

Metropolitan Water District of Southern California
State Legislation Matrix
May 8, 2023 – First Year of Legislative Session

| Bill Number Author | Amended Date Location | Title-Summary | MWD Position | Effects on Metropolitan |
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| AB 400 B. Rubio (D – Baldwin Park) Sponsors: California State Association of Counties, League of California Cities | Amended 5/1/2023 Assembly Appropriations Committee | Local agency design-build projects: authorization. This measure would extend the existing sunset date to January 1, 2031, for the use of design-build as a delivery method for public works contracts and allow the use of design-build to continue indefinitely. | Support Based on October 2021 Board Action | Metropolitan’s current authority to use design-build under AB 1845 (Calderon, CH. 275, 2022) will sunset on January 1, 2028. The provisions of this bill would allow Metropolitan to use design-build for future projects through January 1, 2031. |
| AB 1572 Friedman (D - Glendale) Sponsors: Heal the Bay, National Resources Defense Council | Amended 4/20/23 Assembly Appropriations Committee | Potable water: nonfunctional turf. This measure prohibits the use of potable water for the irrigation of non-functional turf located on commercial, industrial, institutional and multifamily residential properties by specified dates. This measure would also require the State Water Resources Control Board to establish compliance and certification requirements by July 1, 2025. | Support and Consider Co-Sponsorship if amended Based upon April 2023 Board action | This bill’s intent is consistent with Metropolitan’s efforts to conserve water and reduce non-functional turf in the service area. Based on input from the Board and member agencies, Metropolitan is seeking amendments to exclude multi-family residential buildings, clarify definitions of terms, secure funding for institutional customers in disadvantaged communities and protect the authority and local control of public water systems. |
| AB 1573 Friedman (D - Glendale) | Amended on 3/23/2023 Assembly Appropriations Committee: 5/03/2023 hearing | Water conservation: landscape design: model ordinance. This measure would require the updated model water efficient landscape ordinance for all plants installed in new or renovated nonresidential areas to be at least 75% local native plants and have a 0.3 plant factor. This measure would also prohibit the use of nonfunctional turf in nonresidential landscape projects after January 1, 2026. | Support, if Amended Based upon 2023 Legislative Priorities and Principles, adopted December 2022 | This measure is consistent to Metropolitan’s effort to address the reduction of nonfunctional turf within its service area. Metropolitan staff have identified implementation challenges due to a requirement for 75 percent local native plants and .3 plant factor and are working with the author and sponsor to address the concerns. Metropolitan is seeking clarifying amendments that include: (1) removal of the .3 plant factor, (2) reduction of the native plant requirement from 75 percent to 50 percent, with a phased approach from 25 percent up to 50 percent, and (3) require water efficient irrigation methods. |

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| <p>AB 1648 Bains (D - Bakersfield)</p> | <p>Amended on 3/16/2023</p> <p>Assembly Water, Parks, and Wildlife Committee</p> | <p>Water: Colorado River Conservation. This measure would specifically prohibit Metropolitan and LADWP achieving federally required reductions on Colorado River resources through increased water deliveries from other regions of California, including the Delta, retroactively as of January 1, 2023.</p> | <p>Oppose</p> <p>Based upon 2023 Legislative Priorities and Principles, adopted December 2022</p> | <p>This measure affects Metropolitan’s flexibility with its entire water portfolio, including the integrated water resource management and the Annual Operating Plan. Metropolitan’s reliability and its ability to meet demands would also be impaired by restrictions on Metropolitan’s discretion to develop creative partnerships with its State Water Project and Colorado River Basin stakeholders.</p> |
| <p>SB 366 Caballero (D - Merced)</p> <p>Sponsors: California Municipal Utilities Association, California Council for Environmental and Economic Balance, California State Association of Counties</p> | <p>Amended 4/27/2023</p> <p>Senate Appropriations Committee</p> | <p>The California Water Plan: long-term supply targets. This measure would revise the California Water Plan to require the Department of Water Resources to update the California Water Plan by December 31, 2028, and every five years after, to include establishing a long-term water supply target for 2050 and discussion on the development of specified water supply sources to meet demand.</p> | <p>Support, if Amended</p> <p>Based upon 2023 Legislative Priorities and Principles, adopted December 2022</p> | <p>The intent of this bill is to help modernize California’s water management practices and provide long-term reliable supplies in response to the current climate challenges. Metropolitan is seeking clarifying amendments that include: (1) ensuring the 2050 target will reflect statewide, regional, and local planning efforts; and (2) delete reference in the bill to “minimize the need to import water from other hydrologic regions.” These amendments will ensure that regional and local efforts are properly considered and incorporated in the new 2050 water supply targets and preserves an important water management tool with agricultural water transfers on the Colorado River and in other watersheds.</p> |
| <p>SB 687 Eggman (D - Stockton)</p> | <p>Amended 5/2/2023</p> <p>Senate Appropriations Committee: 5/08/2023 hearing</p> | <p>Water Quality Control Plan: Delta Conveyance Project. This measure will require the State Water Resources Control Board to adopt a final update of the Bay-Delta Water Quality Control Plan before the Board may consider a change in the point of diversion or any other water rights permit or order for the Delta Conveyance Project.</p> | <p>Oppose</p> <p>Based upon 2023 Legislative Priorities and Principles, adopted December 2022</p> | <p>Metropolitan supports updating the Water Quality Control Plan to protect beneficial uses in the Delta. However, this bill would result in halting or delaying planning efforts on the Delta Conveyance Project and potentially prevent the project from operating if approved.</p> |