlined and as the water percolates into the Mancos shale it increases salt loading to the Colorado River.

## State Water Project

As of 6/20/07	Storage To-Date	Percent of Capacity
Lake Oroville	2.8 MAF	80%
San Luis Reservoir	0.7 MAF	32%
San Luis State Share	0.4 MAF	40%

### Delta Smelt / SWP Banks Pumping Plant Shut Down

Recent surveys and estimated population numbers for juvenile Delta smelt this spring are extremely low -- about 15 percent of the low juvenile abundance of last year and perhaps a quarter of what should have been produced from the number of spawning adults this past winter. The causes of the shrinking population are unknown, but likely due to a combination of factors including poor reproductive conditions of adults and/or survival problems for larvae, with toxics and food availability two prime suspects. Other stressors include pumping both in the Delta and by the state and federal water projects. In light of the low numbers, DWR voluntarily shut down the Banks Pumping Plant from June 1 through June 9 to reduce the salvage of Delta smelt and to allow smelt to move out of the south Delta. The U.S. Bureau of Reclamation also limited pumping at the Central Valley Project Jones Pumping Plant to between 800 and 900 cubic feet per second during this period to meet health and safety needs of CVP contractors. On June 10, DWR resumed limited pumping to meet critical public health and safety water needs. On June 18, Banks pumping increased to 495 cfs, and DWR is expected to gradually increase Banks pumping to normal levels by beginning of July. DWR decided to increase Banks pumping levels due to more favorable tidal conditions for Delta smelt, and rising south Delta water temperatures that will encourage smelt to move into cooler regions of the Bay-Delta. DWR and Department of Fish and Game continue to closely monitor Delta smelt conditions.



### **Basin States Discuss Augmentation Report, Mexico Outreach**

On June 25, representatives of the Colorado River Basin States and the Bureau of Reclamation met to review the findings of a report analyzing options to augment the water supply of the Colorado River. The study evaluates costs and potential implementation issues of a wide array of projects, including water importation, water reuse, vegetative management, desalination and storm water management. A technical committee of the Basin States will evaluate the options in July and determine which projects are the most promising.

At the meeting, Reclamation reported on a recent meeting between Secretary Kempthorne and Mexican Ambassador Sarukhan. While there is concern about the lining of the All-American Canal and the potential for water shortages in the near future, Mexican officials were open to a holistic approach to water management that includes the potential for water storage credits in Lake Mead and water supply programs with U.S. partners, such as seawater desalination and agricultural conservation. A meeting between the State Department and the Basin States to discuss these issues in more detail is being scheduled for August.

### **Notice Of Preparation for Perris Dam Remediation Project**

On June 1, the California Department of Water Resources issued a Notice of Preparation to interested parties indicating that DWR is beginning preparation of an Environmental Impact Report for the Perris Dam Remediation Project. DWR has selected rehabilitating the dam to its historical level of elevation 1,588 feet, or 131,000 acre-feet capacity, as its preferred option, including replacing the outlet tower and constructing a new release channel to provide safe carriage of emergency drawdown flows. Metropolitan will be commenting on the Notice.

### **Prop. 50 Grant Award**

In June, the California Department of Water Resources notified Metropolitan that its high-efficiency washer program proposal was selected to receive Proposition 50 grant funding totaling \$2 million under the 2007 Water Use Efficiency Program. Funding will be used to implement an incentive program targeting up to 80,000 of the new generation of high-efficiency clothes washers with water factor 5.0 or better, and replace bridge funding approved by the Board in March 2007. These washers would save an average of about 9,600 gallons per year. Next steps are to obtain Board resolution accepting grant funds and execute a funding agreement for the project.

### **Regional Facilitator Meeting**

In June, staff held the first Regional Facilitator Meeting for Local Projects with the member agencies. At this meeting, member agencies gave input on the role they want Metropolitan to take to improve the environment for development of recycled water, groundwater recovery, and seawater desalination. Topics of interest included regional coordination on regulatory issues, legislative approaches, funding options, technical issues, and public acceptance. The Regional Facilitator Meetings are scheduled to occur every other month. Staff will report back to the Board on the process through the *Semiannual Report on Metropolitan's Local Resource and Conservation Programs*.



# System Operations

## Water Demands

Water Sales Cash Year (May-April)

2,348,470 AF	Current Projection
2,161,750 AF	Budget Projection
186,720 AF	Difference

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

## Sales/Deliveries

June Sales Projection 226,000 AF  
 June Deliver Projection 220,000 AF \*

\* excludes Desert Water / Coachella Valley

## Distribution and Storage (As of 6/20/07)

	<u>Current Storage</u>	<u>End of Month Forecast</u>
Lake Mathews	155,800 AF	162,200 AF
Lake Skinner	38,700 AF	40,000 AF
DVL	730,200 AF	730,500 AF

Lake Perris storage, as of June 20, is 70,500 acre-feet, or 54 percent of capacity. The projected end-of-month is 69,900 AF.

## System Operations

Staff continues to maximize the use of State Water Project to meet system demands. Estimated deliveries for June are 220,000 AF, of which 158,000 AF (or 72 percent) are from the SWP. By maintaining high SWP imports, reservoir storage for Lake Mathews, Skinner, and DVL will increase from 911,000 AF (or 88 percent full) at the beginning of June to 933,000 AF (or 90 percent full) by the end of June.

## Conveyance and Distribution

Repairs on the San Diego Pipeline No. 5 were made June 5 - 10 and completed three days ahead of schedule. Staff began planning for the 2007/2008 Shutdown Season, including meeting with member agencies to review the proposed shutdowns.

## Treatment Plant

Staff continues to prepare Module 7 at the Skinner water treatment plant to begin delivering treated water in July. Module 7 will add 110 million-gallons-per-day of additional capacity to the current capacity of 520 mgd. This expansion will relieve restrictions on the treated water capacity at the Skinner plant.

A total of 139,000 acre-feet of treated water were projected for delivery in June. All five treatment plants met primary drinking water quality regulations and Metropolitan's goals for salinity, turbidity, and disinfection by-products.

## Replenishment

All replenishment and conjunctive-use groundwater storage deliveries are currently unavailable, due to concerns related to SWP deliveries during this period.

## Power Operations and Planning

The Energy Policy Act of 2005 required all users, owners, and operators of high-voltage transmission systems to register and comply with mandatory reliability standards. June 18, 2007 was set as the effective date for the initial 9 reliability standards. On May 31, Metropolitan satisfied 74 requirements associated with the 11 reliability standards that apply to Metropolitan. Southern California Edison will register and be responsible for other standards pertaining to Metropolitan's 238 kV CRA transmission system.

Metropolitan continues to work with SCE on: (1) an agreement to modify the requirements to deliver energy needed to move conserved water on the CRA, (2) the sale of energy from nine of Metropolitan's small hydro generators, and (3) a supplemental facilities agreement to expand SCE's substation at the Hinds Pumping Plant to allow for the termination of a new transmission line from a generator in the Blythe area.



## Quagga Mussels

The recent detection of increased quagga larval and adult mussel densities has resulted in the need to intensify the control measures that will be proposed as part of Phase II of the Quagga Mussel Control Program. Staff is evaluating additional interim measures for mussel control given that quagga mussel infestation in Lakes Mead and Mohave is much more advanced than originally estimated. A two-day Quagga Mussel Sampling and Analysis Coordination Meeting was held at Metropolitan's Gene facility on June 6 and 7 with representatives from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services, California Fish and Game, U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, Department of Water Resources, L.A. Department of Water and Power, City of San Diego, Southern Nevada Water Authority, and Portland State University. The objectives of the coordination meeting were to establish common monitoring and analysis methodology; discuss monitoring and control plans for the Colorado River and Metropolitan's aqueduct; and discuss mussel control strategies for Copper Basin and Gene Wash.

### Quagga Mussel Sampling and Analysis Coordination Meeting at Gene Camp



## Taste-and-Odor

Since mid-May, Castaic Lake has been experiencing planktonic production of geosmin. The surface concentrations have fluctuated between 3 and 63 parts-per-trillion geosmin. This bloom has been slow to develop and has had no effect on finished water at the Jensen plant. Staff will continue monitoring the lake and treat as appropriate. There are no other taste-and-odor issues in Metropolitan's source or treated water.

## Moab Board Tour

On June 14, Chairman Brick, several directors, and staff visited Moab, Utah and were briefed on the Department of Energy's plan to remove Uranium mine tailings from the site. The tour included views of the pile and extraction wells and a discussion of interim and long-term remediation efforts. Following the tour, a meeting was held with the Grand County Council and staff from Congressman Matheson's office to discuss legislative strategies to ensure prioritization of funding for the project.

### Moab Mill Tailings Pile – Moab, Utah



## Fluoridation

A fluoridation workshop is scheduled for July 31. This is an informational workshop for Metropolitan's member agencies and retail customers, prior to the October on-line date.

A panel of experts will be invited to the August 20 Water Quality and Operations Committee meeting to discuss recent developments on drinking water fluoridation.



## Summary

- Ongoing Contracts - 21 construction contracts and 5 related procurement contracts were ongoing through May. The total bid amount of the 21 construction contracts in progress is over \$954.8 million.
- May Payments - Over \$20 million in contract payments were made for construction performed in the month of May. Over \$8 million were related to work at the Skinner plant, including the ongoing construction of ozonation facilities, and the chemical system modifications. About \$5.2 million were expended on the Arrowhead Tunnels construction. Over \$3 million were related to work at the Diemer plant, including construction of the vehicle maintenance center and solids handling facilities, the chemical system upgrade, and the south slope stabilization work. Nearly, \$1 million were related to the chemical system upgrades at the Mills plant. And \$1.1 million were related to construction of the chlorine containment facilities at Jensen.
- Major Contracts - Through June 24, the Inland Feeder, Arrowhead East Tunnel mining effort has advanced a total of 18,300 feet, which is 81 percent of the tunnel length. At the Arrowhead West Tunnel, the mining effort has advanced a total of 11,740 feet, which is 59 percent of the tunnel length.
- Other Contracts - At the Skinner plant, Module 7 will be placed into service in July, providing an additional 110 million gallons per day of treatment capacity; the Chemical Systems modification construction is approximately 98 percent complete and completion is scheduled for September 2007; the ozone facility construction is 54 percent complete. At the Diemer plant, the construction of the south slope stabilization 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 94 percent complete; construction of Phase I of the Chemical Tank Farm Improvements for the Oxidation Retrofit Program is approximately 96 percent complete; and final design of the ozone facilities is approximately 95 percent complete. At the Weymouth plant, final design of the new ozone facilities is complete and advertisement for bids occurred in April 2007. Bids are scheduled to be opened in early July 2007.

## Summary continued.....

- Awarded Contracts - A \$14.6 million contract was awarded to C.W. Roen Construction Co. to construct ozone contactors at the Mills plant. A \$9.03 million contract was awarded to Brutoco Engineering & Construction to construct the Weymouth Operations and Maintenance Building.

## Profile on CIP Program

**Jensen Water Treatment Plant Improvements Program:** This program was initiated to maintain reliability and to improve operating efficiency of the Jensen plant through specific improvement projects. The program currently contains 18 projects. Recent activities include the following:

- Washwater Pump Modifications; Phases 1 and 2, Final design for Phase 1 completion is scheduled for August 2007. Phase 1 will install a recirculation line with a modulating valve to reduce frequent pump on/off cycling and stabilize the reclaimed washwater return flow rate to the main plant influent. Phase 2 will retrofit ten pumps in the washwater reclamation plants with variable speed motor drives to provide uniform and controlled flow to the washwater reclamation plants. Final design for Phase 2 will commence after the start-up and successful operation of Phase 1.
- Reactivate Mixing and Settling Basins – Construction is on hold pending the settlement of environmental issues associated with disposal of the old sealant material.
- Solids Handling Facility – Preliminary design completion is scheduled for July 2007.
- Solids Thickener Capacity Increase – Two new solids thickeners are under design to increase solids processing capacity. Final design completion is scheduled to for August 2007.
- Module No. 1 Filter Valve Refurbishment – The four valves in Filter Bank No. 16 were replaced in February 2007. An evaluation is underway to prioritize the replacement sequence of the remaining valves in Module No. 1, and a subsequent Board action is planned for late 2007 to authorize refurbishment or procurement of replacement valves for the other filter banks in Module No. 1.
- Alum-to-Polymer Tank Conversion – Preliminary design completion is scheduled for July 2007 for the conversion of the plant's existing alum tank to polymer service.
- Administration Building Seismic Upgrades – Final design is underway for upgrades that will strengthen the seismic integrity.



Capital Investment Plan  
 Real Estate Management

Facility Planning

The collaborative Integrated Area Study (IAS) process is aimed at better integrating local and regional planning efforts and clarifying policy issues related to facility planning. Metropolitan staff held a workshop on June 5, 2007 for the Riverside/San Diego member agencies to discuss initial project portfolios and rankings. Each portfolio is a grouping of facilities that would meet the projected demand over the next 50 years. Metropolitan and Member Agency staff are applying agreed upon criteria to rank portfolios. On June 20, 2007 staff held a Rialto Integrated Area Studies meeting to gather additional information from the member agencies on operations and potential for demand and peaking management. On June 22, 2007, staff held a joint IAS meeting with member agencies from the Central Pool and Riverside/San Diego areas to discuss project portfolios and rankings. During July, staff will continue to work on the Rialto and West Valley IAS, complete policy clarifications, and continue discussions on implementation.

Lake Skinner Recreation Operations

The 24<sup>th</sup> annual Temecula Valley Balloon and Wine Festival was held at Riverside County Parks Lake Skinner Recreation Area June 1-3. The event included live entertainment, wine tasting, a kid's faire, arts & crafts and commercial exhibits, and hot air balloon flights. Approximately 38,000 visitors were expected.

Hot Air Balloon over Lake Skinner



Leases, Licenses and Entry Permits

A license was issued to Agri-Empire, Inc. for three temporary above-ground irrigation lines crossing the Colorado River Aqueduct (Lakeview Pipeline).

An entry permit was amended and issued to the United States of America, Department of the Navy. The amendment extends the permit term an additional 12 months to conduct soil sampling at the Morris Reservoir peninsula.

An entry permit was issued to Underground Solutions, Inc., to perform potholing services along the Colorado River Aqueduct. These studies will be used to support design work for a proposed water supply line for Eastern Municipal Water District.

An entry permit was issued to City of La Habra to construct a sidewalk and retaining wall near Metropolitan's Coyote Creek Pressure Control Structure.

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.

Diamond Valley Lake

Attendance at the Diamond Valley Lake marina continues to increase over previous months. June 2007 visitors exceeded 2006 by 32 percent.

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 05/31/07</i>	\$ 61.5 M

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



## Workforce Business Outreach

### Training and Organization Effectiveness

Human Resources staff worked closely with IT to conduct a Focus Group on the Personal Computer Replacement Project with the Pre-Pilot team in the Water Quality Lab. Feedback on both deployment and online training resources was very positive and enthusiastic about the new capabilities of the software and having faster PCs. Participants expressed appreciation for the value of just-in-time online learning resources over traditional classroom training for this deployment.

### Recruitment

Twenty more pre-apprentice program candidates started employment at Metropolitan during this month, bringing to 30, the number of new candidates hired for the Apprenticeship Program.

### New Employee Orientation

A total of 23 employees were hired during the month of June, for a total of 148 new employees brought on-board for the 2006/07 Fiscal Year. The General Manager and the Director of Human Resources hosted 18 new employees who completed probation recently, for a celebratory/ training event.

### Human Resources Information Systems

The upgrade to PeopleSoft 8.9 was kicked-off with a presentation of the project plan and features to HR staff and management.

### Health Benefits Advisory Committee

The Health Benefits Advisory Committee met on June 26 to review the findings of the bargaining unit focus groups on current benefits and services.

### Business Outreach

#### Business Networking Events

June 13-14: Participated in the Keeping the Promise Expo in Anaheim. This event is hosted by the Disabled Veteran Business Owners in California. The two-day conference drew over 1,200 participants. Metropolitan participated in the breakout sessions, 24 business matchmaking sessions and the awards gala honoring those serving in the military over the last 80 years.

June 25-28: Participated in the national Women Business Enterprise National Council Conference. The 8th annual national conference and business fair is the largest event of its kind in the nation for women's business enterprises. The event attracted over 2,500 attendees and more than 400 exhibitors.

June 28: Business Outreach staff presented an overview of the program at the City of Compton Business Networking breakfast. Director Isadore Hall III hosted this event.

#### Working Relationships and Partnering

June 1: Business Outreach staff presented an overview of the program to members of Director Apodaca's one-day tour at Diamond Valley Lake.

June 2: Metropolitan's Business Outreach Manager, John Arena, was recently appointed to the State of California's Small Business Advisory Council. The Small Business Advocate for Caltrans announced at the council meeting that Metropolitan would be a liaison in its outreach to Southern California. Caltrans will announce over \$40 billion dollars worth of projects in the upcoming months in Southern California.

#### Vendor Development

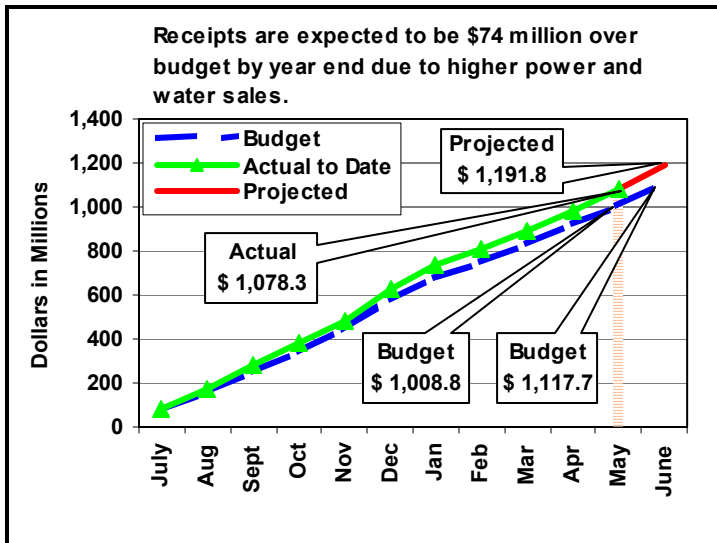
June 4: In partnership with the Federal Procurement Training Assistance Center in San Diego, Business Outreach staff taught a class on "How to break into the Government Market." Thirty-two business owners attended the four-hour session.

June 14: Business Outreach hosted a "Pre-Construction Planning" class at Union Station. Twenty-eight business owners attended along with four Metropolitan employees.

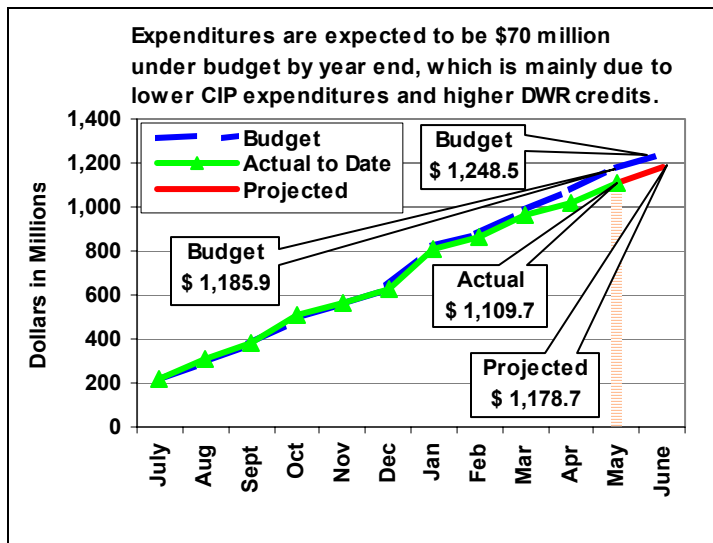




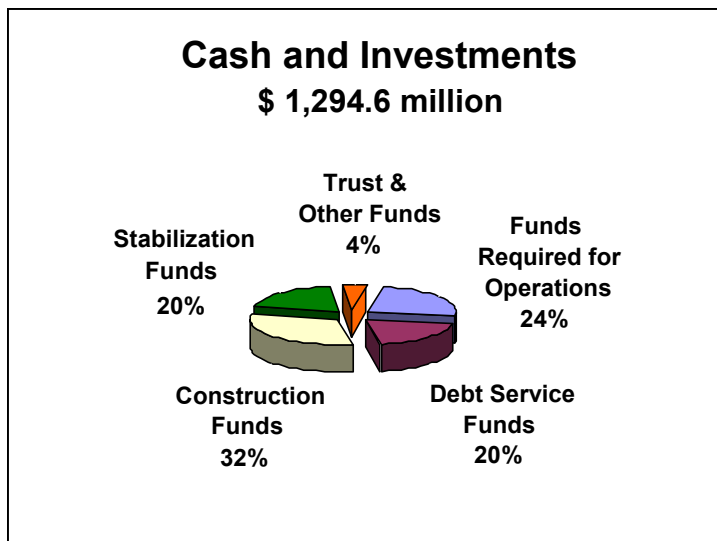
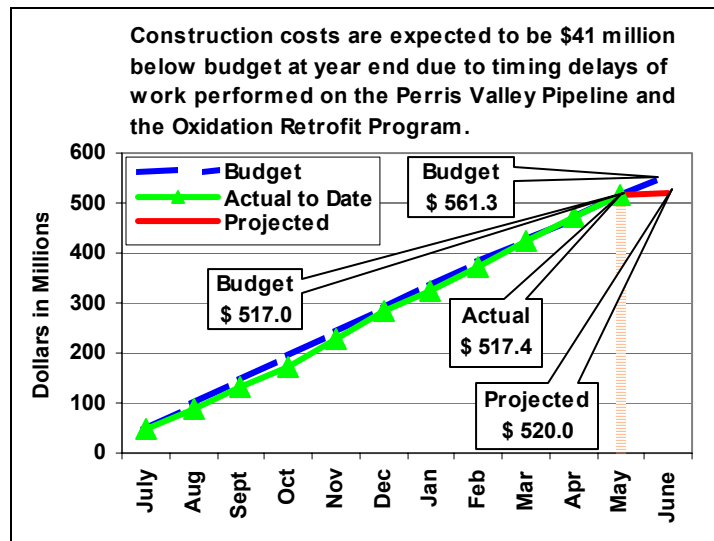
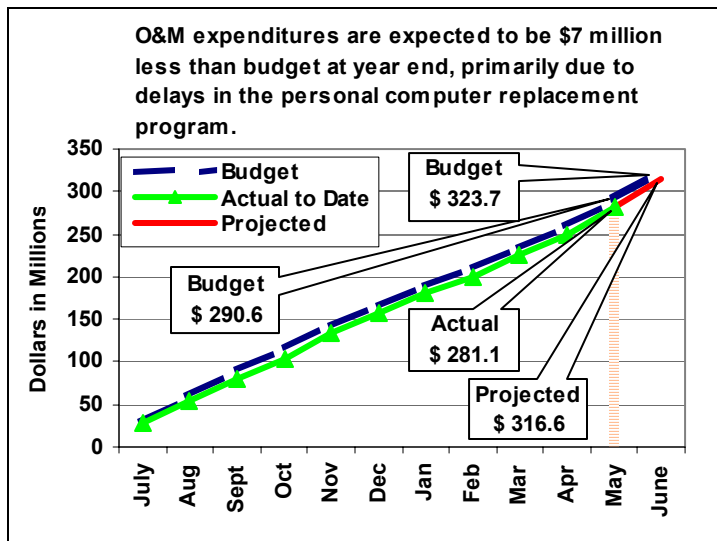
As of May 31, 2007



Excludes Bond Construction and Other Trust Funds Activity



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### Summary Financial Statistics

	Target	Actual
Fixed Charge Coverage	1.20 x	1.59 x
Revenue Debt Service Coverage	2.00 x	2.07 x
Revenue Bond Debt / Equity Ratio	100.0%	75.8%

#### Credit Ratings

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



## Information Technology

### **Completed Pre-Pilot Deployment Phase of New Desktops and Laptops as part of the PC Replacement Project (PCRP)**

IT completed initial deployment of new desktops and laptops to Water Quality staff members in the month of June as part of the pre-pilot phase of the rollout. The issues identified in the pre-pilot were successfully addressed. Results from the pre-pilot rollout were evaluated and the customer feedback has been positive. Preparations are currently underway to proceed to the next phase with additional PC units scheduled for deployment at La Verne and then proceeding to the Mills facility in July.

### **Completed Software Programming in support of the Skinner Treatment Plant Expansion**

Staff completed programming changes and enhancements to the Interim Enhanced Surface Water Treatment Rule (IESWTR) and Labsheet in support of the Skinner Treatment plant expansion (Module 7), which goes on-line in July. The IESWTR is a software application that extracts operation and water quality data from the SCADA system into an IT data warehouse 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Labsheet is a software application that combines Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition information and water quality test samples data to calculate the Contact Time Ratio to determine if plants are complying with state requirements. Key software functions include:

- The IESWTR application will automatically email to WSO and WQ personnel any exceptions that exceed turbidity pre-set limits, provide data validation, and compliance reporting.
- The Labsheet software application allows plant personnel as well as Water Quality staff to review water quality data and to make necessary adjustments to meet state requirements.

## Moab Tailings Cleanup

On June 20, the Department of Energy announced the selection of its Moab contractor, a Utah Company; EnergySolutions. It appears this will be a one-year contract followed by four one-year extensions for a total amount of \$98.4 million. The first year of the contract requires the contractor to propose a plan of remediation for the radioactive tailings with specifics regarding methods, and costs.

## Appropriations

Appropriations discussions continue in the House and Senate. Issues related to reviewing and including Congressional earmarks have delayed House consideration of several appropriations bills. It appears the appropriations process will not be completed by the end of September and a Continuing Resolution may be required for FY 2008.

## Education

June 14 & 20: Staff gave a Metropolitan Update presentation to Eastern Municipal Water District Directors Advisory Committees.

June 6 & 21: Staff participated in meetings with the City of Santa Clarita staff and affected residents regarding plans and schedules for reconstruction of Aden Avenue.

June 7, 12 & 19: Staff participated in meetings with City of Tustin, City of Orange and City of Santa Ana staff regarding the Cross Connection Project.

June 14: Staff worked with businesses in San Dimas and attended a meeting with the cities of Claremont and Rancho Cucamonga regarding the second phase of the Rialto Feeder Improvement Project.



## Sacramento Legislative Update

June 1 was the deadline for the respective fiscal committees to move bills from the suspense file to the floor of the house-of-origin. Activities on bills of interest to Metropolitan included:

- AB 503 by Assemblyman Sandre Swanson (D-Oakland): Previous version of the measure would require all public agencies to provide an eight-hour notice to employees required to work overtime. The June 1 amendment converted the bill into a study bill, in which the California Research Bureau would be charged with the responsibility of conducting a report that would outline all issues associated with providing the eight-hour notice. With the amendments, AB 503 passed the Assembly on a 46-32 vote.
- AB 640 by Assemblyman Hector De La Torre (D-South Gate): Prior version of the bill required a water replenishment district serving more than one groundwater basin to calculate a separate rate for each basin, based upon specified criteria. The June 6 amendment converted the bill into a study bill, in which the Department of Water Resources would be directed to study basin-specific charges, including the underflow. With the amendments, AB 640 passed the Assembly on a 67-3 vote.
- AB 885 by Assemblyman Chuck Calderon (D-Whittier): Would amend the MWD Act to retain the current composition and minimum number of directors representing each member agency as of January 1, 2007. It would also require Metropolitan to recommend reforms to the Legislature by January 1, 2009. This measure passed the Assembly on a 47-32 vote.
- AB 1420 by Assemblyman John Laird (D-Santa Cruz): As sponsored by Metropolitan and the Natural Resource Defense Council, it would encourage implementation of water conservation measures deemed locally cost effective by urban water supplies, based upon current best management practices. This measure passed the Assembly on a 49-28 vote.
- AB 1481 by Assemblyman Hector De La Torre (D-South Gate): As sponsored by the City of Los Angeles and Metropolitan, the bill would require the State Water Resources Control Board to adopt a general permit, with waste water discharge requirements, for landscape irrigation utilizing recycled water. This measure passed the Assembly on a 77-1 vote.

## Local Government Update

Staff coordinated and participated in community and intergovernmental outreach with residents, businesses and staff in the Santa Ana, Claremont, Rancho Cucamonga, West Los Angeles, Santa Clarita, Orange, Claremont and Tustin regarding property management issues and capitol projects related to the Foothill Feeder, Cross Connection Project, Phase Two of the Rialto Feeder Improvement Project and Santa Monica Feeder.

Staff conducted one Diamond Valley Lake inspection trip and completed five speaking engagements requested by member agencies and public organizations such as Eastern Municipal Water District, City of Glendale, California State University at Los Angeles and San Bernardino, and Escondido Anglers Group.

Staff participated with various associations in their annual legislative trips to Sacramento including the California Association of Realtors (June 6-8), Associated General Contractors (June 13) and the Valley Industry and Commerce Association (June 20). Meetings were held with elected officials and regulators on various business related issues, land use and environmental issues and issues related to the Delta.

## Media

- The Press Office managed multiple news media inquiries about dry weather conditions, water supplies and Bay-Delta issues, including the Banks Pumping Plant shutdown. Efforts included on-camera interviews, numerous radio shows and interviews.
- The Press Office issued press releases including DWR's decision to shut down pumps; launch of region-wide water conservation advertising campaign; and Chairman Brick's testimony at U.S. Senate Hearing regarding impacts of climate change on water supply and availability.