

**Joint Task Force on the Climate Adaptation Master Plan for Water
Established November 21, 2023**

CHARTER

Given the realities of the climate crisis and its impact on hydrology, infrastructure and the availability of water supplies, the Metropolitan Water District Board of Directors established a Long-Term Regional Planning Subcommittee through its Finance, Audit, Insurance and Real Property Committee to develop a Climate Adaptation Master Plan for Water (CAMP4W).

Subsequently, a Joint Task Force of Board Members and Member Agencies has been chartered to produce a regional plan (aka, CAMP4W Plan, or Plan) that will develop and establish a master plan that includes:

- **Climate and Growth Scenarios:** Develop climate scenarios—based on RCP 8.5 as set by the board and regularly updated to reflect real-world conditions and climate risks—to assess and set ranges of variability of water supplies from the State Water Project, the Colorado River, and regional hydrology as well as correlated regional growth scenarios that indicate demands of different member agencies;
- **Time-bound Targets:** Set targets to achieve by 2030, 2035, and 2045 for efficiency, conservation (including GPCD across the entire service area), system interconnection, water supply, equity and affordability, and other targets as needed and identified;
- **Framework for Climate Decision-Making and Reporting:** Establish a *Climate Decision-Making Framework* for the Board of Directors to align Metropolitan’s project-level investments with a set of evaluative criteria developed to match the values and priorities of the Board while complementing Member Agencies’ individual plans and investments. The framework is part of an adaptive management approach and provides a platform for regular reporting—at least annually--on progress toward the targets and other indicators established by the master plan;
- **Policies, Initiatives, and Partnerships:** Identify policies, initiatives, and regional partnerships that will achieve the conservation and supply targets in order to address the range of potential regional supply gaps among member agencies; and
- **Business Models and Funding Strategies:** Assess and recommend business model options and rate enhancements--as well as strategies to secure funding at the State and federal levels--that help achieve the targets while ensuring long term financial sustainability, equity, and affordability.

Individual components will be developed and reviewed by the Task Force over the next 12 months, with the overall final draft Plan to be reviewed and approved by the board by Q4 of 2024.