



THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT  
OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Office of the General Manager

**Date:** March 30, 2021  
**To:** Board of Directors  
**From:** Jeff Kightlinger, General Manager  
**Subject:** Transmittal of *Draft 2020 Urban Water Management Plan, Draft Water Shortage Contingency Plan, and Draft Appendix 11 Addendum to the 2015 Urban Water Management Plan*

Attached for your review are three draft documents:

- 2020 Urban Water Management Plan (UWMP), which presents Metropolitan Water District of Southern California's long-term plan for ensuring water service reliability for the region;
- Water Shortage Contingency Plan (WSCP), which includes planned actions to respond to actual water shortage conditions; and,
- Appendix 11 to both the 2015 UWMP and the 2020 UWMP, which includes all of the elements described in Delta Plan Policy WR P1, Reduce Reliance on the Delta.

The Urban Water Management Planning Act (Act) requires that urban water suppliers prepare and adopt an urban water management plan every five years. These plans describe planning efforts to ensure that adequate water supplies are available to meet existing and future demands. The California Department of Water Resources (DWR) reviews the plans to confirm they address all required elements.

The Act also requires that urban suppliers develop a Water Shortage Contingency Plan to identify actions responding to water shortages. While the WSCP is initially submitted as part of the 2020 UWMP, it remains a stand-alone plan that can be revised, as needed, separately from the UWMP.

These draft plans satisfy the process and content reporting requirements mandated by the Act. Metropolitan completed these draft documents through a collaborative process with the member agencies and other appropriate agencies as part of the ongoing 2020 Integrated Water Resources Plan process (IRP).

Appendix 11 quantifies increased regional self-reliance and reduced reliance on water supplies from the Delta watershed for Metropolitan's service area. This appendix also serves as a supplement to the 2015 UWMP and includes the elements described in *Delta Plan Policy WR P1, Reduce Reliance on the Delta Through Improved Regional Water Self-Reliance*. When included in the UWMP, these elements support certification of consistency for future covered actions. Metropolitan developed Appendix 11 per the guidance of DWR and the Delta Stewardship Council.

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Metropolitan made the three draft plans available for public inspection prior to adoption. Metropolitan notified the public and stakeholders of the public hearing to encourage the active involvement and input of diverse social, cultural, and economic interests prior to and during the preparation and adoption of the plans. The public hearing is scheduled to coincide with the regularly scheduled Water Planning and Stewardship Committee Meeting on April 12, 2021, at 10:00 a.m.

Following the public hearing, Metropolitan will make final revisions to the technical information in the reliability assessments; provide supplemental information on understanding alternative forecasts and projections for demand on Metropolitan used in the UWMP, IRP, and other related planning processes; and consider any input received in the hearing. Metropolitan will submit revised documents for adoption by the Board in May. Once adopted, Metropolitan staff will submit the documents to DWR by July 1, 2021.

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#### Attachments

1. Draft 2020 Urban Water Management Plan,
2. Draft Water Shortage Contingency Plan, and
3. Draft Appendix 11 Addendum to the 2015 Urban Water Management Plan