

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT OF ORANGE COUNTY
Jointly with the
PLANNING & OPERATIONS COMMITTEE
18700 Ward Street, Conf. Room 101, Fountain Valley, CA 92708
April 14, 2025, 8:30 a.m.

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Director Dick

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ROLL CALL

PUBLIC COMMENTS - Public comments on agenda items and items under the jurisdiction of the Committee should be made at this time.

ITEMS RECEIVED TOO LATE TO BE AGENDIZED - Determine there is a need to take immediate action on item(s) and that the need for action came to the attention of the District subsequent to the posting of the Agenda. (Requires a unanimous vote of the Committee).

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ACTION ITEMS

1. AMENDMENTS TO METROPOLITAN WATER CONSERVATION FUNDING AGREEMENTS AND MWDOC WATER CONSERVATION PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT

INFORMATION ITEMS (The following items are for informational purposes only – background information is included in the packet. Discussion is not necessary unless requested by a Director.)

2. QUARTERLY MWDOC K-12 CHOICE SCHOOL PROGRAMS UPDATE
3. QUARTERLY SPEAKERS BUREAU UPDATE
4. PUBLIC AFFAIRS HIGHLIGHTS
5. DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES REPORTS
 - a. Ongoing MWDOC Reliability and Engineering/Planning Projects
 - b. WEROC
 - c. Water Use Efficiency Projects
 - d. Public and Government Affairs
6. REVIEW OF ISSUES RELATED TO PLANNING OR ENGINEERING PROJECTS, WEROC, WATER USE EFFICIENCY, FACILITY AND EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE, WATER STORAGE, WATER QUALITY, CONJUNCTIVE USE PROGRAMS, EDUCATION, PUBLIC AFFAIRS PROGRAMS AND EVENTS, PUBLIC INFORMATION PROJECTS, PUBLIC INFORMATION CONSULTANTS, DISTRICT FACILITIES, and MEMBER AGENCY RELATIONS

ADJOURNMENT

NOTE: At the discretion of the Committee, all items appearing on this agenda, whether or not expressly listed for action, may be deliberated, and may be subject to action by the Committee. On those items designated for Board action, the Committee reviews the items and makes a recommendation for final action to the full Board of Directors; final action will be taken by the Board of Directors. Agendas for Committee and Board meetings may be obtained from the District Secretary. Members of the public are advised that the Board consideration process includes consideration of each agenda item by one or more Committees indicated on the Board Action Sheet. Attendance at Committee meetings and the Board meeting considering an item consequently is advised.

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ACTION ITEM

April 16, 2025

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: **Planning & Operations Committee**
(Directors Seckel, Yoo-Schneider, Dick)

Harvey De La Torre, General Manager

Staff Contact: Joe Berg, Director of Water Use Efficiency
Rachel Waite-Harvey, WUE Programs Supervisor
Beth Fahl, Senior WUE Programs Analyst

**SUBJECT: AMENDMENTS TO METROPOLITAN WATER CONSERVATION
FUNDING AGREEMENTS AND MWDOC WATER CONSERVATION
PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT**

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of Directors authorize the General Manager to sign:

1. Amendments to Metropolitan's Water Conservation Funding Agreements extending the term an additional ten years to June 30, 2035; and
2. An Amendment to MWDOC's Water Conservation Participation Agreement with each Member Agency extending the term an additional ten years to June 30, 2035.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Committee recommends (To be determined at Committee Meeting)

SUMMARY

The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California's (Metropolitan) Conservation Credit Program is the foundational source of funding for MWDOC's water use efficiency incentive programs. MWDOC accesses this funding pursuant to the terms of the Water Conservation

Budgeted: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A	Budgeted amount: N/A	Core: <input type="checkbox"/>	Choice: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Action item amount: N/A		Movement between funds: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	

Funding Agreements between Metropolitan and MWDOC. The two Agreements, one for Residential Programs and the other for Commercial, Industrial, and Institutional (CII) Programs (Metropolitan Agreements), are scheduled to term out on June 30, 2025. As a result, an extension to the terms of the Metropolitan Agreements is being sought for another ten years to June 30, 2035.

In conjunction with the term expirations for the Metropolitan Agreements, MWDOC's own Water Conservation Participation Agreement (MWDOC Agreement), which enables the MWDOC Member Agencies to access our programs and funding, is also set to expire on June 30, 2025, and likewise requires its own ten-year extension until June 30, 2035.

DETAILED REPORT

Metropolitan's Water Conservation Funding Agreement

In June 2006, Metropolitan and MWDOC entered into two Agreements, one residential and one CII, to allow access to Metropolitan's Conservation Credits Program funding for water use efficiency residential and CII program implementation. The terms of these Agreements expire June 30, 2025, and Metropolitan is requesting the terms be extended for ten additional years to June 30, 2035. Amendments to both Agreements are provided as Attachment 1.

These Agreements combine all Metropolitan conservation programs into the two agreements and provide funding to Metropolitan's Member Agencies for water use efficiency program implementation. Metropolitan Member agencies also have the ability, through these Agreements, to provide their own co-funding to enhance the incentive amounts. Addenda to these Agreements are periodically issued for changes involving Board-approved items (e.g., addition of rebate devices), the addition of grant funding, and/or changes to incentive programs, including funding and incentive levels.

MWDOC's Water Conservation Participation Agreement

In June 2015, MWDOC entered into individual agreements with each MWDOC Member Agency as a means for providing access to the funding and programs that MWDOC offers. The MWDOC Agreement passes through the terms and conditions of the Metropolitan Agreements to the MWDOC Member Agencies, while also incorporating MWDOC-specific terms and conditions, access to MWDOC Shared Service Programs, and the mechanism for MWDOC Member Agencies to provide co-funding. Similarly to the expiration of the Metropolitan Agreements, the MWDOC Agreement also expires on June 30, 2025, and requires a ten-year extension. The Amendment to the MWDOC Agreement is provided as Attachment 2.

Addenda to the MWDOC Agreement are periodically issued for changes involving Metropolitan and/or MWDOC Board-approved items, the addition of grant funding, and/or changes to incentive programs, including funding and incentive levels.

It is recommended that the Board of Directors authorize the General Manager to sign:

1. Amendments to Metropolitan's Water Conservation Funding Agreements extending the terms an additional ten years to June 30, 2035; and
2. An Amendment to MWDOC's Water Conservation Participation Agreement with each Member Agency extending the term an additional ten years to June 30, 2035.

ALIGNMENT WITH BOARD STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Clarifying MWDOC's mission and role; defining functions and actions. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Work with member agencies to develop water supply and demand objectives. |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Balance support for Metropolitan's regional mission and Orange County values and interests. | <input type="checkbox"/> Solicit input and feedback from member agencies. |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Strengthen communications and coordination of messaging. | <input type="checkbox"/> Invest in workforce development and succession planning. |

BOARD OPTIONS

Option #1: It is recommended that the Board of Directors authorize the General Manager to sign:

1. Amendments to Metropolitan's Water Conservation Funding Agreements extending the terms an additional ten years to June 30, 2035; and
2. An Amendment to MWDOC's Water Conservation Participation Agreement with each Member Agency extending the term an additional ten years to June 30, 2035.

Fiscal Impact: MWDOC may access programs and funding from Metropolitan on behalf of MWDOC Member Agencies; the funding provided through these agreements is pass-through funding.

Option #2: Take no action.

Fiscal Impact: MWDOC would lose access to Metropolitan funding, and the Member Agencies would no longer have access to the MWDOC water use efficiency programs and funding.

List of Attachments/Links:
<p>Attachment 1: Amendments to Metropolitan Water District of Southern California Residential and Commercial, Industrial, and Institutional Water Conservation Funding Agreements</p> <p>Attachment 2: Amendment to Municipal Water District of Orange County Water Conservation Participation Agreement</p>

ATTACHMENT 1
THIRD AMENDMENT
FY 2025-2035
WATER CONSERVATION FUNDING AGREEMENT NO. 70038
BETWEEN
THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
AND
MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT OF ORANGE COUNTY

This amendment to Agreement No. 70038, hereinafter referred to as Third Amendment, is between The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, a public agency of the State of California, organized and existing under The Metropolitan Water District Act of the State of California, hereinafter referred to as Metropolitan, and Municipal Water District of Orange County, a member agency of Metropolitan, hereinafter referred to as Municipal Water District of Orange County. Metropolitan and Municipal Water District of Orange County may be collectively referred to as “Parties” and individually as “Party.”

Recitals

A. There is now in effect between the Parties a Water Conservation Funding Agreement dated July 3, 2006, as amended by the First Amendment, and as amended by the Second Amendment, hereinafter referred to as Agreement.

B. The Parties desire to amend the Agreement with this Third Amendment to extend the term of the Agreement from June 30, 2025, to June 30, 2035, subject to annual budget approval by Metropolitan’s Board of Directors.

C. The Parties also desire to update the project description, agreement administrators, and notice requirements.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants contained in the Agreement, including all previous amendments to the Agreement and this Third Amendment, the Parties agree as follows:

Terms of Agreement

1. The following sections in the Agreement are hereby amended and shall now read as follows:

a. “Section 1: Project Description

This Agreement encompasses multiple conservation programs which provide incentives to consumers and may subsidize Municipal Water District of Orange County 's non-regional programs. Addenda to this Agreement will be issued for changes involving Board approved items, grant funding, and changes to incentive programs including funding and incentive levels.”

- b. “2.1 This Agreement will be effective on July 3, 2006, or upon execution of this Agreement by all Parties, whichever is later, and shall terminate on June 30, 2035 (Term). Continuance of this Agreement will be subject to annual budget approval by Metropolitan’s Board, in its sole discretion. This Agreement will immediately terminate if Metropolitan’s Board does not fund the Program.”
- c. “3.1 Mr. Marcelo Alvarez is appointed Agreement Administrator for Metropolitan for the purpose of administering this Agreement and making any decisions in connection therewith on behalf of Metropolitan. Havey De La Torre is appointed Agreement Administrator for Municipal Water District of Orange County for the purpose of administering this Agreement and making any decisions in connection therewith on behalf of Municipal Water District of Orange County. The designated Agreement Administrators may be changed by providing written notice to the other Party as outlined in Section 4.”
- d. “4.1 Any communication required to administer this Agreement shall be in writing and will be deemed received upon personal delivery or 48 hours after deposit in any United States mail depository, first class postage prepaid, and addressed to the Party for whom intended, as follows:

If to Metropolitan: The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California
Post Office Box 54153
Los Angeles, CA 90054-0153
Attention: Mr. Marcelo Alvarez

If to Member Agency: Municipal Water District of Orange County
18700 Ward Street
Post Office Box 20895
Fountain Valley, CA 92728
Attention: Harvey De La Torre

With Copy to: Municipal Water District of Orange County
18700 Ward Street
Post Office Box 20895
Fountain Valley, CA 92728
Attention: Beth Fahl

Either Party may change such address by giving notice to the other Party as provided herein.”

- e. “6.1 Incentives are generally limited by Board policy to \$195 per acre-foot of water saved, up to the full cost of the device. If at any time during this Agreement Metropolitan determines that the cost of any particular device falls below the incentive level, Metropolitan shall adjust the incentive accordingly per Board policy. Metropolitan Board approval is required for any specified incentives at a rate higher than \$195 per acre-foot of water saved.”
 - f. “6.4 If Metropolitan secures additional funding from outside sources for one or more items, an addendum will be issued from Metropolitan. Metropolitan will notify Municipal Water District of Orange County of outside funding status and should outside funding run out, Metropolitan’s funding commitment will revert to the current Board approved amount. Metropolitan may issue allocations or deploy other administrative actions to ensure that grant limits are not overspent. The funding amounts listed on Exhibit A are subject to being modified from time to time via addenda. Municipal Water District of Orange County shall be responsible for all costs in excess of those listed on Exhibit A of the Addenda.”
 - g. “8.1 Municipal Water District of Orange County shall provide Metropolitan invoices for all items installed, distributed, vouchered and/or rebated by Municipal Water District of Orange County or its agent as required and outlined in the applicable addendum.”
 - h. “9.2 Metropolitan and Municipal Water District of Orange County agree to provide access to their and their authorized representatives’ books, documents, papers, computer files and records that are directly pertinent to this Agreement for the purpose of making Program evaluation, audit, examination, excerpts, and transcriptions. Metropolitan and Municipal Water District of Orange County will retain all required records for applications or work performed by the Municipal Water District of Orange County for a period beginning on the date the incentive is first awarded for a given application and respective project and ending seven years later.”
2. The following Sections in the Agreement are hereby deleted in their entirety: 5.7, 6.2, 7.1, 7.2, 7.3, 10.1, 10.2, 10.3, 10.4, 10.5, and 10.6.
3. The word “addendums” is hereby replaced by the word “addenda” throughout the entire Agreement.

4. This Third Amendment modifies the Agreement only as expressly set forth above. This Third Amendment does not further modify, alter, or amend the Agreement in any other way whatsoever. All other Agreement terms and conditions not expressly set forth above remain unchanged.

5. The Parties hereto irrevocably stipulate and agree that they have each received adequate and independent consideration for the performance of the obligations they have undertaken pursuant to this Third Amendment.

6. The persons executing this Third Amendment on behalf of the Parties here warrant that (i) such Party is duly organized and existing, (ii) they are duly authorized to execute and deliver this Third Amendment on behalf of said Party, (iii) by so executing this Third Amendment such Party is formally bound to the provisions of this Third Amendment, and (iv) the entering into this Third Amendment does not violate any provision of any other Agreement to which said Party is bound.

[SIGNATURES ON FOLLOWING PAGE]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have executed this Third Amendment on the date and year last written below (Effective Date).

MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT OF
ORANGE COUNTY

THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT
OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Deven N. Upadhyay
General Manager

By _____

Harvey De La Torre

General Manager

Date _____

By _____

Deven N. Upadhyay

General Manager

Date _____

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
Marcia L. Scully
General Counsel

By _____

Joseph P. Byrne

General Counsel

Date _____

By _____

Alondra Espinosa

Deputy General Counsel

Date _____

THIRD AMENDMENT

FY 2025-2035

COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL/INSTITUTIONAL
WATER CONSERVATION FUNDING AGREEMENT NO. 66652

BETWEEN

THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

AND

MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT OF ORANGE COUNTY

This amendment to Agreement No. 66652, hereinafter referred to as Third Amendment, is between The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, a public agency of the State of California, organized and existing under The Metropolitan Water District Act of the State of California, hereinafter referred to as Metropolitan, and Member Agency, a member agency of Metropolitan, hereinafter referred to as Member Agency. Metropolitan and Member Agency may be collectively referred to as "Parties" and individually as "Party."

Recitals

A. There is now in effect between the Parties a Water Conservation Funding Agreement dated March 15, 2005, as amended by the First Amendment, and as amended by the Second Amendment, hereinafter referred to as Agreement.

B. The Parties desire to amend the Agreement with this Third Amendment to extend the term of the Agreement from June 30, 2025, to June 30, 2035, subject to annual budget approval by Metropolitan's Board of Directors.

C. The Parties also desire to update the agreement administrators and notice requirements and clarify the inclusion of all incentive programs.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants contained in the Agreement, including all previous amendments to the Agreement and this Third Amendment, the Parties agree as follows:

Terms of Agreement

1. The following Sections in the Agreement are hereby amended and shall now read as follows:

- a. "1.1 This Agreement will be effective on March 15, 2005, and shall terminate on June 30, 2035 (Term). Continuance of this Agreement will be subject to annual

budget approval by Metropolitan's Board, in its sole discretion. This Agreement will immediately terminate if Metropolitan's Board does not fund the Program."

- b. "2.1 Mr. Marcelo Alvarez is appointed Agreement Administrator for Metropolitan for the purpose of administering this Agreement and making any decisions in connection therewith on behalf of Metropolitan. Concerns regarding the Program should be addressed to Mr. Alvarez."
- c. "2.2 Harvey De La Torre is appointed Agreement Administrator for Member Agency for the purpose of administering this Agreement and making any decisions in connection therewith on behalf of Member Agency."
- d. "6.1 Member Agency elects to participate in Metropolitan's Program to provide financial incentives for water-efficient devices and other incentive programs within its service area. This Agreement and/or successive Agreement Addendums identify the specific incentive amounts that are in effect in the individual Member Agency's service territory."
- e. "Section 8: Notice

8.1 Any communication required to administer this Agreement shall be in writing and will be deemed received upon personal delivery or 48 hours after deposit in any United States mail depository, first class postage prepaid, and addressed to the Party for whom intended, as follows:

If to Metropolitan: The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California
Post Office Box 54153
Los Angeles, CA 90054-0153
Attention: Mr. Marcelo Alvarez

If to Member Agency: Municipal Water District of Orange County
18700 Ward Street
Post Office Box 20895
Fountain Valley, CA 92728
Attention: Harvey De La Torre

With Copy to: Municipal Water District of Orange County
18700 Ward Street
Post Office Box 20895
Fountain Valley, CA 92728
Attention: Beth Fahl

Either Party may change such address or Agreement Administrators by giving notice to the other Party as provided herein.”

f. “Section 10: Evaluation, Audit, and Record Retention

10.1 Metropolitan and Member Agency agree to provide access to their and their authorized representatives’ books, documents, papers, computer files and records that are directly pertinent to this Agreement for the purpose of making Program evaluation, audit, examination, excerpts, and transcriptions. Metropolitan and Member Agency will retain all required records for applications or work performed by the Member Agency for a period beginning on the date the incentive is first awarded for a given application and respective project and ending seven years later.”

2. The following Sections are hereby added to the Agreement:

- a. “1.4 This Agreement encompasses multiple conservation programs which provide incentives to consumers and may subsidize Member Agency’s non-regional programs. Addenda to this Agreement will be issued for changes involving Board approved items, grant funding, and changes to incentive programs including funding and incentive levels.”
- b. “5.6 Incentives are generally limited by Board policy to \$195 per acre-foot of water saved, up to the full cost of the device. If at any time during this Agreement Metropolitan determines that the cost of any particular device falls below the incentive level, Metropolitan shall adjust the incentive accordingly per Board policy. Metropolitan Board approval is required for any specified incentives at a rate higher than \$195 per acre-foot of water saved.”
- c. “5.7 Member Agency shall provide Metropolitan invoices for all items installed, distributed, vouchered and/or rebated by Member Agency or its agent as required and outlined in the applicable addendum.”
- d. “5.8 “If Metropolitan secures additional funding from outside sources for one or more items, an addendum will be issued from Metropolitan. Metropolitan will notify Member Agency of outside funding status and should outside funding run out, Metropolitan’s funding commitment will revert to the current Board approved amount. Metropolitan may issue allocations or deploy other administrative actions to ensure that grant limits are not overspent. The funding amounts listed on Exhibit A

are subject to being modified from time to time via addenda. Member Agency shall be responsible for all costs in excess of those listed on Exhibit A of the Addenda.”

3. The following Sections in the Agreement are hereby deleted in their entirety: 4.1, 7.1, 7.2, 7.3, 7.4, 7.5, 7.6, and 7.7.

4. This Third Amendment modifies the Agreement only as expressly set forth above. This Third Amendment does not modify, alter, or amend the Agreement in any other way whatsoever. All other Agreement terms and conditions not expressly set forth above remain unchanged.

5. The Parties hereto irrevocably stipulate and agree that they have each received adequate and independent consideration for the performance of the obligations they have undertaken pursuant to this Third Amendment.

6. The persons executing this Third Amendment on behalf of the Parties here warrant that (i) such Party is duly organized and existing, (ii) they are duly authorized to execute and deliver this Third Amendment on behalf of said Party, (iii) by so executing this Third Amendment such Party is formally bound to the provisions of this Third Amendment, and (iv) the entering into this Third Amendment does not violate any provision of any other Agreement to which said Party is bound.

[SIGNATURES ON FOLLOWING PAGE]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have executed this Third Amendment on the date and year last written below (Effective Date).

MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT
OF ORANGE COUNTY

THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT
OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Deven N. Upadhyay
General Manager

By _____

Harvey De La Torre

General Manager

Date _____

By _____

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General Manager

Date _____

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
Marcia L. Scully
General Counsel

By _____

Joseph P. Byrne

General Counsel

Date _____

By _____

Alondra Espinosa

Deputy General Counsel

Date _____

ATTACHMENT 2

SECOND AMENDMENT

TO

WATER CONSERVATION PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT

This Second Amendment to Water Conservation Participation Agreement (“Second Amendment”) is effective on July 1, 2025 (“Effective Date”), by and between the Municipal Water District of Orange County (“MWDOC”) and _____ (“Participant Agency”). MWDOC and Participant Agency may be collectively referred to as “Parties” and individually as “Party.”

RECITALS

- A. There is now in effect between the parties a Water Conservation Participation Agreement dated July 1, 2015, as amended by the First Amendment, regarding the Participant Agency’s participation in certain water conservation programs (“Agreement”).
- B. The Parties desire to amend the Agreement with this Second Amendment to extend the term of the Agreement from June 30, 2025, to June 30, 2035.
- C. The Parties also desire to update the project description, agreement administrators, and notice requirements, and to clarify the inclusion of all incentive programs.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants contained in the Agreement, including all previous amendments to the Agreement and this Second Amendment, the Parties agree as follows:

TERMS OF AGREEMENT

- 1. The following Sections of the Agreement are hereby amended and shall now read as follows:
 - a. “1.1 This Agreement will be effective on July 1, 2015, and shall terminate on June 30, 2035 (“Term”). Continuance of this Agreement will be subject to annual budget approval by MWDOC’s Board of Directors.”
 - b. “1.4 This Agreement encompasses multiple conservation programs that provide incentives to consumers. Addenda to this Agreement will be issued for changes involving Metropolitan and/or MWDOC Board approved items, grant funding, and changes to incentive programs, including funding and incentive levels. All Addenda are enforced for the duration of this Agreement unless the Addenda are amended or terminated by either Party.”
 - c. “2.2.2 Participant Agency may elect to take advantage of the MWDOC Administered Programs by having its authorized representative complete and sign

Addenda 3A through 3E in the spaces provided. If Participant Agency completes and signs Addenda 3A through 3E, Participant Agency agrees to be bound by the provisions of this Section 2.2, Sections 3, 5, 6, 7, and 8 of this Agreement, and Addenda 3A through 3E. If the Participant Agency does not complete, sign, and return Addenda 3A through 3E, notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, the Participant Agency will not be bound by this Section or the provisions in Addenda 3A through 3E.”

- d. “7.3 Participant Agency shall maintain all Participant Agency Administered Program information, including Participant Agency applications, water bills, and purchase receipts, for a period beginning on the date the incentive is first awarded for a given application and respective project and ending seven years later.”
2. The word “Addendums” is hereby replaced by the word “Addenda” throughout the entire Agreement.
3. Authority to enter into Second Amendment. Each Party represents that the person executing this Second Amendment has the requisite power and authority to execute the Second Amendment and to bind each respective Party.
4. Continuing Effect of Agreement. Except as amended by this Second Amendment, all other provisions of the Agreement remain in full force and effect. From and after the date of this Second Amendment, whenever the term “Agreement” appears in the Agreement, it shall mean the Agreement as amended by this Second Amendment.
5. Execution in Counterparts. This Second Amendment may be executed in duplicate counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original.

MWDOC and Participant Agency have each caused this Second Amendment to be executed by its duly authorized representative as of the date set forth below the authorized signature.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have executed this Second Amendment.

MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT
OF ORANGE COUNTY

By: _____
Harvey De La Torre
General Manager

Date: _____

Approved as to Form:

By: _____
Joseph Byrne
General Counsel

Date: _____

PARTICIPANT AGENCY

Agency: _____

By: _____
Name

Title: _____

Date: _____

Approved as to Form:

Agency: _____

By: _____
Name

Title: _____

Date: _____



INFORMATION ITEM

April 14, 2025

TO: **Planning & Operations Committee**
(Directors Seckel, Yoo Schneider, Dick)

FROM: **Harvey De La Torre, General Manager**

Staff Contact: Sarah Wilson, Public Affairs Supervisor

SUBJECT: **Quarterly MWDOC K-12 Choice School Programs Update**

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of Directors: Receive and file this Quarterly MWDOC K-12 Choice School Programs Update. Included in this report is a three-month calendar preview of scheduled school visits (April 2025 – June 2025). The calendar is subject to change daily. Please contact Public Affairs for access to the calendar or to receive notifications.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Committee recommends (To be determined at Committee Meeting)

SUMMARY

The Municipal Water District of Orange County's (MWDOC) K-12 Choice School Program contractors—Shows That Teach and Orange County Department of Education's (OCDE) Inside the Outdoors (ITO) — continue to book live, interactive water lessons for the 2024-2025 school year.

This report includes a calendar preview of scheduled visits for the 2024-2025 school year. Please note that the shared calendar is updated frequently and will always have the most accurate information. Visits are subject to change due to school and teacher availability. MWDOC Choice School Program contractors update the shared calendar of visits as they are booked throughout the school year. The calendar platform allows each participating agency to access its own calendar of scheduled visits within their service area. Additionally, there is an option to receive email notifications whenever new visits are scheduled.

All MWDOC Choice School Programs incorporate hands-on interaction, pre- and post-program activities, and family and community engagement opportunities. Sessions are

Budgeted: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	Budgeted amount: \$456,647	Core: <input type="checkbox"/>	Choice: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Action item amount: N/A		Movement between funds: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	

offered to schools either in person or virtually. This report includes a detailed breakdown of each program's progress with teacher feedback. Below is a snapshot of the MWDOC Choice K-12 School Program progress.

FY 2024-2025 Student Counts to Date*

Grade Level	Students Seen	Students Scheduled	Total
K-2	16,176	2,263	18,439
3-5	10,756	5,864	16,620
6-8	1,803	1,505	3,308
9-12	230	449	679
Total	12,066	16,977	39,046

*Scheduled student #s are based on school registration at the time of booking.

FY 2024-2025 Sessions to Date

Grade Level	Sessions Completed	Sessions Scheduled	Total
K-2	85	15	100
3-5	181	82	263
6-8	73	50	123
9-12	10	14	24
Total	349	161	510

DETAILED REPORT

Please see attachments outlined below.

ALIGNMENT WITH BOARD STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

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List of Attachments/Links:

Attachment 1: MWDOC Choice Elementary School Program (Grades K-2)

Attachment 2: MWDOC Choice Elementary School Program (Grades 3-5)

Attachment 3: MWDOC Choice Middle and High School Programs (Grades 6-12)

Attachment 4: MWDOC Choice School Program Calendar of Visits (April – June 2025)



**MWDOC Choice Elementary School
Program (grades K-2)
April 14, 2025**



Shows That Teach offers Orange County students in grades K-2 fun and informative assemblies that use music, humor, and audience participation to engage students in water-centric topics such as the water cycle, water supply resources, and using water wisely. This interactive program also includes hands-on pre- and post-activities that encourage students to reflect on their relationship with water. This program is offered either in person or virtually to K-2 students combined. Multiple classrooms and grade levels can participate simultaneously.

COMPLETED PARTICIPATION TO DATE:

Totals reflect the number of presentations *completed* and students seen since the start of the 2024-2025 school year.

- **In-person presentations hosted:** 85
- **Virtual presentations hosted:** 0
- **Total number of students seen:** 16,176
- **Presentations have been completed in the following service areas:** City of Anaheim, City of Brea, City of Buena Park, East Orange County Water District, El Toro Water District, City of Fountain Valley, City of Fullerton, City of Garden Grove, City of Huntington Beach, City of La Habra, Laguna Beach County Water District, Moulton Niguel Water District, City of Orange, City of San Clemente, City of Santa Ana, South Coast Water District, City of Tustin, City of Westminster

SCHEDULED PARTICIPATION TO DATE:

Totals reflect the number of presentations currently *scheduled* and students expected to participate in the upcoming months of the 2024-2025 school year.

- **In-person presentations scheduled:** 15
- **Virtual presentations scheduled:** 0
- **Total number of students expected:** 2,263
- **Upcoming presentations have been scheduled in the following service areas:** City of Brea, City of Buena Park, El Toro Water District, City of Fullerton, City of Garden Grove, City of Huntington Beach, Moulton Niguel Water District, City of Orange, City of Santa Ana, Santa Margarita Water District

ADDITIONAL PROGRAM DETAILS AND MEASUREMENTS:

Below is a link to a teacher testimonial in the city of Westminster at Marshall Elementary following a performance of "H₂O, Where Did You Go?" on February 6, 2025.

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1p61gBrUmFtY-sCLoQsR4nxV290t_9THY/view?usp=sharing



**MWDOC Choice Elementary School
Program (grades 3-5)
April 14, 2025**



Orange County Department of Education's Inside the Outdoors (OCDE/ITO) offers Orange County students in grades 3-5 interactive, grade-specific lessons that engage students in valuable instruction on the history of California water, local climate and water sources, and how to use water efficiently. Each session includes student prompted interaction, demonstrations, and pre- and post-activities that guide students to examine how access to a reliable source of drinking water is important to every community. Participating students and their families also receive resources that complement the topics covered during the classroom session. This program is offered either in person or virtually to students in grades 3-5.

- **3rd Grade:** Compare and describe diverse weather and climate data and explore personal choices to protect our local water resources.
- **4th Grade:** Identify the key role water plays in California's history including the growth and expansion of towns and cities.
- **5th Grade:** Examine existing water management solutions and determine ways to protect the quality and quantity of water.

COMPLETED PARTICIPATION TO DATE:

Totals reflect the number of presentations *completed* and students seen since the start of the 2024-2025 school year.

- **In-person presentations hosted:** 181
- **Virtual presentations hosted:** 0
- **Total number of students seen:** 10,756
 - **Presentations have been completed in the following service areas:** City of Anaheim, City of Brea, City of Buena Park, El Toro Water District, City of Fountain Valley, City of Fullerton, City of Garden Grove, City of Huntington Beach, City of La Habra, Moulton Niguel Water District, City of Santa Ana, Santa Margarita Water District, City of Tustin, City of Westminster

SCHEDULED PARTICIPATION TO DATE:

Totals reflect the number of presentations currently *scheduled* and students expected to participate in the upcoming months of the 2024-2025 school year.

- **In-person presentations scheduled:** 82
- **Virtual presentations scheduled:** 0
- **Total number of students expected:** 5,864
- **Upcoming presentations have been scheduled in the following service areas:** City of Brea, City of Buena Park, El Toro Water District, City of Garden Grove, City of Huntington Beach, City of La Habra, Moulton Niguel Water District, City of Orange, City of Santa Ana, Santa Margarita Water District, City of Tustin, City of Westminster, Yorba Linda Water District

ADDITIONAL PROGRAM DETAILS AND MEASUREMENTS:

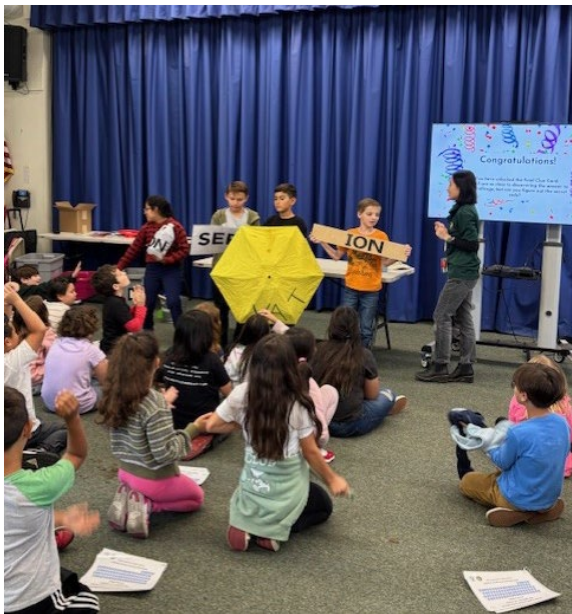
To date, OCDE/ITO has received interest from the following schools and is working with teachers to schedule those presentations:

- One (1) school from the City of Santa Ana

“Thank you for sponsoring our school. You made it possible for our Title I kiddos to learn about water and conservation.” - *Fourth Grade Teacher, Tustin Unified School District, served by City of Tustin.*

“I would like to learn more about the ways we can make runoff pollution less likely.”- *Fifth Grade Student, Huntington Beach City School District, served by the City of Huntington Beach.*

“The best part of the program was doing hands on activities and experiments to see with our own eyes how things happen.” - *Fifth Grade Student, Huntington Beach City School District, served by the City of Huntington Beach.*



Third Grade Students from Guin Foss School, served by the City of Tustin



**MWDOC Choice Elementary School
Program (grades 3-5)
April 14, 2025**



Orange County Department of Education's Inside the Outdoors (OCDE/ITO) offers Orange County students in grades 6-12 grade-specific classroom sessions that guide students to investigate challenges faced by water providers and identify sources of human impact on the quality, quantity, and availability of water in their communities. Each session includes student prompted interaction, demonstrations, and pre- and post-activities that engage students in developing solutions to real-world problems. This program is offered either in person or virtually to students in grades 6-12.

- **6th-8th Grade:** Students analyze water samples to identify sources of potential pollution and form strategies to monitor or minimize pollution.
- **9th-12th Grade:** Students collect and analyze data to explore the role of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta and its connection to our local water resources.

COMPLETED PARTICIPATION TO DATE:

Totals reflect the number of presentations *completed* and students seen since the start of the 2024-2025 school year.

Middle School Program (grades 6-8)

- **In-person presentations hosted:** 73
- **Virtual presentations hosted:** 0
- **Total number of students seen:** 1,803
- **Presentations have been completed in the following service areas:** City of Anaheim, City of Buena Park, El Toro Water District, City of Fountain Valley, City of Fullerton, City of Garden Grove, City of Huntington Beach, City of La Habra, City of San Clemente, City of Santa Ana, City of Tustin, City of Westminster, Yorba Linda Water District

High School Program (grades 9-12)

- **In-person presentations hosted:** 10
- **Virtual presentations hosted:** 0
- **Total number of students seen:** 230
- **Presentations have been completed in the following service areas:** City of Anaheim, City of Garden Grove, City of Santa Ana

SCHEDULED PARTICIPATION TO DATE:

Totals reflect the number of presentations currently *scheduled* and students expected to participate in the upcoming months of the 2024-2025 school year.

Middle School Program (grades 6-8)

- **In-person presentations scheduled:** 50
- **Virtual presentations scheduled:** 0
- **Total number of students expected:** 1,505

- **Upcoming presentations have been scheduled in the following service areas:**
City of Brea, City of Garden Grove, City of Huntington Beach, City of La Habra, Santa Margarita Water District, City of Westminster, Yorba Linda Water District

High School Program (grades 9-12)

- **In-person presentations scheduled:** 14
- **Virtual presentations scheduled:** 0
- **Total number of students expected:** 449
- **Upcoming presentations have been scheduled in the following service areas:**
City of Anaheim, El Toro Water District, City of Fountain Valley, Irvine Water District (new participant), City of Westminster

ADDITIONAL PROGRAM DETAILS AND MEASUREMENTS:

To date, OCDE/ITO has received interest from the following schools and is working with teachers to schedule those presentations:

- One (1) school from the City of Anaheim
- One (1) school from the City of Fullerton

“The best part of the program was when we got to test the water samples.” - Seventh Grade Student, Capistrano Unified School District, served by the City of San Clemente

“I thought it was a really great experience.” - Sixth Grade Student, St. Cecilia School, served by the City of Tustin

“I would like to find new activities that my neighbors and I could do to have fun and help the environment.” - Sixth Grade Student, Santa Ana Unified School District, served by the City of Santa Ana



Seventh Grade Students from Shorecliffs Middle School, served by the City of San Clemente

April 2025

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
14	Mar 30, 2025	31 Price School (3-5) Hermosa Dr. School Hebrew Academy (K... Bathgate Elementary Wagon Wheel Schoo	Apr 1 Guin Foss School (3-5)	2	3 Orange County Ed... Taft Elementary (K... St. Cecilia School (K...)	4 Bryant Ranch Scho	5
15	6	7 Carrillo School (6-8) Lakeview School (3-5)	8 Mesa View Middle School R. F. Hazard Elementary Abiding Savior Luth... Rose Drive School	9 Kinetic Academy (3-5) Kinetic Academy (6-8) Mesa View Middle School	10 Golden View Elementary Village View Elementary	11	12
16	13	14 Monroe School (3-5)	15 Garr Middle School	16	17 Gilbert Elementary San Marino Elementary	18 Pendleton School (K-5) Capistrano Union High	19
17	20	21 San Joaquin School	22 Advanced Learning Center Carr Middle School	23 El Toro High School	24 Ivy Crest Montessori Woodrow Wilson Elementary Arroyo Vista K-8 School	25 Olinda Elementary Sunnyside Elementary Tustin Memorial Academy	26
18	27	28	29 Olinda School (3-5) Parkview School (3-5)	30	May 1 Harbour View School Oxford Prep - South	2	3

Calendars

May 2025

- City of Anaheim
- City of Brea
- City of Buena Park
- City of Fountain Valley
- City of Fullerton
- City of Garden Grove
- City of Huntington Beach
- City of La Habra
- City of La Palma
- City of Orange
- City of San Clemente
- City of Santa Ana
- City of Seal Beach
- City of Tustin
- City of Westminster
- East Orange County Wate...
- El Toro Water District
- Laguna Beach County Wa...
- Moulton Niguel Water Dist...
- Santa Margarita Water Dis...
- Serrano Water District
- South Coast Water District
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- Yorba Linda Water District

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20	11	12 Garfield School (3-5)	13 Peters 4-6 School (3-5)	14 Canyon HS (9-12) Las Lomas School	15 Canyon HS (9-12) Montevideo Eleme	16 Hope View School (3-5)	17
21	18	19 Warren School (6-8) Cielo Vista School (3-5) Las Flores TK-8 (6-8)	20 Las Flores TK-8 (6-8)	21 Olinda School (6-8)	22 Fountain Valley High School Meaires School (3-5)	23 De Portola School (3-5)	24
22	25	26	27 Willmore School (3-5)	28	29 Circle View School	30	31

Calendars

June 2025

- City of Anaheim
- City of Brea
- City of Buena Park
- City of Fountain Valley
- City of Fullerton
- City of Garden Grove
- City of Huntington Beach
- City of La Habra
- City of La Palma
- City of Orange
- City of San Clemente
- City of Santa Ana
- City of Seal Beach
- City of Tustin
- City of Westminster
- East Orange County Wate...
- El Toro Water District
- Laguna Beach County Wa...
- Moulton Niguel Water Dist...
- Santa Margarita Water Dis...
- Serrano Water District
- South Coast Water District
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- Yorba Linda Water District

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23	Jun 1, 2025	2 Van Buren School (I) Van Buren School (I)	3 Prospect School (3-5)	4	5 Travis Ranch School (3-5)	6 California School (3-5)	7
24	8	9 Hawes School (3-5)	10	11	12	13	14
25	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
26	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
27	29	30	Jul 1	2	3	4	5



INFORMATION ITEM

April 14, 2025

TO: **Planning & Operations Committee**
(Directors Seckel, Yoo Schneider, Dick)

FROM: **Harvey De La Torre, General Manager**
Staff Contact: Damon Micalizzi

SUBJECT: **QUARTERLY SPEAKERS BUREAU UPDATE**

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of Directors: Receive and file this report.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Committee recommends (To be determined at Committee Meeting)

SUMMARY

In Q1 2025, the MWDOC Speakers Bureau engaged in various events, addressing water policies, infrastructure, loss control, and conservation in Orange County. Staff and Board Members connected with local government, schools, water agencies, and the public, emphasizing emergency management, efficiency, and workforce development. The Bureau reinforced MWDOC's leadership in water management. This report highlights key activities from January to March 2025; see the attached event log for details.

Budgeted: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	Budgeted amount:	Core: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Choice: <input type="checkbox"/>
Action item amount: N/A		Movement between funds: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	

ALIGNMENT WITH BOARD STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

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List of Attachments/Links:
<p>Attachment 1: Speakers Bureau Tracker – January through March 2025</p>

MWDOC SPEAKERS BUREAU

January to March 2025



EVENT DATE	EVENT TITLE	MWDOC SPEAKER (Name, Title, Dept.)	TOPIC DESCRIPTION	AUDIENCE
January 15	ACC-OC Newly Elected Council Members Orientation and Training	Harvey De La Torre, GM	Intro to MWDOC, Shared Services and Value to the County	Newly Elected Council members in Orange County
January 15	Woman's Club of Seal Beach Meeting	MWDOC Public Affairs Team	Coordinated and supported Director Seckel's presentation on OC water reliability and sustainability.	Philanthropic and social club in Seal Beach
January 16	CA Department of Water Resources Monthly Webinar Series: Water Loss and Leak Detection	Rachel Davis, Water Loss Control Programs Supervisor	Featured: steps taken by two different agencies through the shared services and technical assistance programs that have resulted in real loss reductions and standard adjustments.	Agencies across California
January 21	AWWA CA/NV Section of Security & Emergency Management	Vicki Osborn, Director of Emergency Management	Overview of Calwarn and current actions of response to the LA Fires	AWWA member agencies

MWDOC SPEAKERS BUREAU

January to March 2025



January 23	AWWA Region IX	Vicki Osborn, Director of Emergency Management	Wildfire Con Ops Plan	AWWA member agencies
January 25	Community Emergency Response Team Mutual Aid Program Regional Exercise	Vicki Osborn, Director of Emergency Management	Orange County Water, Water Distribution Plan Overview and What CERT members can do	City Emergency Managers and CERT Coordinators, volunteers affiliated with government entities and others
February 5	California Environmental Literacy Initiative green careers webinar	Tiffany Baca, Public Affairs Manager (panelist)	<i>Green Careers: Energy, Environment and Utilities</i>	California educators and utility professionals
February 6	Orange County Water Use Efficiency Workgroup Meeting	Joe Berg, Director of WUE Rachel Waite-Harvey, WUE Program Supervisor Beth Fahl, Sr. WUE Analyst Sam Fetter, WUE Analyst II Tina Fann, WUE Analyst II	Conservation as a Way of Life, MWDOC WUE Updates	MWDOC Member Agency staff
February 11	Water Energy Education Alliance (WEEA) Leadership Roundtable Meeting #20	Tiffany Baca, Public Affairs Manager (facilitator and presenter)	<i>Workforce Wisdom: Vetted Insights from a Renowned Industry Leader</i>	Water and energy industry professionals, educators, and workforce advocacy and implementation groups
February 19	WEEA Pilot Education-to-Workforce Tour panel discussion	Tiffany Baca, Public Affairs Manager (panel coordinator and moderator)	<i>Building the Future Workforce – The Power of Early Career Exploration</i>	water industry professionals, educators, and workforce advocacy and implementation groups

MWDOC SPEAKERS BUREAU

January to March 2025



February 19	OC LAFCO Commission Meeting	Heather Baez, Director of Governmental Affairs	LAFCO and Water System Consolidation Report Update	OC LAFCO Commissioners
February 19	Operational Area Executive Board	Vicki Osborn, Director of Emergency Management	WEROC – Water and Wastewater Activities Update	Department Heads from County Agencies, Elected Officials and appointed representatives from other agencies
February 24	Mesa Water Issues Study Group	Tina Fann, WUE Analyst II	MWDOC Overview and Programs	Mesa Water District customers
February 26	Metropolitan Subcommittee on Long-Term Regional Planning Processes and Business Modeling	Harvey De La Torre, GM	Status Update on Metropolitan's Business Model Activities	Metropolitan Board, Metropolitan Member Agency General Managers, Public Meeting Attendees
February 27	Urban Water Institute Spring Conference	Tiffany Baca, Public Affairs Manager (session presenter)	<i>The Future Isn't What It Used to Be – Planning for the Workforce of Tomorrow</i>	Water industry professionals
March 6	Orange County Water Use Efficiency Workgroup Meeting	Joe Berg, Director of WUE Rachel Waite-Harvey, WUE Program Supervisor Beth Fahl, Sr. WUE Analyst Sam Fetter, WUE Analyst II Tina Fann, WUE Analyst II	Way of Life Framework Technical Assistance Program, AB 1572, MWDOC WUE Updates	MWDOC Member Agency Staff
March 12	OC LAFCO Commission Meeting	Harvey De La Torre, GM	OCWD MSR & Consolidation Focused Study	OC LAFCO Commissioners

MWDOC SPEAKERS BUREAU

January to March 2025



March 13	League of California Cities Orange County Chapter Meeting	Joe Berg, Director of Water Use Efficiency Rachel Waite-Harvey, WUE Program Supervisor	Overview of AB 1572 State ban of potable irrigation for non-functional turfgrass and how MWDOC can support public agencies	Orange County City Council Members and representatives
March 18	Orange County Health Care Agency Statewide Water Resiliency Exercise Planning Meeting	Vicki Osborn, Director of Emergency Management	Overview of water statewide, Orange County, and relationship to new Health Care laws for water resiliency, and planning recommendations	Hospitals, long term care facilities and Orange County Health Care Agency staff
March 20	The Water Zone (NBC radio program and podcast)	Tiffany Baca, Public Affairs Manager (speaker - interviewee)	<i>Powering the Future: Building Water & Energy Career Pathways</i>	Water management and irrigation sector professionals, environmental advocates, and individuals interested in sustainable water practices
March 25	CA-NV AWWA Water Loss Committee Meeting	Rachel Davis, Water Loss Control Programs Supervisor	Future Online Presentations, In-Person Manual Leak Detection Training, Grant Funding Advocacy	SoCal Water Loss Workers and Managers

MWDOC SPEAKERS BUREAU

January to March 2025



March 26	Fullerton Rotary Club	Director Dick & Damon Micalizzi, Director of Public Affairs	Current Water Issues and Future Challenges	Fullerton Rotary Club Members
March 26	City of Huntington Beach Earthquake TTX	Vicki Osborn, Director of Emergency Management	Presentation and Facilitation of an exercise for an EQ impacting HB	Upper Management, City Emergency Manager
March 27	Calleguas Municipal Water District Purveyor Managers Meeting	Rachel Davis, Water Loss Control Programs Supervisor	MWDOC's Water Loss Control Shared Services and Technical Assistance Programs	Member Agency managers across the Calleguas service area
March 27	South County Agencies Meeting	Melissa Baum-Haley, AGM Charles Busslinger, Engineering Alex Heide, Metropolitan Issues	MWDOC Issue Updates Budget Update Shutdown Updates Metropolitan Updates	South County agency directors and staff



GIRL SCOUTS CLINIC MESA WATER

66 TOTAL ATTENDEES
[TINYURL.COM/GSMARCH22](https://tinyurl.com/GSMARCH22)



INSPECTION TRIP

STATE WATER PROJECT
WITH DIR. ACKERMAN



SPEAKERS BUREAU: URBAN WATER INSTITUTE SPRING CONFERENCE

WEA PRESENTATION:
THE FUTURE ISN'T WHAT IT
USED TO BE



SPEAKERS BUREAU: THE WATER ZONE

RADIO INTERVIEW WITH
TIFFANY BACA ON CAREER
PATHWAYS WITH PURPOSE
[YOUTUBE.COM/WATCH?
V=FMFC94OHYLC](https://youtube.com/watch?v=FMFC94OHYLC)



MWDOC WATER POLICY FORUM & DINNER

FEATURED SPEAKER:
DEVEN UPADHYAY
220 ATTENDEES



Restrictions on Nonfunctional Turfgrass

AB 1572: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

WHAT IS AB 1572?

State legislation signed on October 13, 2023 will prohibit using drinking water to irrigate nonfunctional turfgrass on commercial, industrial, institutional (CII) properties and homeowners association (HOA) common areas throughout the state of California.

There are two components to this legislation:
1) Property owners must self-certify their compliance to the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) to define what areas are functional and what areas are nonfunctional; 2) Property owners must discontinue irrigation of nonfunctional turfgrass areas that are irrigated with drinking water.

WHAT'S NEXT?

Your local retail water provider must establish nonfunctional turfgrass regulations by January 1, 2027 and will notify customers that are impacted.

COMPLIANCE TIMELINE

The use of drinking water for irrigation of nonfunctional turfgrass is prohibited as of:

January 1, 2027

For public properties owned by local governments

January 1, 2028

For commercial, industrial, and institutional (CII) properties

January 1, 2029

For homeowner association common areas

January 1, 2031

For properties owned by local governments in Disadvantaged Communities (DAC) or when state funding for turfgrass replacement is available

CII properties with >5,000 sq. ft. of irrigated turfgrass must certify their compliance to the SWRCB every 3 years beginning June 30, 2030.

HOA properties with >5,000 sq. ft. of irrigated turfgrass must certify their compliance to the SWRCB every 3 years beginning June 30, 2031.

COMPLIANCE MADE EASY!
Explore ways to save, mwdoc.com/rebates

Water Smart Gardening Tip: Replace Thirsty Turf!
Public Agency: up to \$4 per sq. ft. of turfgrass replaced

TREE REBATE
Rebates up to \$100 per eligible tree



SPEAKERS BUREAU: FULLERTON ROTARY CLUB

COORDINATED DIR. DICK'S
PRESENTATION



IN THIS ISSUE

53% OPEN RATE
Industry Standard 28%

<https://conta.cc/42fiYbd>



5.86% SOCIAL MEDIA
ENGAGEMENT RATE
A Good Rate is 1-5%

ENGINEERING & PLANNING

Orange County Water Demand Forecast Project and 2025 Urban Water Management Plan	<p>The Urban Water Management Planning (UWMP) Act enacted by California legislature requires every urban water supplier providing water for municipal purposes to more than 3,000 customers or supplying more than 3,000 acre-feet of water annually to prepare, adopt, and file an UWMP with the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) every five years in the years ending in six and one. The upcoming UWMP cycle is the 2025 UWMP will be due to DWR on July 1, 2026.</p> <p>UWMPs are comprehensive documents that present an evaluation of a water supplier's reliability over a long-term (20-25 year) planning horizon. UWMPs provide an assessment of the present and future water demand and supply sources within a supplier's service area. Developing a long-term water demand forecast is important prerequisite work to prepare an UWMP. Leading up to each UWMP cycle, MWDOC develops its water demand forecast through a bottoms-up approach where water demand forecasts are developed for every MWDOC member agency and the sum of all agencies' imported water demand equals MWDOC's demands. The development of individual member agency demand is part of MWDOC's core services. MWDOC usually procures a consultant with expertise in demand forecasting for assistance. Orange County Water District (OCWD) has been a co-funding project partner as 16 of its 19 basin producers are also MWDOC member agencies. The remaining three OC basin producers are the three OC cities who are direct MET member agencies (cities of Anaheim, Fullerton, and Santa Ana). For consistency in demand projections across MWDOC and OCWD, the demand forecast effort is inclusive of the three cities.</p> <p>On December 18, 2024, the MWDOC Board approved a contract award to Hazen and Sawyer (Hazen) to provide professional services for the 2025 Orange County Water Demand Forecast Project. The project began in January 2025 and an All-Agency Kickoff Meeting took place in mid-February 2025. The project is on schedule and anticipates the draft and final demand projections to become available in July and September 2025, respectively.</p> <p>The 2025 UWMP schedule will align with the demand forecast development. MWDOC staff have begun the procurement process to select a consultant for the 2025 UWMPs preparation. The Request for Proposals will be released mid-April and proposals due back end of May 2025. The proposal review panel will consist of MWDOC and participating agencies staff. The recommendation for consultant contract award will be presented to the Board in July 2025. As in years past, MWDOC will offer these services as part of the Shared Services Program.</p>
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MWDOC GIS Needs Assessment	<p>Geographic Information System (GIS) is a technology used to create, manage, and analyze many types of data. It is a necessary resource for regional water reliability planning, water operations and management, and emergency response coordination, among many other things. GIS is more than a mapping tool. Its applications cover four key components vital to MWDOC's role as a regional planner, including</p> <p>Data management - GIS is a foundational system of record allowing for the optimization of data storage and integration from business systems and other sources in such a way that organizes and magnifies data's usefulness (e.g. integration of documents in Laserfiche to include location and temporal information, ability to automate some billing processes, and ability to share organized data between departments and agencies quickly and efficiently).</p> <p>Spatial analysis - GIS spatial analysis tools allow users to find hidden relationships, generate new insights, and gain the ability to analyze data in ways other methods of data storage do not provide.</p> <p>Mapping and visualization - GIS provides tools to understand real time data, and satellite imagery by way of powerful visual representations such as digital maps and dashboards.</p> <p>Communication – Maps and dashboards communicate complex ideas quickly, building common understanding, supporting collaboration and promoting problem-solving.</p> <p>MWDOC's current in-house GIS capabilities and use are limited and there is no formalized data governance plan, or overarching data management protocols or procedures to ensure maximum flexibility in data collaboration. Most MWDOC departments employ GIS in limited forms and operate principally in their own space with cooperation and sharing of data as projects develop and need requires (e.g. for projects under Shared Services programs).</p> <p>As a regional planning agency, MWDOC recognizes the need to be a central resource for data for water agencies in Orange County, primarily our retail Member Agencies. As administrator of several Shared Service Programs, MWDOC provides additional value to its Member Agencies through the processing and analyses of data to assist in meeting regulatory compliance and other goals depending on specific projects or programs. MWDOC Member Agencies vary greatly in staffing resources and capabilities as well as data formatting and hosting platforms. As a result, MWDOC needs a flexible and scalable GIS system architecture to support a wide range of data and data formats with the ability to serve a diverse customer base.</p> <p>On March 19, 2025, the MWDOC Board approved a contract award to FLO Analytics (FLO) to provide professional services for the MWDOC GIS Needs</p>
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	<p>Assessment. The MWDOC GIS Needs Assessment will provide a high-level assessment to evaluate the current GIS environment, assess organizational and departmental GIS needs, and develop a strategy, roadmap, and business case for successful GIS implementation. The effort kicked off in early April 2025 and is anticipated to conclude in July 2025. MWDOC staff plans to present the GIS Needs Assessment findings and recommendations to the Board in August 2025.</p> <p>GIS implementation phase is anticipated to begin in FY 2025-26 and extend for multiple years to develop a GIS system architecture framework from which to further enhance specific GIS capabilities. This would include specific projects designed to demonstrate the value of MWDOC's GIS initiative and investments. Additional efforts would continue to improve upon the original framework and expand MWDOC's GIS capabilities to serve future needs as they evolve.</p>
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General Managers Report

WEROC Status Report

March 2025

FEBRUARY EVENTS

(EVENTS LISTED ONLY INCLUDE WEROC INVOLVEMENT. EVENTS AND INCIDENTS HAPPEN EVERYDAY, BUT MAY NOT REQUIRE REPORTING, OR COORDINATION WITH WEROC)

- Cyber Incidents/Suspicious Activity (5 agencies)
- Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS) & SA Winds
- Rain Event

Vicki continues to support and coordinate with LA County water agencies in relation to the LA Fires and CALWARN. Working in conjunction with CUEA, assistance has been provided in regard to offering guidance or for recovery efforts.

**Vicki can provide further details on these events as requested by the board.

WEROC AGENCY PLANNING, COORDINATION AND PROGRAM EFFORTS

AlertOC (Orange County Mass Notification System)

Janine began working with the Operational Area Emergency Management Department on the MOU between the County of Orange and Member Agency Participants for use of the Countywide Mass Notification System, AlertOC. All participating agencies need to sign the MOU as well as Individual User Agreements for recognized agency staff.

AWIA & Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan (MJHMP) Project Plan Submission & Approval Process

WEROC submitted the MJHMP to the California Office of Emergency Services (CalOES) on December 3, 2024, in accordance with the project milestones. The submission included all necessary documentation for compliance.

CalOES completed its review on January 16, 2025, and provided revision requests for every agency annex. In response, WEROC collaborated with the project contractor to implement the required changes and resubmit the plan for final CalOES approval.

On February 14, 2025, CalOES approved the required changes and transmitted the plan to FEMA for final review, a process that typically takes approximately 45 days. However,

President Trump during the week of March 31st stopped the FEMA review process of all Hazard Mitigation Plans. FEMA has been directed to re-write the guidance and has stated it could be 8 months. In addition, Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) grants have been cancelled. I am still trying to get clarification on those extended the old plan, 2. Ask for a letter from CalOES that our old and new plan still meet the California requirements.

Final review of the completed RRAs was conducted for all the Tier 1 agencies. All agencies completed the first portion of self-certifications for the RRAs by the deadline March 31, 2025.

Cyber Security and OCIAC Partnership

OCIAC and WEROC are joining forces to conduct a regional Cyber TTX on May 14, 2025. Six member agencies have agreed to be a focal point on our efforts to discuss with our partners including law, fire and city emergency managers regarding this important topic to our infrastructure,

Vicki worked with the OCIAC to make notifications on incident affecting their agency.

Mapping Project

Janine is in the final stages of collecting the Member Agencies reviews of the WEROC Water/Wastewater Atlas. She has been working with the Center for Demographic Research (CDR) for probable project completion of April 3, 2024.

National Qualifications System

WEROC Agency Training Program and Position Task books

Gabby continues to work on draft Type 4 Position Task Books (PTBs) in various Water and Wastewater positions for WEROC's training program. Their last meeting was on March 31, 2025. After much discussion, they developed the baseline for training.

Orange County Emergency Management Organization

On March 6, 2025, the WEROC team attended the monthly OCEDO coordination meeting in the City of Buena Park. The presentation in addition to the regular committee reports, the presentation was focused on Response to the Malibu EOC.

Janine attended the OCEDO Monthly Technology Subcommittee Meeting on Wednesday, March 26, 2025.

WEROC Mobile EOC/Command Vehicle and Peters Canyon Logistics Base

No report

WEROC Presentations, Training and Exercises

On March 18, 2025, Vicki presented on Water at the Orange County Health Care Agency. This was in preparation for their no water scenario because of the new hospital regulation requiring such a plan before 2025 is over.

Vicki created and facilitated the City of Huntington Beach Earthquake Scenario to run as a tabletop (TTX). The new Deputy Director was in attendance and is looking forward to doing more training and exercises.

On March 27, the County held a Tsunami Exercise. The objective was to get the decision maker on the phone

On March 24, 2025, Vicki and Janine attended the virtual participating Member Agencies AWIA/ERP Kickoff Meeting.

Janine conducted the monthly WEROC Member Agency's Radio Test on Wednesday, March 12, 2025.

**Status of Water Use Efficiency Projects
March 2025**

Description	Lead Agency	Status % Complete	Scheduled Completion or Renewal Date	Comments
SoCal WaterSmart Residential Indoor Rebate Program	MWDSC	Ongoing	Ongoing	In February 2025, 163 high efficiency clothes washers and 25 residential premium high efficiency toilets were installed in Orange County. To date, 130,753 high efficiency clothes washers and 61,834 high efficiency toilets have been installed through this program.
SoCal WaterSmart Commercial Rebate Program	MWDSC	Ongoing	Ongoing	In February 2025, 112 commercial premium high efficiency toilets, 2 ice making machines, and 1 connectionless food steamer were installed in Orange County. To date, 119,501 commercial devices have been installed through this program.
Flow-Monitoring Device Rebate Program	MWDSC	Ongoing	Ongoing	In February 2025, 13 flow-monitoring devices were installed in Orange County. To date, 939 flow-monitoring devices have been installed through this program. There are more than 3,300 verified flow-monitoring devices installed in Orange County; however, not all of them were installed via the rebate program.
Smart Timer Rebate Program	MWDSC	Ongoing	Ongoing	In February 2025, 79 residential and 35 commercial smart timers were installed in Orange County. To date, 35,378 smart timers have been installed through this program.

Description	Lead Agency	Status % Complete	Scheduled Completion or Renewal Date	Comments
Rotating Nozzles Rebate Program	MWDSC	Ongoing	Ongoing	In February 2025, 105 rotating nozzles were installed in Orange County. To date, 584,167 rotating nozzles have been installed through this program.
Rain Barrel Rebate Program	MWDSC	Ongoing	Ongoing	In February 2025, 4 rain barrels were installed in Orange County. To date, 9,047 rain barrels have been installed through this program.
Turf Replacement Program	MWDOC	Ongoing	Ongoing	In February 2025, 24 rebates were paid, representing \$251,848.50 in rebates paid this month in Orange County. To date, the Turf Replacement Program has removed approximately 28.9 million square feet of turf.
Spray to Drip Rebate Program	MWDOC	Ongoing	Ongoing	In February 2025, 14 rebates were paid, representing \$32,649.50 in rebates paid this month in Orange County. To date, the Spray to Drip Program has converted approximately 4.8 million square feet of standard spray irrigation to drip irrigation.
Tree Rebate Program	MWDOC	Ongoing	Ongoing	In February 2025, 24 eligible trees were planted in Turf Replacement Program project areas. To date, 143 trees have been planted through this program.
Landscape Design Rebate Program	MWDOC	Ongoing	Ongoing	In February 2025, 4 landscape designs received a rebate through the MWDOC Turf Replacement Program.

Description	Lead Agency	Status % Complete	Scheduled Completion or Renewal Date	Comments
Landscape Design Rebate Program (cont.)				To date, a total of 1,149 landscape design and/or landscape maintenance packages have been delivered to MWDSC Turf Replacement Program customers.
Industrial Process/ Water Savings Incentive Program (WSIP)	MWDSC	Ongoing	Ongoing	<p>This program is designed to improve water efficiency for commercial customers through upgraded equipment or services that do not qualify for standard rebates. Incentives are based on the amount of water customers save and allow customers to implement custom water-saving projects.</p> <p>Total water savings to date for the entire program is 1,269 AFY and 10,711 AF cumulatively.</p>
Recycled Water Retrofit Program	MWDSC	Ongoing	Ongoing	<p>This program provides incentives to commercial sites for converting dedicated irrigation meters to recycled water.</p> <p>To date, 194 sites irrigating a total of 1,756 acres of landscape have been converted. The total potable water savings achieved by these projects is 3,901 AFY and 30,519 AF cumulatively.</p>

Public & Governmental Affairs Activities Report

February 25, 2025 – April 8, 2025

Member Agency Support	<p>Public Affairs Staff:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepared and delivered the AB 1572 Bill Inserts & Flyers to Member Agencies. • Set up Consumer Confidence Report one-on-one appointments for Member Agencies. <p>Government Affairs Staff:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
Community and Special Events	<p>Public Affairs Staff:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hosted the MWDOC Water Policy Forum & Dinner on March 20, 2025, at the Westin, South Coast Plaza, featuring Deven Upadhyay, The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California General Manager. • Coordinated final details for Director Ackerman's State Water Project Inspection Trip on March 7-8, 2025. • Hosted a Water Resources and Conservation Patch clinic on March 22, 2025, for Girl Scouts alongside Mesa Water District and Inside the Outdoors staff at the NEW Mesa Water District Education Center. • Coordinated registration for Director Seckel's State Water Project Inspection Trip on April 25-26, 2025. • Worked with Government Affairs to create an invitation for the Independent Special Districts of Orange County Quarterly Luncheon. • Coordinated Director Dick's Speakers Bureau presentation to the Fullerton Rotary Club. • Met with Orange County Water District to prepare for joint Girl Scout clinic on May 10, 2025 • Met with Trabuco Canyon Water District to finalize details for the upcoming Scouts BSA Soil & Water Conservation Merit Badge clinic on April 19, 2025 <p>Government Affairs Staff:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attended the South Orange County Economic Coalition's Meet the Mayors Breakfast with Director Erdman • Attended the OC LAFCO meeting • Attended the ACC-OC Legislative and Regulatory Committee meeting
K-12 Water Education	<p>Public Affairs Staff:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sent out MWDOC Choice K-12 School Program commitments for FY 25-26 – 22 water providers participating. • Met with MWDOC Choice 3-12 School Program contractor, Orange County Department of Education's Inside the Outdoors, to discuss program progress and opportunities to emphasize careers in program elements. • Provided information regarding the MWDOC Choice K-12 School Programs to Moulton Niguel Water District, Yorba Linda Water District, South Coast Water District, City of Fountain Valley, Irvine Ranch Water District, Santa Margarita Water District, and El Toro Water District. • Participated in the Metropolitan Water Education Coordinators meeting.
Workforce Initiative: Water Energy	<p>Public Affairs Staff:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speakers Bureau Attended and presented at Urban Water Institute's Spring Conference.

Education Alliance (WEEA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participated in a partnership discussion with Orange County’s YES Workforce Development Solutions. • Speakers Bureau Participated as a panelist at California-Nevada American Water Works Association’s (CANV-AWWA) annual Water of the West Pre-Conference Workshop. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Participated in two (2) pre-panel discussions with CANV-AWWA and fellow panelists to prepare for the event. • Participated in two (2) Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (Metropolitan) Member Agency Workgroup meetings to prepare for their May 1 inaugural Water Workforce Summit. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Accepted an invitation as a panel moderator and secured three (3) panelists for the first session “Transforming the Future: Educational Pathways to Careers in Water.” • Met with the Executive Director of the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) Foundation to discuss synergies and potential partnership opportunities. • Met with WEEA sponsor, Tomorrow’s Talent, to discuss their work in Orange County with Coastline Community College and the City of Santa Ana. • Speakers Bureau Participated in an on-air interview with NBC radio show and podcast <i>The Water Zone</i> https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fmFc94oHYLc. • Participated in a discussion with San Diego State University about water career pathways at the University level. • Met with Orange County’s Coastline Community College to discuss their technology process program, and Dolphin Tank Incubator for student resources, mentorship, and networking opportunities. • Met with Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts to learn more about their workforce development initiatives and connect them to WEEA and regional resources.
Digital Communications, Publications, and Media Engagement	Public Affairs Staff: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepared and delivered the April edition of eCurrents <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Open rate: 53% (utilities average 28%). • Completed several updates for the MWDOC.com website. • Developed and distributed social media content across all MWDOC social media channels. • Released a recap video on March 31, 2025, of the Girl Scout clinic with Mesa Water District.
Special Projects	Public Affairs Staff: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completed the final two (2) full day Supervisors Academy trainings at Yorba Linda Water District and MWDOC with the Centre for Organization Effectiveness. • Participated in panel interviews for the Accounting Technician position Governmental Affairs Staff: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepared and distributed to all special districts, the Call for Nominations for the Secretary Vacancy on the ISDOC Executive Committee • Prepared and distributed the agenda for the March ISDOC Executive Committee meeting

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staffed the March ISDOC Executive Committee meeting • Staffed the March WACO meeting featuring speaker Justin Caporusso from the Mountain Counties Water Resources Association • Prepared and distributed the agenda for the WACO Planning Committee meeting • Staffed the WACO Planning Committee meeting • Invited and coordinated with the April WACO speaker • Prepared and distributed the April ISDOC Executive Committee agenda • Staffed the ISDOC Executive Committee meeting • Added ISDOC to two coalition letters: AB 259 (Rubio) and SB 496 (Hurtado) • Staffed the April WACO meeting featuring Jerry Brown of the Sites Reservoir Project
Outreach Metrics	<p>Public Affairs Staff:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Google Performance Analytics (GM Report Timeframe) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 286 business profile interactions ○ 2,761 people viewed the business profile • Website Analytics (GM Report Timeframe) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 14,808 pageviews ○ Top pages for this date range <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Home Page – 2,494 ▪ Agendas, Packets, Minutes – 764 ▪ Residential Rebates – 763 ▪ Turf Replacement – 731 ▪ Careers – 607 ▪ Poster Contest – 604 ○ ocwatersmartparks.com: 3 site sessions • ocwatersmartgardens.com Analytics (February 2025) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 575 Sessions, 372 New Users ○ Top pages for this date range <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Eligible Sustainability Feature Trees ▪ Helpful Plant List ▪ Fire Resistant CA Friendly Plants • Social Media (GM Report Timeframe) <p><i>According to Hootsuite – the global leader in social media management – a good engagement rate is between 1% to 5%.</i></p> <p><i>For this period, MWDOC's engagement rate is at 6.29%</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 124,591 post reach (number of people) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 7,837 Post engagement (actions taken – likes, shares, etc.)
Legislative Affairs	<p>Governmental Affairs Staff:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attended the ACWA DC Conference • While in Washington D.C., met with the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Staff from Congressman Levin's Office ○ Congresswoman Young Kim ○ Senior staff from the US Bureau of Reclamation ○ Congressman Lou Correa ○ Staff from Congressman Derek Tran's office ○ Congressman Dave Min • Participated in the Southern California Water Coalition Legislative Taskforce (March) • Participated in the ACWA Region 10 State Legislative Committee Prep meeting

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attended the March CMUA Water LIRA Strike Team meeting • Attended the ACWA State Legislative Committee meeting • Participated in the CCEEB WCW meeting on SB 601 (Allen) and its sponsors, the California Coastkeepers • Attended the CMUA Regulatory Advocacy Discussion on Advanced Clean Fleets and AB 1594 Implementation meeting • Attended the CMUA Regulatory Committee meeting in Sacramento • Participated in the CMUA Legislative Committee meeting in Sacramento • Met with legislative staff from MWD to discuss legislation • Attended the CCEEB WCW Project meeting in Sacramento • Attended the ACWA Water LIRA Working Group meeting • Participated in the CMUA Internal ACF Regulatory Meeting • Attended the DWR California Water Plan Update Webinar • Along with CSDA and other special districts, we met with staff from Assemblywoman Cottie-Petrie Norris's office • Participated in the MWD Legislative Coordinators meeting • Participated in the CSDA Legislative Committee meeting • Attended the OCB Sacramento Advocacy Trip and represented MWDOC • Met with Assemblywoman Laurie Davies • Attended the ACWA Legislative Symposium in Sacramento • Participated in the CMUA/ACWA/Environmental Justice Workgroup, re: SB 350 (Hurtado) • Attended the CMUA ACF/AB 1594 Working Group Call • Attended the April CMUA Water LIRA Strike Team meeting • Participated in the April CCEEB WCW Project meeting 	
Grants Quarter 1 Update	Jan-Feb-March - Q1 - Quarterly 2025	
	# of agencies contacted for updates to project list	6
	# of projects added to project list	2
	# of projects removed from the project list	1
	# of agencies that do not have projects on the project list	4
	Total Projects	253
	# of funding programs added to tracking sheet <i>(note that we update existing/cyclical entries)</i>	0
	Total Funding Programs	187
	# of emails communicating funding opportunities	125
	# of Go/No-Go evaluations completed	5
	# of funding update conference calls with member agencies	31
	Total amount received in grant/loan awards <i>(we are still waiting to hear on several applications submitted)</i>	\$6,394,383
	Total applications submitted	0
	Total amount requested (grants and loans)	\$0