



State Legislative Priorities 2022



Metropolitan's state legislative priorities support an integrated "One Water" collaborative approach to ensure long-term resilience and reliability for communities and ecosystems.

Building Readiness and Resilience in the Face of **Climate Change & Drought**

Metropolitan, its member agencies and Southern California have done an exceptional job in reducing water use and embracing a culture of conservation. But climate change is increasing the intensity and frequency of droughts, so current efforts are not enough.

Together, we will chart a new route to water supply reliability with an openness to new ideas, pursuit of new policies and funding opportunities and strengthened partnerships. And now is the time.



Funding for drought emergency and future climate-resilient infrastructure

Metropolitan is requesting \$552 million in state funding to help mitigate the statewide impacts of an unprecedented drought and prepare for the impacts of climate change and future dry cycles on water supplies. This funding would complete construction of three emergency distribution projects and advance Metropolitan's Regional Recycled Water Program, providing a new water supply for Southern California.

Expedite drought emergency and future climate-resilient infrastructure projects

Support for AB 1845 (Calderon) would help to expedite drought emergency distribution projects and the Regional Recycled Water Program.

The bill would permit Metropolitan to utilize alternative project delivery methods such as Design-Build, Progressive Design-Build, and Construction Manager/General Contractor for the design and construction of the Regional Recycled Water Program and drought-related projects.

Supporting workforce development for a climate-resilient water sector

Ensure that the water sector is included in any future programs to train a climate resilient workforce.

The planning, design, construction and operation of new climate-resilient water infrastructure will create new jobs and economic activity in historically underserved communities.



THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT
OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA



In 2019, in partnership with the Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County, Metropolitan began operating the **Regional Recycled Water Advanced Purification Center**. At full scale, the facility would be capable of producing up to 150 million gallons daily, enough to serve 500,000 homes.

Protecting Water Quality

Creating a Statewide Constituents of Emerging Concern (CECs) Drinking Water Program

Support for SB 230 (Portantino) would establish a CEC Drinking Water Program at the State Water Resources Control Board.

A CEC Drinking Water Program would set up a consistent and science-based approach for assessing the public health and drinking water risks and consequences of CECs, and identify which CECs warrant further action.

This bill is co-sponsored by Metropolitan and the California Municipal Utilities Association.

Funding to monitor and remediate contaminants that impact drinking water program

Metropolitan supports funding to research, monitor, and remediate contaminants directly impacting drinking water quality. Metropolitan supports funding to help the state create a CEC Drinking Water Program at the State Water Resources Control Board. Additionally, Metropolitan supports application of the "polluter pays" principle.

About Metropolitan

The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California is a state-established cooperative of 26 member agencies – cities and public water agencies – that serve 19 million people in six counties. Metropolitan imports water from the Colorado River and Northern California to supplement local supplies and helps its members develop increased water conservation, recycling, storage and other resource management programs.