

# SUPPLY PROGRAMS

## OVERVIEW

Metropolitan’s principal sources of water supplies are the State Water Project (SWP) and the Colorado River. Metropolitan receives water delivered from the SWP under State Water Contract (SWC) provisions, including contracted supplies, use of carryover storage in San Luis Reservoir, and surplus supplies. Metropolitan also holds rights to a basic apportionment of Colorado River water and has priority rights to an additional amount from the Colorado River depending on availability of surplus supplies. The Supply Programs supplement these SWP and Colorado River supplies. The budgeted costs for the Supply Programs are as follows:

### Supply Programs Cost Summary, \$ millions

	2014/15 Actual	2015/16 Budget	2016/17 Proposed	Change from 2015/16	2017/18 Proposed	Change from 2016/17
Supply Programs <sup>1</sup>	\$94.3	\$75.3	\$78.7	\$3.4	\$81.7	\$3.0

<sup>1</sup> Does not include Departmental costs reflected elsewhere in this Budget.

Budgeted Supply Programs costs represent opportunities and actions associated with a 50 percent SWP allocation and deliveries on the CRA of 857.1 to 881.9 thousand acre-feet (TAF). On the SWP, Supply Program expenditures support maximizing storage capabilities of the Central Valley storage programs, utilizing transfer and exchange programs recently executed, and bringing the balance into the region. On the CRA, the expenditures support the Palo Verde Irrigation District land following program and the Imperial Irrigation District/Metropolitan Conservation Program, as well as other programs to conserve and develop supplies.

## SUPPLY PROGRAMS HAVE BEEN DEVELOPED TO CONVEY ON THE SWP TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM

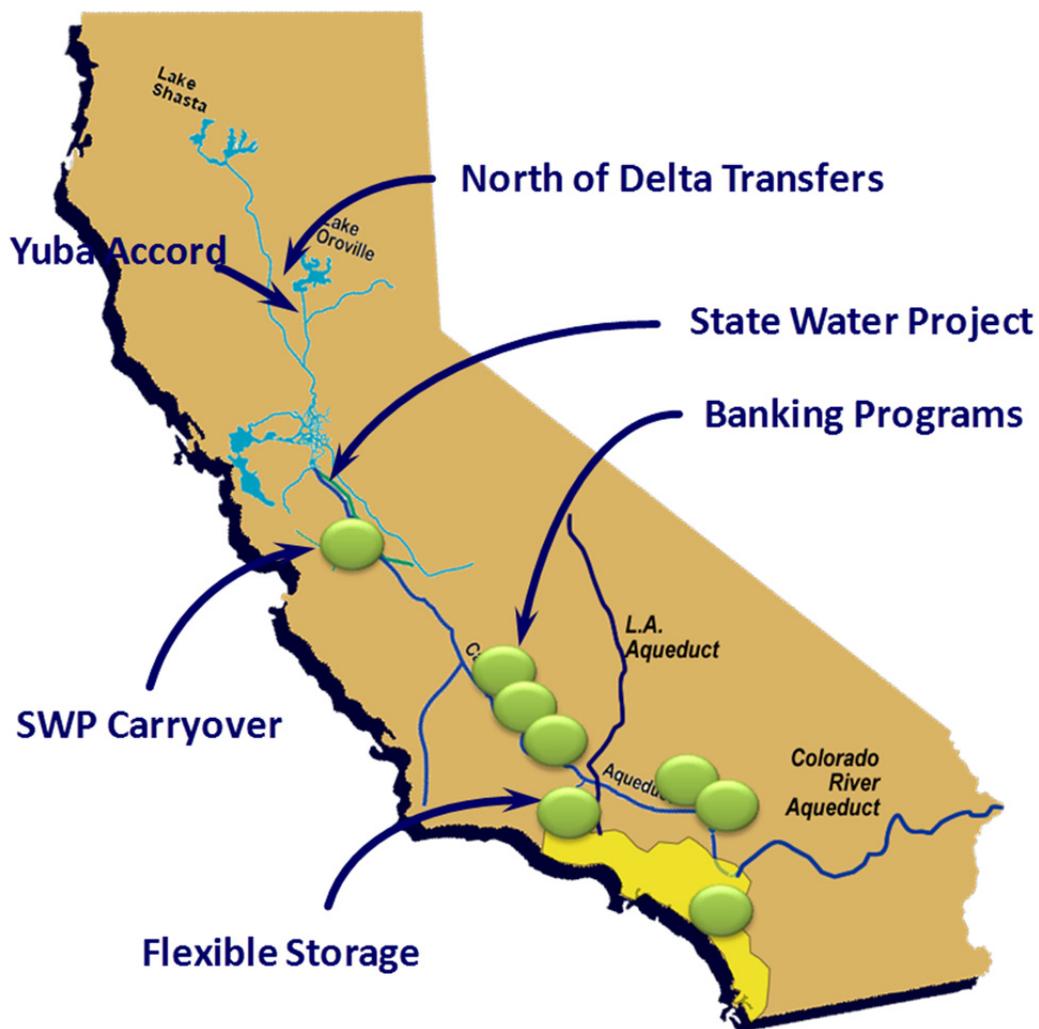
Since inception, the SWC provided Contractors the ability to use the SWP to convey non-SWP water under certain circumstances. Specifically, Article 18(c)(2) of the original SWC addresses situations where there is a shortage in the supply of water made available under the SWC and states, “[T]he District, at its option, shall have the right to use any of the project transportation facilities which by reason of such permanent shortage in the supply of project water to be made available to the District are not required for delivery of project water to the District, to transport water procured by it from any other source: [p]rovided, [t]hat such use shall be within the limits of the capacities provided in the project transportation facilities for service to the District under this contract ....”. However, Article 18(c)(2) only applied in the event a permanent shortage was declared by DWR and it was unclear on how costs would be charged for using SWP facilities to transport nonproject water. In 1994, the Contractors and DWR negotiated the Monterey Amendment to the SWC, including Article 55, which made explicit that the Contractors’ rights to use the portion of the SWP conveyance system necessary to deliver water to them (their “Reaches”) also includes the right to convey non-SWP water at no additional cost as long as capacity exists. Power for the conveyance of non-SWP water is charged at the SWP melded power rate. The Monterey Amendment also expanded the ability to carry over SWP water in SWP storage facilities, allowed participating Contractors to borrow water from terminal

reservoirs, and allowed Contractors to store water in groundwater storage facilities outside a Contractor’s service area for later use.

These amendments, approved by Metropolitan’s Board in 1995, offered the means for individual Contractors to increase supply reliability through water transfers, and storage outside their service areas.

Since adoption of the 1996 Integrated Resources Plan (IRP) and subsequent updates, Metropolitan has developed and actively managed a portfolio of supplies to convey through the California Aqueduct. Metropolitan submits delivery schedules to DWR for these supplies, and alters these schedules throughout the year based on changes in the availability of SWP and Colorado River water. The figure below shows the geographic location of the portfolio of supplies that Metropolitan has developed to be conveyed through the SWP since adoption of the Monterey Amendment and the 1996 IRP. These resources extend from north of the Delta to Southern California.

### California Aqueduct Portfolio of Supplies

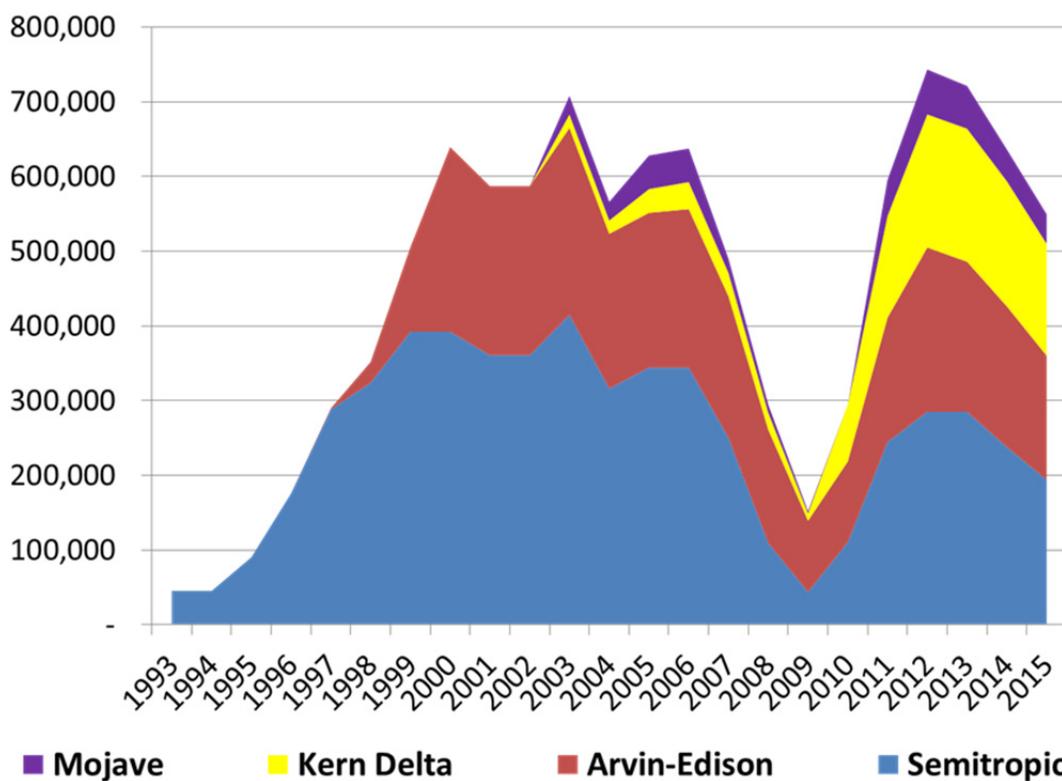


Since the Monterey Amendment, Metropolitan has secured one-year water transfer supplies through Metropolitan-only purchases, buyer coalition-purchases, and Governor Drought Water Banks. The most recent years in which these one-year transactions occurred were 2008 through 2010, 2013 and 2015. No purchases were made in 2011 or 2012 due to favorable water supply conditions. Most of the sellers were Sacramento Valley water users who are not Contractors. Other Contractors obtained one-year water transfers during this timeframe as well.

In addition to the one-year water transfers, Metropolitan purchases long-term water transfer supplies through the Yuba Accord. The Yuba Accord has provided water to enhance SWP and CVP water supply reliability by offsetting Delta export reductions and providing dry year water supplies for participating SWP and CVP contractors. This water is Yuba River water developed by Yuba County Water Agency (YCWA) making reservoir releases or by YCWA’s member units substituting groundwater for their surface water supplies; it is not SWP water.

Metropolitan also has developed groundwater storage agreements that allow Metropolitan to store available supplies in the Central Valley for return later. Metropolitan enters into agreements with DWR to deliver water supplies from the SWP facilities to these storage programs. Metropolitan enters into agreements for introduction of local supplies to return these water supplies to the SWP system for delivery to Metropolitan. The year-end balances of Metropolitan’s SWP storage activities are shown in the graph below.

SWP Groundwater Storage Programs year-end balance, acre-feet



- **Mojave Storage Program:** under the agreement, Mojave Water Agency provides groundwater banking and exchange transfers to allow Metropolitan to store up to 390,000 acre-feet for later return. The agreement allows Metropolitan to annually withdraw Mojave Water Agency’s SWP contractual amounts, after accounting for local needs.
- **Kern Delta Storage Program:** under the agreement, Kern Delta Water District provides groundwater banking and exchange transfer to allow Metropolitan to store up to 250,000 acre-feet of SWP water in wet years and take up to 50,000 acre-feet annually during droughts. The water is returned by direct groundwater pump-in or by exchange of surface water supplies.

- **Arvin-Edison Storage Program:** under the agreement, Arvin-Edison Water Storage District stores water on behalf of Metropolitan. Up to 350,000 acre-feet can be stored; Arvin-Edison is obligated to return up to 75,000 acre-feet of stored water in any year to Metropolitan, upon request. The water is returned by direct groundwater pump-in and exchange of SWP supplies.
- **Semitropic Storage Program:** under the agreement, Metropolitan stores water in the groundwater basin underlying land within the Semitropic Water Storage District. The maximum storage capacity is 350,000 acre-feet. As of December 2014, the minimum annual yield to Metropolitan is 34,700 acre-feet, and the maximum annual yield is 236,200 acre-feet depending on the available unused capacity and the SWP allocation. The water is returned by direct groundwater pump-in and exchange of SWP supplies.
- **Antelope Valley East Kern (AVEK) Storage and Exchange Program:** under the agreement, AVEK provides at least 30,000 acre-feet over ten years of its unused SWP Table A amount to Metropolitan and Metropolitan, at its discretion, would return half of the exchange water to AVEK at the Banks pumping plant. Under the Storage Program, Metropolitan, at its discretion, could store at least 30,000 acre-feet of its SWP Table A amount or other supplies in the Antelope Valley Groundwater Basin in an account designated for Metropolitan.

Metropolitan has developed exchanges and transfers with other Contractors to enhance supply flexibility. Some of these agencies have extensive groundwater supplies and are willing to exchange their SWP supplies.

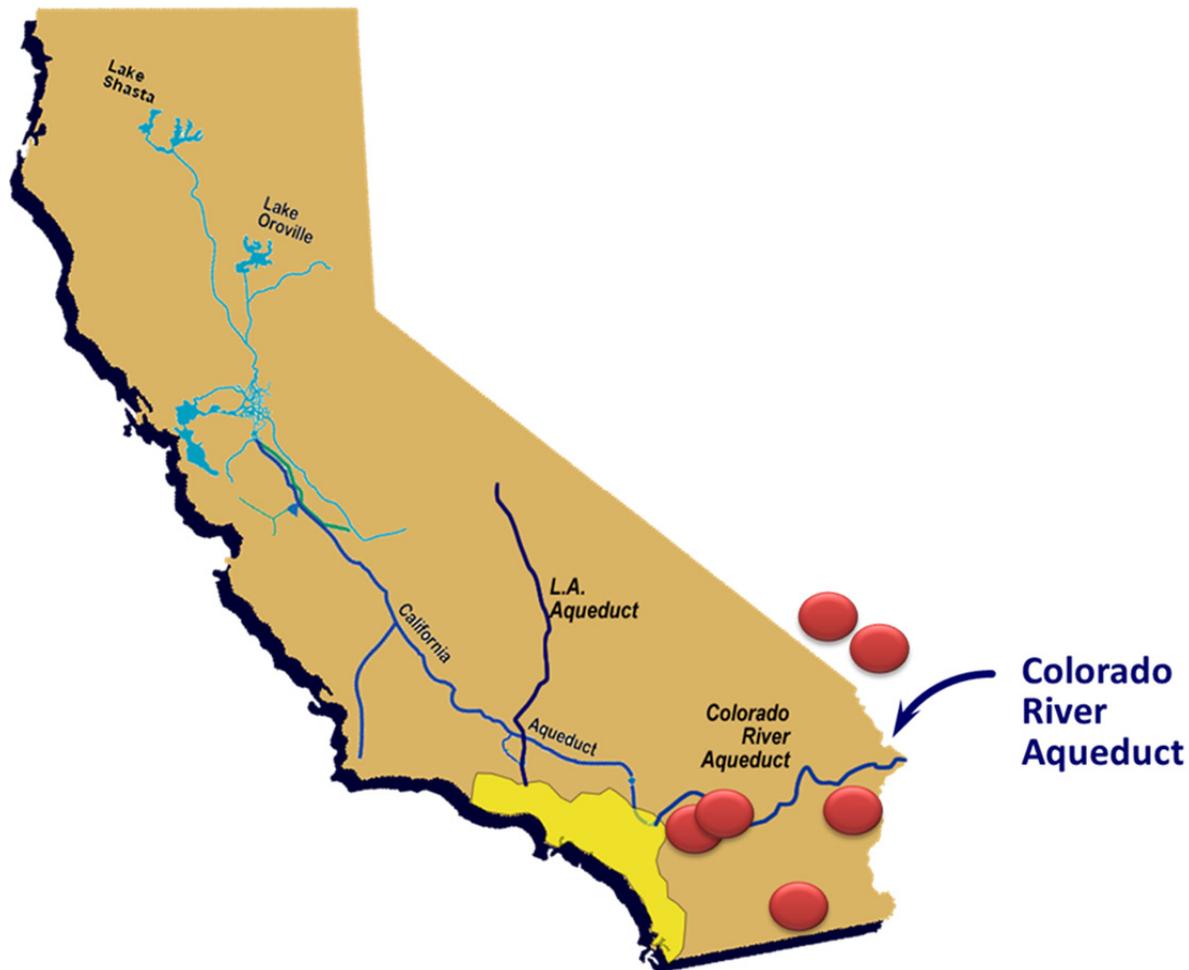
- **San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District:** under the agreement, Metropolitan can exchange up to 11,000 acre-feet on an annual basis with the return negotiated.
- **San Gabriel Valley Water District:** under this agreement, Metropolitan delivers treated water to a San Gabriel Valley Water District subagency in exchange for twice as much untreated SWP supplies delivered into the groundwater basin that supplies this agency and Metropolitan subagencies. Metropolitan can purchase at least 5,000 acre-feet per year, in excess of the unbalanced exchange amount. There are no fees to put water into storage, or take water out of the storage account. This program has the potential to increase Metropolitan's reliability by providing 115,000 acre-feet through 2035.
- **Desert Water Agency/Coachella Valley Water District Advance Delivery Program:** under this program, Metropolitan delivers Colorado River water to the Desert Water Agency (DWA) and Coachella Valley Water District (CVWD) in exchange for those agencies' SWP Contract Table A allocations to be delivered to Metropolitan at a later date. In addition to their Table A supplies, DWA and CVWD can take delivery of SWP supplies available under Article 21 of the SWC and the Turn-back Pool Program, and non-SWP supplies separately acquired by each agency. These non-SWP supplies have included Yuba Accord water, drought water bank water, and San Joaquin Valley water. Thus the availability of other water sources allows DWA and CVWD to exchange their Table A supplies with Metropolitan. By delivering enough water in advance to cover Metropolitan's exchange obligations, Metropolitan is able to receive DWA and CVWD's available SWP supplies in years in which Metropolitan's supplies are insufficient without having to deliver an equivalent amount of Colorado River water.

## SUPPLY PROGRAMS HAVE BEEN DEVELOPED TO CONVEY ON THE CRA

Since adoption of the 1996 Integrated Resources Plan (IRP) and subsequent updates, Metropolitan has developed and actively manages a portfolio of supplies to convey through the CRA, and as owner and operator, determines the delivery schedule of those resources throughout the year based on changes in the availability of SWP and Colorado River water. The figure below shows the geographic location of the portfolio

of supplies that Metropolitan has developed for diversion into the CRA since adoption of the 1996 IRP. These resources extend from Lake Mead to Southern California.

### Colorado River Aqueduct Portfolio of Supplies



- Imperial Irrigation District/Metropolitan Conservation Program: Under a 1988 Conservation Agreement, Metropolitan has funded water efficiency improvements within the Imperial Irrigation District's (IID) service area in return for the right to divert the water conserved by those investments. Metropolitan provided funding for IID to construct and operate a number of conservation projects that have conserved up to 109,460 acre-feet of water per year that has been provided to Metropolitan. In 2015, 107,820 acre-feet of conserved water is being made available by IID to Metropolitan. Execution of the Quantification Settlement Agreement (QSA) and other agreement amendments resulted in changes in the availability of water under the program. As a result of a 2014 IID-Metropolitan letter agreement, the amount to be made available by IID has been quantified at 105,000 acre-feet per year beginning in 2016. Metropolitan is guaranteed at least 85,000 acre-feet per year, with the remainder of the conserved water being made available to CVWD, if needed under the 1989 Approval Agreement as amended.
- Palo Verde Land Management, Crop Rotation, and Water Supply Program: Under this program, participating landowners in the Palo Verde Irrigation District (PVID) are paid to reduce water use by not irrigating a portion of their land. A maximum of 29 percent of the participating lands within the Palo Verde Valley can be fallowed in any given year. This program saves up to 133,000 acre-feet of water in certain years, and a minimum of 33,000 acre-feet per year. The term of the program is 35 years. Fallowing began on January 1, 2005. In March 2009, Metropolitan and PVID entered into a supplemental emergency fallowing

program within PVID that provided for the fallowing of additional acreage in 2009 and 2010. Since 2005, as much as 148,600 acre-feet of water was saved. The volume of water that becomes available to Metropolitan is governed by the QSA and the Colorado River Water Delivery Agreement. Under these agreements:

- o Metropolitan must reduce its consumptive use of Colorado River water by that volume of consumptive use by PVID and holders of Priority 2 that is greater than 420,000 acre-feet in a calendar year, or
- o Metropolitan may increase its consumptive use of Colorado River water by that volume of consumptive use by PVID and holders of Priority 2 that is less than 420,000 acre-feet in a calendar year.

In both cases, each acre-foot of reduced consumptive use by PVID is an additional acre-foot that becomes available to Metropolitan.

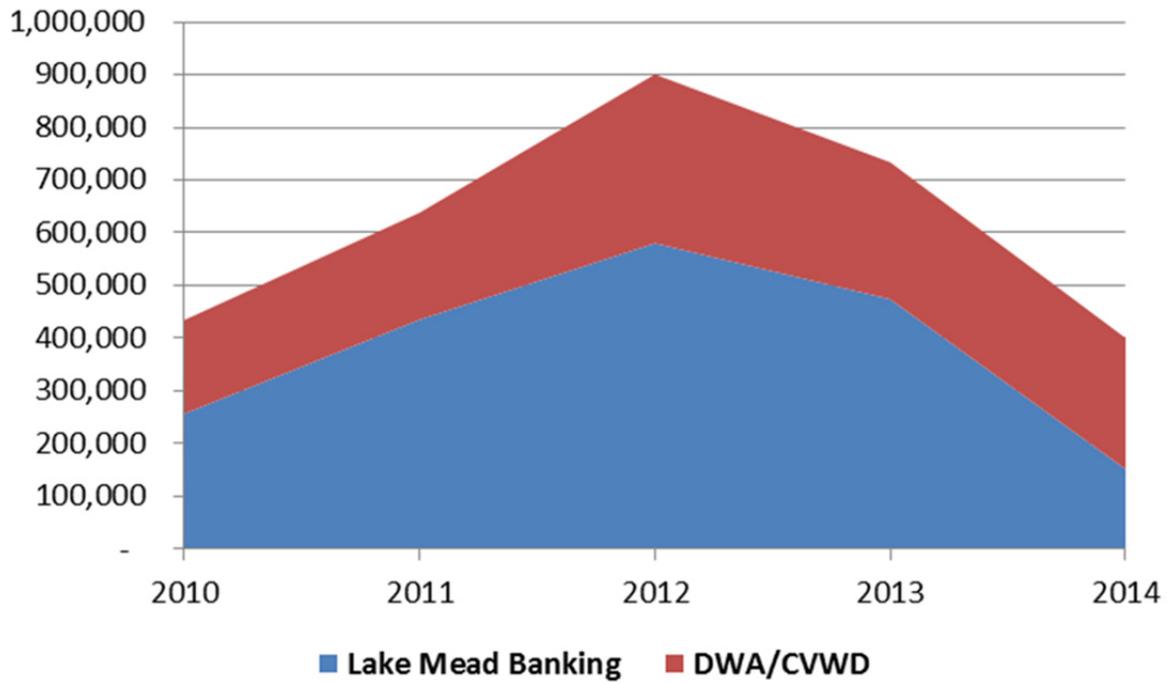
- All-American and Coachella Canal Lining Projects: Metropolitan takes delivery of 16,000 acre-feet of water annually as a result of the All-American and Coachella Canal Lining Projects. In the future, that water will be made available for the benefit of the La Jolla, Pala, Pauma, Rincon and San Pasqual Bands of Mission Indians, the San Luis Rey River Indian Water Authority, the City of Escondido and the Vista Irrigation District, upon completion of a water rights settlement among those parties and the United States.
- Southern Nevada Water Authority and Metropolitan Storage and Interstate Release Agreement: Under this 2004 agreement and a related Operational Agreement, additional Colorado River water supplies are made available to Metropolitan when there is space available in the CRA to receive the water, subject to a request by Southern Nevada Water Authority (SNWA) for Metropolitan to reduce its Colorado River water order to return a portion of this water. In 2009, 2012, and 2015, Metropolitan, the Colorado River Commission of Nevada, and SNWA amended the related Operational Agreement. The agreements can be terminated upon 90 days' notice following the return of the water stored by Metropolitan.
- Lower Colorado Water Supply Project: Under a contract among Metropolitan, the City of Needles, and the United States Bureau of Reclamation, Metropolitan receives annually exchange water unused by the City of Needles and other entities who have no rights or insufficient rights to use Colorado River water in California. The beneficiaries of the project, including the City of Needles, receive water exchanged for groundwater pumped from wells into the All-American Canal. Metropolitan makes payments to a trust fund to develop a replacement project or to desalt the groundwater should the groundwater become too saline for discharge into the All-American Canal.
- Lake Mead Storage Program: In December 2007, Metropolitan entered into agreements to set forth the guidelines under which Intentionally Created Surplus (ICS) water is developed, and stored in and delivered from Lake Mead. The amount of water stored in Lake Mead, created through extraordinary conservation, system efficiency, or tributary conservation methods, is available for delivery in a subsequent year, with extraordinary conservation ICS subject to a one-time deduction and evaporation losses. Extraordinary conservation methods used by Metropolitan to date are water saved by fallowing in the Palo Verde Valley, projects implemented with IID in its service area, and groundwater desalination. The guidelines concerning the operation of the Colorado River system reservoirs provide the ability for agencies to create "System Efficiency ICS" through the development and funding of system efficiency projects that save water that would otherwise be lost from the Colorado River. Metropolitan has participated in two projects to create System Efficiency ICS:
  - o Drop 2 (Warren H. Brock) Reservoir: Metropolitan contributed funds toward the Bureau of Reclamation's construction of an 8,000 acre-foot off-stream regulating reservoir near Drop 2 of the All-American Canal in Imperial County. This reservoir conserves about 70,000 acre-feet of water per year by capturing and storing otherwise non-storable flow. In return for its funding, Metropolitan

received 100,000 acre-feet of water that was stored in Lake Mead, and has the ability to receive up to 25,000 acre-feet of water in any single year. Besides the additional water supply, the new reservoir adds to the flexibility of Colorado River operations.

- o Yuma Desalting Plant: Metropolitan contributed to a one-year pilot operation of the Plant at one-third capacity to provide data regarding the long-term operation of the Plant. Metropolitan's yield from the pilot run of the project was 24,397 acre-feet.
- o In November 2012, Metropolitan executed agreements in support of a program to augment Metropolitan's Colorado River supply between 2013 and 2017 through an international pilot project in Mexico. Metropolitan's total share of costs will be \$5 million for 47,500 acre-feet of project supplies. The costs will be paid between 2015 and 2017, and the conserved water will be credited to Metropolitan's intentionally-created surplus water account no later than 2017. In December 2013, Metropolitan and IID executed an agreement under which IID will pay half of Metropolitan's program costs, or \$2.5 million, in return for half of the project supplies, 23,750 acre-feet.
- Hayfield Groundwater Storage Program: This program will allow Metropolitan to store Colorado River water in the Hayfield Groundwater Basin in eastern Riverside County for future withdrawal and delivery to the CRA. Drought conditions in the Colorado River watershed have resulted in a lack of surplus supplies for storage. When water supplies become more plentiful, Metropolitan may pursue this program and develop storage capacity of about 400,000 acre-feet.
- Desert Water Agency/Coachella Valley Water District/Metropolitan Water Exchange and Advance Delivery Programs: under these programs, Metropolitan delivers Colorado River water to the DWA and CVWD, in advance of the exchange for their SWP supplies. By delivering enough water in advance to cover Metropolitan's exchange obligations, Metropolitan is able to receive DWA and CVWD's available SWP supplies in years in which Metropolitan's supplies are insufficient without having to deliver an equivalent amount of Colorado River water.

The year-end balances of Metropolitan's CRA storage programs are shown in the graph below.

CRA Storage Programs year-end balance, acre-feet



## BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

The budget for the Supply Programs increases slightly over the budget period compared to FY 2015/16. This reflects the assumption of a 50 percent allocation on the SWP and approximately 857.1 to 881.9 TAF on the CRA over the same three budget periods.