

Office of the General Counsel

Monthly Activity Report – November 2023

#### **Matters Concluded and/or Terminated**

#### Joshua Rivers v. Metropolitan, et al. (Los Angeles County Superior Court)

On November 2, 2023, a settlement agreement was entered into resolving this matter. The key terms of the agreement include no admission of fault by Metropolitan, no reinstatement of Mr. Rivers, a fully executed general release by Mr. Rivers, and payments to Mr. Rivers and his attorney totaling \$125,000. The agreement does not require confidentiality. As equal employment opportunity issues were alleged, an investigation ensued leading to corrective action in response to inappropriate comments made in the workplace by two managers.

As previously reported, former probationary employee Joshua Rivers sued Metropolitan in March 2022, after his release from employment during his probation. His complaint alleged whistleblower retaliation under Labor Code section 1102.5 and retaliation for complaints of discrimination and harassment under the Fair Employment and Housing Act. Rivers generally alleged he disclosed to his managers that Metropolitan was engaged in activities that violated applicable law and that he was retaliated against for these disclosures by having the terms of his probationary employment changed to make it difficult to complete probation. Rivers also claims he made complaints to Metropolitan regarding discrimination and harassment and that Metropolitan retaliated against him as a result of his complaints by sabotaging his work performance, ultimately leading to his termination. The Legal Department and Sheppard Mullin jointly represented Metropolitan.

#### Association of Confidential Employees v. Metropolitan (Public Employment Relations Board)

On October 27, 2023, a settlement agreement was fully executed by the Association of Confidential Employees (ACE) and Metropolitan resulting in the parties' agreement resolving three Public Employment Relations Board (PERB) matters. The terms of the settlement agreement include final job descriptions for the unrepresented Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) Officer and EEO Section Manager classifications, the conversion of the Chief EEO Investigator classification into an ACE position at the same salary grade, and a new job title and two-grade salary increase retroactive to July 2022 for the involuntarily transferred ACE representative.

As a result of the settlement agreement, PERB dismissed the three unfair practice charges at ACE's request. No EEO issues were alleged in the charges, no confidentiality terms were included in the settlement, and Metropolitan has not taken any corrective action in response to the alleged issues.

As previously reported, on April 4, 2022, ACE filed an unfair practice charge with PERB (Case No. LA-CE-1574-M) challenging Metropolitan's creation of a new, unrepresented EEO Officer classification. On or about January 30, 2023, PERB issued a complaint based on ACE's charge.

On October 20, 2022, ACE filed an unfair practice charge with PERB (Case No. LA-CE-1611-M) challenging Metropolitan's creation of a new, unrepresented EEO Section Manager classification and a new, unrepresented Chief EEO Investigator classification. On or about March 3, 2023, PERB issued a complaint based on ACE's charge.

On April 11, 2023, ACE filed an unfair practice charge with PERB (Case No. LA-CE-1636-M) alleging that an ACE representative, who had been involuntarily transferred, was retaliated against by Metropolitan for engaging in protected bargaining unit activity. (See General Counsel's April 2022, December 2022, and April 2023 Activity Reports.)



#### **Other Matters**

#### Miscellaneous

Juan Redin, an attorney in the Legal Department, was recently honored as Corporate Counsel of the Year (Nonprofit/Government/Municipal) at the Los Angeles Business Journal 2023 Corporate Counsel Awards. The award recognizes the achievements of industry-leading in-house counsel and their ongoing efforts to support the Los Angeles community. Juan works with Finance on bond transactions and is the lead in-house attorney for DE&I.

### Matters Received

Category	<u>Received</u>	<b>Description</b>	
Government Code Claims	1	Claim relating to flushing activities that flooded a shared vault between MWD and Golden State Water Company damaging internal electrical items and resulting in a flow violation charge from West Basin Municipal Water District	
Subpoenas	2	(1) Deposition Subpoena to Testify at a Deposition in a Civil Action; and (2) Subpoena to Produce Documents, Information, or Objects or to Permit Inspection of Premises in a Civil Action seeking the deposition of MWD and requesting documents relating to Variable Rate Demand Obligations (VRDOs) and Conduit VRDOs issued by MWD, served by the defendants in the case, <i>The City of</i> <i>Philadelphia v. Bank of America Corporation, et al.</i> , U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York, Case No. 19-CV-1608(MF)	
Requests Pursuant to	10	<u>Requestor</u>	Documents Requested
the Public Records Act		Anaheim Public Works Department	MWD plans for any utilities near the Sanitary Sewer Improvements Project in Anaheim
		CCS Global Tech (2 requests)	(1) Bid scoring sheet, winning proposals, awarded contracts, and amount spent by IT relating to the Request for Qualifications for Dam Safety Monitoring Instrumentation and Data Management Services; and (2) bid tabulation, winning proposals, awarded contracts, and data on task orders for On Call Information Technology Services
		CPS HR Consulting	Data on MOUs, employer contribution for health insurance, phone and vehicle allowances, and pay for milestone years of service
		Deltek	Awarded contract and bid tabulation results for furnishing 15 chemical flow meters for the Skinner Plant
		Hawthorne Advertising	Request for proposal and winning proposal for Advertising Services

<u>Requestor</u>	Documents Requested
Private Citizen	Proposals, executed contract, task orders and invoices for Pure Water Program Management
MWD Supervisors Association	Transcript, digital media, and chats from the Coffee with the General Manager session on November 1, 2023
SmartProcure	Purchase order data including purchase order number, purchase order date, line item details, line item quantity, line item price, vendor information from August 18, 2023 to current
Student	Water supply and water quality information for the city of Signal Hill



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Bay-Delta and SWP Litigation			
Consolidated DCP Revenue Bond Validation Action and CEQA Case Sierra Club, et al. v. California Department of Water Resources (CEQA, designated as lead case) DWR v. All Persons Interested (Validation) Sacramento County Superior Ct. (Judge Kenneth C. Mennemeier)	<ul> <li>Validation Action</li> <li>Metropolitan, Mojave Water Agency, Coachella Valley Water District, and Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency have filed answers in support</li> <li>Kern County Water Agency, Tulare Lake Basin Water Storage District, Oak Flat Water District, County of Kings, Kern Member Units &amp; Dudley Ridge Water District, and City of Yuba City filed answers in opposition</li> <li>North Coast Rivers Alliance et al., Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association, Sierra Club et al., County of Sacramento &amp; Sacramento County Water Agency, CWIN et al., Clarksburg Fire Protection District, Delta Legacy Communities, Inc, and South Delta Water Agency &amp; Central Delta Water Agency have filed answers in opposition</li> <li>Case ordered consolidated with the DCP Revenue Bond CEQA Case for pre-trial and trial purposes and assigned to Judge Earl for all purposes</li> <li>DWR's motions for summary judgment re CEQA affirmative defenses granted; cross- motions by opponents denied</li> <li>Dec. 9, 2022 DWR's motion for summary adjudication of Delta Reform Act and public trust doctrine affirmative defenses granted; NCRA's motion for summary judgment re same denied</li> <li>Trial on the merits held May 15-18, 2023</li> <li>Supplemental briefing ordered on three issues with final brief due June 30, 2023</li> <li>Tentative Decision/Proposed Statement of Decision against validity issued Aug. 25</li> <li>DWR's objections filed September 18, 2023</li> <li>Opponents responses to objections filed September 28, 2023</li> <li>CeUA Case</li> <li>Sierra Club, Center for Biological Diversity, Planning and Conservation League, Restore the Delta, and Friends of Stone Lakes National Wildlife Refuge filed a</li> </ul>		

Subject           SWP-CVP 2019 BiOp Cases           Pacific Coast Fed'n of Fishermen's Ass'ns, et al. v.           Raimondo, et al. (PCFFA)           Calif. Natural Resources Agency, et al. v.           Raimondo, et al. (CNRA)           Federal District Court, Eastern Dist. of California, Fresno Division           (Judge Thurston)	<ul> <li>standalone CEQA lawsuit challenging DWR's adoption of the bond resolutions</li> <li>Alleges DWR violated CEQA by adopting bond resolutions before certifying a Final EIR for the Delta Conveyance Project</li> <li>Cases ordered consolidated for all purposes</li> <li>DWR's motion for summary judgment granted; Sierra Club's motion denied</li> <li>Tentative Decision/Proposed Statement of Decision rejecting CEQA challenge issued Aug. 25, 2023</li> <li>DWR's objections filed September 18, 2023</li> <li>Opponents responses to objections filed September 28, 2023</li> <li>Court extended the deadline to issue a judgment to December 18, 2023</li> <li>SWC intervened in both <i>PCFFA and CNRA</i> cases</li> <li>Federal defendants reinitiated consultation on Oct 1, 2021</li> <li>February 24, 2023 court approved the 2023 Interim Operations Plan proposed by federal defendants and state plaintiffs, denied all alternative proposed operations and extended the stay until December 31, 2023</li> <li>Nov. 16, 2023 deadline for parties to file a joint status report</li> </ul>
CESA Incidental Take Permit Cases Coordinated Case Name CDWR Water Operations Cases, JCCP 5117 (Coordination Trial Judge Gevercer) Metropolitan & Mojave Water Agency v. Calif. Dept. of Fish & Wildlife, et al. (CESA/CEQA/Breach of Contract) State Water Contractors & Kern County Water Agency v. Calif. Dept. of Fish & Wildlife, et al. (CESA/CEQA) Tehama-Colusa Canal Auth., et al. v. Calif. Dept. of Water Resources (CEQA) San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water Dist. v. Calif. Dept. of Water Resources, et al. (CEQA/CESA/ Breach of Contract/Takings)	<ul> <li>All 8 cases ordered coordinated in Sacramento County Superior Court</li> <li>Stay on discovery issued until coordination trial judge orders otherwise</li> <li>All four Fresno cases transferred to Sacramento to be heard with the four other coordinated cases</li> <li>Certified administrative records lodged March 4, 2022</li> <li>State Water Contractors et al. granted leave to intervene in Sierra Club, North Coast Rivers Alliance, Central Delta Water Agency, and San Francisco Baykeeper cases by stipulation</li> <li>SWC, et al. granted leave to intervene as respondents in <i>Tehama-Colusa Canal Auth.,</i> <i>et al. v. Calif. Dept. of Water Resources</i> CEQA case</li> </ul>

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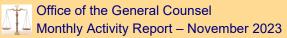
Sierra Club, et al. v. Calif. Dept. of Water Resources (CEQA/Delta Reform Act/Public Trust) North Coast Rivers Alliance, et al. v. Calif. Dept. of Water Resources (CEQA/Delta Reform Act/Public Trust) Central Delta Water Agency, et. al. v. Calif. Dept. of Water Resources (CEQA/Delta Reform Act/Public Trust/ Delta Protection Acts/Area of Origin) San Francisco Baykeeper, et al. v. Calif. Dept. of Water Resources, et al. (CEQA/CESA)	<ul> <li>SWC's renewed motion to augment the administrative records granted in part; a court-appointed referee will review withheld records to determine if the deliberative process privilege applies</li> <li>Sept. 8, 2023 hearing on DWR's and CDFW's motion to modify the referral to exclude certain withheld records</li> <li>CDFW's motion denied, DWR's motion subject to the Court's in camera review of records proposed for exclusion</li> <li>Referee's recommendation is to grant in part, deny in part SWC parties' motion to augment the administrative records</li> <li>Oct. 13, 2023 objections or responses to Referee's recommendation due</li> <li>Oct. 27, 2023 court's ruling granting in part, and denying in part, the SWC parties' motion to augment DWR's administrative records became final</li> </ul>
CDWR Environmental Impact Cases	<ul> <li>Cases dismissed after DWR rescinded project</li></ul>
Sacramento Superior Ct. Case No. JCCP 4942,	approval, bond resolutions, decertified the
3d DCA Case No. C091771	EIR, and CDFW rescinded the CESA
(20 Coordinated Cases)	incidental take permit <li>January 10, 2020 – Nine motions for</li>
Validation Action	attorneys' fees and costs denied in their
DWR v. All Persons Interested	entirety <li>Parties have appealed attorneys' fees and</li>
CEQA	costs rulings <li>May 11, 2022, court of appeal reversed the</li>
17 cases	trial court's denial of attorney fees and costs in
CESA/Incidental Take Permit	an unpublished opinion <li>Opinion ordered published</li> <li>Coordinated cases remitted to trial court for</li>
2 cases	re-hearing of fee motions consistent with the
(Judge Arguelles)	court of appeal's opinion <li>Sept.15, 2023 re-hearing on fee motions</li>
COA Addendum/	<ul> <li>Plaintiffs allege violations of CEQA, Delta</li></ul>
No-Harm Agreement	Reform Act & public trust doctrine <li>USBR Statement of Non-Waiver of Sovereign</li>
North Coast Rivers Alliance v. DWR	Immunity filed September 2019 <li>Westlands Water District and North Delta</li>
Sacramento County Superior Ct.	Water Agency granted leave to intervene <li>Metropolitan &amp; SWC monitoring</li> <li>Deadline to prepare administrative record last</li>
(Judge Rockwell)	extended to Nov. 18, 2022



SWP Contract Extension Validation Action Court of Appeal for the Third App. Dist. Case No. C096316	<ul> <li>DWR seeks a judgment that the Contract Extension amendments to the State Water Contracts are lawful</li> </ul>
DWR v. All Persons Interested in the Matter, etc.	<ul> <li>Metropolitan and 7 other SWCs filed answers in support of validity to become parties</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Jan. 5-7, 2022 Hearing on the merits held with CEQA cases, below</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Final statement of decision in DWR's favor filed March 9, 2022</li> </ul>
	Final judgment entered and served
	<ul> <li>C-WIN et al., County of San Joaquin et al. and North Coast Rivers Alliance et al. filed notices of appeal</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Validation and CEQA cases consolidated on appeal</li> </ul>
	Briefing completed May 30, 2023
	Oral argument recalendared for November 15, 2023; 30 minutes per side
SWP Contract Extension CEQA Cases Court of Appeal for the Third App. Dist. Case Nos. C096384 & C096304	<ul> <li>Petitions for writ of mandate alleging CEQA and Delta Reform Act violations filed on January 8 &amp; 10, 2019</li> </ul>
North Coast Rivers Alliance, et al. v. DWR Planning & Conservation League, et al. v. DWR	<ul> <li>Deemed related to DWR's Contract Extension Validation Action and assigned to Judge Culhane</li> </ul>
	Administrative Record completed
	• DWR filed its answers on September 28, 2020
	<ul> <li>Metropolitan, Kern County Water Agency and Coachella Valley Water District have intervened and filed answers in the two CEQA cases</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Final statement of decision in DWR's favor denying the writs of mandate filed March 9, 2022</li> </ul>
	Final judgments entered and served
	<ul> <li>North Coast Rivers Alliance et al. and PCL et al. filed notices of appeal</li> </ul>
	Appeals consolidated with the validation action above



Delta Conveyance Project Soil Exploration Cases Central Delta Water Agency, et al. v. DWR Sacramento County Superior Ct. (Judge Chang) Central Delta Water Agency, et al. v. DWR (II), Sacramento County Super. Ct. (Judge Acquisto)	<ul> <li>Original case filed August 10, 2020; new case challenging the second addendum to the CEQA document filed Aug. 1, 2022</li> <li>Plaintiffs Central Delta Water Agency, South Delta Water Agency and Local Agencies of the North Delta</li> <li>One cause of action alleging that DWR's adoption of an Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for soil explorations needed for the Delta Conveyance Project violates CEQA</li> <li>March 24, 2021 Second Amended Petition filed to add allegation that DWR's addendum re changes in locations and depths of certain borings violates CEQA</li> <li>DWR's petition to add the 2020 CEQA case to the <i>Department of Water Resources Cases</i>, JCCP 4594, San Joaquin County Superior Court denied</li> <li>Hearing on the merits held Oct.13, 2022</li> <li>Dec. 2, 2022 ruling on the merits granting the petition with respect to two mitigation measures and denying on all other grounds</li> <li>Dec. 23, 2022 court order directing DWR to address the two mitigation measures within 60 days while declining to order DWR to vacate the IS/MND</li> <li>March 27, 2023 court entered judgment and issued a writ after ordering and considering supplemental briefing</li> <li>May 5, 2023 court granted DWR's motion to discharge the writ and dismiss the case</li> <li>May 18, 2023 Notice of Appeal filed</li> <li>Hearing on motion for attorneys' fees continued to February 29, 2024</li> </ul>
Water Management Tools Contract Amendment California Water Impact Network et al. v. DWR Sacramento County Superior Ct. (Judge Aquisto) North Coast Rivers Alliance, et al. v. DWR Sacramento County Super. Ct. (Judge Aquisto)	<ul> <li>Filed September 28, 2020</li> <li>CWIN and Aqualliance allege one cause of action for violation of CEQA</li> <li>NCRA et al. allege four causes of action for violations of CEQA, the Delta Reform Act, Public Trust Doctrine and seeking declaratory relief</li> <li>SWC motion to intervene in both cases granted</li> <li>Dec. 20, 2022 DWR filed notice of certification of the administrative record and filed answers in both cases</li> </ul>



San Diego County Water Authority v. Metropolitan, et al.		
Cases	Date	Status
2014, 2016	Aug. 28, 2020	SDCWA served first amended (2014) and second amended (2016) petitions/complaints.
	Sept. 28	Metropolitan filed demurrers and motions to strike portions of the amended petitions/complaints.
	Sept. 28-29	Member agencies City of Torrance, Eastern Municipal Water District, Foothill Municipal Water District, Las Virgenes Municipal Water District, Three Valleys Municipal Water District, Municipal Water District of Orange County, West Basin Municipal Water District, and Western Municipal Water District filed joinders to the demurrers and motions to strike.
	Feb. 16, 2021	Court issued order denying Metropolitan's demurrers and motions to strike, allowing SDCWA to retain contested allegations in amended petitions/complaints.
	March 22	Metropolitan filed answers to the amended petitions/complaints and cross-complaints against SDCWA for declaratory relief and reformation, in the 2014, 2016 cases.
	March 22-23	Member agencies City of Torrance, Eastern Municipal Water District, Foothill Municipal Water District, Las Virgenes Municipal Water District, Three Valleys Municipal Water District, Municipal Water District of Orange County, West Basin Municipal Water District, and Western Municipal Water District filed answers to the amended petitions/complaints in the 2014, 2016 cases.
	April 23	SDCWA filed answers to Metropolitan's cross-complaints.
	Sept. 30	Based on the Court of Appeal's Sept. 21 opinion (described above), and the Board's Sept. 28 authorization, Metropolitan paid \$35,871,153.70 to SDCWA for 2015-2017 Water Stewardship Rate charges under the Exchange Agreement and statutory interest.
2017	July 23, 2020	Dismissal without prejudice entered.
2018	July 28, 2020	Parties filed a stipulation and application to designate the case complex and related to the 2010-2017 cases, and to assign the case to Judge Massullo's court.
	Nov. 13	Court ordered case complex and assigned to Judge Massullo's court.
	April 21, 2021	SDCWA filed second amended petition/complaint.
	May 25	Metropolitan filed motion to strike portions of the second amended petition/complaint.



Cases	Date	Status
2018 (cont.)	May 25-26	Member agencies City of Torrance, Eastern Municipal Water District, Foothill Municipal Water District, Las Virgenes Municipal Water District, Three Valleys Municipal Water District, Municipal Water District of Orange County, West Basin Municipal Water District, and Western Municipal Water District filed joinders to the motion to strike.
	July 19	Court issued order denying Metropolitan's motion to strike portions of the second amended petition/complaint.
	July 29	Metropolitan filed answer to the second amended petition/complaint and cross-complaint against SDCWA for declaratory relief and reformation.
	July 29	Member agencies City of Torrance, Eastern Municipal Water District, Foothill Municipal Water District, Las Virgenes Municipal Water District, Three Valleys Municipal Water District, Municipal Water District of Orange County, West Basin Municipal Water District, and Western Municipal Water District filed answers to the second amended petition/complaint.
	Aug. 31	SDCWA filed answer to Metropolitan's cross-complaint.
	April 11, 2022	Court entered order of voluntary dismissal of parties' WaterFix claims and cross-claims.
2014, 2016, 2018	June 11, 2021	Deposition of non-party witness.
	Aug. 25	Hearing on Metropolitan's motion for further protective order regarding deposition of non-party witness.
	Aug. 25	Court issued order consolidating the 2014, 2016, and 2018 cases for all purposes, including trial.
	Aug. 30	Court issued order granting Metropolitan's motion for a further protective order regarding deposition of non-party witness.
	Aug. 31	SDCWA filed consolidated answer to Metropolitan's cross-complaints in the 2014, 2016, and 2018 cases.
	Oct. 27	Parties submitted to the court a joint stipulation and proposed order staying discovery through Dec. 8 and resetting pre-trial deadlines.
	Oct. 29	Court issued order staying discovery through Dec. 8 and resetting pre- trial deadlines, while the parties discuss the prospect of settling some or all remaining claims and crossclaims.
	Jan. 12, 2022	Case Management Conference. Court ordered a 35-day case stay to allow the parties to focus on settlement negotiations, with weekly written check-ins with the court; and directed the parties to meet and confer regarding discovery and deadlines.



Cases	Date	Status
2014, 2016, 2018 (cont.)	Feb. 22	Court issued order resetting pre-trial deadlines as proposed by the parties.
	Feb. 22	Metropolitan and SDCWA each filed motions for summary adjudication.
	April 13	Hearing on Metropolitan's and SDCWA's motions for summary adjudication.
	April 18	Parties filed supplemental briefs regarding their respective motions for summary adjudication, as directed by the court.
	April 18	Court issued order resetting pre-trial deadlines as proposed by the parties.
	April 29	Parties filed pre-trial briefs.
	April 29	Metropolitan filed motions in limine.
	May 4	Court issued order granting Metropolitan's motion for summary adjudication on cross-claim for declaratory relief that the conveyance facility owner, Metropolitan, determines fair compensation, including any offsetting benefits; and denying its motion on certain other cross-claims and an affirmative defense.
	May 11	Court issued order granting SDCWA's motion for summary adjudication on cross-claim for declaratory relief in the 2018 case regarding lawfulness of the Water Stewardship Rate's inclusion in the wheeling rate and transportation rates in 2019-2020; certain cross-claims and affirmative defenses on the ground that Metropolitan has a duty to charge no more than fair compensation, which includes reasonable credit for any offsetting benefits, with the court also stating that whether that duty arose and whether Metropolitan breached that duty are issues to be resolved at trial; affirmative defenses that SDCWA's claims are untimely and SDCWA has not satisfied claims presentation requirements; affirmative defense in the 2018 case that SDCWA has not satisfied contract dispute resolution requirements; claim, cross- claims, and affirmative defenses regarding applicability of Proposition 26, finding that Proposition 26 applies to Metropolitan's rates and charges, with the court also stating that whether Metropolitan violated Proposition 26 is a separate issue; and cross-claims and affirmative defenses regarding applicability of Government Code section 54999.7, finding that section 54999.7 applies to Metropolitan's rates. Court denied SDCWA's motion on certain other cross-claims and affirmative defenses.
	May 13	Pre-trial conference; court denied Metropolitan's motions in limine.
	May 16	Court issued order setting post-trial brief deadline and closing arguments.
	May 16-27	Trial occurred but did not conclude.



Cases	Date	Status
2014, 2016, 2018 (cont.)	May 23, June 21	SDCWA filed motions in limine.
	May 26, June 24	Court denied SDCWA's motions in limine.
	June 3, June 24, July 1	Trial continued, concluding on July 1.
	June 24	SDCWA filed motion for partial judgment.
	July 15	Metropolitan filed opposition to motion for partial judgment.
	Aug. 19	Post-trial briefs filed.
	Sept. 14	Court issued order granting in part and denying in part SDCWA's motion for partial judgment (granting motion as to Metropolitan's dispute resolution, waiver, and consent defenses; denying motion as to Metropolitan's reformation cross-claims and mistake of fact and law defenses; and deferring ruling on Metropolitan's cost causation cross- claim).
	Sept. 21	Metropolitan filed response to order granting in part and denying in part SDCWA's motion for partial judgment (requesting deletion of Background section portion relying on pleading allegations).
	Sept. 22	SDCWA filed objection to Metropolitan's response to order granting in part and denying in part SDCWA's motion for partial judgment.
	Sept. 27	Post-trial closing arguments.
	Oct. 20	Court issued order that it will rule on SDCWA's motion for partial judgment as to Metropolitan's cost causation cross-claim simultaneously with the trial statement of decision.
	Dec. 16	The parties' filed proposed trial statements of decision.
	Dec. 21	SDCWA filed the parties' stipulation and proposed order for judgment on Water Stewardship Rate claims for 2015-2020.
	Dec. 27	Court entered order for judgment on Water Stewardship Rate claims for 2015-2020 as proposed by the parties.
	March 14, 2023	Court issued tentative statement of decision (tentatively ruling in Metropolitan's favor on all claims litigated at trial, except for those ruled to be moot based on the rulings in Metropolitan's favor)
	March 14	Court issued amended order granting in part and denying in part SDCWA's motion for partial judgment (ruling that Metropolitan's claims



		for declaratory relief regarding cost causation are not subject to court review).
	March 29	SDCWA filed objections to tentative statement of decision
	April 3	Metropolitan filed response to amended order granting in part and denying in part SDCWA's motion for partial judgment (requesting deletion of Background section portion relying on pleading allegations).
	April 25	Court issued statement of decision (ruling in Metropolitan's favor on all claims litigated at trial, except for those ruled to be moot based on the rulings in Metropolitan's favor)
All Cases	April 15, 2021	Case Management Conference on 2010-2018 cases. Court set trial in 2014, 2016, and 2018 cases on May 16-27, 2022.
	April 27	SDCWA served notice of deposition of non-party witness.
	May 13-14	Metropolitan filed motions to quash and for protective order regarding deposition of non-party witness.
	June 4	Ruling on motions to quash and for protective order.



Outside Counsel Agreements				
Firm Name	Matter Name	Agreement No.	Effective Date	Contract Maximum
Albright, Yee & Schmit, APC	Employment Matter	211923	05/23	\$60,000
Andrade Gonzalez LLP	MWD v. DWR, CDFW and CDNR Incidental Take Permit (ITP) CESA/CEQA/Contract Litigation	185894	07/20	\$250,000
Aleshire & Wynder	Oil, Mineral and Gas Leasing	174613	08/18	\$50,000
Atkinson Andelson	Employee Relations	59302	04/04	\$1,277,187
Loya Ruud & Romo	Delta Conveyance Project Bond Validation-CEQA Litigation	185899	09/21	\$250,000
	MWD Drone and Airspace Issues	193452	08/20	\$50,000
	AFSCME Local 1902 in Grievance No. 1906G020 (CSU Meal Period)	201883	07/12/21	\$30,000
	AFSCME Local 1902 v. MWD, PERB Case No. LA-CE-1438-M	201889	09/15/21	\$20,000
	MWD MOU Negotiations**	201893	10/05/21	\$100,000
Best, Best & Krieger	Bay-Delta Conservation Plan/Delta Conveyance Project (with SWCs)	170697	08/17	\$500,000
	Environmental Compliance Issues	185888	05/20	\$100,000
	Grant Compliance Issues	211921	05/23	\$75,000
	Pure Water Southern California	207966	11/22	\$100,000
Blooston, Mordkofsky, Dickens, Duffy & Prendergast, LLP	FCC and Communications Matters	110227	11/10	\$100,000
Buchalter, a Professional Corp.	Union Pacific Industry Track Agreement	193464	12/07/20	\$50,000



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Burke, Williams & Sorensen, LLP	Real Property – General	180192	01/19	\$100,000
	Labor and Employment Matters	180207	04/19	\$75,000
	General Real Estate Matters	180209	08/19	\$200,000
	Rancho Cucamonga Condemnation Actions (Grade Separation Project)	207970	05/22	\$100,000
Law Office of Alexis S.M. Chiu*	Bond Counsel	200468	07/21	N/A
Cislo & Thomas LLP	Intellectual Property	170703	08/17	\$100,000
Curls Bartling P.C.*	Bond Counsel	200470	07/21	N/A
Duane Morris LLP	SWRCB Curtailment Process	138005	09/14	\$615,422
Duncan, Weinberg, Genzer & Pembroke	Power Issues	6255	09/95	\$3,175,000
Ellison, Schneider, Harris & Donlan	Colorado River Issues	69374	09/05	\$175,000
Hams & Donian	Issues re SWRCB	84457	06/07	\$200,000
Greines, Martin, Stein	SDCWA v. MWD	207958	10/22	\$100,000
& Richland LLP	Colorado River Matters	207965	11/22	\$100,000
Haden Law Office	Real Property Matters re Agricultural Land	180194	01/19	\$50,000
Hanna, Brophy, MacLean, McAleer & Jensen, LLP	Workers' Compensation	211926	06/23	\$100,000
Hanson Bridgett LLP	SDCWA v. MWD	124103	03/12	\$1,100,000
	Finance Advice	158024	12/16	\$100,000
	Deferred Compensation/HR	170706	10/17	\$500,000
	Tax Issues	180200	04/19	\$50,000
	Alternative Project Delivery (ADP)	207961	10/22	\$250,000
Hausman & Sosa, LLP	MOU Hearing Officer Appeal	201892	09/21	\$95,000
	MOU Hearing Officer Appeal	207949	07/22	\$25,000



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Hawkins Delafield & Wood LLP*	Bond Counsel	193469	07/21	N/A
Hemming Morse, LLP	Baker Electric v. MWD	211933	08/23	\$100,000
Horvitz & Levy	SDCWA v. MWD	124100	02/12	\$1,250,000
	General Appellate Advice	146616	12/15	\$100,000
	Colorado River	203464	04/22	\$100,000
Innovative Legal Services, P.C.	Employment Matter	211915	01/19/23	\$100,000
Internet Law Center	Cybersecurity and Privacy Advice and Representation	200478	04/13/21	\$100,000
	Systems Integrated, LLC v. MWD	201875	05/17/21	\$100,000
Amira Jackmon, Attorney at Law*	Bond Counsel	200464	07/21	N/A
Jackson Lewis P.C.	Employment: Department of Labor Office of Contract Compliance	137992	02/14	\$45,000
Jones Hall, A Professional Law Corp*	Bond Counsel	200465	07/21	N/A
Kronenberger Rosenfeld, LLP	Systems Integrated, LLC v. MWD	211920	04/23	<u>\$250,000</u> <del>\$100,000</del>
Kutak Rock LLP	Delta Islands Land Management	207959	10/22	\$10,000
Liebert Cassidy Whitmore	Labor and Employment	158032	02/17	\$229,724
whithore	FLSA Audit	180199	02/19	\$50,000
Manatt, Phelps &	SDCWA v. MWD rate litigation	146627	06/16	\$4,400,000
Phillips	Raftelis-Subcontractor of Manatt, Agr. #146627: Per 5/2/22 Engagement Letter between Manatt and Raftelis, MWD paid Raftelis Financial Consultants, Inc.	Invoice No. 23949		\$56,376.64 for expert services & reimbursable expenses in SDCWA v. MWD
Marten Law LLP	PFAS Multi-District Litigation	216034	09/23	\$100,000



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Martenson, Hasbrouck & Simon LLP	Employment Matter	211932	08/23	\$50,000
Meyers Nave Riback Silver & Wilson	Pure Water Southern California	207967	11/22	\$100,000
	PFAS Compliance Issues	207968	11/14/22	\$100,000
Miller Barondess, LLP	SDCWA v. MWD	138006	12/14	\$600,000
Morgan, Lewis & Bockius	SDCWA v. MWD	110226	07/10	\$8,750,000
DOCKIUS	Project Labor Agreements	200476	04/21	\$100,000
Musick, Peeler & Garrett LLP	Colorado River Aqueduct Electric Cables Repair/Contractor Claims	193461	11/20	\$2,500,000
	Arvin-Edison v. Dow Chemical	203452	01/22	\$100,000
	Semitropic TCP Litigation	207954	09/22	\$75,000
Nixon Peabody LLP*	Bond Counsel [re-opened]	193473	07/21	\$100,000
	Special Finance Project	207960	10/22	\$50,000
Norton Rose Fulbright US LLP*	Bond Counsel	200466	07/21	N/A
Olson Remcho LLP	Government Law	131968	07/14	\$400,000
	Executive Committee/Ad Hoc Committees Advice	207947	08/22	\$60,000
	Public Records Act	207950	08/22	\$45,000
	Advice/Assistance re Proposition 26/Election Issues	211922	05/23	\$100,000
Rains Lucia Stern St. Phalle & Silver, PC	Employment Matter	211919	4/23	\$60,000
Renne Public Law Group, LLP	ACE v. MWD (PERB Case No. LA-CE-1574-M)	203466	05/22	\$100,000
	ACE v. MWD (PERB Case No. LA-CE-1611-M)	207962	10/22	\$50,000
Ryan & Associates	Leasing Issues	43714	06/01	\$200,000
	Oswalt v. MWD	211925	05/23	\$100,000



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Seyfarth Shaw LLP	Claim (Contract #201897)	201897	11/04/21	<u>\$350,000</u> <del>\$200,000</del>
	Claim (Contract #203436)	203436	11/15/21	\$350,000
	Claim (Contract #203454)	203454	01/22	<u>\$210,000</u> <del>\$160,000</del>
	Reese v. MWD	207952	11/22	<u>\$750,000</u> <del>\$400,000</del>
	General Labor/Employment Advice	211917	3/23	\$100,000
	Civil Rights Department Complaint	211931	07/23	\$100,000
	Crawford v. MWD	216035	09/23	\$100,000
Sheppard Mullin	Rivers v. MWD	207946	07/22	\$250,000
Richter & Hampton	Lorentzen v. MWD	216036	09/23	\$100,000
Stradling Yocca Carlson & Rauth*	Bond Counsel	200471	07/21	N/A
Theodora Oringher PC	Construction Contracts - General Conditions Update	185896	07/20	\$100,000
Thompson Coburn LLP	NERC Energy Reliability Standards	193451	08/20	\$300,000
Van Ness Feldman, LLP	General Litigation	170704	07/18	\$50,000
LLP	Colorado River MSHCP	180191	01/19	\$50,000
	Bay-Delta and State Water Project Environmental Compliance	193457	10/15/20	\$50,000
	Colorado River Issues	211924	05/23	\$100,000

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