

- **General Manager's May 2008 Activity Report**

Summary

The attached report details the activities of the Office of the General Manager for the month of May 2008. Metropolitan has delivered sufficient water supplies 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
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General Manager's Monthly Activity Report

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Conservation Outreach

The Spring 2008 “Cut Your Water Use” advertising campaign includes 10-second television commercials, 60-second radio spots and print and online advertising. The ads focus on reducing outdoor water use by taking at least one day a week off from watering landscapes. The ads are airing on five television stations and 28 radio stations throughout Southern California until June 29.

Water Management

Colorado River

Tamarisk Management - Metropolitan is coordinating the Basin States’ effort to evaluate and implement tamarisk (or salt cedar) management as one cost-effective method to potentially augment the flow of the Colorado River. A Memorandum of Understanding to coordinate activities has been executed and a cooperative study to begin quantifying potential water savings has been initiated. The Basin States are planning cooperative large-scale demonstration projects to test this concept.

State Water Project

Strategic Workplan for Delta Actions - The State Water Resources Control Board and Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board staff are developing a Strategic Workplan for Delta Actions. The workplan will prioritize Delta actions to address the pelagic organism decline, establish schedules for implementing the actions, and identify existing and needed resources. The SWRCB is expected to release the draft Strategic Workplan in mid-June for public review, and consider adoption of the workplan at a later meeting. Meanwhile, Central Valley RWQCB staff are moving forward on actions that were previously authorized or in progress, including development of a regional monitoring and assessment program, monitoring for toxicity, characterizing discharges from Delta islands, and conducting studies to assess the impacts of ammonia on Delta species.



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Water Management

State Water Project

Endangered Species Act - The U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service announced on May 6 that it will conduct a status review of the Longfin smelt to determine whether it warrants protection under the federal Endangered Species Act. The determination is the first step toward possible listing for the species under the ESA. The action opens a 60-day public comment period during which experts and the public are encouraged to submit all relevant information about the species. Metropolitan staff are working with the State Water Contractors and Central Valley Project contractor agencies to submit comments to the USFWS. The petition to list the Longfin smelt was filed in August 2007 by the Bay Institute, the Center for Biological Diversity and the Natural Resources Defense Council. This action by the USFWS follows the February 2008 action by the California Fish and Game Commission to list the Longfin smelt as a candidate species under the California ESA.

Yuba Water Transfer Program - Metropolitan requested the maximum amount of water available from the Yuba Water Transfer Program. DWR provided final notice that 85,000 acre-feet (before Delta loss) is available from the Yuba County Water Agency under the Yuba Dry Year Water Purchase Program. This supply benefit is split 50 percent between the SWP and the Central Valley Project. Metropolitan is planning to take deliveries (after losses) of 21,177 AF at a cost of approximately \$2.5 million (\$110/AF).

Local Resources Program

Staff attended the Los Angeles County Recycled Water Taskforce Meeting and helped secure a vote to recommend a support position to the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors for Metropolitan's sponsored groundwater recharge legislation AB 1391 (Padilla).

Staff moderated a technical session at the WasteReuse Foundation's annual research conference held in Denver, Colorado. Additionally, Metropolitan sent letters to several California congressional members in support of the Foundation's request for a \$4 million appropriation from the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation's fiscal year 2009 budget. Federal funding would be used for water recycling and desalination research projects.

Conservation

Staff participated in committee meetings of the California Urban Water Conservation Council working to revise, improve, and renew the CUWCC's Memorandum of Understanding which expires in December 2008.

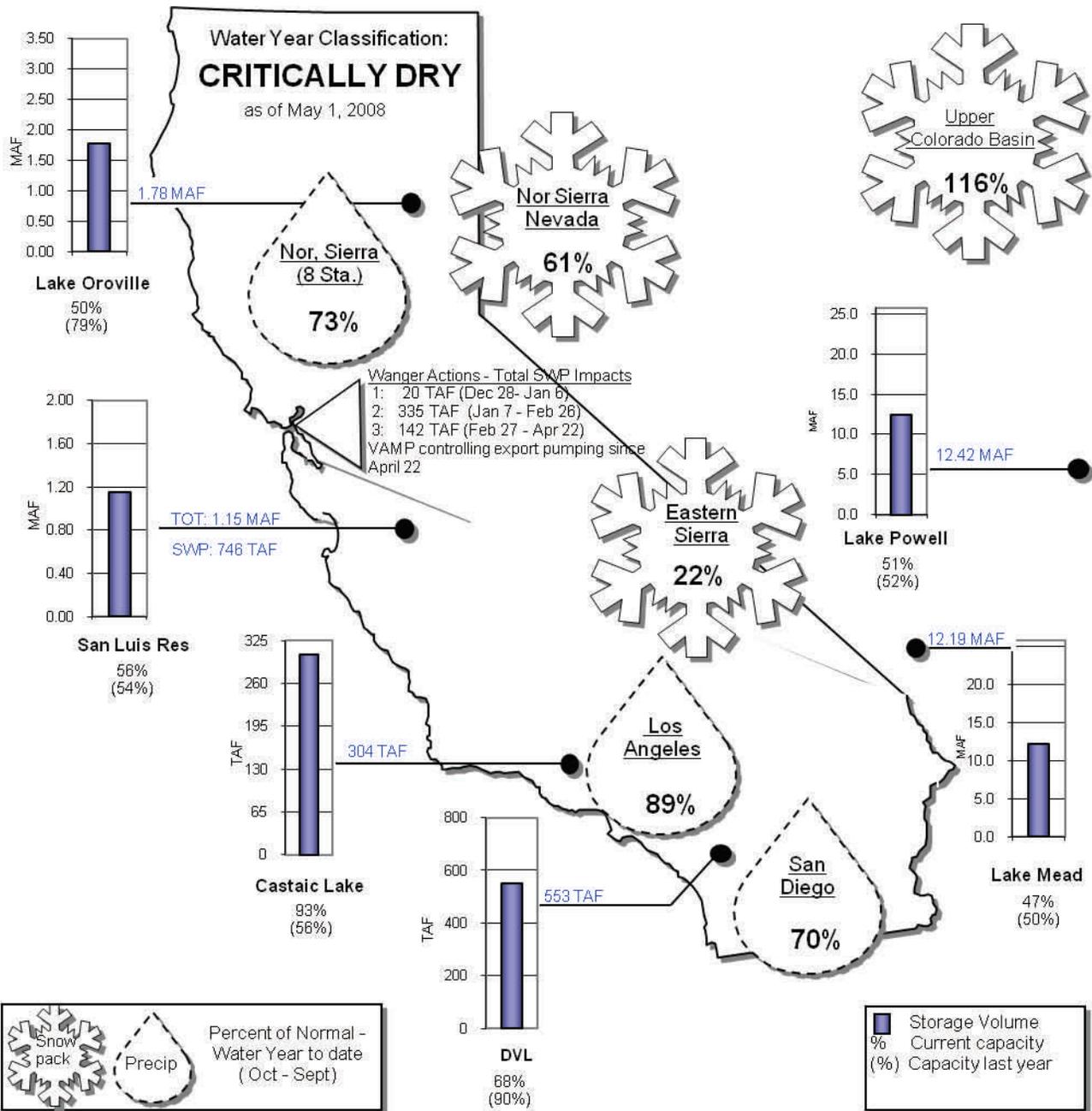
Staff hosted a statewide meeting, attended by over 40 coordinators throughout the state, on legislative and regulatory issues related to conservation and to discuss the updates being considered to the CUWCC's Memorandum of Understanding. Based on the turnout for this meeting and the positive responses received, staff will host additional meetings, open to all water agencies in the state, on a quarterly basis.

Finance

On May 28, 2008, Metropolitan priced \$133.4 million of revenue refunding bonds. The proceeds of these bonds will be used to refund outstanding debt bearing coupons of 4.75 to 5 percent. The net present value savings from this transaction is \$6.8 million with annual average debt service savings of \$620,000 through 2022. The all-in true interest cost was 4.11 percent.

Water Supply Conditions as of May 26, 2008

SWP Allocation (2008): 729,000 AF 35% of Table A Supplies
 Colorado River Supply Forecast (2008): 771,000 AF 62% of Full CRA



System Operations

Water Demands

Water Sales Cash Year 2008 (May—April)

2,224,895 AF	Current Sales Projection
2,161,756 AF	Budget Sales Projection
63,139 AF	Difference

Sale Projections

As of May 20, Sales Forecast for Calendar Year 2008 is 2,096,681 AF*

*Includes Interim Agricultural Water Programs and Replenishment Cuts

Sales/Deliveries

May Sales Estimate	177,000 AF
May Delivery Estimate	180,000 AF **

** excludes Desert Water / Coachella Valley deliveries

Distribution and Storage (As of 5/19/08)

	<u>Current Storage</u>	<u>End of Month Forecast</u>
Lake Mathews	161,600 AF	167,300 AF
Lake Skinner	41,800 AF	42,000 AF
Lake Perris	70,200 AF	70,000 AF

Taste-and-Odor

Taste and odor was acceptable in all of Metropolitan's source and finished waters.

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On May 14, Water Quality staff hosted a Topock Remediation Project Clearinghouse Task Group meeting. This task group was formed as a suggestion from the Breakthrough Summit in February. The task group will seek to improve the information and communication processes for the project.

NDMA (Nitrosodimethylamine)

On May 28, staff hosted an NDMA workshop with industry experts. NDMA is a disinfection by-product of chloramination. The workshop evaluated treatment alternatives for the control of NDMA formation in Metropolitan's distribution system.

Treatment Plants

On May 1, the Jensen water treatment plant conducted a one-day shutdown to accommodate DWR's request to test valves at Castaic Lake.

On April 28, a construction contractor closed an operational valve causing a spill of 2,700 gallons of unthickened solids at the Diemer water treatment plant. A larger spill (57,000 gallons) of the same material occurred on May 8 when valves were incorrectly operated by plant personnel. Metropolitan notified and coordinated with numerous regulatory agencies following the spills. New procedures and systems are now in place to minimize the risk of similar spills.

System Maintenance/Shutdowns

The Lakeview Pipeline was shut down from May 15 to May 22. This allowed the installation of a new service connection turnout for Eastern Municipal Water District. During the same time, the Perris Bypass Pipeline was excavated to install corrosion protection on the pipeline.

Conveyance and Operations

Staff continued work on the Copper Basin Interim Chlorination Feed Facility for quagga control. The two storage tanks were set in April. Acceptance testing of the tanks by the Fire Department is scheduled to commence May 30. The system is scheduled to go online by mid-June. Work continues on the interim chlorination system for quagga control at Lake Mathews.

System Operations

System Operations

During the month of May, deliveries were approximately 180,000 AF. Pumping on the Colorado River Aqueduct increased from a six-pump flow to a seven-pump flow to meet increasing demands and to help increase storage in Lake Mathews prior to the summer.

SWP blends remained at an average of 30 percent for the Weymouth and Diemer treatment plants, due to the 35 percent SWP allocation. SWP blends in the San Diego Canal to Lake Skinner also remained at low levels during the month. Diamond Valley Lake withdrawals continued through the month to augment the low SWP supplies, as well as to allow more of the CRA pumping to flow to Lake Mathews to help increase storage prior to the summer.

Imported supplies are being supplemented with returns from the Calleguas, Foothill, and Chino Basin (Inland Empire and Three Valleys MWD) groundwater conjunctive use programs. Additionally, Municipal Water District of Orange County and Western MWD will begin producing water from their respective groundwater conjunctive use programs beginning July 1, 2008.

Power Operations and Planning

In May, the Board authorized execution of three contracts for the sale of energy from Metropolitan's nine small hydroelectric generators (Phase II-IV). The contracts are with the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, the Southern California Public Power Authority, and Southern California Edison Company. These three new contracts, which will start on November 1, 2008, are expected to provide over twice the revenue Metropolitan currently receives from these plants.

Metropolitan continues to comply with the mandatory electric reliability standards that are enforced by the Western Electricity Coordinating Council. These standards are developed as a result of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 and could result in substantial monetary penalties for non-compliance. In May, staff submitted evidence of compliance as part of a WECC spot check audit. Staff also submitted evidence of completion for four mitigation plans Metropolitan was required to develop to cover the period before the standards became effective.

Power Operations and Planning *continued*

Staff negotiated an allocation of a portion of the funds the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission received or expects to receive from settlements with various parties for activities during the energy crisis of 2000-01. Metropolitan took the lead in negotiating with FERC for an allocation for Metropolitan as well as the SWP. If FERC ultimately receives the expected payments from all the settlement parties, the SWP and Metropolitan could be allocated over \$260,000.

Capital Investment Plan

Ongoing Contracts—18 construction contracts and 4 related procurement contracts were ongoing through January. The total bid amount of these contracts is \$844 million.

April Construction Payments—Over \$21 million in contract payments were made for construction performed in the month of April. Over \$7 million were related to work at the Skinner plant, including the ongoing construction of ozonation facilities, and Washwater Reclamation Plant 3. Nearly \$5 million were expended on the Arrowhead Tunnels construction. Over \$4 million were expended on the north reach of the Perris Valley Pipeline. .

Other Contracts—Skinner Treatment Plant Oxidation Retrofit and Washwater Reclamation Plant No. 3 is approximately 83 percent complete. At the Diemer plant, the construction of the ORP site preparation work remains at approximately 99 percent complete; construction of the Vehicle Maintenance Center and Solids Handling Facility is approximately 99 percent complete with only a small punch list of work remaining; and final design of the Diemer ozone facilities is 99 percent complete. At the Jensen treatment plant, a project for chlorine containment, unloading and handling is approximately 85 percent complete. Three contracts for the removal and replacement of new Metropolitan-furnished vacuum and air release valves throughout portions of the Distribution System are approximately 99 percent complete. The Perris Valley Pipeline, North Reach is 54 percent complete. Two additional Ozone Contactors at the Mills treatment plant facility are 35 percent complete.

Capital Investment Plan

Major Contract

Arrowhead East and West Tunnels—On May 2, five months ahead of the revised schedule, the contractor completed mining on the 22,458-foot Arrowhead East Tunnel as the tunnel boring machine holed through into the previously completed 8,008-foot section of the tunnel. At the Arrowhead West Tunnel, the TBM continued mining the final curve portion of this tunnel drive. The mining conditions in the final curve of the tunnel drive are difficult, as the TBM has to mine through several fault/shear zones before it reaches the portal. The first of these shear zones was encountered in mid-May as the TBM mined into very soft ground. These conditions caused the machine to “dive” about four inches below its intended path. Over the subsequent two week period, crews installed a series of concrete steering pads in front of the TBM which served as ramps to correct the machine’s vertical alignment. Through May 26, the TBM advanced a total of 295 feet. The total length of tunnel mined is 18,479 feet (93 percent of the tunnel’s length). Staff anticipates that mining will be completed by late summer 2008. In May, the contractor continued constructing the Devil Canyon portal site as the receiving location for the TBM once the tunnel mining is completed.



Arrowhead East Tunnel Hole-Through

Profile on Recent CIP Project

Sepulveda Feeder Repairs—The Sepulveda Feeder is a 96-inch diameter prestressed concrete cylinder pipeline which was installed in 1970. A recent electromagnetic inspection identified that four pipe sections are distressed and in need of urgent repair. With the available shutdown window quickly expiring as summer demands approach, staff is coordinating with affected member agencies for a June repair. A request to the May Executive Committee to delegate authority to the General Manager to award a construction contract was approved and a request to the Board to ratify the contract award is scheduled for June 2008.

Facility Planning

Integrated Area Studies—As part of the recommended actions from the Integrated Area Study, Metropolitan staff is continuing to work jointly on balanced operation of Skinner and Mills treatment plants with the member agencies. Operations and options for balancing operations between Skinner and Mills would help manage future infrastructure needs and costs. Staff anticipates writing a technical memo with its findings to be included as part of the IAS yearly update in December 2008.



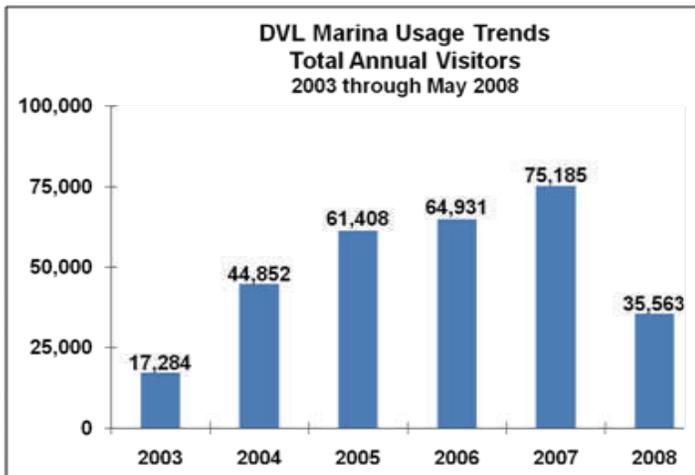
Arrowhead East Tunnel Hole-Through

Real Estate Management

Diamond Valley Lake Recreation Program

Appropriation Budget	
Approved distributed funds	\$68.9 M
Undistributed funds	\$23.9 M
Total Appropriation	\$92.8 M
Surplus Property Sales *	\$ 4.7 M
<i>Actual expenditure as of 4/30/08</i>	\$62.9 M

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



Leases, Licenses and Entry Permits

- A license was issued to Industrial Parkway, LLC, for landscaping purposes over a portion of the Foothill Feeder Rialto Pipeline right-of-way.
- An entry permit with the California Department of Water Resources was amended to extend the term for environmental studies being done along a portion of the Inland Feeder right-of-way.
- An entry permit was granted to C.H.J., Inc. to conduct test borings for a proposed fire station to be located near Metropolitan's Lake Mathews Reservoir and Western Municipal Water District's office facilities.
- An entry permit was issued to the Orange County Water District, to allow for site improvements within the flood control channel along Santiago Creek (Orange, California.)

Business Outreach

Spring Green Fair - Metropolitan successfully hosted a "Spring Green Fair" on May 21 at Metropolitan's Union Station Headquarters. More than 700 attended this pilot event, which will serve as a model for future green events. Chairman Brick, Directors Ballin, Brown, Morris, J. Murray, and Wright all attended the event. Management from the Metropolitan Transportation Authority also attended and will collaborate with Metropolitan on future efforts on sustainability and resource conservation.

There were 48 vendors with certified green products who brought displays to the courtyard while a variety of workshops attended by 400 participants were held in the committee rooms to discuss environmentally friendly practices that could be used at home and work. Some of the workshops were of general interest and others were targeted toward educating our purchasing staff, architects, engineers, and project/facility managers on sustainable design and construction and green procurement practices.



Above: Metropolitan Courtyard—California Friendly Plant Garden. Below: Spring Fair Exhibits in rotunda.



Business Processes/Operations

Information Technology

Initiated Fuel Pilot as part of the Fuel Management System Project

The Fuel Management System tracks fuel usage and fuel inventory. The automated system is expected to reduce costs for manual entry of fuel tickets, tracking of fuel usage, and inventory records. During the period, staff initiated the pilot phase using the newly installed fuel management devices. The pilot being conducted at the La Verne facility is scheduled to be completed in June.

Upgraded Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) Servers at Treatment Plants

The SCADA system utilizes an array of instrumentation, equipment, computers, programs, to remotely monitor and control water system processes. As an on-going effort to enhance the SCADA system reliability and performance, staff recently completed the installation of additional server processors and upgraded the existing SCADA server hard drives. The upgrades provide for enhanced reliability, improved system performance with new processors with greater memory, and increased SCADA historical data storage capacity from 100GB to 800GB. The SCADA server upgrades were completed at all five treatment plants.

Replaced Uninterruptable Power Supply (UPS) units at Eagle Mountain and Hinds

During the period, staff completed replacements of UPS units at Eagle Mountain and the Hinds pumping plants. The UPS devices provide backup power to vital communication equipment (e.g., telephone system, routers) in the event of a power outage. Reliability to Metropolitan's communication infrastructure has been enhanced by the replacement of the UPS units.

Emergency Management

A Planning and Intelligence workshop was conducted for the Emergency Operations Center and Incident Command Center staff assigned to this function, in preparation for Golden Guardian 2008, a major statewide emergency exercise scheduled for November 2008.

Security

Security staff reviewed current perimeter defenses and supplemental security controls in place for protecting chlorine containment facilities. Staff drafted new protocols to enhance protection of those facilities through procedural improvements and integration of access control and surveillance technologies.

Security investigated cost and deployment options for perimeter barrier systems, identifying a local vendor and visiting a local installation at a public facility to obtain pricing and installation data for possible use in future security upgrades.

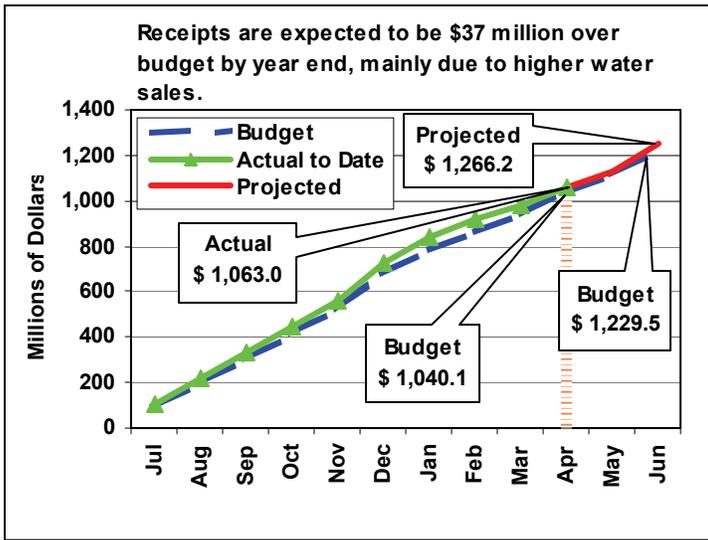
Contract security officers making timely use of security camera footage spotted a van responsible for backing into the card reader and intercom at Metropolitan headquarters. Security staff passed identifying information to police in time for officers to arrest the driver before further damage could be done. This will also facilitate recovering the cost of damages to our facility.

Staff worked with San Bernardino County Sheriff's deputies who apprehended an intruder at the Etiwanda facility. The intruder was attempting to steal metal parts for the recycle value. Security staff worked with plant management to reduce visibility and susceptibility of such materials to future loss.

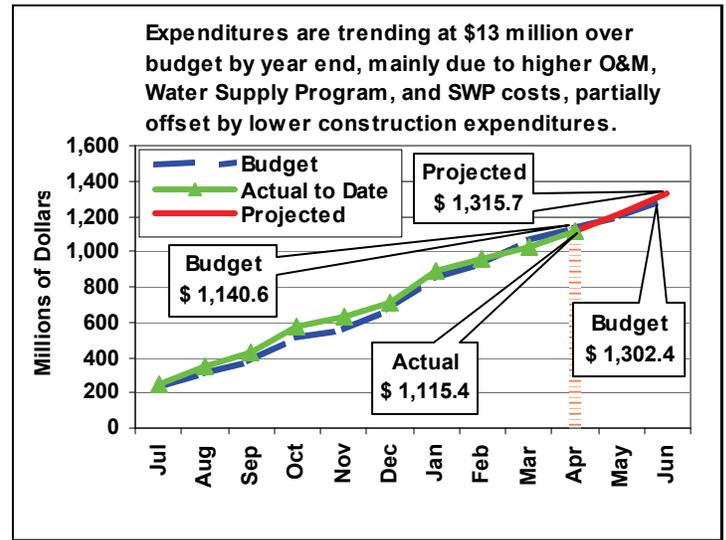


Delta Scientific Barrier produced locally and used at public buildings in Los Angeles and at U.S. embassies overseas.

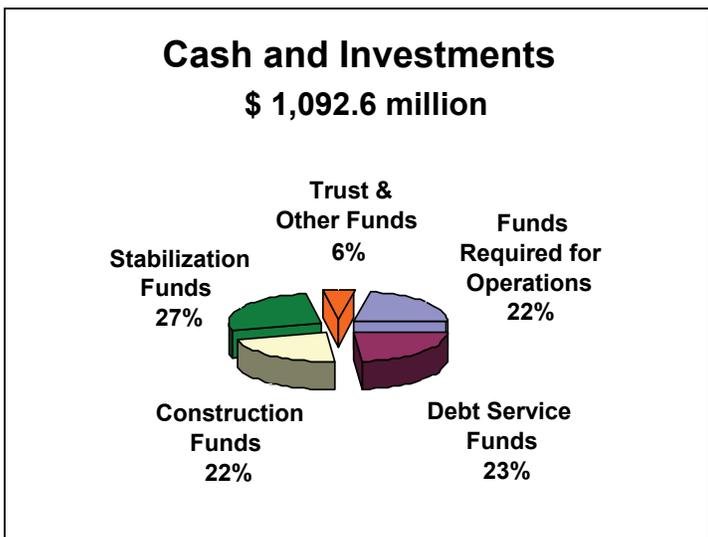
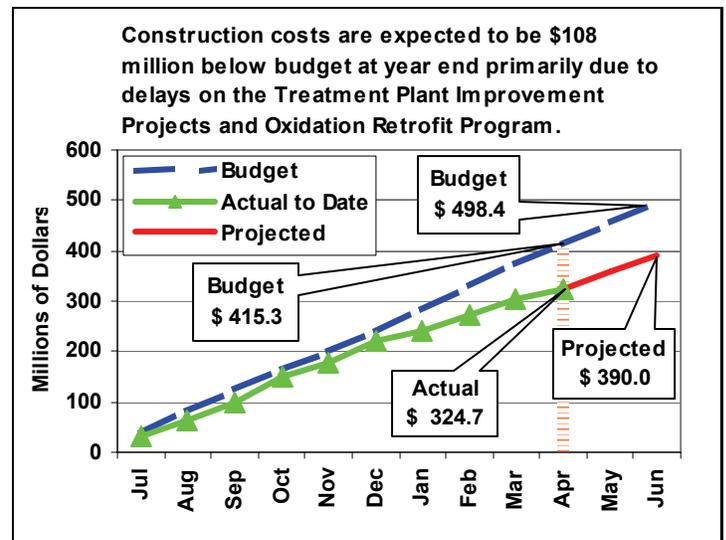
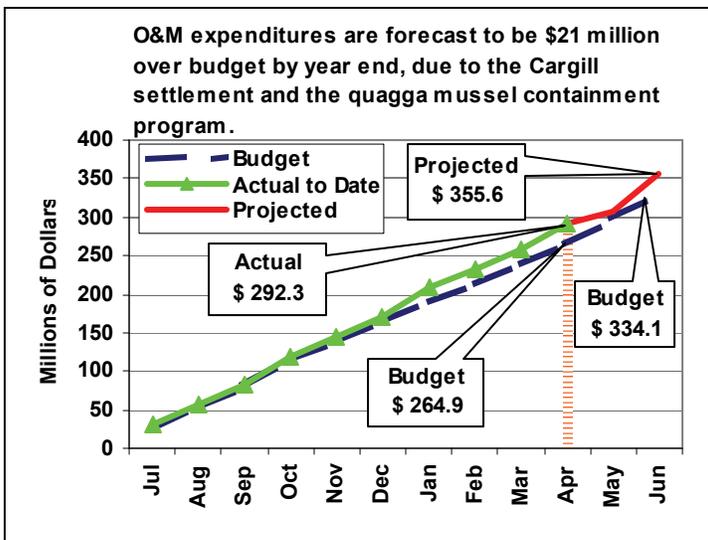
Finance as of April 30, 2008



Excludes Bond Construction and Other Trust Funds Activity



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Summary Financial Statistics

	Target	Actual
Fixed Charge Coverage	≥ 1.20 x	1.27 x
Revenue Debt Service Coverage	> 2.00 x	1.78 x
Revenue Bond Debt / Equity Ratio	< 100.0%	74.5%

Credit Ratings

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

External Affairs

Federal Legislative Update

May 2: Staff participated in a briefing in Washington, D.C. hosted by the American Water Works Research Foundation to discuss international research now underway to address the impact of global climate change on drinking water quality management and technology.

May 14-15: Vice Chair Anthony Fellow, Director Sylvia Ballin, and staff participated in a Washington, D.C. House and Senate briefing on the issue of the Quagga Mussel threat. Representative Grace Napolitano, Chairwoman of the House Natural Resources Subcommittee on Water and Power, organized the House Briefing. Metropolitan staff worked with Senator Dianne Feinstein's staff on the Senate Briefing. The presenters on the panel included Ric DeLeon, Metropolitan's technical expert, representatives from Arizona and Nevada, the Director of Operations for the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the U.S. Park Service, the U.S. Geological Survey, and the Executive Director from the American Water Works Research Foundation.

State Legislative Update

May 14: Assembly Member Karen Bass (D-Los Angeles) was officially sworn in as the new Speaker of the California State Assembly. Speaker Bass is already active in establishing her leadership team by naming Assembly Member Kevin De Leon (D-Los Angeles) as the next Assembly Appropriations Chair and Assembly Member Noreen Evans (D-Santa Rosa) as the next Assembly Budget Chair. The newly appointed Chairs will not step into their new roles until December 2008.

Metropolitan staff continues to advance Metropolitan-sponsored legislative measures. Metropolitan sponsored SB 1391 (Padilla), which serves as a legislative vehicle to address existing restrictions related to the responsible and effective use of recycled water, has passed the Senate and is awaiting a June hearing in the Assembly Environmental Safety and Toxic Materials Committee.

Other key bills include AB 2913 (Salas), which would expand the factors for consideration in the development of the Delta Strategic Plan, and AB 2938 (De Leon), which would create a baseline of water diversion information that is typical of many other regions of the state. Both bills were moved to the Senate.

State Legislative Update continued....

Staff remains actively engaged in crafting amendments to address outstanding issues associated with AB 2175, authored by Assembly Members John Laird (D-Santa Cruz) and Mike Feuer (D-Los Angeles). This bill requires urban water suppliers to reduce per capita water use and would establish a statewide target for agricultural water conservation.

Local Government Update

May 2: Director Ted Grandsen and staff from Calleguas MWD and Metropolitan met with Assembly Member Cameron Smyth in his district office to discuss Metropolitan's two sponsored bills: AB 2398 (DeLeon) and SB 1391 (Padilla).

May 8: Staff and 15 business and city leaders representing communities throughout Metropolitan's service area attended the Bay Delta Conservation Plan's scoping meeting in downtown Los Angeles to stress the need to move forward with a comprehensive solution to the Delta's fragile ecosystem.

May 8: Assisted in a briefing for Tim O'Donnell, City Manager for the City of Brea, Eric Nickel, Economic Development Manager for the City of Brea, and Charlie View, Development Services Director for the City of Brea, at Diemer filtration plant regarding the North Diemer Access Road.

May 20 - 21: Staff and representatives from chambers throughout Southern California attended the California Chamber's Legislative Summit in Sacramento to discuss water and other significant issues affecting the Southland.

May 30: Metropolitan staff briefed Los Angeles City Councilman Jose Huizar on water issues, at his request.

May 30 - June 1: Staff attended the California Contract Cities Association's Annual Conference in Indian Wells. Over 600 local elected officials and city managers attended the event and Metropolitan co-sponsored a dinner to brief the incoming President and 60 other key local elected officials on water.

External Affairs

Media

May 16 - 18: Metropolitan's sixth annual Solar Cup competition was covered by KABC-TV, Channel 7; and was the subject of numerous articles and photos in The Press-Enterprise; Peninsula News; Beachcomber; Orange County Register; Burbank Leader; Fullerton News Tribune; The Californian; Ventura Star; Pasadena Star-News; San Gabriel Valley Tribune; and Daily Breeze. Time-Warner Cable stations in Los Angeles, Orange and Riverside counties inserted Solar Cup reports into CNN Headline News twice hourly prior to the event and event coverage after the event. A pre-event interview was conducted by KMEX, Ch. 34 (Univision), Southern California's largest Spanish news network. This live interview was conducted at one of the student's homes in East Los Angeles over the course of three hours.

Time-Warner Cable stations also aired reports on Metropolitan's Flavor Profile Analysis Panel at the Water Quality Laboratory; the architecture and history of the F.E. Weymouth Water Treatment Plant and on Metropolitan's advertising campaign that asks residents and businesses to cut outdoor irrigation by at least one day a week.

The Press Office issued a news release on Chairman Brick receiving the 15th annual Engineering Achievement Award by the Los Angeles chapter of the Consulting Engineers and Land Surveyors of California for his leadership of sustainability and environmental stewardship in the Southland. First presented in 1995, the award acknowledges individuals whose leadership skills allow large projects in Southern California to move forward. The month of May's kick-off of Water Awareness Month and the seating of Director Suja Lowenthal on the Metropolitan Board also were highlighted in Metropolitan-issued news release.

Community Outreach and Other Events

Staff coordinated and participated in community and intergovernmental outreach efforts with residents and officials in Corona, Santa Clarita and Winchester related to resident and property issues.

May 1 & 5: Staff facilitated presentations on water agency governance and water supply and quality issues for delegations of officials from the Miyahuna Water Company in Jordan and the Kaoshiung County Government in China.

May 7: Staff coordinated and participated in a meeting with Santa Clarita's city manager staff regarding leasing and trespassing issues.

Community Outreach and Other Events

May 12: Staff conducted outreach to the Val Verde Unified School District and the State Parks Superintendent at Lake Perris regarding the Lakeview Pipeline and Perris Bypass Pipeline Shutdown.

May 19 - 20: Staff participated in meetings regarding the Sepulveda Feeder repairs scheduled for June 23 – 30, 2008 with Los Angeles City Councilman Bill Rosendahl's Chief Deputy, Jennifer Rivera, at the Brentwood work site, Culver City planning staff regarding permits for the worksite in that city and, City of Monterey Park staff regarding the need to increase the elevation of water stored at Garvey Reservoir during the shutdown and the Los Angeles County Fire and Sheriff's Departments and California Highway Patrol regarding potential impacts in Ladera Heights.

May 20 – 30: Staff conducted outreach to approximately 576 residents in Brentwood, Culver City and Ladera Heights, management of the Fox Hills Mall and Frank D. Parent Elementary School principal regarding the Sepulveda Feeder Shutdown.

Education

May 16 - 18: Metropolitan's sixth annual Solar Cup 2008 event was conducted at Lake Skinner in Temecula. Forty-one high school teams and 850 students -- the largest number ever -- participated in this seven-month long program. Over 3,000 people came to cheer on their favorite team over the weekend.

May 30: Congresswoman Grace Napolitano attended the Southern California World Water Forum Grant Program Award Ceremony at Union Station. Chairman Brick, Vice Chair Fellow and staff attended the event and, with Rep. Napolitano, announced the 18 winners of this cycle's \$10,000 grants. After a thorough evaluation process, the winning proposals represented a mix of both local (11) and global (7) projects focusing on conservation technologies and communication outreach strategies on conservation. For a complete list of the teams, their schools and projects, please go to the World Water Forum home page on Metropolitan's Web site. The teams will now initiate the research, development and implementation of their projects. The entire program will conclude with an Expo featuring the completed projects and their outcomes in the spring of 2009 at Union Station.

External Affairs



World Water Forum: Congresswoman Grace Napolitano with Chairman Brick, Director Fellow and GM Jeff Kightlinger



Sunny Hills High School, Fullerton, City of Fullerton



World Water Forum: University of California, Santa Barbara

Workforce

Recruitment

Three new employees joined Metropolitan during May. On May 22, 32 employees who recently completed probation attended a celebratory breakfast and benefits update presentation.



Workforce

Apprenticeship Program

Staff provided tours and an overview of the Apprenticeship Program to the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers on May 6 and to Eastern Municipal Water District on May 19. Eastern Municipal is very interested in providing apprenticeship training for their employees.

Worker's Compensation

Activities for May:

- Conducted initial investigations for 21 injury-related incidents.
- Monitored medical status on 5 total disability claims and 14 modified duty claims; coordinating return-to-work in 5 cases.
- Obtained settlement authority for finalized settlement of one claim.
- Closed 16 claim files.
- Provided back-up to EHS/Medical regarding disability, return-to-work, ergonomic and accommodation issues.

Environmental Health & Safety

Metropolitan has received conditional approval from Environmental Protection Agency Region 9 to remediate polychlorinated biphenyls containing sealant at the Jensen water treatment plant. This work plan minimizes the length of time required for future mitigation.

Staff, along with member agencies, submitted comments in response to the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board's proposed general permit for potable water discharges. The proposed permit negatively impact water agencies' discharge of potable water. Staff prepared an EHS Advisory Alert for member and sub-agencies encouraging the submission of written comments to the Regional Board. As a result of a stakeholders meeting including member agencies, the Regional Board withdrew the proposed permit, and is writing a revision to address stakeholders' issues and concerns. The revised draft is slated to be released in June.

StrategicHR

The StrategicHR Plan status and framework was presented to Executive Management on May 20. Rollout will be pursued during the next two quarters to meet the deliverables and timeframes identified for 2008.

Water System Operations Four-Day Manager Workshop (Boot Camp) - Sessions for 12 newly appointed managers in the Operations Group were co-facilitated by Mike Young and Suresh Radhakrishnan, and General Manager Jeff Kightlinger and Chief Operating Officer Debra Man also spoke to the group. Human Resources Manager Feedy Mares delivered a session on StrategicHR followed by guidelines on handling Employee Relations issues.



Above: Managers at Boot Camp
Below: Feedy Mares speaking at Boot Camp.



Metropolitan's Mission is to provide its service area with adequate and reliable supplies of high-quality water to meet present and future needs in an environmentally and economically responsible way.

