



## ● **Colorado River Management Report**

### **Summary**

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This report provides a summary of activities related to management of Metropolitan's Colorado River resources for the month of October 2015.

### **Purpose**

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Informational

### **Detailed Report**

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#### **Metropolitan and Nevada agencies execute amendment to Interstate Storage Agreement**

Following Metropolitan's Board approval in September 2015, on October 19, Metropolitan, Southern Nevada Water Authority (SNWA), and the Colorado River Commission of Nevada executed a third amendment to the Operational Agreement, which governs the terms of the interstate storage agreement between Metropolitan and Nevada. Under the terms of the amendment, Metropolitan will pay SNWA \$44.4 million, and SNWA will make 150,000 acre-feet of water available to Metropolitan in 2015. Metropolitan is in the process of updating its 2015 Colorado River Water delivery request, which will be sent to the Bureau of Reclamation for approval.

#### **Imperial Irrigation District approves exchange with Metropolitan, additional Salton Sea deliveries**

On October 20, Imperial Irrigation District's (IID) Board of Directors authorized staff to execute an amendment to the California Intentionally Created Surplus (ICS) Agreement, which would allow IID to store increased amounts of conserved water within Metropolitan's system over the next three years. This action follows Metropolitan Board's approval of the amendment in August 2015. Before the amendment can be executed, it must also be approved by the boards of Coachella Valley Water District and Palo Verde Irrigation District, who are parties to the California ICS Agreement.

#### **Bard Water District Expresses Interest in Pilot Fallowing Program**

Bard Water District (BWD), located in the Southeast corner of California, held a meeting to discuss a draft proposal from Metropolitan to develop a pilot land fallowing program within BWD. The program would pay farmers to not grow crops during the summer season in 2016 and potentially 2017. Several farmers expressed interest in such a program, depending upon the specific terms of the agreement. In response to BWD's interest, Metropolitan is developing a draft term sheet for the pilot program to see if there is sufficient interest in moving forward.