



# Water System Operations Manager's Report

Engineering and Operations Committee  
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# Metropolitan Current Operations

- SWP blend targets are 15% at Weymouth, Diemer, and Skinner
- August 2013 demands of 194 TAF were 1 TAF less than August 2012
- The CRA is currently at a 7 pump flow
- 2013 SWP Allocation is still 35%
- Total storage take approximately 500 TAF (based on current trend)

# Shutdown Planning

- Shutdown plan for 2013/14 is complete
- Forwarding plan to member agencies this week
- Fifteen major shutdowns, including:
  - Colorado River Aqueduct
  - Second Lower Feeder
  - Etiwanda Pipeline
  - Weymouth Treatment Plant (Reduced Flow)
  - Repairs and inspections on various pipelines

# Proposed Draft Hexavalent Chromium (Chromium-6) MCL

- On August 22, the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) proposed a draft drinking water standard or MCL for chromium-6 of 10  $\mu\text{g}/\text{L}$  (ppb)
- Levels of chromium-6 in Metropolitan's system typically less than 1 ppb

# Proposed Draft Hexavalent Chromium (Chromium-6) MCL (cont)

- No anticipated cost or direct operational implications for Metropolitan
- Member and retail agencies using groundwater could be impacted by proposed MCL, which could increase demands for Metropolitan's imported water
- Metropolitan working with member agencies to determine impact on their operations

# Regulatory Timeframe

- 45-day public comment period ends on October 11
- CDPH must review & respond to comments
- Final regulation will be submitted to Office of Administrative Law for 30-day review
- Regulation then filed with California Secretary of State and becomes effective in 30 days with first compliance determination one year later
- CDPH expects regulation to be finalized within one year

# Next Steps

- Work with member agencies and industry associations (ACWA, AWWA, SCWC) to develop comments on the draft MCL as appropriate prior to deadline
- Attend public hearing on Oct. 11
- Continue to monitor the federal efforts regarding chromium-6 regulation