

**Metropolitan Water District of Southern California
State Legislative Matrix
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Topic	Bill Number Author	Status	Title – Summary	MWD Position	Effects on Metropolitan
Metropolitan-sponsored bills	<p style="text-align: center;">SB 230 Portantino (D)</p> <p>Sponsors: Metropolitan and the California Municipal Utilities Association (CMUA)</p>	<p>Amended 1/3/2022</p> <p>Senate Appropriations Committee</p> <p>Two-year bill</p>	<p>State Water Resources Control Board: Constituents of Emerging Concern Program</p> <p>Seeks to create a statewide program to identify and evaluate Constituents of Emerging Concern (CECs) in drinking water sources.</p>	<p>CO-SPONSOR</p> <p>Based on October 2019 Board Action</p>	<p>Metropolitan and CMUA are co-sponsoring legislation in response to growing public concern about CECs in drinking water. The bill would establish a CEC Drinking Water Program at the State Water Resources Control Board. The program would set up a consistent and science-based approach for assessing the public health and drinking water consequences of CECs, with the intent to improve knowledge and future regulatory determinations. The amendments modify the duration of the program to five years, exclude PFAS from the program of review and require the State Water Board to present a final report to the Legislature.</p>
Drinking Water	<p style="text-align: center;">AB 588 Garcia, E. (D)</p> <p>Sponsors: Association of California Water Agencies California Association of Mutual Water Companies</p>	<p>Amended 3/30/2021</p> <p>Assembly Environmental Safety and Toxics Committee</p> <p>Two-year bill</p>	<p>California Safe Drinking Water Act: compliance</p> <p>Would allow the State Water Resources Control Board to approve a compliance period of not less than 30 days and no more than 6 months for new primary drinking water standards and would allow an additional 12 months on a case-by-case basis.</p>	<p>SUPPORT</p> <p>Based upon Board-adopted 2021 State Legislative Priorities and Principles</p>	<p>The bill would create flexibility for water agencies to comply with new primary drinking water standards. Metropolitan supports granting more time to comply if a contaminant requires extensive treatment and capital investments. Large water agencies with adequate resources may be able to comply sooner with new MCLs, but smaller systems may need longer lead times to invest in routine monitoring and treatment. Water agencies granted longer compliance periods would have to report on progress.</p>

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Water Quality and Treatment	AB 377 Rivas, R. (D) Sponsor: California Coastkeeper Alliance	Amended 4/13/2021 Assembly Appropriations Committee Two-year bill	Water quality: impaired waters Would require the State Water Resources Control Board and Regional Water Quality Control Boards to evaluate impaired surface waters and report to the Legislature a plan to bring them in to attainment by January 1, 2050. Requires by January 1, 2023 the State Water Board and Regional Boards prioritize enforcement of surface water quality standards and creates the Waterway Recovery Account to provide funding to bring impaired surface water segments into compliance	WATCH Based upon Board-adopted 2021 State Legislative Priorities and Principles	The April 13 amendment substantively revised the bill. The blanket prohibitions on the issuance of new, renewed, or remodified NPDES waivers, waste discharge requirements, and permits with best management practices have been removed. There is still language with provisions pertaining to new enforcement procedures for discharges that are “causing or contributing to an exceedance of water quality standard in a surface water of the state.” However, it is too early to assess how, or if, the State and Regional boards will take enforcement action on low-threat drinking water discharges to bring “all water segments” into attainment by the 2050 target date.
Water Governance and Funding	AB 1195 C. Garcia (D) Sponsor: Author	Amended 5/24/2021 Senate Natural Resources and Water Committee Two-year bill	Drinking water. Requires the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) to appoint a commissioner to implement the Safe and Affordable Fund for Equity and Resilience Program (SAFER Program) in Southern Los Angeles County.	OPPOSE UNLESS AMENDED Based upon May 2021 Board Action	Seeks to address the needs of public water systems in Southern Los Angeles County struggling to provide safe and affordable retail water. The May 24 amendments limit the role of the commissioner to focus on implementation of the SAFER Program and create a pilot program with Los Angeles County LAFCO to extend service or consolidate struggling systems. Metropolitan is seeking additional amendments to further clarify the role of the commissioner; strike a provision that grants the commissioner the authority to

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					audit public water systems and bypass the public process created by the Legislature; and strike a section that would grant the State Water Board jurisdiction over decisions to transfer or abandon groundwater rights.
Delta/State Water Project	AB 979 Frazier (D) Sponsor: Author	Amended 4/13/2021 Assembly Appropriations Committee Two-year bill	Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta: projects: sea level rise analysis report Requires a local or state agency and private developers undertaking a project in the San Joaquin-Sacramento Delta to complete and submit to the Delta Stewardship Council, Delta Protection Commission and Legislature a report that analyzes the impact of sea-level rise (SLR) on the project.	OPPOSE Based upon Board-adopted 2021 State Legislative Priorities and Principles	The bill as amended on April 13, 2020 would apply to Metropolitan as owners of Delta islands and the Department of Water Resources as operator of the State Water Project. A SLR analysis be required using Ocean Protection Council scenarios from a 2018 guidance document including one projecting an additional 22 feet of rise at the Golden Gate bridge. It could add significant costs and delays to Delta levees or habitat restoration projects including the DCP, an action covered under the Delta Reform Plan. Any updates to the plan already require the Delta Stewardship Council to consider sea level rise.
Water/Energy Nexus	AB 1161 E. Garcia (D) Sponsor: Author	Amended 4/13/2021 Assembly Utilities and Energy Committee	Electricity: eligible renewable energy and zero-carbon resources: state agencies: procurement Requires the Department of Water Resources (DWR) to procure newly eligible renewable energy resources	OPPOSE Based upon Board-adopted 2021 State Legislative	SB 100 (DeLeon, 2018) set a state goal for 100% carbon-free resources for all state agencies by 2045. Staff have concerns that this bill misplaces the burden of procuring renewable and carbon-free resources and associated storage onto DWR. Procuring energy for

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		Two-year bill	or zero-carbon resources, and associated energy storage, for state agencies to satisfy their 100% renewable energy goals by December 31, 2030.	Priorities and Principles	other state agencies is outside DWR’s purpose and core expertise. Moreover, accelerating the state’s goal of 100% renewable and carbon-free energy resources for all state agencies by 2045 to 2030 could dramatically increase Metropolitan’s retail electricity rates above what is mandated by SB 100.
Water Bond Infrastructure Funding	AB 1500 Garcia, E. (D) and Mullin (D) Sponsor: Author	Amended 5/11/2021 Assembly Rules Committee Two-year bill	Safe Drinking Water, Wildlife Prevention, Drought Preparation, Flood Protection, Extreme Heat Mitigation, and Workforce Development Bond Act of 2022 Places a \$ 7.080 billion wildfire and water bond on the June 2022 primary election ballot for voter approval.	SUPPORT AND SEEK AMENDMENTS Based upon Board adopted 2021 State Legislative Priorities and Principles and Board action on AB 3256 (Garcia, 2020) 06/09/2020	Would provide funding for safe drinking water, wildfire prevention, drought preparation, flood protection, extreme heat mitigation, and workforce development programs. Metropolitan is seeking amendments to ensure adequate funding for recycled water projects, water quality monitoring and treatment, and subsidence repairs to conveyance infrastructure projects.

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Water Bond Infrastructure Funding	SB 45 Portantino (D) Sponsor: Author	Amended 1/3/2022 Senate Gut and Amend	Short-lived climate pollutants: organic waste education goals: local jurisdiction assistance Provides the Department of Resources and Recycling Recovery, in consultation with the State Air Resources Board (ARB), with the ability to assist local jurisdictions to comply with organic waste reduction objectives.	UNDER STAFF REVIEW	This measure will further enhance current efforts by the Department to help reduce organic waste consistent with the goals established by the ARB for 2020 and 2025.
Water Bond Infrastructure Funding	SB 559 Hurtado (D) Sponsors: Friant Water Authority, San Luis & Delta Mendota Water Authority, and State Water Contractors	Amended 8/30/2021 Senate Inactive File Two-year bill	Department of Water Resources: water conveyance systems: Canal Conveyance Capacity Restoration Fund Establishes the Canal Conveyance Capacity Restoration Fund that would upon appropriation provide up to \$785 million in funding for the Department of Water Resources (DWR) to help pay for subsidence repairs to the State Water Project and Central Valley Project water conveyance systems and for necessary road and bridge upgrades.	WATCH Based upon Board adopted 2021 State Legislative Priorities and Principles	Portions of the California Aqueduct, the Friant Kern Canal and the Delta Mendota Canal have lost capacity due to subsidence. The Fund would upon appropriation provide funding to DWR to support a 10-year program to restore the capacity of the canals and ensure a more secure water supply. Funds could be used to cover one-third of the cost to restore the capacity of the canals. A federal companion bill is envisioned that would provide one-third the cost and local partners would contribute the remaining one-third of the cost. The creation of the Fund is contingent upon all the following:

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					an appropriation of funds; an agreement is executed to provide for local cost share; and the provision of adequate cost share as determined by the DWR Director. The August 8 Assembly Amendments are problematic causing the State Water Contractors and Metropolitan to withdraw support for the bill.
Innovation	<p style="text-align: center;">SB 351 Caballero (D)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sponsor: California Municipal Utilities Association</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Amended 4/20/2021</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Senate Appropriations Committee</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Two-year bill</p>	<p>Water Innovation Act of 2021</p> <p>Would create the Office of Water Innovation at the California Water Commission to foster the adoption of new technologies and other innovative approaches in the water sector. Creates the Water Innovation Fund, with monies available upon appropriation, to the Department of Water Resources and State Water Resources Control Board to support water innovation.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">SUPPORT</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Based upon Board adopted 2021 State Legislative Priorities and Principles</p>	The water sector is facing a myriad of challenges from climate change, aging infrastructure, groundwater contamination, subsidence and freshwater ecosystems vulnerable to climate change. Innovative technologies and approaches are needed to ensure a reliable water supply while trying to address the challenges. An Office of Water Innovation could increase collaboration among state agencies on innovative approaches, engage stakeholders, and review regulations that may inhibit innovation in order to recommend regulatory reforms.
Governance	<p style="text-align: center;">AB 703 B. Rubio (D)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sponsor:</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Amended 04/29/2021</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Assembly Local Government</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Two-year bill</p>	<p>Open meetings: local agencies: teleconferences</p> <p>Amends the Ralph M. Brown Act to allow a local agency to use teleconferencing and removes certain noticing provisions for each</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">SUPPORT</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Based upon Board Action on 3/9/2021</p>	Metropolitan currently hosts teleconferencing public meetings in accordance with Executive Order, N-29-20. AB 703 allows the option to hold teleconferenced meetings into the future after the COVID-19 public health emergency is over and the Executive

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	Three Valleys Municipal Water District		teleconferencing location, requires the local agency to allow all members of the public to observe the meeting and address the legislative body in person and remotely by teleconference or internet option, and requires a quorum of members participate in person from a location noticed in the meeting agenda.		Order is lifted as long as a quorum of the Board’s directors participate in person, give notice and post agendas as prescribed, and the public can address the Board in person or by teleconference.