



## External Affairs Group

### • **Organizational Membership of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California for Fiscal Year 2023/2024**

#### Summary

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Organizational Memberships of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California for Fiscal Year 2023/2024

#### Purpose

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The Metropolitan Water District Administrative Code Section 11102 provides that each department head is authorized to join organizations whose purposes serve the interests of the District. Each department head may approve payment of dues of any such organization, so long as annual dues are \$10,000 or less. New organizational memberships over \$10,000 require Board approval. Each department head shall annually report to the Board the exercise of authority granted by this section.

#### Attachments

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Attachment 1 – FY 2023/2024 Memberships by Group

Attachment 2 – Membership Descriptions, Dues of \$100,000 or Greater; and \$25,000 – \$99,999 for FY 2023/2024

Attachment 3 – Membership Descriptions, Dues up to \$24,999 for FY 2023/2024

#### Detailed Report

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Metropolitan holds memberships in numerous organizations that align with its mission, policies, water management priorities and operational objectives. These memberships span a wide range of groups that focus on areas relevant to Metropolitan including water quality, supply, infrastructure, operations, purchasing, construction, engineering, sustainability, resiliency, innovation, human resources, diversity, equity, inclusion, finance, external affairs, safety, security and law. Some of these organizations also provide regulatory and legislative support and help disseminate information about Metropolitan on water policies and related issues to other agencies and the public. Metropolitan maintained or secured 159 memberships for Fiscal Year 2023/2024 with a total cost of approximately \$6.82 million. A complete listing of all memberships and their costs by group for Fiscal Year 2023/2024 is included in **Attachment 1**. This includes several memberships with organizations for which Metropolitan holds contractual rights. They are as follows:

- State Water Contractors (\$3,898,122)
- State Water Project Contractors Authority (0)<sup>1</sup>
- State Water Contractors-MWQI Committee (\$258,289)<sup>2</sup>
- Colorado River Board-Six Agency Committee (\$932,800)
- Colorado River Authority of California (\$0)<sup>3</sup>

Metropolitan holds memberships in four organizations with annual dues of \$100,000 or more, and 13 organizations with annual membership dues ranging from \$25,000 to \$99,999. These memberships are captured in **Attachment 2**. The summary and description of memberships up to \$24,999 is included in **Attachment 3**.

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<sup>1</sup> The State Water Project Contractors Authority (SWPCA) formed in 2003 as a joint powers organization of interested SWP contractors. As of July 18, 2018, Municipal Water Quality Investigations (MWQI) was the only active specific project committee. The SWPCA Board of Directors placed SWPCA on hiatus due to the lack of activity. Therefore, SWPCA assigned its agreements and functions for the MWQI specific project committee to the State Water Contractors (SWC), the committee's original location before SWPCA was formed.

<sup>2</sup> Previous Organization Name: State Water Project Contractors Authority-MWQI Specific Project Committee

<sup>3</sup> No funding was provided to the Authority, as funds were used from a prior assessment

**FISCAL YEAR 2023/24 MEMBERSHIPS****BY GROUP**

<b>ORGANIZATION</b>		<b>FY23/24 Amount</b>
<b>Finance and Administration</b>	<b>2</b>	
Government Finance Officers Association		\$1,910
Oracle Applications Users Group (OAUG)		\$1,095
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$3,005</b>
<b>Office of the General Auditor</b>	<b>1</b>	
The Institute of Internal Auditors (IIA)		\$1,980
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$1,980</b>
<b>Office of the General Counsel</b>	<b>3</b>	
National Notary Association		\$219
State Bar of California (CalBar)		\$10,710
The National Association of Bond Lawyers		\$575
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$11,504</b>
<b>Office of Ethics</b>	<b>1</b>	
Council on Governmental Ethics Law (COGEL)		\$445
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$445</b>
<b>Bay-Delta Initiatives</b>	<b>1</b>	
California Water & Environmental Modeling Forum (CWEMF)		\$2,500
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$2,500</b>
<b>Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion</b>	<b>21</b>	
Asian American Architect & Engineers Association (AAA/E ASSN)		\$1,500
Asian Business Association - Inland Empire (ABA -IE)		\$500
Asian Business Association - Los Angeles (ABA-LA)		\$1,500
Asian Business Association - Orange County (ABA-OC)		\$1,000
Asian Business Association - San Diego (ABA-SD)		\$1,000
Black Business Association of Los Angeles (BBA-LA)		\$1,500
Colorado River Indian Tribes		\$1,000
Los Angeles County Economic Development Corporation (LACEDC)		\$2,500
Latin Business Association, Inc. (LBA)		\$1,000
National Assoc. of Women Business Owners - California (NAWBO)		\$2,000
National Assoc. of Women Business Owners - Inland Empire (NAWBO-IE)		\$1,000
National Assoc. of Women Business Owners - Los Angeles (NAWBO-LA)		\$1,000
National Assoc. of Women Business Owners - Orange County (NAWBO-OC)		\$1,000
National Assoc. of Women Business Owners - San Diego (NAWBO-SD)		\$1,000

**FISCAL YEAR 2023/24 MEMBERSHIPS****BY GROUP**

<b>ORGANIZATION</b>		<b>FY23/24 Amount</b>
National Assoc. of Women Business Owners - Ventura County (NAWBO-VC)		\$2,000
National Latina Business Women Association - Inland Empire (NLBWA-IE)		\$1,000
National Latina Business Women Association - Los Angeles (NLBWA-LA)		\$1,000
Small Business Diversity Network		\$5,000
United Contractors		\$950
Veterans in Business Network (VIBN)		\$2,500
Women's Business Enterprise Council (WBEC-WEST)		\$3,500
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$33,450</b>
<b>Office of Diversity, Equity &amp; Inclusion - Chambers of Commerce</b>	<b>10</b>	
American Indian Chamber of Commerce of California		\$2,000
California Hispanic Chamber of Commerce (CHCC)		\$1,000
Black Chamber of Commerce of Orange County (BCC-OC)		\$1,500
Filipino American Chamber of Commerce of Orange County (FACC-OC)		\$1,500
Greater Los Angeles African American Chamber of Commerce (GLAAACC)		\$2,000
Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of Orange County (HCC-OC)		\$1,000
Lake Havasu Area Chamber of Commerce		\$515
Los Angeles Latino Chamber of Commerce		\$1,000
Parker Regional Chamber of Commerce and Tourism (PRCC)		\$400
Regional Hispanic Chamber of Commerce (RHCC)		\$1,500
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$12,415</b>
<b>Engineering Services Group</b>	<b>7</b>	
Design-Build Institute of America		\$500
Hydraulic Institute		\$2,400
SAVE International (SAVE)		\$2,000
Society for Mining, Metallurgy, & Exploration (SME)		\$2,250
The Climate Registry		\$5,919
Underground Service Alert		\$16,607
International Right of Way (IRWA)		\$6,910
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$36,586</b>
<b>External Affairs</b>	<b>43</b>	
American Academy of Environmental Engineers and Scientists		\$6,000
Association of California Cities - Orange County (ACC-OC)		\$5,000
Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA)		\$63,500
Association of Water Agencies of Ventura County		\$5,000
Association of Women in Water, Energy & Environment		\$2,500

**FISCAL YEAR 2023/24 MEMBERSHIPS****BY GROUP**

<b>ORGANIZATION</b>		<b>FY23/24 Amount</b>
BizFed Institute		\$5,000
Building Industry Association of San Diego (BIA-SDC)		\$725
Building Industry Association of Southern California (BIA-SC)		\$15,000
California African American Water Education Foundation (CAAWEF)		\$25,000
California Contract Cities Association		\$3,000
California Council for Environmental and Economic Balance (CCEEB)		\$10,000
California Farm Water Coalition		\$2,500
California Foundation on the Environment and the Economy (CFEE)		\$21,000
California Municipal Utilities Association (CMUA)		\$77,650
California Special Districts Association (CSDA)		\$9,275
Central City Association of Los Angeles (CCA)		\$14,000
Coalition for Environmental Protection, Restoration and Development (CEPRD)		\$10,000
Construction Industry Coalition of Water Quality (CICWQ)		\$3,000
Downtown San Diego Partnership		\$3,150
Family Farm Alliance		\$1,000
Inland Action		\$4,919
Inland Empire Works		\$10,000
Inland Empire Economic Partnership		\$5,000
Los Angeles Business Council		\$2,000
Los Angeles County Business Federation (BizFed)		\$17,000
Los Angeles County Economic Development Corporation (LAEDC)		\$22,500
National Association of Clean Water Agencies		\$10,065
Orange County Business Council (OCBC)		\$5,000
San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership		\$3,000
South County Economic Development Council		\$385
South Orange County Economic Coalition		\$1,500
Southern California Contractors Association (SCCA)		\$1,100
Southern California Water Coalition (SCWC)		\$15,000
Southwest California Legislative Council (SWCLC)		\$3,000
The Greater West Covina Business Association (GWC)		\$700
United Contractors		\$980
Urban Water Institute, Inc.		\$1,375
U.S. Water Alliance		\$18,500
Valley Industry Commerce Association (VICA)		\$9,000
Ventura County Coalition of Labor, AG, and Business (CoLAB)		\$500
Water Education for Latino Leaders (WELL)		\$25,000
Water Education Foundation		\$45,000
West Ventura County Business Alliance		\$875
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$484,699</b>

**FISCAL YEAR 2023/24 MEMBERSHIPS**

**BY GROUP**

<b>ORGANIZATION</b>		<b>FY23/24 Amount</b>

**FISCAL YEAR 2023/24 MEMBERSHIPS****BY GROUP**

<b>ORGANIZATION</b>		<b>FY23/24 Amount</b>
<b>External Affairs - Chambers of Commerce</b>	<b>30</b>	
Bell Gardens Association of Merchants and Commerce		\$500
Beverly Hills Chamber of Commerce		\$500
Carson Chamber of Commerce		\$440
Chino Valley Chamber of Commerce		\$600
Corona Chamber of Commerce		\$750
El Segundo Chamber of Commerce		\$515
Gateway Chambers Alliance		\$500
Glendale Chamber of Commerce		\$430
Glendora Chamber of Commerce		\$1,450
Greater Conejo Valley Chamber of Commerce		\$1,084
Greater Irvine Chamber of Commerce		\$675
Greater Riverside Chamber of Commerce		\$722
La Verne Chamber of Commerce		\$950
LAX Coastal Area Chamber of Commerce		\$395
Long Beach Area Chamber of Commerce		\$1,195
Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce		\$14,780
North San Diego Business Chamber of Commerce		\$335
Norwalk Chamber of Commerce		\$500
Palos Verdes Peninsula Chamber of Commerce		\$360
Pomona Chamber of Commerce		\$1,200
Redondo Beach Chamber of Commerce		\$980
San Fernando City Chamber of Commerce		\$500
Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce		\$605
Simi Valley Chamber of Commerce		\$255
South Bay Association Chambers of Commerce		\$2,500
Temecula Valley Chamber of Commerce		\$355
Torrance Chamber of Commerce		\$800
Upland Chamber of Commerce		\$740
Westside Council of Chambers of Commerce		\$1,000
Wilmington Chamber of Commerce		\$500
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$36,116</b>
<b>Human Resources</b>	<b>2</b>	
Institute for Management Studies Corporate		\$4,800
San Gabriel Valley Employment Relations Consortium (LCW)		\$4,830
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$9,630</b>

**FISCAL YEAR 2023/24 MEMBERSHIPS****BY GROUP**

<b>ORGANIZATION</b>		<b>FY23/24 Amount</b>
<b>Information Technology</b>	<b>2</b>	
Municipal Information Systems Association of California (MISAC)		\$1,000
WaterISAC		\$5,775
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$6,775</b>
<b>Integrated Operations Planning and Support Services</b>	<b>6</b>	
American Public Power		\$9,381
American Water Works Association (AWWA)		\$26,547
Association of Metropolitan Water Agencies (AMWA)		\$31,000
Building Owners and Managers Association (BOMA)		\$2,333
Centre for Energy Advancement through Technological Innovation (CEATI)		\$24,154
International Right-of-Way Association (IRWA)		\$235
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$93,650</b>
<b>Office of Safety, Security, and Protection - Emergency Management</b>	<b>1</b>	
California Utilities Emergency Association (CUEA)		\$6,204
<b>Office of Safety, Security, and Protection - Safety, Regulatory, and Training</b>	<b>5</b>	
California Council for Environmental & Economic Balance (CCEEB)		\$30,500
Clean Water SoCal Southern California Alliance of Publicly Owned Treatment Works (SCAP)		\$1,920
Edison Electric Institute		\$5,499
The Chlorine Institute, Inc.		\$942
The Phylmar Group, Inc.		\$8,750
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$53,815</b>
<b>Sustainability, Resiliency and Innovation</b>	<b>2</b>	
Sustain SoCal		\$5,000
WaterStart		\$55,000
<b>Sustainability, Resiliency and Innovation - Environmental Planning</b>	<b>2</b>	
Association of Environmental Professionals (AEP)		\$250
California Council for Environmental and Economic Balance (CCEEB)		\$34,000
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$94,250</b>
<b>Treatment and Water Quality</b>	<b>2</b>	
American Water Works Association (AWWA)		\$3,820
Water Research Foundation		\$586,684
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$590,504</b>



**FISCAL YEAR 2023/24 MEMBERSHIPS**

**BY GROUP**

<b>ORGANIZATION</b>		<b>FY23/24 Amount</b>
<b>Water Resource Management</b>	<b>21</b>	
CalDesal		\$5,000
California Data Collaborative		\$5,500
California Water Data Consortium		\$20,000
California Urban Water Agencies (CUWA)		\$65,000
California Water Efficiency Partnership (CALWEP) [formerly California Urban Water Conservation Council (CUWCC)]		\$40,000
Colorado River Authority of California (June 2023 Brd Ltr 7-7)		\$0
Colorado River Board-Six Agency Committee (June 2023 Brd Ltr 7-7)		\$932,800
Colorado River Water Users Association (CRWUA)☐		\$0
Multi-States Salinity Coalition (MSSC)		\$0
National Alliance for Water Innovation (NAWI)		\$0
National Water Research Institute		\$50,000
North American Weather Modification Council (NAIWMC)		\$500
Qualified Water Efficient Landscaper (QWEL)		\$1,000
Southern California Salinity Coalition (SCSC)		\$10,000
State Water Contractors (SWC) (September 2023 Brd Ltr 8-2)		\$3,898,122
State Water Project Contractors Authority (September 2023 Brd Ltr 8-2)		\$0
State Water Contractors Municipal Water Quality Investigations - Specific Project Committee (SWC MWQI-SPC) (September 2023 Brd Ltr 8-2)		\$258,289
UC Regents (UCLA Business Forecast)		\$3,000
WaterReuse Association (WRA)		\$20,191
Weather Modification Association		\$100
Western Urban Water Coalition (WUWC)		\$40,000
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$5,349,502</b>
	<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>159</b>
		<b>\$6,820,826</b>
<i>* Biennial membership - membership dues paid every two years</i>		

**MEMBERSHIP DUES  
\$100,000 OR GREATER**

**FISCAL YEAR 2023/24**

**Colorado River Board -- Six Agency Committee **\$932,800****

Created in 1950, the Colorado River Board Six Agency Committee's function is to support the Colorado River Board through the collection and administration of funds to secure the represented agencies' rights and interests in Colorado River system water and power resources. Metropolitan has contributed to the fund since its inception. Membership also includes the cost of annual dues for the Colorado River Salinity Control Forum. *[Water Resource Management]*

**State Water Contractors (SWC) **\$3,898,122****

Metropolitan has been a member of the SWC since 1982. The SWC is an association that safeguards the rights and promotes the interests of Metropolitan and 26 other State Water Project (SWP) contractors. The organization assures proper and effective operation of the SWP; advocates for improved water supply reliability and water quality; protects necessary water rights for the SWP; conducts related studies on the SWP; and addresses specific issues through special funds. *[Water Resource Management]*

**SWC Municipal Water Quality Investigations – Specific Project Committee **\$258,289****

The State Water Contractors Municipal Water Quality Investigations – Specific Project Committee (SWC MWQI-SPC) provides supplemental services in those areas where DWR is challenged due to need for more experienced staff, state budget-related constraints, or a need for specialized expertise. It also provides an organization and a funding source to procure services and equipment in the event of unforeseen needs, breakdowns, emergencies or other urgently needed services and equipment. The MWQI Specific Project Committee also provides SWP contractors with supplemental Delta water quality services, studies, analysis and information. *[Water Resource Management]*

**Water Research Foundation **\$586,684****

WRF is a non-profit, educational organization that funds, manages and publishes research on technology, operation and management of drinking water, wastewater, reuse and stormwater systems to ensure high quality water and improved public water services. The WateReuse Research Foundation merged with the Water Environment Research Foundation in July 2016, which were then integrated with WRF in January 2018. Metropolitan has benefited from WRF's program in several areas, including development and compliance with regulations such as the disinfectants/disinfection by-products rule and the various surface water treatment rules, monitoring and control strategies for taste and odor compounds and cyanotoxins, detection and treatment of microbial pathogens, perchlorate and chromium 6 research, and water reuse development. *[Treatment and Water Quality]*

**MEMBERSHIP DUES****\$25,000 - \$99,999****FISCAL YEAR 2023/24****American Water Works Association (AWWA) \$30,367**

AWWA deals with issues and policies related to the procurement, treatment and delivery of water. The local unit is the California-Nevada section. Several Metropolitan employees are members of the Association and are actively involved in the activities on the international and national level.

Metropolitan has been a member since 1944. [*Integrated Operations Planning and Support Services - \$26,547*] [*Treatment and Water Quality - \$3,820*]

**Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) \$63,500**

ACWA is the largest and oldest coalition of California water agencies. Among other activities, ACWA provides a forum for exchange and dissemination of information and knowledge through various boards and committees, including water quality, water resource management, energy, legal and legislative affairs. Metropolitan regularly participates in workgroups, educational events and advocacy efforts coordinated by ACWA to support Metropolitan's board-adopted legislative positions on water policy at the state and federal levels. [*External Affairs*]

**Association of Metropolitan Water Agencies (AMWA) \$31,000**

AMWA is an organization of the largest publicly- owned drinking water systems in the United States. AMWA's membership serves more than 120 million Americans with drinking water. Member representatives to AMWA are the general managers and CEOs of large water systems. The Association represents the interests of these water systems by working with Congress and federal agencies to ensure safe and cost-effective federal drinking water laws and regulations that protect public health. Metropolitan participates in AMWA policy-making discussions and educational outreach activities on a regular basis. [*Integrated Operations Planning and Support Services*]

**California African American Water Education Foundation (CAAWEF) \$25,000**

CAAWEF advocates for and engages with diverse audiences in the Metropolitan services area. In addition, CAAWEF is a leading resource for water education and leadership training for the African American community in California and is closely aligned with Metropolitan's mission, values, and strategic priority to promote diversity, equity and inclusion. [*External Affairs*]

**California Council of Environmental and Economic Balance (CCEEB) \$74,500**

CCEEB is a non-profit non-partisan association established in 1973 to develop environmental policy solutions. Metropolitan annually pays \$138,500 in membership dues. These memberships are divided amongst External Affairs (Natural Resources Task Force --\$10,000), Environmental Planning (Climate Change Project --\$34,000), and Safety, Regulatory and Training (general membership dues --\$7,500; Air Project --\$30,500; South Coast Air Project --\$27,500; and Water, Chemistry, and Waste Project --\$29,000). For Fiscal Year 2023/2024, \$74,500 in dues were paid for the Natural Resources Task Force, Air Project, and Climate Change Project. The remaining dues (\$64,000) were processed in the 2024/2025 fiscal year and will be reported in that year's annual report.

**California Municipal Utilities Association (CMUA) \$77,650**

CMUA has represented publicly-owned water, gas and electric utilities throughout California since 1933 and is the only association that combines these important utility services. CMUA concentrates on urban water issues. Metropolitan joined CMUA in September 1946. Metropolitan works with CMUA to increase the support and assistance with water issues as well as energy regulations and legislation. [*External Affairs*]

**California Urban Water Agencies (CUWA) \$65,000**

CUWA is a non-profit corporation formed in 1990. CUWA comprises 11 major urban water agencies and is supported by an Executive Director. The mission is to provide a forum for combining the expertise and resources of its member agencies to study and promote the need for a reliable, high-quality water supply for the state's current and future urban water needs. Metropolitan has participated in CUWA since its inception. *[Water Resource Management]*

**California Water Efficiency Partnership (CALWEP) \$40,000**

CALWEP is a chapter of the Alliance for Water Efficiency (AWE). CALWEP is a state organization and AWE is a national organization. These organizations are dedicated to maximizing urban water conservation by supporting and integrating innovative technologies and practices; encouraging effective public policies; advancing research, training, and public education; and building collaborative approaches and partnerships. Membership fees are for both organizations. *[Water Resource Management]*

**National Water Research Institute (NWRI) \$50,000**

NWRI is a nonprofit that collaborates with water utilities, regulators, and researchers in innovative ways to help develop new, healthy sources of drinking water. *[Water Resource Management]*

**Water Education for Latino Leaders (WELL) \$25,000**

WELL educates local Latino elected officials about California water policy to promote timely and equitable actions that serve to develop a robust economy, healthy communities, and a resilient environment for all Californians. *[External Affairs]*

**Water Education Foundation (WEF) \$45,000**

WEF was founded in 1977 as a nonprofit to provide a wide range of educational programs on various water resources and policy issues, including the State Water Project, the Colorado River, water management, infrastructure and conservation programs. WEF also offers a one-year water leader class, water law policy briefings, and other educational programs and curriculum. *[External Affairs]*

**WaterStart \$55,000**

WaterStart membership benefits include access to a water technology innovation priority list; access to the Global Funding Pool for pilots that align with the member organization priorities and meet WaterStart's criteria; access to pilot results for other WaterStart members; and access to WaterStart's database of global technology companies. Member organizations are invited to exclusive networking opportunities, and to participate in joint marketing and promotional activities with other technology partners. *[Sustainability, Resiliency and Innovation]*

**Western Urban Water Coalition (WUWC) \$40,000**

WUWC was established in 1992 by general managers representing the largest urban water utilities in the West. The WUWC members share common interests related to water supply development and water conservation, including an interest in project financing or appropriations from the federal government. Because of its broad, multi-state political base, the coalition is more effective than its members could be on their own to address its initiatives in Washington, D.C. Metropolitan has been a member of WUWC since its inception. *[Water Resource Management]*

**MEMBERSHIP DUES  
UP TO \$24,999**

**FISCAL YEAR 2023/2024**

**American Academy of Environmental Engineers & Scientists (AAEES) \$6,000**

The AAEES is a not-for-profit 501(c)(6) organization serving the environmental engineering and environmental science professions by providing board certification to those who qualify through experience and testing. Their mission is to promote continual improvement in environmental engineering and science education and practice. The academy provides training through workshops and seminars, participates in accrediting universities, publishes a periodical and other reference material, interacts with students and young professionals, sponsors a university lecture series, and rewards outstanding achievements through its international awards program. *[External Affairs]*

**American Public Power Association (APPA) \$9,381**

APPA is a service organization for approximately 2,000 U.S. community-owned electric utilities that serve more than 49 million residents. APPA was created in 1940 to represent the common interests of community-owned electric utilities. APPA's mission is to advance public policy and ensure adequate, reliable electricity at reasonable prices with proper protection of the environment. *[Integrated Operations Planning and Support Services]*

**Asian American Architects & Engineers Association \$1,500**

The Asian American Architect & Engineers Association provides a platform for empowering professionals working in the built environment in personal and professional growth, business development and networking, and leadership in our community. *[Office of Diversity, Equity & Inclusion]*

**Asian Business Association – Various Chapters \$4,000**

The Asian Business Association promotes and advocates on behalf of the chapter region's Asian Pacific American business community. The association provides resources for economic growth and helps businesses to compete effectively in the local and global marketplace. Through memberships with chapters from the Inland Empire (ABA-IE), Los Angeles, (ABA-LA), Orange County (ABA-OC), and San Diego (ABA-SD) Metropolitan is provided the opportunity to encourage local small business owners to bid on Metropolitan's contracts or to serve as subcontractors for purchasing, professional, or construction contracts. *[Office of Diversity, Equity & Inclusion]*

**Association of California Cities – Orange County (ACC-OC) \$5,000**

The ACC-OC provides a resource for elected officials and municipal staff in Orange County. The organization serves as an educational resource for city leaders, is a leader for strong public policy in Orange County and Sacramento and serves as a catalyst for regional collaboration on issues, including infrastructure and water reliability. Metropolitan regularly participates in outreach efforts coordinated by ACC-OC that are intended to help educate about California water policy. *[External Affairs]*

**Association of Environmental Professionals (AEP) \$250**

Founded in 1974, the Association of Environmental Professionals (AEP) is a non-profit association of public and private sector professionals with a common interest in serving the principles underlying the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), which include environmental assessment, analysis, public disclosure and reporting. AEP provides trainings, reference materials, conferences, and other resources that support the preparation of defensible environmental analysis and documentation to keep Metropolitan in compliance with CEQA regulations. *[Environmental Planning]*

**Association of Water Agencies of Ventura County (AWAVC) \$5,000**

The AWAVC is an association of water agencies and concerned water users. The organization works to provide an environment that fosters voluntary cooperation among water agencies, resulting in conjunctive management of Ventura County's water resources and a reliable, quality supply of water. Among other activities, AWAVC facilitates opportunities for water agencies to identify common interests and objectives and promote their success. Metropolitan staff participate in the organization's monthly Water Issues Committee. *[External Affairs]*

**Association of Women in Water, Energy & Environment (AWWEE) \$2,500**

The Association of Women in Water, Energy and Environment (AWWEE) supports the professional development, growth, and success of women in the fields of water, energy and environment. Membership in the organization provides access to educational and networking events, including presentations and panel discussions featuring leading experts, tours, development workshops, community workshops and a mentoring program. *[External Affairs]*

**BizFed Institute \$5,000**

BizFed Institute is the educational, informational, research, polling, and convening arm of the Los Angeles County Business Federation (BizFed). As a member of the BizFed Institute, the General Manager has a seat on the BizFed Institute Board. *[External Affairs]*

**Black Business Association of Los Angeles (BBA-LA) \$1,500**

The Black Business Association of Los Angeles provides Metropolitan the opportunity to encourage local small business owners to bid on Metropolitan's contracts or to serve as subcontractors for purchasing, professional, or construction contracts. *[Office of Diversity, Equity & Inclusion]*

**Building Industry Association of San Diego (BIA-SDC) \$725**

The Building Industry Association chapters represent the legislative and business interests of its member companies and their employees. BIA offers its members networking opportunities, educational programs, activities and events. Metropolitan works with BIA chapters to encourage plumbing and landscape water conservation measures in new homes, and regularly participates in education and advocacy efforts coordinated by each chapter to identify common interests between construction and water policy. *[External Affairs]*

**Building Industry Association of Southern California (BIA-SC) \$15,000**

The Building Industry Association of Southern California (BIA-SC) is a non-profit trade association representing 1,800 member companies with more than 250,000 employees. The mission is to promote and protect the industry to ensure members' success in providing homes for all Southern Californians. Metropolitan works with BIA-SC to encourage plumbing and landscape water conservation measures in new homes, and regularly participates in education and advocacy efforts coordinated by BIA-SC to identify common interests between construction and water policy for the region. This membership includes the California Building Industry Association (CBLA). *[BIA-SC \$10,000 and CBIA \$5,000] [External Affairs]*

**Building Owners & Managers Association (BOMA) \$2,333**

The Building Owners & Managers Association is a source of information for office building development, leasing, building operating costs, energy consumption patterns, local and national building codes, legislation, occupancy statistics and technological developments. *[Integrated Operations Planning and Support Services]*

**CalDesal **\$5,000****

CalDesal is a non-profit organization formed by California's public water agencies and other stakeholders to support seawater desalination, brackish groundwater desalination, and salinity management in California. The organization promotes related policy, participates in state regulatory processes, authors and monitors legislation, holds annual conferences and workshops, and performs stakeholder outreach. Metropolitan is a founding member of CalDesal and currently serves on several committees, including the Executive Committee and Board of Directors. CalDesal is Metropolitan's primary vehicle for addressing state-level challenges related to desalination. *[Water Resource Management]*

**California Contract Cities Association (CCCA) **\$3,000****

The CCCA is a statewide association of cities which contract with outside organizations for their services. The Associate Members Program provides its members with participation in contract cities' forums, events and other meetings with local elected officials, and their staff. Members attend CCCA's monthly board of director meetings and participate in the development of its educational programs and proposed legislative priorities. *[External Affairs]*

**California Data Collaborative (CaDC) **\$5,500****

The CaDC launched in January 2016 and is a non-profit network of water agencies aiming to build a community of "better water data." The CaDC's mission is to build a new water data infrastructure that empowers water professionals with the tools and knowledge to make informed, data-driven decisions to ensure reliable water for California today and into the future. To develop these technical solutions for the water industry the CaDC has built and maintained a secure database of metered water use and rebate participation data. The CaDC also hosts the annual California Water Data Summit, a premier event that fosters collaboration and new opportunities for water data experts. *[Water Resource Management]*

**California Farm Water Coalition (CFCW) **\$2,500****

The California Farm Water Coalition (CFCW) was formed in 1989 in the midst of a six-year drought to increase public awareness of agriculture's efficient use of water and promote the industry's activities and responsiveness to address environmental issues. *[External Affairs]*

**California Foundation on the Environment & the Economy (CFEE) **\$21,000****

The California Foundation on the Environment & the Economy (CFEE) is an independent, non-profit institution dedicated to educating public and private sector decision-makers on creative solutions to California's economic, environmental and social issues. The foundation brings together senior executives from major corporations, statewide labor leaders, and the leading advocates from environmental and consumer organizations to meet with legislators and regulatory officials. CFEE seeks full exploration of controversial issues in a manner that encourages the development of common interests and workable policies rather than institutionalized conflict. *[External Affairs]*

**California Special Districts Association (CSDA) **\$9,275****

The California Special Districts Association (CSDA) is committed to educating all policy leaders on the role special districts play in delivering public services to California citizens. In addition, CSDA brings issues of importance to local government agencies. Metropolitan regularly participates in the outreach activities offered by the organization when a water policy issue is involved. *[External Affairs]*

**California Utilities Emergency Association (CUEA) **\$6,204****

The California Utilities Emergency Association serves as a point-of-contact for critical infrastructure utilities and the California Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) and other governmental agencies before, during and after an event. CUEA facilitates communications and cooperation between member utilities, public agencies and non-member utilities; provides emergency response support wherever practical for electric,

petroleum pipeline, telecommunications, gas, water and wastewater utilities; and supports utility emergency planning, mitigation, training, exercises and education. *[Office of Safety, Security & Protection]*

**California Water Data Consortium (CWDC) **\$20,000****

The California Water Data Consortium (Consortium) is a nonprofit organization supporting California's implementation of the Open and Transparent Water Data Act of 2016. The Consortium facilitates collaboration between state agencies, the water industry, and other stakeholders. Metropolitan co-founded the Consortium in 2019 and helped lead its development. In 2020, Metropolitan invested \$200,000 to fund the Consortium's launch and its early operations. Metropolitan holds a position on the Consortium's Board and participates in its committees and studies. *[Water Resource Management]*

**California Water & Environmental Modeling Forum (CWEMF) **\$2,500****

The California Water & Environmental Modeling Forum (CWEMF) is a modeling clearinghouse that provides an open forum for the exchange, improvement, pooling of models, modeling information and professional resources; and mediating technical disputes involving physical, chemical, biological and economic modeling. *[Bay-Delta Initiatives]*

**Centre for Energy Advancement through Technological Innovation (CEATI) **\$24,154****

The CEATI is a utility-driving organization, providing impactful solutions to its members, leveraging the benefits of its powerful network of over 150 utilities. Through harnessed innovation and empowered collaboration, CEATI offers specialized interest groups to advance Metropolitan in the areas of asset management, transmission planning/operations, and dam safety through utility-only exchange and technical training. *[Integrated Operations Planning and Support Services]*

**Central City Association of Los Angeles (CCA) **\$14,000****

CCA advocates for the downtown business community. The association represents more than 300 businesses, trade associations and nonprofits from a broad range of industries. CCA maintains close relationships with various governmental agencies and is actively involved in the legislative process. The association has identified water supply as crucial to maintaining and improving Los Angeles's economy and has supported Metropolitan on major state water legislation. *[External Affairs]*

**Clean Water SoCal **\$1,920****

Clean Water SoCal, formerly the Southern California Alliance of Publicly Owned Treatment Works (SCAP), is a non-profit corporation organized to help ensure that regulations affecting POTWs and collection systems are reasonable and in the public's best interest. *[Office of Safety, Security & Protection]*

**Coalition for Environmental Protection, Restoration, and Development (CEPRD) **\$10,000****

The Coalition for Environmental Protection, Restoration, and Development (CEPRD) is an organization whose mission is to facilitate comprehensive, multipurpose, stakeholder-driven consensus approaches and to promote education and solutions to environmental issues by expanding working relationships among environmental regulatory agencies at the federal, state, regional and local levels. *[External Affairs]*

**Colorado River Authority of California **\$0****

The Colorado River Authority of California (Authority) is a non-profit organization that advances California's interest in the waters of the Colorado River by conducting educational and informational outreach activities and campaigns. It functions as the public affairs entity of the Six Agency Committee. Metropolitan has been a member since the Association's inception in 1946. No funding was requested by the Authority in FY 2023/2024 because the Authority used funds carried over from a prior assessment. *[Water Resource Management]*



**Colorado River Indian Tribes **\$1,000****

The Colorado River Indian Tribes (CRIT) is a Tribal Council of nine members that includes four distinct Tribes – the Mohave, Chemehuevi, Hopi, and Navajo. There are currently about 4,277 active Tribal members in the primary community of the CRIT Reservation in Parker, Arizona. *[Office of Diversity, Equity & Inclusion]*

**Colorado River Water Users Association (CRWUA) **\$0****

CRWUA is a non-profit, non-partisan organization providing a forum for exchanging ideas and perspectives on Colorado River use and management with the intent of developing and advocating common objectives, initiatives and solutions. There is no organizational membership cost, but individual dues are a part of the annual conference registration. Metropolitan provides support to their annual year-end conference. *[Water Resource Management]*

**Construction Industry Coalition of Water Quality (CICWQ) **\$3,000****

CICWQ comprises the Associated General Contractors of California, Building Industry Association of Southern California, Engineering Contractors Association and the Southern California Contractors Association, and works to develop plans and regulations that will balance the goals of clean water with the need for a healthy construction-oriented economy. *[External Affairs]*

**Council on Governmental Ethics Law (COGEL) **\$445****

The Council on Governmental Ethics Law (COGEL) is a governmental entity responsible for the administration of governmental ethics laws. Membership includes all Ethics Office staff. *[Ethics Office]*

**Design-Build Institute of America (DBIA) **\$500****

The Design-Build Institute of America (DBIA) was established to promote the value of design-build project delivery and teaches the effective integration of design and construction services to ensure success for owners and design and construction practitioners. DBIA is the industry's preeminent resource for leadership, education, objective expertise and best practices for the successful integrated delivery of capital projects. *[Engineering Services]*

**Downtown San Diego Partnership **\$3,150****

Downtown San Diego Partnership provides Metropolitan the opportunity to actively engage in dialogue and participate in shaping water policies and outreach opportunities with the business community and leaders in San Diego. *[External Affairs]*

**Edison Electric Institute (EEI) **\$5,499****

The Edison Electric Institute (EEI) is part of the Utility Solid Water Activities Group (USWAG) and is responsible for addressing solid and hazardous waste issues on behalf of the utility industry. EEI is a trade association of over 110 utility operating companies, energy companies and industry associations. In addition to the EEI, USWAG includes the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA), the American Public Power Association (APPA) and the American Gas Association (AGA). EEI provides public policy leadership, strategic business intelligence, and essential conferences and forums. *[Office of Safety, Security & Protection]*

**Family Farm Alliance **\$1,000****

The Family Farm Alliance is a grassroots organization of family farmers, ranchers, irrigation districts and allied industries in 16 Western states, focused on ensuring the availability of reliable, affordable irrigation water supplies to western farmers and ranchers. The Alliance advocates at the state and federal levels for sound water and environmental policies and legislation. Metropolitan participates in educational forums and activities sponsored by Family Farm Alliance. *[External Affairs]*

**Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) \$1,910**

The Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA), founded in 1906, represents public finance officials throughout the United States and Canada. The association's more than 20,000 members are federal, state/provincial, and local finance officials deeply involved in planning, financing, and implementing thousands of governmental operations in each of their jurisdictions. GFOA's mission is to advance excellence in public finance. *[Finance and Administration]*

**Hydraulic Institute (HI) \$2,400**

HI is the largest association of pump industry manufacturers in North America and has served member companies and pump users by providing product standards and a forum for the exchange of industry information. The Institute offers a wide variety of programs and services tailored to member needs, standards development, networking opportunities, access to specific statistical data and economic reports, promotional opportunities, educational materials, industry news and participation in industry initiatives. *[Engineering Services]*

**Inland Action \$4,919**

Inland Action is a non-profit, non-partisan corporation of business and community leaders who have joined together to be catalysts for the economic well-being of the Inland Empire region of California since 1962. Participation in the organization offers Metropolitan an opportunity to participate in Inland Action's federal and state legislative forums and advocacy. *[External Affairs]*

**Inland Empire Works (IEWorks) \$10,000**

IEWorks is dedicated to strengthening the water/wastewater workforce in the Inland Empire. IEWorks will increase the number of highly qualified candidates for mission-critical positions in the water/wastewater industry while ensuring economic equity across the Inland Empire. IEWorks will develop a diverse talent pipeline through apprenticeship, internship, and career awareness opportunities. *[External Affairs]*

**Inland Empire Economic Partnership \$5,000**

The Inland Empire Economic Partnership (IEEP) works collaboratively with prominent business and government leaders to enhance the quality of life in the region by making it a great place to live, work and invest. IEEP focuses on building and strengthening the many diverse communities representing the region to address current deficits in human capital, transportation infrastructure, educational attainment, environmental quality, and political influence. IEEP Government Affairs Committee is active in informing and educating state and federal legislators about regional issues of importance to its membership. *[External Affairs]*

**Institute for Management Studies \$4,800**

The Institute for Management Studies provides managers the opportunity to attend one-day seminars on select topics identified for their development and is a requirement of the Metropolitan Management University curriculum. IMS programs cover core strategic, functional and soft-skills topics such as; communication, strategic planning, critical thinking, customer service, finance, diversity and inclusiveness, productivity, resilience, coaching and mentoring, team-building, and conflict. *[Human Resources]*

**International Right-of-Way Association (IRWA) \$6,910**

Since its inception as a non-profit association in 1934, IRWA has provided educational programs and professional services worldwide. The industry-specific curriculum allows for professional credentialing with a focus on four industries: Electric & Utilities, Public Agencies, Oil & Gas Pipeline, and Transportation. IRWA also offers certification opportunities in appraisal, asset management, negotiation and acquisition, relocation assistance, and the Uniform Act. *[Engineering Services]*

**Latin Business Association (LBA) \$1,000**

The LBA promotes business growth and provides advocacy and business education. The membership represents more than 800,000 Latino businesses in California providing high-quality events, innovative programs and services, and useful and tangible resources that enhance business growth. *[Office of Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion]*

**Los Angeles Business Council (LABC) \$2,000**

The LABC represents business and civic leaders from across industry sectors. LABC's public policy interests include water, energy, housing, transportation, international trade and economic development. Metropolitan staff are active in the organization's Energy & Environment and Legislative Affairs committees. *[External Affairs]*

**Los Angeles County Bar Association \$0**

The Los Angeles County Bar Association is a professional organization that provides an effective method for attorneys to fulfill continuing legal education requirements of the State Bar by offering topical seminars. The association also provides networking opportunities for member attorneys and judges. *[Office of the General Counsel]*

**Los Angeles County Business Federation (BizFed) \$17,000**

BizFed is an advocacy organization of chambers, trade associations, minority business groups, economic development organizations and business improvement districts. The organization advocates at the local, state and federal levels. Metropolitan staff are active in BizFed's Water and Advocacy committees. *[External Affairs]*

**Los Angeles County Economic Development Corporation (LACEDC) \$25,000**

Since 1981, the mission of LAEDC has been to attract, retain and grow businesses and jobs for the regions of Los Angeles County. The LAEDC provides Metropolitan the opportunity to interact with business leaders on water policy issues and provides access to various programs including economic research, economic and policy analysis and public policy leadership. *[Office of Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion - \$2,500][External Affairs - \$22,500]*

**Municipal Information Systems Association of California (MISAC) \$1,000**

MISAC comprises public agency information technology professionals working throughout California. MISAC promotes the understanding and strategic use of information technology within local government agencies through sharing of best practices. In carrying out its mission, the organization focuses on four key components: relationships, member resources, education and professional development, and advocacy. *[Information Technology]*

**Multi-States Salinity Coalition (MSSC) \$0**

The MSSC was established in 2001 to advance the common interests of water utilities, Federal agencies and other stakeholders across the country surrounding salinity management and desalination practices, funding, and implementation. MSSC holds annual salinity summits to foster communication and dialogue with stakeholders. Metropolitan serves on the MSSC's Board, participates in quarterly member meetings, and supports MSSC's annual salinity summit. The MSSC does not collect dues and funds operations through conference registrations and sponsorships. *[Water Resource Management]*

**National Alliance for Water Innovation (NAWI) \$0**

Metropolitan joined NAWI in 2020. NAWI is a research consortium formed to accelerate transformative research in desalination and treatment to lower the cost and energy required to produce clean water from nontraditional water sources. The Department of Energy (DOE) awarded NAWI a five-year, \$100 million grant to advance early-stage technologies and to act as the US's desalination research hub. NAWI is working on securing a second grant from the DOE to support on-going research. NAWI is implemented by staff from Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory. As a member, Metropolitan engages with NAWI by providing input on research needs for the municipal sector and participating in meetings, webinars and conferences. *[Water Resource Management]*

**National Association of Bond Lawyers (NABL) \$575**

The National Association of Bond Lawyers has promoted the integrity of the municipal market through the education of its members in the laws affecting state and municipal bonds. NABL serves as a forum for the exchange of ideas as to law and practice, giving members valuable tools to help them continually improve the state of the art in the field. NABL also provides commentary and recommendations at the federal, state, and local levels with respect to legislation, regulations, and rulings affecting bonds, and on occasion submits friend of the court briefs or memoranda in connection with court or administrative proceedings. *[Office of the General Counsel]*

**National Association of Clean Water Agencies \$10,065**

NACWA's mission is to help build a strong and sustainable clean water future. NACWA represents public wastewater and stormwater agencies of all sizes nationwide. The Association's network strengthens the advocacy voice for all member utilities and ensures they have the tools necessary to provide affordable and sustainable clean water for all. *[External Affairs]*

**National Association of Minority Contractors (NAMC) \$1,000**

NAMC provides Metropolitan with the opportunity to encourage local small business owners to bid on Metropolitan's contracts or to serve as subcontractors or construction contracts. *[Office of Diversity, Equity & Inclusion]*

**National Association of Women Business Owners (NAWBO) – California \$2,000**

NAWBO – California provides Metropolitan staff with the opportunity to encourage local small business owners to bid on contracts or to serve as subcontractors for purchasing, professional, or construction contracts. *[Office of Diversity, Equity & Inclusion]*

**National Association of Women Business Owners (NAWBO) – Various Chapters \$8,000**

Through its various chapters, NAWBO supports business and economic issues affecting women-owned businesses. The association provides Metropolitan with the opportunity to encourage local small business owners to bid on contracts or to serve as subcontractors for purchasing, professional, or construction contracts. Chapter memberships include Inland Empire, Los Angeles, Orange County, San Diego and Ventura County. *[Office of Diversity, Equity & Inclusion]*

**National Latina Business Women Association (NLBWA) \$2000**

The National Latina Business Women Association provides Metropolitan with the opportunity to encourage local small business owners to bid on contracts or to serve as subcontractors for purchasing, professional, or construction contracts. Memberships include Inland Empire (NLBWA-IE - \$1,000) and Los Angeles (NLBWA-LA - \$1,000) chapters. *[Office of Diversity, Equity & Inclusion]*

<b><u>National Notary Association (NNA)</u></b>	<b><u>\$219</u></b>
The NNA provides information updates on the laws, regulations, and practices for Notary Publics in the state of California. NNA also provides its members with mandatory classes, errors and omissions insurance, bonds, and notary supplies at a discount and delivers services, training and information needed to perform Notary and Signing Agent duties. <i>[Office of the General Counsel]</i>	
<b><u>National Safety Council (NSC)</u></b>	<b><u>\$500</u></b>
The NSC is a mission-based organization focused on eliminating the leading cause of preventable death and injury. Membership benefits include world-class thought leadership, dynamic on-the-ground workplace safety consulting services, and membership in NSC Networks. <i>[Office of Safety, Security &amp; Protection]</i>	
<b><u>North American Interstate Weather Modification Council (NAIWMC)</u></b>	<b><u>\$500</u></b>
NAIWMC is a nonprofit, tax-exempt organization of regulatory agencies, sponsoring organizations, and research institutions involved in atmospheric water resource management technology, commonly known as weather modification or cloud seeding, and facilitates the free exchange of information regarding cloud seeding research and operations in North America. <i>[Water Resource Management]</i>	
<b><u>Oracle Applications Users Group (OAUG)</u></b>	<b><u>\$1,095</u></b>
The OAUG is the world's largest education, networking and advocacy forum for Oracle applications users and provides Metropolitan with training and member support. <i>[Administrative Services]</i>	
<b><u>Orange County Business Council (OCBC)</u></b>	<b><u>\$5,000</u></b>
OCBC represents the business community, working with government and academics to enhance Orange County's economic development and prosperity. <i>[External Affairs]</i>	
<b><u>Qualified Water Efficient Landscaper (QWEL)</u></b>	<b><u>\$1,000</u></b>
The QWEL training presents an affordable, proactive, local approach to reducing landscape water demand. QWEL is a program of the Sonoma-Marín Saving Water Partnership (Partnership) and an EPA WaterSense labeled professional certification program for irrigation system audits. The annual licensing fee is to cover ongoing costs associated with the QWEL program and is based on the number of active certified professionals at the end of each calendar year. <i>[Water Resource Management]</i>	
<b><u>San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership</u></b>	<b><u>\$3,000</u></b>
The San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership works collaboratively with prominent business and government leaders in many diverse communities representing the San Gabriel Valley to continue advocating for needs in transportation infrastructure, business development, educational attainment, environmental quality, and political influence. Through membership in the organization, Metropolitan participates in their Legislative Action Committee to develop strategic relations with local business owners and promote Metropolitan's initiatives and legislative priorities. <i>[External Affairs]</i>	
<b><u>San Gabriel Valley Employment Relations Consortium</u></b>	<b><u>\$4,830</u></b>
The San Gabriel Valley Employment Relations Consortium is coordinated through Liebert Cassidy Whitmore, who are public employment lawyers. Metropolitan's membership allows staff to attend group training workshops with other public entities on employment relations topics. <i>[Human Resources]</i>	
<b><u>SAVE International (SAVE)</u></b>	<b><u>\$2,000</u></b>
SAVE advances and promotes the value methodology, also known as value engineering, through publications, conferences and an internationally recognized certification program. SAVE offers educational programs and materials on subjects crucial to Metropolitan operations and offers coursework through more than 30 universities. <i>[Engineering Services]</i>	

**Small Business Diversity Network** **\$5,000**

The Small Business Diversity Network (SBDN) is a nonprofit organization that supports underserved small businesses in the United States. The small businesses it serves include minority, veteran, LGBT, and disabled-owned businesses. The SBDN is committed to creating innovative and value-added programming that provides tangible benefits to its small business owners, partners, and small business community. *[Office of Diversity, Equity & Inclusion]*

**Society for Mining, Metallurgy & Exploration (SME)** **\$2,250**

SME is a professional non-profit organization that represents professionals serving the minerals industry in more than 100 countries. SME members include engineers, geologists, metallurgists, educators, students and researchers and advances the worldwide mining and underground construction community through information exchange and professional development. *[Engineering Services]*

**South County Economic Development Council SCEDC)** **\$385**

SCEDC comprises business leaders and public officials working together to create economic opportunities in San Diego's south county region and in Mexico. As a member, Metropolitan works with business leaders on special committees such as transportation, infrastructure and public policy. *[External Affairs]*

**South Orange County Economic Coalition** **\$1,500**

The South Orange County Economic Coalition is a non-profit organization that represents the business community in South Orange County. Membership allows Metropolitan to educate community leaders, local elected officials, legislators, and staffers on Metropolitan's water policy. *[External Affairs]*

**Southern California Alliance of Publicly Owned Treatment Works (SCAP)** **\$2,697**

SCAP is an association of cities, special districts and other public agencies formed to affect reasonable local, state and federal regulations impacting publicly owned treatment works and collection systems. The association provides input into such environmental regulations as air quality, biosolids management, collection systems, energy management, wastewater pretreatment and inland surface/ocean water from a Southern California perspective. *[Office of Safety, Security, and Protection/SRT]*

**Southern California Contractors Association (SCCA)** **\$1,100**

SCCA is a leader in labor negotiations with the major trade union locals in Southern California, coordinating with other associations. This practice has resulted in long-term relationships with the trades that resolve issues equitably for all parties. SCCA is the Southern California chapter of the American Road and Transportation Builders Association, an advocacy group for improving our nation's transportation infrastructure. *[External Affairs]*

**Southern California Salinity Coalition (SCSC)** **\$10,000**

Metropolitan helped launch SCSC in 2002 to address the critical need for salinity management in Southern California. Membership includes water and wastewater agencies along with groundwater basin managers and watershed management agencies. The SCSC performs advocacy and stakeholder outreach, co-funds research and studies, holds regional salinity summits and funds an annual student fellowship. In FY 2023/2024, the SCSC continued implementing studies related to blending desalinated seawater with traditional source waters, the potential for a new brine line in Los Angeles County, and exploration of new treatment processes for potable reuse. *[Water Resource Management]*

**Southern California Water Coalition (SCWC) \$15,000**

The SCWC, established in 1984, is a non-profit public education partnership dedicated to informing Southern Californians about water needs and the state's water resources. SCWC works to ensure the health and reliability of Southern California's water supply. Members include leaders from business, regional and local government, agricultural groups, labor unions, environmental organizations, water agencies and the general public. *[External Affairs]*

**State Bar of California (CalBar) \$10,710**

Membership in the State Bar of California is mandatory for attorneys who practice law in California. The organization provides for testing, certification, and discipline of all California attorneys. *[Office of the General Counsel]*

**State Water Project Contractors Authority (SWPCA) \$0**

The SWPCA was formed in 2003 as a joint powers organization of interested SWP contractors that could provide specialized expertise for specific projects. The Board of Directors placed SWPCA on hiatus due to the lack of activity and assigned its agreements and functions for the MWQI specific project committee to the State Water Contractors. SWPCA has no ongoing activities, and no funding is requested for FY 2023/24. *[Water Resource Management]*

**Sustain SoCal \$5,000**

Sustain SoCal offers conferences, workshops and networking events for organizations to share knowledge and establish connections that improve the economic progress and sustainable environmental future of Southern California. *[Office of Sustainability, Resiliency, and Innovation]*

**The Chlorine Institute, Inc. \$942**

The Chlorine Institute, founded in 1924, is a trade association of companies and other entities that are involved or interested in the safe production, distribution and use of chlorine, sodium and potassium hydroxides, sodium hypochlorite and the distribution and use of hydrogen chloride. *[Office of Safety, Security & Protection]*

**The Climate Registry \$5,919**

The Climate Registry is a non-profit collaboration among states, provinces, territories and native sovereign nations that sets consistent and transparent standards to calculate, verify and publicly report greenhouse gas emissions into a single registry. The Registry supports voluntary and mandatory reporting programs and provides comprehensive, accurate data to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. This membership supports Metropolitan's energy management initiatives and policies. With membership, organizations are encouraged to establish GHG emissions, inventories and baselines, and to reduce overall GHG emissions. *[Engineering Services]*

**The Greater West Covina Business Association (GWCBA) \$700**

The Greater West Covina Business Association (GWCBA) provides leadership in serving the interests of businesses, to provide the interrelationships among businesses within the community, to encourage participation with the civic and educational organizations and programs within the Greater West Covina area and to advocate on behalf of the GWCBA members by addressing their needs and concerns. Through membership in the organization, Metropolitan can promote its initiatives and legislative priorities to local business owners. *[External Affairs]*

**The Institute of Internal Auditors (IIA) \$1,980**

The Institute of Internal Auditors (IIA) is an international professional association of more than 185,000 members. The IIA is the internal audit profession's global voice, recognized authority, acknowledged leader,

chief advocate and principal educator for internal auditing, risk management, governance, internal control, information technology audit, education and security. *[Office of the General Auditor]*

**The Municipal Information Systems Association of California **\$1,000****

The Municipal Information Systems Association of California (MISAC) is comprised of public agency information technology professionals working throughout California. MISAC promotes the understanding and strategic use of information technology within local government agencies through sharing of best practices. *[Information Technology]*

**The National Association of Bond Lawyers (NABL) **\$575****

The National Association of Bond Lawyers has promoted the integrity of the municipal market through the education of its members in the laws affecting state and municipal bonds. NABL serves as a forum for the exchange of ideas as to law and practice, giving members valuable tools to help them continually improve the state of the art in the field. NABL also provides commentary and recommendations at the federal, state, and local levels with respect to legislation, regulations, and rulings affecting bonds, and on occasion submits friend of the court briefs or memoranda in connection with court or administrative proceedings. *[Office of the General Counsel]*

**The Phylmar Group, Inc. **\$8,750****

The Phylmar Group is an organization that partners with companies on challenging environmental, health and safety and social responsibility issues. *[Office of Safety, Security & Protection]*

**UC Regents **\$3,000****

This membership provides access to the UCLA Anderson Forecast and its timely economic information, which is used in Metropolitan's forecasting and analysis. *[Water Resource Management]*

**Underground Service Alert **\$16,607****

Underground Service Alert provides a call service for public and private excavators at a work site to help prevent pipeline ruptures and promote worker safety. Metropolitan utilizes the service to ascertain clearance to dig, then mark or stake the horizontal path. Underground Service Alert provides simple, safe information to protect pipelines from being damaged and protect its excavators from personal injury. According to California law, every operator of an underground pipeline (or other underground facility) is mandated to participate and share the costs for a regional notification center. *[Engineering Services]*

**United Contractors (UCON) **\$1,930****

UCON is California's premier construction trade association representing heavy civil engineering contractors across the state. UCON is a member-driven organization that protects, educates and empowers California's union contractors with labor relations and political advocacy, HR support, safety & regulatory services, professional & leadership development, and industry networking. *[External Affairs - \$980] [Office of Diversity, Equity & Inclusion - \$950]*

**Urban Water Institute, Inc. **\$1,375****

The Urban Water Institute provides the non-partisan exchange of information regarding emerging technologies and policy issues in the water resources industry, with an emphasis on water economics, management and resources. *[External Affairs]*



**U.S. Water Alliance **\$18,500****

U.S. Water Alliance is a national membership organization that advances policies and programs that build a sustainable water future for all. Members work in every discipline of water management, including drinking water, wastewater, stormwater, water reuse, flood and groundwater management, and watersheds. *[External Affairs]*

**Valley Industry and Commerce Association (VICA) **\$9,000****

VICA represents businesses in the San Fernando Valley through public policy, legislative advocacy, grassroots efforts and community engagement at all levels of government. Metropolitan staff are active in VICA's Government Affairs and Energy, Environment, Manufacturing and Utilities committees. *[External Affairs]*

**Veterans in Business Network (VIBN) **\$5,000****

VIBN is a nonprofit 501(c)3 organization that advocates for all Veteran Businesses including Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Businesses and Disable Veteran Business Enterprises (DVBE). VIBN provides free business resources, educational seminars, and outreach opportunities, thereby facilitating opportunities for DVBEs to work with Metropolitan. *[Office of Diversity, Equity & Inclusion]*

**WaterReuse Association (WRA) **\$20,191****

WRA is the only association solely committed to promoting water recycling on a national scale. WRA provides Metropolitan with a channel to promote and improve the efficiency of water recycling, which is a fundamental building block of Southern California's regional integrated resource plan. Benefits include improved public acceptance of recycled water through WRA education programs; administrative efficiency through outreach and influence of key state funding and regulatory programs; and improved regulations through science-based research and development program leading to reduced project costs and expanded water reuse applications. *[Water Resource Management]*

**Water Information Sharing and Analysis Center (WaterISAC) **\$5,775****

WaterISAC is the most comprehensive and targeted single-point source for data, facts, case studies, and analysis on water security and threats from intentional contamination, terrorism, and cybercrime. WaterISAC also provides analysis and resources to support response, mitigation, and resilience initiatives. *[Information Technology]*

**Water Utility Climate Alliance (WUCA) **\$0****

The WUCA comprises 12 large urban water utilities from across the United States of America. The mission of WUCA is collaboratively advancing water utility climate change adaptation. Metropolitan has participated in WUCA since its inception. *[Water Resource Management]*

**Weather Modification Association **\$100****

The Weather Modification Association enables individuals, political entities and other organizations to make informed decisions about the application of weather modification technologies to provide adequate water supplies and reduced natural weather hazards. *[Water Resource Management]*

**West Ventura County Business Alliance **\$875****

The West Ventura County Business Alliance promotes economic development in the cities of Oxnard and Camarillo. Metropolitan staff share information on regional water issues at the organization's monthly Business Advocacy Committee. *[External Affairs]*

**Women's Business Enterprise Council (WBEC-WEST) **\$3,500****

The Women's Business Enterprise Council (WBEC) is a national advocate of women-owned businesses

suppliers to corporations. It is the largest third-party certifier of businesses owned and operated by women in the United States and works to foster diversity in the world of commerce with programs and policies to expand opportunities in the marketplace for women business owners. *[Office of Diversity, Equity & Inclusion]*

### **Chambers of Commerce**

In addition to its corporate affiliates, Metropolitan has memberships in various regional and individual chambers throughout its service area. Metropolitan works closely with associations that are active in their communities and provide a forum to discuss water issues with business and civic leaders. Additionally, Metropolitan engages with chambers that facilitate outreach to small business enterprises to encourage business opportunities with Metropolitan.

#### **American Indian Chamber of Commerce of California** **\$2,000**

The American Indian Chamber of Commerce provides opportunities for networking and support of American Indian-owned businesses in California. It is a statewide organization with chapters in Southern California, San Diego County, and Northern California. The organization provides Metropolitan with the opportunity to encourage Native-owned businesses to bid on Metropolitan's contracts or to serve as subcontractors for purchasing, professional or construction contracts.

*[Office of Diversity, Equity & Inclusion]*

#### **Bell Gardens Association** **\$500**

The Bell Gardens Association of Merchants and Commerce was founded to advance the commercial, educational, industrial, civic and general interest of the City of Bell Gardens and its trading area. The organization provides Metropolitan with the opportunity to develop strategic relations with local business owners to promote Metropolitan's initiatives. *[External Affairs]*

#### **Beverly Hills Chamber of Commerce** **\$500**

The Beverly Hills Chamber of Commerce serves the local business community through advocacy, education and marketing. The Chamber's Government Affairs Committee is active in local policy issues. *[External Affairs]*

#### **Black Chamber of Commerce of Orange County (BCC-OC)** **\$1,500**

The Black Chamber of Commerce of Orange County was founded to create access to capital and procurement opportunities; to provide a vehicle for disseminating relevant information; and to support and contribute to the general welfare and progress of the African American community in Orange County through economic development. The organization provides Metropolitan with the opportunity to encourage local small business owners to bid on Metropolitan's contracts or to serve as subcontractors for purchasing, professional, or construction contracts. *[Office of Diversity, Equity & Inclusion]*

#### **California Hispanic Chamber of Commerce (CHCC)** **\$1,000**

CHCC is the leading regional Hispanic and ethnic business organization in the nation. The CHCC and its network of over 100 chambers and associations represent the interest of California's 815,000 Hispanic-owned businesses. Through its advocacy, education, and empowerment programs, the CHCC brings California's small business community's issues and needs to the forefront of the California and national economic agendas. *[Office of Diversity, Equity & Inclusion]*

#### **Carson Chamber of Commerce** **\$440**

The Carson Chamber of Commerce was founded in 1962. The Chamber understands the needs of the business community and consistently strives to effectively represent the best interests of its membership. The Carson Chamber Board consists of business and professional members who have united

for the purpose of business and community involvement. Metropolitan staff participate in the Chamber's Government Affairs Committee and the Board of Directors meeting by providing updates on important legislation, water supply updates and conservation outreach programs. *[External Affairs]*

**Chino Valley Chamber of Commerce **\$600****

The Chino Valley Chamber of Commerce is the largest and most comprehensive business organization in the Chino Valley. The organization provides Metropolitan with the opportunity to develop strategic relations with local business owners to promote Metropolitan's initiatives and sound water policies for the region. *[External Affairs]*

**Corona Chamber of Commerce **\$750****

Organized for the general welfare and prosperity of the area, the Corona Chamber of Commerce advocates for the needs of businesses and community. Corona Chamber of Commerce serves as a catalyst for improving the overall quality of life in the region. The organization provides Metropolitan with the opportunity to develop strategic relations with local business owners to promote long-term supply resiliency initiatives. *[External Affairs]*

**El Segundo Chamber of Commerce **\$515****

Since 1917 the El Segundo Chamber of Commerce has promoted businesses and provided opportunities for interaction with the local community and elected officials. The organization provides Metropolitan with the opportunity to develop strategic relations with local business owners to promote Metropolitan's initiatives. *[External Affairs]*

**Filipino-American Chamber of Commerce Orange County **\$1,500****

The Filipino-American Chamber of Commerce of Orange County provides Metropolitan the opportunity to develop strategic relations with local business owners and encourage local small business owners to bid on Metropolitan's contracts or to serve as subcontractors for purchasing, professional, or construction contracts. *[Office of Diversity, Equity & Inclusion]*

**Gateway Chambers Alliance **\$500****

Gateway Chambers Alliance is a regional legislative alliance representing chambers of commerce and other business organizations in the Gateway Region of Los Angeles County. Through its membership, Metropolitan participates in the alliance's Legislative Action Committee and can promote Metropolitan's initiatives and legislative priorities to local business owners. *[External Affairs]*

**Glendale Chamber of Commerce **\$430****

The Glendale Chamber of Commerce serves the city's business county through advocacy, programming and networking. Metropolitan staff are active in the Chamber's Business Advocacy/Legislative Review Committee. *[External Affairs]*

**Glendora Chamber of Commerce **\$1,450****

The Glendora Chamber of Commerce promotes business, legislative advocacy, community, environmental issues, and economic development while serving as a catalyst for improving the overall quality of life in the community and region. The strength of the organization lies in its membership, small businesses, large corporations, home-based businesses, civic organizations, and professional men and women working to enhance the quality of life in the San Gabriel Valley region. Through membership in the organization, Metropolitan participates in the Chamber's Legislative Action Committee and can promote the District's initiatives and legislative priorities to local business owners. *[External Affairs]*

**Greater Irvine Chamber of Commerce **\$675****

The Greater Irvine Chamber of Commerce participates in local public policymaking with a government affairs committee and has worked with Metropolitan in support of community- and business-friendly legislation. *[External Affairs]*

**Greater Los Angeles African American Chamber of Commerce (GLAAACC) **\$2,000****

Established in 1991, the GLAAACC advocates for African-American-owned businesses, promoting economic growth and development focusing on legislative advocacy as well as developing business opportunities and strategic alliances. The organization provides Metropolitan with the opportunity to encourage local small business owners to bid on contracts or to serve as subcontractors for purchasing, professional, or construction contracts.

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**Greater Conejo Valley Chamber of Commerce **\$1,084****

The Greater Conejo Valley Chamber of Commerce represents the business community within the cities of Thousand Oaks, Westlake Village and Agoura Hills in the counties of Los Angeles and Ventura. This area is directly served by Calleguas and Las Virgenes Municipal Water districts. The Chamber's mission is to promote the economic success of its members through leadership, advocacy and programming. Metropolitan staff participate in the Chamber's monthly legislative roundtable in which board and legislative updates are provided. *[External Affairs]*

**Greater Riverside Chamber of Commerce **\$722****

Comprising nearly 1,300 businesses, civic organizations, educational institutions and individuals, the Greater Riverside Chamber of Commerce works closely with government agencies and the community to strengthen the local economy. The organization provides Metropolitan with the opportunity to develop strategic relations with local business owners to promote Metropolitan's initiatives and sound water policies for the region. *[External Affairs]*

**Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of Orange County (HCC-OC) **\$1,000****

HCC-OC provides Metropolitan the opportunity to encourage local small business owners to bid on Metropolitan's contracts or to serve as subcontractors for purchasing, professional, or construction contracts. *[Office of Diversity, Equity & Inclusion]*

**La Verne Chamber of Commerce **\$950****

For more than 100 years, the La Verne Chamber of Commerce has promoted and invested in the quality of life and economic vitality of La Verne and the surrounding area, currently representing nearly 300 members. The organization provides Metropolitan with the opportunity to develop strategic relations with local business owners to promote Metropolitan's initiatives and sound water policies for the region.

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**Lake Havasu Area Chamber of Commerce **\$515****

Lake Havasu Area Chamber of Commerce empowers business owners, entrepreneurs, and community leaders by creating opportunities for education, leadership, and economic prosperity. Lake Havasu Area Chamber of Commerce centers its core commitments on creating a strong local economy, representing the interest of business with the government, political action, promoting community, networking, and building business relationships. *[Office of Diversity, Equity & Inclusion]*

**LAX Coastal Area Chamber of Commerce **\$395****

The LAX Coastal Chamber of Commerce is a network of local businesses working together to develop and promote events, programs and services within the communities of Westchester/LAX, Marina del Rey, Playa

Vista, Playa del Rey, Del Rey and surrounding beach cities. The organization provides Metropolitan with the opportunity to develop strategic relations with local business owners to promote Metropolitan's initiatives and sound water policies for the region. *[External Affairs]*

**Long Beach Area Chamber of Commerce **\$1,195****

Serving the local community since 1891, the Long Beach Area Chamber of Commerce has worked to create community consensus to support local, regional and international business. The Chamber's activities include economic development, public policy, community development and political action. The organization provides Metropolitan with the opportunity to develop strategic relations with local business owners to promote Metropolitan's initiatives and sound water policies for the region. *[External Affairs]*

**Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce **\$14,780****

The Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce represents the interests of business in the greater Los Angeles area. The oldest and largest business association in the region, the Chamber serves more than 1,200 members representing 235,000 businesses. Metropolitan staff are active in the Chamber's Energy, Water and Environmental Sustainability Committee and planning for the Chamber's annual Washington, D.C. and Sacramento advocacy events. *[External Affairs]*

**Los Angeles Latino Chamber of Commerce (LALCC) **\$1,000****

The LALCC is a non-profit leading organization dedicated to organizing and uniting Latino business owners to grow and create positive economic impact. The LALCC accomplishes this through procurement, technical assistance, strategic planning, advocacy, access to leaders, economic development, and business education. The mission is to facilitate economic structure and policy initiatives that empower Latino business development and foster economic growth across Los Angeles. *[Office of Diversity, Equity & Inclusion]*

**North San Diego Business Chamber of Commerce **\$335****

The North San Diego Chamber of Commerce provides resources to local businesses including advocacy, economic development, and marketing services. The organization provides Metropolitan with the opportunity to develop strategic relations with local business owners to promote Metropolitan's initiatives and sound water policies for the region. *[External Affairs]*

**Norwalk Chamber of Commerce **\$500****

The Norwalk Chamber of Commerce is a voluntary business organization dedicated to improving business and building a better community. The Chamber is dedicated to creating community partnerships with the public and private sectors to cooperatively identify and resolve local and regional issues. Through membership in the organization, Metropolitan can promote its initiatives and legislative priorities to local business owners. *[External Affairs]*

**Palos Verdes Peninsula Chamber of Commerce **\$360****

The Palos Verdes Peninsula Chamber of Commerce provides advocacy, marketing and leadership opportunities to support business and the local community. The organization provides Metropolitan with the opportunity to develop strategic relations with local business owners to promote Metropolitan's initiatives. *[External Affairs]*

**Parker Regional Chamber of Commerce and Tourism (PRCC) **\$400****

The Parker Regional Chamber of Commerce and Tourism is organized to preserve the competitive enterprise system of business by creating a greater understanding and opinion of the importance of the businessperson and concern for their problem. The purpose is to advance the commercial, industrial, agricultural, tourism, civic, and general interests and create awareness and interest in the town, tribal, county, state, national, and global legislative affairs that affect the business community. To bring a greater appreciation of value on behalf of the interests of competitive business and promote business and community growth and

development by promoting economic development designed to strengthen and expand the income potential of all business classifications within the trade area. *[Office of Diversity, Equity & Inclusion]*

**Pomona Chamber of Commerce **\$1,200****

The Pomona Chamber of Commerce is a non-profit, action-oriented membership organization serving businesses and the communities in the City of Pomona. The Chamber unites businesses, professionals, and local organizations to advocate for improving business and building a better community that supports economic development, education, legislative advocacy, and improving the quality of life in the greater Pomona area. Through membership in the organization, Metropolitan participates in the Chamber's Legislative Affairs Committee and can promote its initiatives and legislative priorities to local business owners. *[External Affairs]*

**Redondo Beach Chamber of Commerce **\$980****

The Redondo Beach Chamber of Commerce provides businesses in the Redondo Beach region with advocacy, networking, education and development opportunities. The organization provides Metropolitan with the opportunity to develop strategic relations with local business owners to promote Metropolitan's initiatives. *[External Affairs]*

**Regional Hispanic Chamber of Commerce (RHCC) **\$1,500****

The mission of the Regional Hispanic Chamber of Commerce is to advocate, promote, and facilitate the success of businesses in the Southern California region and its trade areas. The organization provides Metropolitan with the opportunity to encourage local small business owners to bid on Metropolitan's contracts or to serve as subcontractors for purchasing, professional, or construction contracts. *[Office of Diversity, Equity & Inclusion]*

**San Fernando City Chamber of Commerce **\$500****

The San Fernando City Chamber of Commerce represents businesses within the City of San Fernando and surrounding communities. The Chamber has an active Government Affairs Committee and engages with its federal, state, county and local elected officials to advance legislation that supports a strong economic climate. The Chamber is also a member of the United Chambers of Commerce of the San Fernando Valley. *[External Affairs]*

**Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce **\$605****

The Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce represents businesses interests in the Santa Monica community. Metropolitan staff participate in the Chamber's Government Affairs Committee. *[External Affairs]*

**Simi Valley Chamber of Commerce **\$255****

The Simi Valley Chamber of Commerce promotes business in Simi Valley through local advocacy and member services. Metropolitan staff are active in the Chamber's Legislative Advocacy Forum. *[External Affairs]*

**South Bay Association of Chambers of Commerce **\$2,500****

The South Bay Association of Chambers of Commerce is a regional association of local chambers dedicated to issue advocacy in the South Bay of Los Angeles County that advances common business interests within the South Bay area and serves as a public policy advocacy body on issues that impact the business and economic climate of the region. The organization provides Metropolitan with the opportunity to develop strategic relations with local business owners and promote sound water policies for the region. *[External Affairs]*

**Temecula Valley Chamber of Commerce **\$3,000****

Since 1966, the Temecula Valley Chamber of Commerce (TVCC) works with business and community leaders to promote positive economic growth protective of the environment for all. TVCC supports programs that preserve and improve the quality of life for all in the community. Membership provides Metropolitan with the opportunity to develop strategic relations with local business owners to promote initiatives and sound water policies for the region. *[External Affairs]*

**Torrance Chamber of Commerce **\$800****

Founded in 1913, the Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce supports small businesses and large corporations in the Los Angeles South Bay with events, programs and publications. The Chamber meets with elected officials at all government levels and represents chamber positions on policies, regulations and projects. The organization provides Metropolitan with the opportunity to develop strategic relations with local business owners to promote Metropolitan's initiatives and sound water policies for the region. *[External Affairs]*

**Upland Chamber of Commerce **\$740****

Upland Chamber of Commerce (UCC) advocates the common good of business and resident interest through the pursuit of cultural, economic education and social awareness of citizens, and new businesses by providing accurate and timely assistance. The organization provides Metropolitan with the opportunity to develop strategic relations with local business owners to promote long-term supply resiliency initiatives. *[External Affairs]*

**Westside Council of Chambers of Commerce **\$1,000****

The Westside Council of Chambers of Commerce (WC3) advocates for businesses on the west side of Los Angeles County. The organization represents a dozen local chambers that collectively advocate on issues critical to the region. Through membership in the organization, Metropolitan can promote its initiatives and legislative priorities to local business owners. *[External Affairs]*

**Wilmington Chambers of Commerce **\$500****

Metropolitan's membership in the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce has allowed staff access to their Board of Directors, Government Affairs Committee, and local community events to educate and discuss water issues with the members and elected officials. Additionally, the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce provides many programs to assist the disadvantaged communities in and around the Port of Los Angeles, and its related commercial/industry businesses. *[External Affairs]*