

FACT SHEET

PUREWATER

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Program Benefits

A PIONEERING PROJECT

Supporting Local, Sustainable Resources & the Economy

The Pure Water Southern California program is a partnership between the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California and the Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts. The program would create a new water supply to help meet Southern California's needs by providing up to 150 million gallons of water daily, enough for 1.5 million people. The purified water would replenish groundwater basins and provide additional supplies for the region's drinking water treatment and delivery systems.



THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT
OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA



LOS ANGELES COUNTY
SANITATION DISTRICTS
Converting Waste Into Resources

Water Supply Benefits

A NEW SOURCE OF WATER FOR SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA



Increases Water Resiliency

The program would diversify water supplies and ensure reliability, especially in a changing climate. It also would support the region in case an earthquake or other emergency disrupts imported supplies.



Replenishes Groundwater Basins

Groundwater basins in the region provide 30% of Southern California's water supply and have seen levels drop to historic lows in recent years. The program would produce high-quality water to refill these underground reservoirs.



Creates a Local Supply of Water

Increasing local supplies helps reduce reliance on imported supplies from the Colorado River and Sierra Nevada.

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A SUSTAINABLE WATER ENVIRONMENT

Environmental Benefits



Reuses the Largest Untapped Source of Wastewater in the Region

The program would recycle cleaned wastewater that currently flows to the ocean.



Enhances Water Quality

A state-of-the-art purification process would produce high-quality water that is continuously monitored and tested to meet regulations.



Advances Water Reuse

Cutting-edge research and forward-looking partnerships increase recycled water use and water reliability throughout the southwest.

Economic Benefits

SUPPORTS OUR REGIONAL ECONOMY



Fuels Economic Growth

The program would stimulate billions of dollars in economic output during construction and operation, further invigorating Southern California's economy.



Generates Jobs

The program could provide over 77,000 jobs for the region in industries ranging from construction to retail.

CONSTRUCTION generates:

\$15.1 billion

\$6 billion

About **\$719 million**

75,660 directly employed & industry-related

OPERATION & MAINTENANCE annually provides:

\$640.4 million

\$238.9 million

About **\$57 million**

2,460 directly employed & industry-related

Total Economic Output

Labor Income

State & Local Taxes

Jobs

Data is from the 2025 report, Metropolitan Water District: Pure Water Southern California - An Updated Economic Impact Study, prepared by the Institute for Applied Economics of the Los Angeles County Economic Development Corporation.



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About Metropolitan

The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California is a state-established regional cooperative of 26 cities and public water agencies that collectively serve nearly 19 million people in six counties. Metropolitan imports water from the Colorado River and Northern California to supplement local supplies and supports its members through the development of increased conservation, recycling, storage and other resource management programs.

About the Sanitation Districts

The Sanitation Districts are a regional public agency that serves the wastewater and solid waste management needs of 5.6 million people in 78 cities and unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County. The agency protects public health and the environment and, in so doing, converts waste into resources like recycled water, green energy and recycled materials.

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