Organization

Authority: The Metropolitan Water District Act (California Statutes 1927)
Incorporated: Dec. 6, 1928
First Board Meeting: Dec. 29, 1928
Mission: To provide Metropolitan’s service area with adequate and reliable supplies of high-quality water to meet present and future needs in an environmentally and economically responsible way

Imported Water Sources: Colorado River and California State Water Project
Service Area: About 5,200 square miles in Los Angeles, Orange, San Diego, Riverside, San Bernardino and Ventura counties
Service Area Population: 19 million

Member Agencies:

- Founding Cities (December 1928): Anaheim, Beverly Hills, Burbank, Colton*, Glendale, Los Angeles, Pasadena, San Bernardino*, San Marino, Santa Ana and Santa Monica. * Withdrew in 1931
- Subsequent Member Agency Cities: Cities of Fullerton (joined 1931), Long Beach (1931), Torrance (1931), Compton (1931), and San Fernando (1971)

Municipal Water Districts:
- West Basin MWD (1948), Inland Empire Utilities Agency (1950), Three Valleys MWD (1950), Eastern MWD (1951), MWD of Orange County (1951), Foothill MWD (1953), Central Basin MWD (1954), Western MWD (1954), Calleguas MWD (1960), Las Virgenes MWD (1960), and Upper San Gabriel Valley MWD (1963)

County Water Authority: San Diego (1946)

Governance

Board of Directors: 38. Each member agency is entitled to at least one director; additional directors are based on the agency’s assessed valuation. Board meetings are generally held on the second Tuesday of each month. Check www.mwdh2o.com for meeting times and agendas.

Facilities

COLORADO RIVER AQUEDUCT - OWNED AND OPERATED BY METROPOLITAN

Length: 242 miles from Lake Havasu to Lake Mathews, Riverside
Construction: Began 1933, completed 1939; CRA and regional distribution system operational 1941
Capacity: 1.3 million acre-feet annually (one acre-foot = 325,851 gallons)

Pumping Plants (east to west): Whitsett Intake (lift 291 ft.), Gene (303 ft.), Iron Mountain (144 ft.), Eagle Mountain (438 ft.), Julian Hinds (441 ft.); Total lift 1,617 feet
Siphons: 144, totaling 29 miles
Tunnels: 29, totaling 92 miles
Canals: 63 miles
Conduits and Pipeline: 58 miles
Design Capacity: 1,605 cubic feet per second
Water Treatment Plants: Joseph Jensen, Granada Hills (capacity 750 million gallons per day); Robert A. Skinner, Winchester (350 mgd); F.E. Weymouth, La Verne (520 mgd); Robert B. Diemer, Yorba Linda (520 mgd); and Henry J. Mills, Riverside (220 mgd)

Reservoirs: Diamond Valley Lake, Hemet, capacity 810,000 AF; Lake Mathews, Riverside, 182,000 AF; Lake Skinner, Winchester, 44,000 AF; Copper Basin, Gene, 24,200 AF; Gene Wash, Gene, 6,300 AF; Live Oak, La Verne, 2,500 AF; Garvey, Monterey Park, 1,600 AF; Palos Verdes, Rolling Hills, 1,100 AF; and Orange County, Brea, 212 AF

Total Reservoir Storage Capacity: 1,072,000 AF

Distribution System: 830 miles of pipelines and tunnels; about 400 connections to member agencies

Hydroelectric Plants: 16; nameplate capacity 131 megawatts

State Water Project: Metropolitan has participation rights in the SWP pursuant to the State Water Contract, first signed on Nov. 4, 1960. The SWP, the nation's largest state-built, multipurpose, user-financed project, includes the 444-mile California Aqueduct, Lake Oroville and San Luis Reservoir.

Supply, Deliveries and Water Transactions
(METROPOLITAN IS A WHOLESALER TO ITS 26 MEMBER AGENCIES)

Our Average Daily Delivery: 4,300 AF (5-year avg. as of Dec. 31, 2019)

Record Daily Delivery: 9,872 AF on June 28, 1994

Record Annual Water Transactions: 2.5 million AF in 1990

Budgeted Water Transactions Assumption: 1.60 MAF for FY 2019/20 and 1.60 MAF in FY 2020/21

Unit Price (full service): Effective Jan. 1, 2020, rates are $1,078 per AF for treated water, and $755 per AF for untreated water. Effective Jan. 1, 2021, rates are $1,104 per AF (treated) and $777 per AF (untreated), and effective Jan. 1, 2022, rates are $1,143 per AF (treated) and $799 per AF (untreated).

Finance and Administration

Water Revenue Bond Ratings: S&P AAA; Moody’s Aa1; Fitch AA+

Biennial Budget: July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021: $1.936 billion

July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022: $1.981 billion

Capital Projects: $250 million (FY 2020/21) $250 million (FY 2021/22)

Employees: 1,907 budgeted regular employees FY 2020/21 (full–time equivalent positions); 1,907 employees (FTEs) FY 2021/22

Fund Sources: Water rates and charges, 77%; fund withdrawals, 8%; taxes, 7%; hydroelectric sales and miscellaneous income, 2%; other, 5% (biennial budget 2020/21, 2021/22)

Uses of Funds: State Water Project payments, 30%; operations & maintenance, 26%; debt service, 14%; construction, 10%; fund deposits, 9%; supply programs, 3%; Colorado River power, 3%; demand management programs, 2%; other 2% (biennial budget 2020/21, 2021/22)