



● Colorado River Management Report

Summary

This report provides a summary of activities related to management of Metropolitan's Colorado River Resources for the month of March 2018

Purpose

Informational

Detailed Report

Quantification Settlement Agreement (QSA) Implementation Workgroup

The Bureau of Reclamation and parties to the QSA, including Metropolitan, San Diego County Water Authority, and Imperial Irrigation District (IID) met in El Centro March 28 to provide information regarding anticipated 2018 Colorado River water supply, the 2017 final decree accounting process and schedule, 2018 water supply updates from the QSA parties, as well as implementation of various conservation programs. The programs include municipal conservation, fallowing programs, the on-farm efficiency conservation program and various system conservation projects.

Palo Verde Property Utilization Committee (Committee)

The Committee met in Blythe March 26. Members of the Metropolitan Board and the Palo Verde Irrigation District (PVID) Board and staff from each of the agencies met to discuss the status of leases, Metropolitan's efforts to accurately determine water use charges for last year and potential lease modifications. At this meeting, representatives from PVID described interest in a valley-wide voluntary conservation program in which any farmer in the district could participate. There was discussion of the accuracy of PVID's current metering system and opportunities to explore ways to increase measurement accuracy. Metropolitan staff also provided information on new GIS tools available for monitoring land water use, as well as crop data. The Committee agreed to meet quarterly. The next meeting is scheduled to be held in Chino on June 13.

Law of the River Conference

Metropolitan staff co-chaired the 20th annual Law of the Colorado River conference in Tucson, Arizona on March 1-2. Panels at the conference covered a wide range of topics including Minute 323 implementation, tribal water settlement rights, and climate change impacts on the basin's hydrology, drought contingency planning, and the role of non-governmental organizations in Colorado River matters.