

THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

# **Board Report**

## **Office of the General Auditor**

### • General Auditor's Report for January 2024

#### Summary

This report highlights significant activities of the Office of the General Auditor for the month ended January 31, 2024.

#### Purpose

Informational

#### Attachments

None

#### **Detailed Report**

#### **Audit and Advisory Services**

Twenty-seven projects are in progress:

- Thirteen projects are in the report preparation phase, including:
- One audit awaiting management response, which was due on January 8.
  - Three preliminary draft reports/memos were issued.
- Eleven projects are in the execution phase, including six audits and five advisories.
- Three audit projects are in the planning phase, including a new contract compliance audit added to the audit plan (California Landscape Contractors Association).

Work priority is being given to carry-forward audits.

No final reports were issued during this period.

Ten audits from prior years will be followed up on, and follow-up audit forms have been submitted to management for seven of these.

- Five of the seven forms have forms been returned.
- Follow-up audit work is being executed for two of the five forms received.

#### **Other General Auditor Activities**

#### 1. Audit Department Charter Review

Administrative Code Section 6451 was reviewed with the Subcommittee on Audits; recommended changes will be presented at a future subcommittee meeting.

#### 2. External Quality Assessment

Results of the Institute of Internal Auditors' review of Metropolitan's internal audit function were shared with the Subcommittee on Audits; corrective actions are in progress.

#### 3. Global Internal Audit Standards

The Institute of Internal Auditors released revised professional standards for internal audit this month; staff attended an orientation, and a gap and readiness assessment will follow later this year.

#### 4. Senior Audit Manager Recruitment

This was closed with no candidate recommended for hiring; a strategy to address critical resource needs is in progress.