MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT OF ORANGE COUNTY
Jointly with the
PLANNING & OPERATIONS COMMITTEE
18700 Ward Street, Conference Room 101, Fountain Valley, CA 92708
October 6, 2025, 8:30 a.m.

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Director Yoo Schneider
Director Dick

Staff: H. De La Torre, M. Baum-Haley, A. Crespi, V. Osborn, C. Busslinger, K. Pham

Ex Officio Member: President McVicker

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ROLL CALL

PUBLIC COMMENTS
Public comments on agenda items and items under the jurisdiction of the Committee should be made at this time.

ITEMS RECEIVED TOO LATE TO BE AGENDIZED
Determine need and take action to agendize item(s), which arose subsequent to the posting of the Agenda. (Requires a unanimous vote of the Committee).

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PRESENTATION ITEM

1. ORANGE COUNTY GRAND JURY TOUR RECAP

ACTION ITEM

2. CALIFORNIA SPECIAL DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION (CSDA) BOARD OF DIRECTORS VACANCY – CALL FOR NOMINATIONS: SOUTHERN NETWORK SEAT C

INFORMATION ITEMS

3. OC WATER SUMMIT RECAP

4. 2025 URBAN WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN (UWMP) STATUS UPDATE

5. QUARTERLY MWDOC K-12 CHOICE SCHOOL PROGRAMS UPDATE

6. PUBLIC AFFAIRS HIGHLIGHTS

7. DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES REPORTS
   a. Ongoing MWDOC Reliability and Engineering/Planning Projects
   b. WEROC
   c. Water Use Efficiency Projects
   d. Public and Government Affairs

8. REVIEW OF ISSUES RELATED TO PLANNING OR ENGINEERING PROJECTS, WEROC, WATER USE EFFICIENCY, FACILITY AND EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE, WATER STORAGE, WATER QUALITY, CONJUNCTIVE USE PROGRAMS, EDUCATION, PUBLIC AFFAIRS PROGRAMS AND EVENTS, PUBLIC INFORMATION PROJECTS, PUBLIC INFORMATION CONSULTANTS, DISTRICT FACILITIES, AND MEMBER AGENCY RELATIONS

ADJOURNMENT

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Item No. 1

PRESENTATION ITEM
October 6, 2025

TO: **Planning & Operations Committee**

FROM: **Harvey De La Torre, General Manager**

Staff Contact: Damon Micalizzi, Director of Public Affairs
Melissa Buendia, Public Affairs Specialist

SUBJECT: **ORANGE COUNTY GRAND JURY TOUR RECAP**

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Planning & Operations Committee receive the presentation.

REPORT

On Tuesday, September 30, 2025, the Municipal Water District of Orange County (MWDOC) hosted the Orange County Grand Jury for a one-day water infrastructure trip. Nearly 30 people participated in the tour, including 16 members of the Grand Jury. In coordination with the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, this opportunity was co-hosted by MWDOC/Metropolitan Directors Larry Dick and Karl Seckel, and MWDOC Assistant General Manager Melissa Baum-Haley.

The program began at MWDOC Headquarters with a light breakfast, introductions, and an overview of the day's activities. Assistant General Manager Baum-Haley provided a presentation regarding MWDOC's purpose and the value of its shared services for all Orange County water agencies. Next, attendees participated in two interactive demonstrations. The first demonstration showcased MWDOC's Water Loss Control and Leak Detection program, highlighting tools and strategies to support water loss prevention and setting the stage for collaboration as the theme for the day's tour. The second presentation highlighted the Water Emergency Response Organization of Orange County (WEROC) and the mobile command vehicle, showcasing its regional emergency response capabilities and resiliency planning.

Following these demonstrations, the group departed for the Diemer Water Treatment Plant in Yorba Linda where Metropolitan staff provided a guided tour of the treatment processes and facility operations. While traveling between sites, Directors Seckel and

Dick led discussions on regional and statewide water policy, MWDOC's role in ensuring water reliability, and opportunities for shared services. The group participated in an interactive question and answer session, where they gained a deeper understanding of local water systems.

The group took a brief stop at the Lake Forest Civic Center for a hosted lunch and discussion led by Paul Cook, General Manager of the Irvine Ranch Water District. After lunch, attendees toured the nearby Baker Water Treatment Plant, gaining insight into the plant's role in ensuring water supply reliability, its advanced treatment technologies, and its emergency capacity. El Toro Water District General Manager Dennis Cafferty and Trabuco Canyon Water District General Manager Fernando Paludi, representing two additional agencies that utilize the Baker facility, were also in attendance. The dialogue focused on interagency collaboration, local resiliency, and infrastructure investment.

While in transit, attendees watched an onboard program featuring slides and videos further highlighting MWDOC's shared services and value to the region. The day concluded with return travel to MWDOC Headquarters for adjournment in the mid-afternoon.

Feedback from the Grand Jury was overall positive, with several requesting to attend future Metropolitan Inspection Trips. The group was largely engaged and asked pertinent questions along the way, making for a longer trip than anticipated, however, the content covered was well-received, and the Jurors were receptive to the information shared.

Orange County Grand Jury Water Tour Agenda

Date: Tuesday, September 30, 2025
Time: 8:00 AM – 2:40 PM

Hosts:

- Director Larry Dick, MWDOC Board Member and Metropolitan Representative
- Director Karl Seckel, MWDOC Board Member and Metropolitan Representative
- Melissa Baum-Haley, MWDOC Assistant General Manager

8:00 AM – Welcome, Check-In, & Breakfast

8:20 AM – MWDOC Demonstrations

- MWDOC Leak Detection Team Demonstration
- WEROC Mobile Command Vehicle Demonstration

8:50 AM – Reassemble in MWDOC 101 Conference Room

9:00 AM – Depart for Diemer Water Treatment Plant

10:00 AM – Tour of Diemer Water Treatment Plant

11:15 AM – Depart for Lake Forest Civic Center

12:00 PM – Catered Lunch and Informal Discussion

12:45 PM – Depart for Baker Water Treatment Plant

12:55 PM – Tour of Baker Water Treatment Plant

1:55 PM – Depart for MWDOC Headquarters

2:40 PM – Arrival and Dismissal

ALIGNMENT WITH BOARD STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

- ☒ *Clarifying MWDOC's mission and role; defining functions and actions.*
- ☒ *Balance support for Metropolitan's regional mission and OC values and interests.*
- ☒ *Strengthen communication and coordination of messaging.*
- ☒ *Work with member agencies to develop water supply and demand objectives.*
- ☐ *Solicit input and feedback from member agencies.*
- ☐ *Invest in workforce development and succession planning.*

Attachments/Links:
N/A

Item No. 2

ACTION ITEM
October 15, 2025

TO: **Board of Directors**

FROM: **Planning & Operations Committee**

Harvey De La Torre, General Manager

Staff Contact: Heather Baez, Director of Government Affairs

SUBJECT: **CALIFORNIA SPECIAL DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION (CSDA) BOARD OF DIRECTORS VACANCY – CALL FOR NOMINATIONS: SOUTHERN NETWORK SEAT C**

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Board of Directors discuss and determine if a member of the MWDOC Board of Directors would like to be nominated as a candidate for the California Special Districts Association Board of Directors, Southern Network, Seat C, and, if so, direct staff to prepare a Board Resolution endorsing a Director's candidacy.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

(To be determined at Committee Meeting)

REPORT

Summary

California Special Districts Association (CSDA) is requesting nominations to fill the Southern Network Seat C Vacancy for the remaining 2025–2026 term. CSDA is governed by an 18-member Board of Directors elected from its six geographical networks. Each of the six networks (Northern, Sierra, Bay Area, Central, Coastal, and Southern) has three seats on the Board with staggered three-year terms. Candidates must be affiliated with an independent special district that is a CSDA Regular Member in good standing located within the geographic network they seek to represent.

Budgeted: ☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ N/A		Budgeted amount: N/A
Core: ☐	Choice: ☐	Movement between funds: ☐ Yes ☐ No
Action item amount: $4,000.00		

Background

The CSDA Board of Directors is the governing body responsible for all policy decisions related to CSDA's member services, legislative advocacy, education, and resources. The Board of Directors is crucial to the Association's operation and to the representation of the common interests of all California's special districts before the Legislature and the state administration.

The commitment and expectations for the position include:

- Attendance at all Board meetings, held every other month at the CSDA office in Sacramento;
- Participation on at least one committee, meets 3–5 times a year at the CSDA office in Sacramento;
- Attendance at CSDA's two annual events: Special Districts Legislative Days (held in the Spring) and the CSDA Annual Conference (held in the Fall); and
- Complete all four modules of CSDA's Special District Leadership Academy within two years.

CSDA reimburses Directors for their related expenses for Board and committee meetings as outlined in Board policy, but does not reimburse for expenses for the two conferences or the Academy classes, even if a Board or committee meeting is held in conjunction with the events.

Next Steps

Any Regular Member in good standing is eligible to nominate one person - a board member or managerial employee (as defined by that district's Board of Directors) - for election to the CSDA Board of Directors. A copy of the member district's resolution or minute action and Candidate Information Sheet must accompany the nomination. Nominations and supporting documentation can be submitted by mail or email until October 22, 2025.

Nominees will then receive a Candidate's Packet, including campaign guidelines, by mail. Current CSDA Board Members from the Southern Network will interview candidates from October 27, 2025, through November 5, 2025, and make their recommendation to the CSDA Board by November 14, 2025. The new CSDA Member will take office on November 15, 2025.

Director Nederhood has expressed interest in being nominated for the open position.

Staff recommends the Board of Directors select Option #1 to discuss and determine if a member of the MWDOC Board of Directors would like to be nominated as a candidate for the California Special Districts Association Board of Directors, Southern Network, Seat C, and, if so, direct staff to prepare a Board Resolution for the October 15, 2025 Regular Board Meeting endorsing a Director's candidacy.

ALIGNMENT WITH BOARD STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

☒ *Clarifying MWDOC's mission and role; defining functions and actions.*
☐ *Balance support for Metropolitan's regional mission and OC values and interests.*
☐ *Strengthen communication and coordination of messaging.*
☐ *Work with member agencies to develop water supply and demand objectives.*
☐ *Solicit input and feedback from member agencies.*
☐ *Invest in workforce development and succession planning.*

BOARD OPTIONS

Option #1: Discuss and determine if a member of the MWDOC Board of Directors would like to be nominated as a candidate for the California Special Districts Association Board of Directors, Southern Network, Seat C, and, if so, direct staff to prepare a Board Resolution endorsing a Director's candidacy.

Fiscal Impact: Approximately $4,000 is estimated to cover travel expenses to Sacramento for CSDA Legislative Days, CSDA Annual Conference, and the four modules of CSDA's Leadership Academy.

Option #2: Take no action.

Fiscal Impact: None.

Attachments/Links:
Attachment 1: CSDA Board of Directors Vacancy, Call for Nominations: Southern Network, Seat C Notice

California Special
Districts Association
Districts Stronger Together

DATE: September 3, 2025

TO: CSDA Voting Members – Southern Network

FROM: CSDA Elections and Bylaws Committee

SUBJECT: **CSDA BOARD OF DIRECTORS VACANCY – CALL FOR NOMINATIONS: SEAT C – SOUTHERN NETWORK**

The CSDA Board of Directors is looking for independent special district Board Members or their General Managers from the Southern Network who are interested in leading the direction of the California Special Districts Association for the remainder of the 2024 - 2026 term, Seat C which is currently vacant and will be filled via CSDA Board appointment.

The leadership of CSDA is elected from its six geographical networks. Each of the six networks has three seats on the Board with staggered 3-year terms. Candidates must be affiliated with an independent special district that is a CSDA Regular Member in good standing and located within the Southern Network (see attached CSDA Network Map).

The CSDA Board of Directors is the governing body responsible for all policy decisions related to CSDA's member services, legislative advocacy, education and resources. The Board of Directors is crucial to the operation of the Association and to the representation of the common interests of all California's special districts before the Legislature and the State Administration. Serving on the Board requires one's interest in the issues confronting special districts statewide.

Commitment and Expectations:

- Attend all Board meetings, usually 4-5 meetings annually, at the CSDA office in Sacramento.
- Participate on at least one committee, meets 3-5 times a year at the CSDA office in Sacramento.
  (CSDA reimburses Directors for their related expenses for Board and committee meetings as outlined in Board policy).
- Attend, at minimum, the following CSDA annual events: Special Districts Legislative Days - held in the spring, and the CSDA Annual Conference - held in the summer/fall.
  *(CSDA does **not** reimburse travel related expenses for the two conferences even if a Board or committee meeting is held in conjunction with the event, however registration fees are covered)*
- Complete all four modules of CSDA's Special District Leadership Academy within 2 years of being elected.
  *(CSDA does **not** reimburse expenses for the Academy classes even if a Board or committee meeting is held in conjunction with the event).*
- Complete Annual Chief Executive Officer Evaluation.

Nomination Procedures: Any Regular Member in the Southern Network in good standing is eligible to nominate one person, a board member or managerial employee (as defined by that district's Board of Directors), for appointment consideration to the CSDA Board of Directors. **A copy of the member district's resolution or minute action and Candidate Information Sheet must accompany the nomination. The deadline for receiving nominations is October 22, 2025. Nominations and supporting documentation may be mailed or emailed.**

Mail: 1112 I Street, Suite 200, Sacramento, CA 95814
E-mail: amberp@csda.net

Once received, nominees will receive a candidate's letter in the mail. The letter will serve as confirmation that CSDA has received the nomination.

Current CSDA Southern Network Board Members will conduct interviews of candidates that submitted nominations by the deadline October 27, 2025 – November 5, 2025.

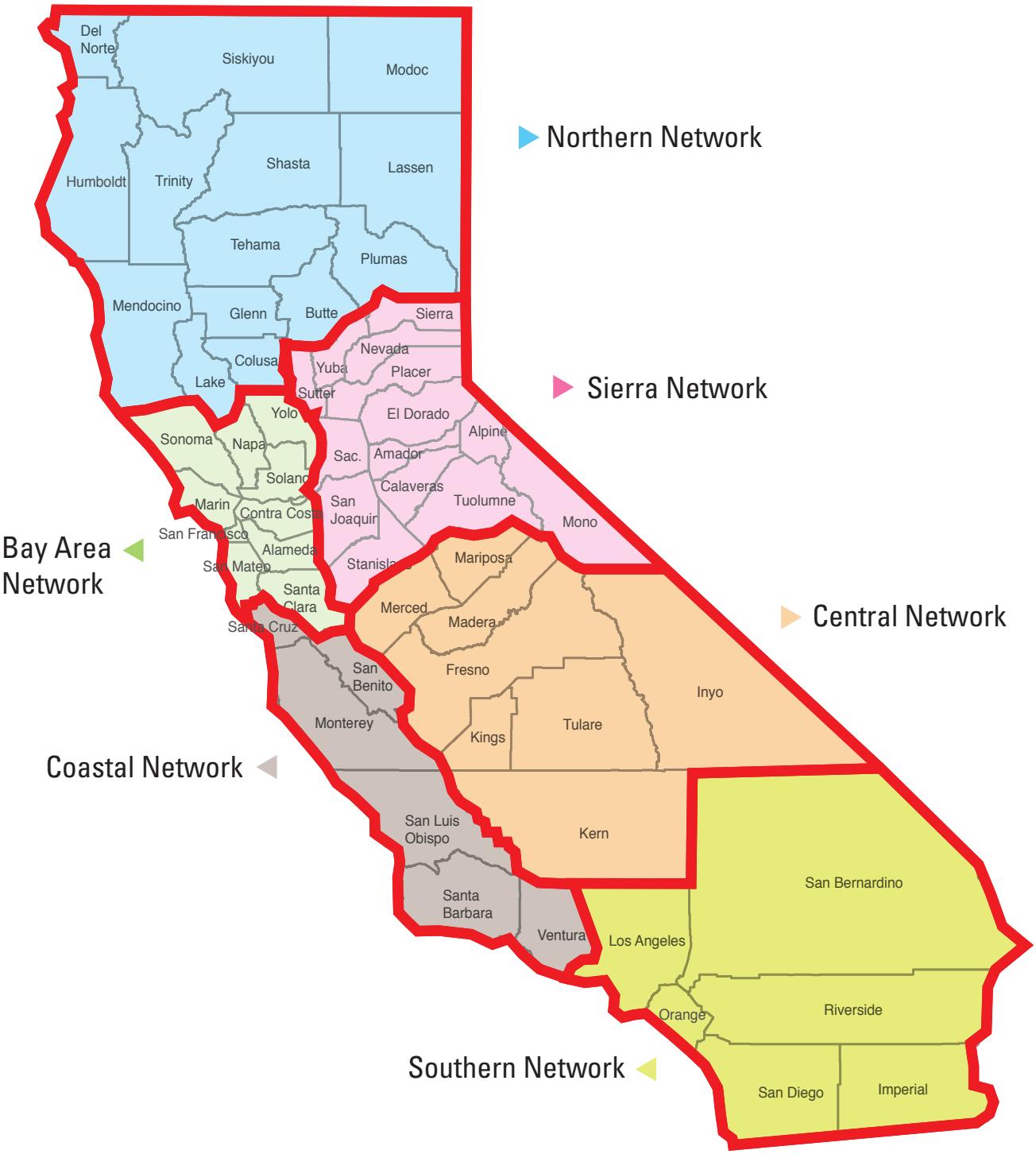
A Board appointment recommendation will be submitted by CSDA Southern Network Board Members for consideration by the full Board on November 14, 2025.

The newly appointed Board Member for the Southern Network Seat C will take office November 15, 2025.

If you have any questions, please contact Amber Phelen at amberp@csda.net.

California Special Districts Association

DISTRICT NETWORKS



LAST UPATED NOV. 1, 2019

California Special
Districts Association
Districts Stronger Together

2024-2026 BOARD APPOINTMENT FOR SEAT C SOUTHERN NETWORK NOMINATION FORM

Name of Candidate: _____

District: _____

Mailing Address: _____

_____

Network: __SOUTHERN_____

District Telephone: _____

Candidate Direct Telephone: _____

Best Time to Arrange a Call: AM ☐ PM ☐
Monday ☐ Tuesday☐ Wednesday☐ Thursday☐ Friday☐ Saturday☐

E-mail: _____

Nominated by (optional): _____

Return this <u>form and a Board resolution/minute action supporting the candidate and Candidate Information Sheet</u> by mail, or email to:

CSDA
Attn: Amber Phelen
1112 I Street, Suite 200
Sacramento, CA 95814
(877) 924-2732 (916) 442-7889 fax
amberp@csda.net

DEADLINE FOR RECEIVING NOMINATIONS – October 22, 2025

California Special
Districts Association
Districts Stronger Together

2024-2026 CSDA BOARD APPOINTMENT
SEAT C SOUTHERN NETWORK
CANDIDATE INFORMATION SHEET

The following information MUST accompany your nomination form and Resolution/Minutes:

Name: _____

District/Company: _____

Title: _____

Elected/Appointed/Staff: _____

Length of Service with District: _____

1. **Do you have current involvement with CSDA (such as committees, events, workshops, conferences, Governance Academy, etc.):**

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2. **Have you ever been associated with any other state-wide associations (CSAC, ACWA, League, etc.):**

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3. **List local government involvement (such as LAFCo, Association of Governments, etc.):**

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4. **List civic organization involvement:**

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****Additional Candidate Statement –** Please provide an additional statement that includes any personal or professional information that will assist the Board of Directors in making their selections. The preferred formatting for the statement is to be typed with 1-inch margins, 1.5 spacing, 12 pt. Times New Roman font, and no more than 2 pages.

Item No. 3

INFORMATION ITEM
October 6, 2025

TO: **Planning & Operations Committee**

FROM: **Harvey De La Torre, General Manager**

Staff Contact: Damon Micalizzi, Director of Public Affairs
Jasmine Orozco, Public Affairs Coordinator I

SUBJECT: **OC WATER SUMMIT RECAP**

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Planning & Operations Committee receive and file the information.

REPORT

Summary

The 17th Annual OC Water Summit took place on Friday, September 5, at the Westin South Coast Plaza in Costa Mesa, bringing together 356 attendees, including staff, exhibitors, and leaders from across the water industry. Hosted in tandem with the Orange County Water District (OCWD), the Summit has become the region's premier water conference. An essential forum for fostering discussion on pressing water supply challenges, policy issues, and solutions critical to Orange County and beyond. This year's theme, Turning the Valve: Abundance for Orange County, guided a robust program that featured four in-depth sessions:

1. Responding to Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS);
2. Prioritizing Abundant Water Supply;
3. Rethinking the Bay-Delta; and
4. Getting Water on the Ballot.

Before the event, MWDOC supported OCWD by attending planning meetings and promoting the event on social media. During the event, MWDOC Directors and staff attended, presented, and assisted OCWD staff to ensure a successful summit. The sessions can be viewed at ocwatersummit.com.

Budgeted: ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A		Budgeted amount: $9,000
Core: ☒	Choice: ☐	Movement between funds: ☐ Yes ☒ No
Action item amount:		

Emceed by Fritz Coleman, the event convened elected officials, business professionals, community leaders, and water stakeholders to exchange ideas, strengthen partnerships, and shape strategies for the region's water future.

Cross-Program Engagement

Additionally, the Water Energy Education Alliance (WEEA) proudly provided 14 NextGen Workforce students with invaluable real-world networking experience and direct exposure to high-impact careers in water. In preparation for the event, students participated in a briefing session, polished LinkedIn profiles, and came ready to engage in conversations with industry professionals about internships and career opportunities. Students represented a range of institutions including Santiago Canyon College, San Bernardino Valley College, the University of California, Irvine, California State University, Fullerton, the University of California, Riverside, California State University, Los Angeles, California State Polytechnic University, Pomona, and California State University, Long Beach, many of which are affiliated with the National Society of Black Engineers.

The student engagement effort highlights the critical role WEEA plays in building a strong and diverse pipeline of future leaders, reinforcing the importance of continued investment in workforce development. One of the engineering students stated, "*I learned where my area of engineering fits within the water industry and how important that contribution could be*." Another student said, "*I learned more about California's water system and the industry, which has made me interested in pursuing a future career in water*." This opportunity had a beneficial impact on these students and helped guide some directly into the field of water.

Next Steps

Looking ahead, MWDOC will lead the planning efforts for the 18th Annual OC Water Summit in 2026. The next OC Water Summit Ad Hoc Committee meeting will be held on Monday, October 27th.

ALIGNMENT WITH BOARD STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

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Attachments/Links:
Link 1: https://www.ocwatersummit.com/

Item No. 4

INFORMATION ITEM
October 6, 2025

TO: **Planning & Operations Committee**

FROM: **Harvey De La Torre, General Manager**

Staff Contact: Charles Busslinger, Dir. of Engineering/District Engineer
Sarina Sriboonlue, Principal Engineer

SUBJECT: **2025 URBAN WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN STATUS UPDATE**

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Planning & Operations Committee receive and file the information.

REPORT

MWDOC staff have been working on the 2025 Urban Water Management Plan (UWMP) Shared Services Program to support MWDOC and 23 participating agencies in meeting the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) requirements for long-term water supply planning.

Background

California Water Code 10644 (a) requires water suppliers (including wholesalers), either publicly or privately owned, that provide water for municipal purposes to more than 3,000 customers or supply more than 3,000 acre-feet annually to submit an updated UWMP with the DWR at least once every five years; in years ending in six or one. The 2025 UWMPs are due to DWR by July 1, 2026.

UWMPs are essential for ensuring that urban water suppliers can reliably meet existing and future water demands over a 20-year planning horizon. Key new requirements passed by the Legislature have been incorporated since 2020, including a Water Shortage Contingency Plan (WSCP) with six shortage stages, a Drought Risk Assessment, a seismic risk assessment via the adopted local hazard mitigation plan, and an estimate of energy consumption for each supply use.

Budgeted: ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A		Budgeted amount: $82,200
Core: ☒	Choice: ☐	Movement between funds: ☐ Yes ☒ No
Action item amount:		

Status Update

While DWR has yet to release the Draft 2025 UWMP Guidebook, it has indicated in DWR-led workshops that a few new elements are slated to be added in the 2025 UWMP. Examples of the new elements include planned shortage response actions (in acre-feet), passive conservation savings estimates (optional), and progress toward meeting the 2028 water loss standard.

The 2025 UWMP Shared Services Program includes 20 MWDOC member agencies and 3 Metropolitan-member cities, including three new participants since the 2020 cycle. The consultant team—led by Carollo Engineers, CDM Smith, and Maddaus Water Management—brings deep experience in regional water planning and is building on the successful framework established during the 2020 UWMP cycle.

The 2025 UWMP Shared Services Program offers significant benefits, including economies of scale, reduced administrative burden, and consistent data and narratives across agencies. The base consultant fee is $1.06 million, with an amount not to exceed $1.42 million for optional and contingency tasks. For a typical agency, this translates to a cost savings of approximately 30% compared to developing a UWMP independently. For example, a participating agency may pay around $40,000 in consultant fees under the shared services model, compared to $60,000 if developing a plan on its own.

Coordination with Metropolitan

MWDOC staff also continue to coordinate closely with Metropolitan to align timelines and technical information. Metropolitan's 2025 UWMP process includes a technical workshop in November 2025, with their agency review draft and public review draft expected in December 2025 and early 2026, respectively, and a Board adoption in May 2026.

Next Steps

Looking ahead, the consultant team will prepare the Shared Services Program agency-specific draft UWMPs for review in January and February 2026, followed by public review drafts in March and April 2026. Public hearings and plan adoptions are anticipated between April and June 2026, ensuring timely submission to DWR by the July 1, 2026, deadline.

ALIGNMENT WITH BOARD STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

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Attachments/Links:
Attachment 1: 2025 Urban Water Management Plan Shared Services Program Update



2025 Urban Water Management Plan Shared Services Program Update

MWDOC P&O Committee Meeting

October 6, 2025

UWMP Refresher

- ***Required by DWR every 5 years:***
  - "UWMPs support suppliers' long-term resource planning to ensure adequate water supplies are available to meet existing and future water needs"
- ***UWMPs must include***
  - 20-year demand and supply projections.
  - Demand management measures description
  - Water Shortage Contingency Plan (WSCP). Six shortage stages.

New
  - Planned WSCP actions (in acre-feet)
  - Progress towards 2028 water loss standard
  - Passive water conservation savings projections

- ***2025 UWMPs are due July 1, 2026***



UWMP Shared Services Update

- ***23 Participating Agencies***
  - 20 MWDOC agencies and the 3 MET-member agencies
  - 3 new participating agencies from 2020
- ***Consultant team led by Carollo, CDM Smith, and MWM***
  - Extensive water resources planning experience in OC and SoCal
  - Builds on successful approach to 2020 UWMP Shared Services
  - Base fee of $1.06M
  - Not-to-exceed $1.42M (for optional/contingency tasks)
- ***Shared Services Benefits***
  - Economy of scale yields ~30% savings on consultant fee
    - $40K vs $60K base (for a typical agency)
    - $50k vs $75K with optional tasks (for a typical agency)
  - Lessens administrative burden for agencies and consultant
  - Consistent approach, data, and narratives throughout

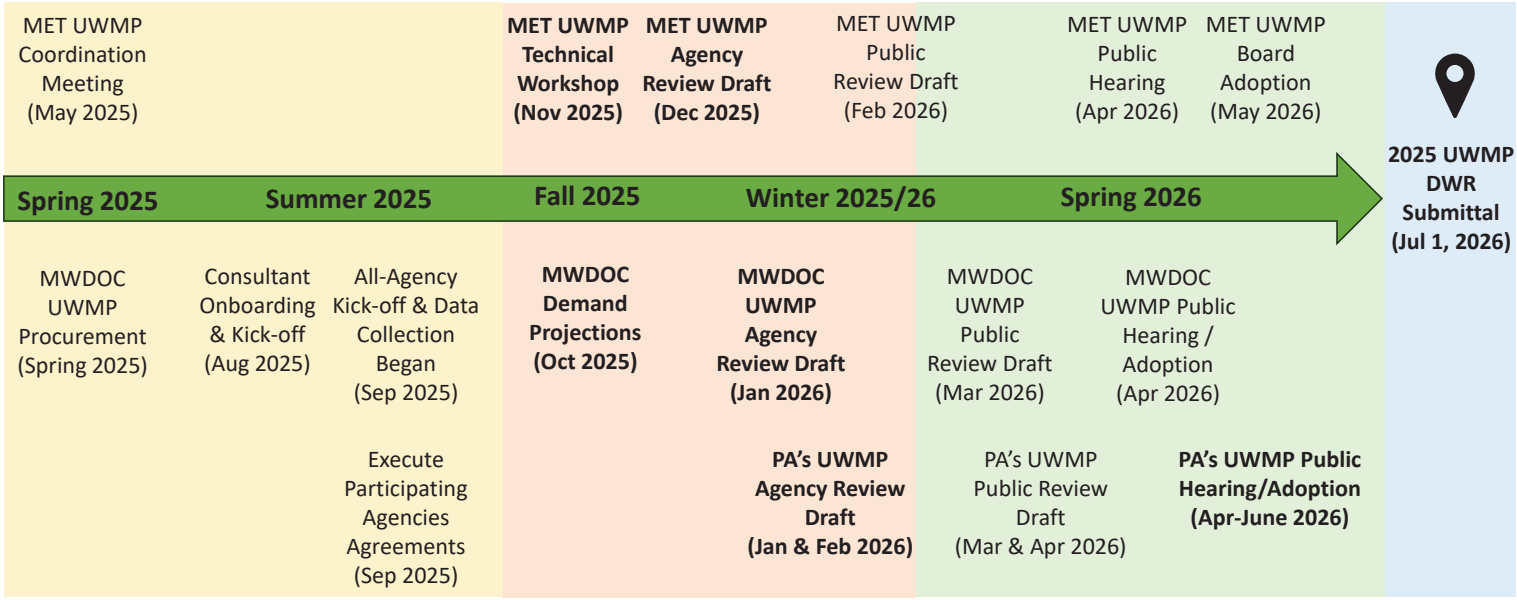
Current Project Timeline

Aligning Demand Projections and UWMP activities and schedules

Activities	Anticipated Dates
All-Agency Demand Forecast Presentation Workshop	August 5, 2025
Agencies Managers Mtg. Demand Presentations	Aug 21 & Sep 17, 2025
UWMP All-Agency Kickoff Meeting	Sep 10, 2025
MWDOC Board Presentation UWMP Update	Oct 6, 2025
MWDOC Board Presentation Demand Forecasts	Nov 3, 2025
2025 UWMP Adoption (Varies by Groups)	April – June 2026
2025 UWMP Submission to DWR	July 1, 2026

MWDOC vs MET UWMP Timeline

Metropolitan's 2025 UWMP Timeline



MWDOC & Participating Agencies' 2025 UWMPs Timeline

Item No. 5

INFORMATION ITEM
October 6, 2025

TO: **Planning & Operations Committee**

FROM: **Harvey De La Torre, General Manager**

Staff Contact: Tiffany Baca, Public Affairs Education & Workforce Development Manager

SUBJECT: **QUARTERLY MWDOC K-12 CHOICE SCHOOL PROGRAMS UPDATE**

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Planning & Operations Committee receive and file the information.

REPORT

Summary

The MWDOC K-12 Choice School Program contractors, Shows That Teach and the Orange County Department of Education's (OCDE) Inside the Outdoors (ITO), have started to schedule live, interactive water education lessons for the 2025–2026 school year.

Attachment 1, lists a three-month calendar preview of scheduled school visits (October – December 2025). The shared calendar is updated frequently, it reflects the most accurate information available; visits remain subject to change based on school and teacher availability. Program contractors update the calendar on an ongoing basis as new visits are booked. The platform also allows each participating agency to view its own schedule within their service area and opt in to receive email notifications when additional visits are added. For access to the complete calendar or to request notifications for the upcoming school year, please contact the Public Affairs Department, Education & Workforce Development Division.

Budgeted: ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A		Budgeted amount: $511,211
Core: ☐	Choice: ☒	Movement between funds: ☐ Yes ☒ No
Action item amount:		

Program Progress

Attachments 2, 3, and 4 outline participation to date and additional program details for the elementary, middle, and high school programs. All MWDOC Choice School Programs feature hands-on activities and pre- and post-program learning opportunities. Sessions are offered both in person and virtually. This report also includes a detailed summary of program progress and teacher feedback this fiscal year. A snapshot of the K-12 Choice School Program's performance is provided below:

FY 2025-2026 Student Counts to Date*

Grade Level	Students Seen	Students Scheduled	Total
K-2	3,631	4,270	7,901
3-5	156	5,799	5,955
6-8	177	1,686	1,863
9-12		10	10
Total	**3,964**	**11,765**	**15,729**

*Scheduled student #s are based on school registration at the time of booking.

FY 2025-2026 Sessions to Date

Grade Level	Sessions Completed	Sessions Scheduled	Total
K-2	22	25	47
3-5	3	91	94
6-8	6	55	61
9-12		1	1
Total	**31**	**172**	**203**

Also important to note, as program interest continues to grow, overage approvals have been requested for the following agencies this quarter: City of Anaheim, City of Fullerton, City of La Habra, City of Santa Ana, and City of San Clemente.

Just one month into the new school year, eight agency budgets across multiple grade levels have been fully allocated.

ALIGNMENT WITH BOARD STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

- ☒ *Clarifying MWDOC's mission and role; defining functions and actions.*
- ☒ *Balance support for Metropolitan's regional mission and OC values and interests.*
- ☒ *Strengthen communication and coordination of messaging.*
- ☒ *Work with member agencies to develop water supply and demand objectives.*
- ☒ *Solicit input and feedback from member agencies.*
- ☒ *Invest in workforce development and succession planning.*

Attachments/Links:
Attachment 1: MWDOC Choice School Program Calendar of Visits (Oct.-Dec. 2025)
Attachment 2: MWDOC Choice Elementary School Program (Grades K-2)
Attachment 3: MWDOC Choice Elementary School Program (Grades 3-5)
Attachment 4: MWDOC Choice Middle and High School Programs (Grades 6-12)
Link 1: Video excerpt from “Waterology” at Price Elementary in the City of Anaheim’s service area on September 22, 2025: https://tinyurl.com/PriceElm

MWDOC K-12 Choice School Program

MWDOC School Programs

Calendars

- City of Anaheim
- City of Brea
- City of Buena Park
- City of Fountain Valley
- City of Fullerton
- City of Garden Grove
- City of Huntington Beach
- City of La Habra
- City of Orange
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- City of Tustin
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- OC Public Works
- Santa Margarita Water Dis...
- Serrano Water District
- South Coast Water District
- Trabuco Canyon Water Di...
- Yorba Linda Water District

October 2025

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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41	5	6 Linda Vista School	7 Carver School (3-5)	8	9 Morningside Schoo R. F. Hazard Eleme Cielo Vista Element	10 Kinetic Academy (3	11
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MWDOC K-12 Choice School Program

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- City of Anaheim
- City of Brea
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November 2025

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
44	Oct 26, 2025	27	28	29	30	31	Nov 1
45	2	3	4	5	6	7 Brookhurst School (	8
46	9	10 Taft K-6 and Deaf a Hidden Hills School	11	12	13 Brookhurst School (St. Edward the Con	14	15
47	16	17	18 Fern Dr School (3-5 Tustin Memorial Ac Willmore Elementar	19	20 Morningside Schoo	21 Zeyen School (3-5) Sycamore Magnet A	22
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MWDOC K-12 Choice School Program

MWDOC School Programs

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December 2025

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49	Nov 30, 2025	Dec 1 Cambridge School	2 Star View School (3	3 Cambridge Elemen	4	5 ACCESS La Habra	6
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MWDOC Choice Elementary School Program (grades K-2)

Shows That Teach (STT) offers Orange County students in grades K-2 fun and informative assemblies that use music, humor, and audience participation to engage students in water-centric topics such as the water cycle, water supply resources, and using water wisely. This interactive program also includes hands-on pre- and post-activities that encourage students to reflect on their relationship with water. This program is offered either in person or virtually to K-2 students combined. Multiple classrooms and grade levels can participate simultaneously.

COMPLETED PARTICIPATION TO DATE:

Totals reflect the number of presentations *completed* and students seen since the start of the 2025-2026 school year.

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- **In-person presentations hosted:** 22
- **Virtual presentations hosted:** 0
- **Total number of students seen:** 3,631
- **Presentations have been completed in the following service areas:** City of Anaheim, El Toro Water District, City of Fullerton, City of Garden Grove, City of La Habra, City of Orange, City of Santa Ana, City of Tustin, and City of Westminster

SCHEDULED PARTICIPATION TO DATE:

Totals reflect the number of presentations currently *scheduled* and students expected to participate in the upcoming months of the 2025-2026 school year.

- **In-person presentations scheduled:** 25
- **Virtual presentations scheduled:** 0
- **Total number of students expected:** 4,270
- **Upcoming presentations have been scheduled in the following service areas:** City of Anaheim, City of Brea, City of Fountain Valley, City of Fullerton, City of Garden Grove, City of Huntington Beach, City of Orange, City of Santa Ana, Santa Margarita Water District, South Coast Water District, City of Tustin, and City of Westminster

ADDITIONAL PROGRAM DETAILS AND MEASUREMENTS:

Video excerpt from "Waterology" at Price Elementary in the City of Anaheim's service area: https://tinyurl.com/PriceElm

Teacher Feedback: "Engaging, educational, and fun! A+"
– 1st grade teacher, Kristine Knott, Red Hill Elementary, City of Tustin service area

Attachment 3

MWDOC Choice Elementary School Program (grades 3-5)
September 24, 2025

Orange County Department of Education's Inside the Outdoors (OCDE/ITO) offers Orange County students in grades 3-5 interactive, grade-specific lessons that engage students in valuable instruction on the history of California water, local climate and water sources, and how to use water efficiently. Each session includes student-prompted interaction, demonstrations, and pre- and post-activities that guide students to examine how access to a reliable source of drinking water is important to every community. Participating students and their families also receive resources that complement the topics covered during the classroom session. This program is offered either in person or virtually to students in grades 3-5.

- **3rd Grade:** Compare and describe diverse weather and climate data and explore personal choices to protect our local water resources.
- **4th Grade:** Identify the key role water plays in California's history including the growth and expansion of towns and cities.
- **5th Grade:** Examine existing water management solutions and determine ways to protect the quality and quantity of water.

COMPLETED PARTICIPATION TO DATE:

Totals reflect the number of presentations *completed* and students seen since the start of the 2025-2026 school year.

- **In-person presentations hosted:** 3
- **Virtual presentations hosted:** 0
- **Total number of students seen:** 156
- **Presentations have been completed in the following service areas:** City of Garden Grove

SCHEDULED PARTICIPATION TO DATE:

Totals reflect the number of presentations currently *scheduled* and students expected to participate in the upcoming months of the 2025-2026 school year.

- **In-person presentations scheduled:** 91
- **Virtual presentations scheduled:** 0
- **Total number of students expected:** 5,799
- **Upcoming presentations have been scheduled in the following service areas:** City of Anaheim, City of Brea, El Toro Water District, City of Fullerton, City of Garden Grove, City of Huntington Beach, City of La Habra, Moulton Niguel Water District, City of Orange, City of Santa Ana, Santa Margarita Water District, and City of Westminster

ADDITIONAL PROGRAM DETAILS AND MEASUREMENTS:

To date, OCDE/ITO has received interest from schools in the following service areas and is working with teachers to schedule those presentations:

- One (1) school in the City of Anaheim

Photos:

3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students from Warren School in the Garden Grove Unified School District, served by the City of Garden Grove.

















Attachment 4

MWDOC Choice Middle and High School Program (grades 6-12)
September 24, 2025

Orange County Department of Education's Inside the Outdoors (OCDE/ITO) offers Orange County students in grades 6-12 grade-specific classroom sessions that guide students to investigate challenges faced by water providers and identify sources of human impact on the quality, quantity, and availability of water in their communities. Each session includes student-prompted interaction, demonstrations, and pre- and post-activities that engage students in developing solutions to real-world problems. This program is offered either in person or virtually to students in grades 6-12.

- **6th-8th Grade:** Students analyze water samples to identify sources of potential pollution and form strategies to monitor or minimize pollution.
- **9th-12th Grade:** Students collect and analyze data to explore the role of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta and its connection to our local water resources.

COMPLETED PARTICIPATION TO DATE:

Totals reflect the number of presentations *completed* and students seen since the start of the 2025-2026 school year.

Middle School Program (grades 6-8)

- **In-person presentations hosted:** 6
- **Virtual presentations hosted:** 0
- **Total number of students seen:** 177
- **Presentations have been completed in the following service areas:** City of Tustin

SCHEDULED PARTICIPATION TO DATE:

Totals reflect the number of presentations currently *scheduled* and students expected to participate in the upcoming months of the 2025-2026 school year.

Middle School Program (grades 6-8)

- **In-person presentations scheduled:** 55
- **Virtual presentations scheduled:** 0
- **Total number of students expected:** 1,686
- **Upcoming presentations have been scheduled in the following service areas:** El Toro Water District, City of Fullerton, City of Garden Grove, City of La Habra, City of Santa Ana, City of Tustin, City of Westminster, Yorba Linda Water District

High School Program (grades 9-12)

- **In-person presentations scheduled:** 1
- **Virtual presentations scheduled:** 0
- **Total number of students expected:** 10
- **Upcoming presentations have been scheduled in the following service areas:** City of La Habra

ADDITIONAL PROGRAM DETAILS AND MEASUREMENTS:

To date, OCDE/ITO has received interest from schools in the following service areas and is working with teachers to schedule those presentations:

- Two (2) schools in the City of Anaheim
- One (1) school in the City of Fullerton
- One (1) school in the City of La Habra
- One (1) school in the City of San Clemente
- One (1) school in the City of Santa Ana



REPRESENTED MWDOC AT CSDA CONFERENCE



WEEA BRINGS NEXTGEN WORKFORCE TO THE OC WATER SUMMIT



HOSTED OC WATER SUMMIT WITH OCWD



HOSTED CRA INSPECTION TRIP



SPEAKERS BUREAU

CEEF TEACHER INSTITUTE TRAINING



HOSTED TABLE AT COASTAL CLEANUP DAY



HOSTED OC GRAND JURY FOR A WATER TOUR



5.54% SOCIAL MEDIA ENGAGEMENT RATE

A Good Rate is 1-5%

ENGINEERING & PLANNING	
Orange County Water Demand Forecast Project and 2025 Urban Water Management Plan	See Information Item #4 of this P&O Packet: MWDOC staff will be providing an update to the P&O Committee at the October 6, 2025, committee meeting.
MWDOC Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Implementation	MWDOC completed a GIS Needs Assessment with consultant FLO Analytics and presented it to the P&O Committee in August 2025. The MWDOC GIS Needs Assessment evaluated the use of GIS at MWDOC, identified future GIS needs and priorities, and established a five-year road map tied to District goals. The development of a comprehensive GIS program at MWDOC will enable the improvement of internal operations, data collection and analysis, build staff skillsets to serve member agencies, and provide more effective emergency management coordination under the Water Emergency Response Organization of Orange County (WEROC). The program encompasses governance, software, and data management, supplemented by training and support from consultants. The District will initially require the assistance of external consultants for the implementation, system management, and administration of the expanded GIS system. With training, staff look toward taking on more of the day-to-day management of the GIS system and data analysis. MWDOC staff are preparing a Request for Proposal (RFP) to invite qualified and experienced consulting firms to submit a proposal to assist with the Year 1 implementation of a MWDOC GIS system. The RFP is anticipated to be released in mid-late October 2025 and anticipate a recommendation of consultant contract award to the Board in February 2026.
Upcoming Metropolitan Shutdowns	Metropolitan has scheduled three upcoming shutdowns in the Fall/Winter 2025 and Spring 2026 timeframe with impacts to Orange County, including • Lake Mathews Shutdown (November 3-13, 2025) – Junction shaft maintenance and survey to complete additional work that was started in July 2025.

	• Diemer Water Treatment Plant Shutdown (March 2-8, 2026) – Installation of backup chlorine feed lines, diffusers, and additional sampling lines; and a Department of Safety of Dams (DSOD) required inspection of the finished water reservoir. • Irvine Cross Feeder Shutdown (April 8-10, 2026) – Pre-stressed Concrete Cylinder Pipe (PCCP) inspection.

General Managers Report
WEROC Status Report

September 2025

INCIDENTS/EVENTS

(EVENTS LISTED ONLY INCLUDE WEROC INVOLVEMENT. EVENTS AND INCIDENTS HAPPEN EVERYDAY, BUT MAY NOT REQUIRE REPORTING, OR COORDINATION WITH WEROC)

No Events Occurred

WEROC MEMBER AGENCY PLANNING, COORDINATION AND PROGRAM EFFORTS

America's Water Infrastructure Act (AWIA) Compliance

Agency Coordination and Support

In September, WEROC focused on finalizing Emergency Response Plan (ERP) revisions for the nine participating agencies. All agencies remained on track to meet the EPA submission deadline of September 26, 2025, with no reported issues.

Work also progressed with Tier 2 agencies on their Risk and Resilience Assessment (RRA) workshops. Four workshops were completed in September, and the overall Tier 2 RRA project remains on schedule to meet the December 31, 2025, deadline.

Janine continues to provide project coordination support to Vicki, including participation in the MWDOC AWIA monthly progress meeting with Herndon Solutions Group (HSG) and attending the multiple agency meetings.

September 8 – Janine attended the AWIA Risk Assessment Workshop #1 for Fountain Valley.
September 9 – Janine attended the City of Huntington Beach's Draft Emergency Response Plan Review Workshop.
September 10 – Janine attended the City of Orange's Draft Emergency Response Plan Review Workshop.
September 10 – Janine attended the Santa Margarita Water District's Draft Emergency Response Plan Review Workshop.
September 11 – Janine attended the City of Fullerton's Draft Emergency Response Plan Review Workshop.
September 11 – Janine attended the City of Santa Ana's Draft Emergency Response Plan Review Workshop.

September 25 – Janine attended the virtual MWDOC AWIA monthly progress report Status Update with Herndon Solutions Group (HSG).

Hazard Mitigation Plan (MJHMP)

All 15 participating agencies have formally adopted the MJHMP through their governing boards. Final approvals and letters of adoption are now on file with FEMA and CalOES, completing the process.

As a reminder, the plan remains valid through April 14, 2030.

Mobile Command Vehicle (MCV) and EOC Readiness

Gabby and Janine continue to oversee maintenance and testing of the MCV and Peters Canyon Site to ensure readiness for deployment. Regular inspections, equipment testing, and weekly driving are being conducted, with IT support provided for laptop updates. The MCV generator received break-in service, and WEROC has contracted with GenServe for ongoing maintenance and load testing in compliance with NFPA 110 standards. At the Peters Canyon Site, ceiling tiles were replaced, electrical wiring secured, and coordination with MET is underway to replace the garage weather strip to prevent rodent entry.

Gabby is coordinating with El Toro Water District (ETWD) on the placement of the Mobile Command Vehicle (MCV) at an ETWD facility. Discussions are underway to finalize a facility use agreement to support this arrangement. The agreement is going through the ETWD process, and MWDOC BBK has reviewed. The goal is to finalize and bring the agreement to the Board at the November meeting for approval.

National Preparedness Month

As part of National Preparedness Month in September, Vicki coordinated with Public Affairs to prepare four social media posts, distributed weekly throughout the month.

Regional Fuel Planning Project

WEROC is updating the Regional Fuel Planning Database to support emergency fuel supply and distribution coordination for Orange County's water, wastewater, and public works agencies. As part of this effort, agencies received pre-filled 2025 surveys using data collected from the 2019 Orange County Fuel Project. Agencies have been asked to review, confirm, and update their information—including fuel types, storage capacity, critical facilities, equipment lists, and backup power availability—to ensure accuracy. Completed surveys were due by September 30, 2025, and as of the time of this report, 20 of 30 agencies have responded.

In October, the data will be reviewed, and WEROC will lead a discussion with member agencies at the quarterly meeting to determine next steps.

WEROC Personnel Update (Succession Planning)

Vicki worked with Human Resources to open the WEROC position for recruitment. The posting went live on September 24, 2025.

WEROC, County, and State Plan Updates or Review

Vicki was requested by Orange County Public Works to provide comments to the Plan to address the FEMA Community Rating System. Vicki reviewed the 800-page document and provided comments.

Vicki updated the following WEROC SOPs:

- WEROC EOC Responder Guidance
- WEROC PSPS Protocols
- WEROC Planning Meetings

WEROC Presentations, Training, and Exercises

Presentations

September 17: Villa Park Community Meeting w/Serrano WD (Gabby)
September 30: Grand Jury WEROC MCV (Gabby)

Upcoming Presentations (look ahead):

- October 8: CWEA Keynote Speaker (Vicki)
- October 15: City of Villa Park Emergency Recovery Seminar w/ Serrano WD (Vicki)
- October 16: MWDOC Managers Cyber (Vicki)
- October 30: MARAC – Working with Water in So Cal (Vicki)

Training & Exercises/Drills

September 3: G191 ICS/EPC Interface **Custom Exercise (Vicki) *Postponed by OC Sans until Q1 2026*
September 10: WEROC 800MHz Radio System Test (Janine)
September 17: Mars Monthly Radio Test (Gabby)
September 23: Member Agency WebEOC Training (Janine)

Look Ahead Training Requests Received from Member Agencies:

ETWD : TTX EQ Exercise – Jan 20, 2026 (Vicki)
SCWD: TTX Exercise – Feb 2026 (Vicki)
OCWD: Functional Exercise – May 28, 2026 (Vicki) (tentative)
OCWD: EOC/EM 5 Part Series (Custom) Dates TBD Spring 2026
SCWD: ICS 100/700 - Nov 5 (Vicki)
SCWD: ICS 200/800 - Dec 2 (Vicki)
OCHCA: ICS 400 - Dec 3 and 4 (Vicki)
City of Brea: ICS 300 - Feb 2026 (Vicki)
City of Brea: ICS 400 - March 2026 (Vicki)

OC Sans: G191 - Jan/Feb 2026 (Vicki)

Staff Training
Gabby attended the L449 ICS Train-the-Trainer Course at CalOES Headquarters in Sacramento. She is working toward certification as an ICS instructor and obtaining her Emergency Management Instructor Number, which will enable her to support member agencies with training requests alongside Vicki.

Gabby is aligning MWDOC staff training with the newly created position task books and has developed a tracking file to support compliance and potential audits. All staff are required to complete National Incident Management System (NIMS) training by January 31, 2026, to ensure compliance for public employees. To assist, Gabby has established office hours to help staff complete the independent study courses.

Operational Area, State, and Federal Activities and Meetings Key

September 3 – California Emergency Services Association Southern Chapter Board Meeting:
Vicki attended the recent Board meeting, where feedback from the Member Listening Session was reviewed and a discussion was held regarding both the Emergency Management Professional role and Association business for the Southern Chapter.

September 4 – OCEMO Monthly Meeting:
Vicki attended the monthly OCEMO meeting, which included presentations from the OCIAC, Access and Fictional Needs Planning, and an overview of the OC Domestic Well Drought Resiliency Plan. Vicki is part of the County Drought Task Force now required under SB 552, and reviews this County plan. Vicki can share additional details on the specific topics covered with Board members as needed.

September 5 – South Orange County Community College District Hazard Mitigation Planning Meeting:
Vicki attended the Hazard Mitigation Planning meeting on behalf of the water agencies, serving as a stakeholder to support the development of the plan.

September 10 – WEROC Support to IUEA – ERNIE Preparedness Initiative:
Vicki provided assistance to the Independent Utilities Emergency Association (IUEA) in their efforts to re-establish ERNIE (Emergency Response Network of Independent Utilities) as a more active disaster preparedness organization. Following discussions and a review of related documents, IUEA decided not to move forward at this time. Vicki offered continued support should the group choose to revisit the initiative in the future.

September 11 – East Orange County Water District Hazard Mitigation Plan Meeting:
Vicki attended the Hazard Mitigation Planning meeting, serving as a stakeholder to support the development of the plan.

September 12 – California Emergency Services Association Legislation Meeting:
Vicki participated in the California Emergency Services Association (CESA) Legislative Committee meeting, where emergency management-related bills were reviewed and are being tracked for potential impact on local and regional agencies.

September 17 – Standardized Emergency Management System (SEMS) Revision Committee
Vicki attended the SEMS Guidance Revision Committee meeting. She was recently added to this group as a Subject Matter Expert (SME) representing special districts, as Vicki noticed there was no representation in this group for special districts as part of the statewide revision that will change the government code. This revision is being led by CalOES.

September 18 – EOC Academy 101 Working Group:
Gabby attended the EOC Academy 101 Working Group planning session to support the development of future training opportunities for new and existing EOC responders across Orange County.

September 24 – CALWARN and California Utilities Emergency Association (CUEA) Collaboration meeting:
Vicki met with the new Executive Director to discuss opportunities for collaboration between CUEA and CalWARN, including development of a potential Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). In her role as President of CalWARN, Vicki continues to lead efforts to strengthen statewide mutual aid coordination for water and wastewater agencies and is working closely with partners to evaluate how a formalized agreement with CUEA can enhance lifeline sector support during disasters.

September 25 - LA Defense Support of Civil Authorities (DSCA) Tabletop Exercise
Vicki was invited and attended the 2025 DSCA TTX focusing on consequence management across the city and county of Los Angeles and beyond, with impacts extending for multiple weeks.

September 26 – Warn Bi-Weekly National Update
Vicki attended the national WARN call with Kevin Morley from AWWA.

Status of Water Use Efficiency Projects
September 2025

Description	Lead Agency	Status % Complete	Scheduled Completion or Renewal Date	Comments
SoCal Water$mart Residential Indoor Rebate Program	MWDSC	Ongoing	Ongoing	In August 2025, 81 high-efficiency clothes washers and 25 residential premium high-efficiency toilets were installed in Orange County. To date, 131,257 high-efficiency clothes washers and 61,973 high-efficiency toilets have been installed through this program.
SoCal Water$mart Commercial Rebate Program	MWDSC	Ongoing	Ongoing	In August 2025, no commercial devices were installed in Orange County. To date, 119,662 commercial devices have been installed through this program.
Flow-Monitoring Device Rebate Program	MWDSC	Ongoing	Ongoing	In August 2025, 7 flow-monitoring devices were installed in Orange County. To date, 1,020 flow-monitoring devices have been installed through this program. More than 3,300 verified flow-monitoring devices have been installed in Orange County; however, not all were installed via the rebate program.
Smart Timer Rebate Program	MWDSC	Ongoing	Ongoing	In August 2025, 56 residential and 0 commercial smart timers were installed in Orange County. To date, 35,823 smart timers have been installed through this program.

Description	Lead Agency	Status % Complete	Scheduled Completion or Renewal Date	Comments
Rotating Nozzles Rebate Program	MWDSC	Ongoing	Ongoing	In August 2025, 20 rotating nozzles were installed in Orange County. To date, 586,179 rotating nozzles have been installed through this program.
Rain Barrel Rebate Program	MWDSC	Ongoing	Ongoing	In August 2025, 2 rain barrels were installed in Orange County. To date, 9,071 rain barrels have been installed through this program.
Turf Replacement Program	MWDOC	Ongoing	Ongoing	In August 2025, 33 rebates were paid, representing $1,356,739.45 in rebates paid this month in Orange County. To date, the Turf Replacement Program has removed approximately 30 million square feet of turf.
Spray to Drip Rebate Program	MWDOC	Ongoing	Ongoing	In August 2025, 16 rebates were paid, representing $64,592.14 in rebates paid this month in Orange County. To date, the Spray to Drip Program has converted approximately 5.7 million square feet of standard spray irrigation to drip irrigation.
Tree Rebate Program	MWDOC	Ongoing	Ongoing	In August 2025, 60 eligible trees were planted in Turf Replacement Program project areas. To date, 357 trees have been planted through this program.

Description	Lead Agency	Status % Complete	Scheduled Completion or Renewal Date	Comments
Landscape Design Rebate Program	MWDOC	Ongoing	Ongoing	In August 2025, 5 landscape designs received a rebate through the MWDOC Turf Replacement Program. To date, a total of 1,173 landscape design and/or landscape maintenance packages have been delivered to MWDOC Turf Replacement Program customers.
Industrial Process/ Water Savings Incentive Program (WSIP)	MWDSC	Ongoing	Ongoing	This program is designed to improve water efficiency for commercial customers through upgraded equipment or services that do not qualify for standard rebates. Incentives are based on the amount of water customers save and allow customers to implement custom water-saving projects. Total water savings to date for the entire program is 1,286 AFY and 11,245 AF cumulatively.
Recycled Water Retrofit Program	MWDSC	Ongoing	Ongoing	This program provides incentives to commercial sites for converting dedicated irrigation meters to recycled water. To date, 194 sites irrigating a total of 1,756 acres of landscape have been converted. The total potable water savings achieved by these projects is 3,901 AFY and 32,154 AF cumulatively.

Public & Governmental Affairs Activities Report
August 27, 2025 – September 30, 2025

Member Agency Support	Public Affairs Staff: • Completed filming of South Coast Water District staff for the Member Agency spotlight video • Sent an invitation to MWDOC's Public Affairs Workgroup (PAW) meeting for Orange County Water Agencies, which will be held on October 21. • Coordinated with Irvine Ranch Water District on the logistics for the Grand Jury Water Tour Government Affairs Staff: • Distributed the Grants Tracking and Acquisition report to all participating member agencies • Provided a legislative update to the MWDOC member agency managers
Community and Special Events	Public Affairs Staff: • Met with MWDOC staff to complete the first round of Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) training • Conducted a Water Infrastructure Tour for the Orange County Grand Jury with Directors Dick and Seckel on Sept. 30 • Supported the Hoover Dam / Colorado River Aqueduct (CRA) Inspection Trip with Directors Ackerman and Erdman on Sept. 12-13 • Hosted a table and provided a raffle prize at OC Coastkeeper's Coastal Cleanup Day to educate the public on sorting trash and recycling. More than 400 volunteers attended the event in Huntington Beach. Government Affairs Staff: • Attended the ACC-OC Legislative and Regulatory Affairs Committee meeting • Coordinated with OCBC for their upcoming Infrastructure Committee meeting focused on water • At the request of the OC LAFCO staff, circulated their newsletter, "The Pulse" to Orange County's special districts
K-12 Water Education	Public Affairs Staff: • Attended the Department of Water Resources Water Education Committee meeting • Provided information and/or requested overages or special approvals for the City of Anaheim, El Toro Water District, City of Fullerton, City of Huntington Beach, City of La Habra, City of Santa Ana, City of San Clemente, Santa Margarita Water District, and the City of Tustin for the MWDOC Choice K-12 School Programs • Provided teacher contact information to Golden State Water and IRWD.

	• Met with the Orange County Department of Education's Inside the Outdoors to discuss collaboration on a shared presentation and activity for teachers participating in the California Environmental Education Foundation's (CEEF) Teacher Institute • Participated in several planning meetings with CEEF to prepare teacher lessons and activities for the annual Teacher Institute hosted in person at The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California's (Metropolitan) headquarters. Session 2, hosted by the MWDOC water education team, included: a discussion, presentation, and hands-on community mapping activity focused on sustainability, water supply, and water use efficiency. • Participated in the California Association of Public Information Officials Leadership Summit
Workforce Initiative: Water Energy Education Alliance (WEEA)	Public Affairs Staff: • Met with Water UCI to discuss continuing partnership opportunities and again to discuss partnering on an upcoming *Speaking of Water* webinar on November 6 featuring Victor Lopez, the author of the *HR Playbook* ○ Met with Victor Lopez, Water UCI, and WEEA sponsors to discuss key takeaways for the webinar • Participated in several planning meetings with CEEF to prepare teacher lessons and activities for the annual Teacher Institute hosted virtually. Session 3, hosted by the Water Energy Education Alliance (WEEA), included: a discussion, presentation, and interactive activity focused on water industry careers and their importance to the environment, community, health, agriculture, and the economy. • Met with a Career Technical Education (CTE) Teacher to discuss his participation in the CEEF Teacher Institute. • Met with Project Partners to explore synergies between their work and WEEA initiatives • Participated in the OC Water Summit as the NextGen Workforce sponsor, hosting 14 future-focused students studying engineering, social ecology, and water operations. • Participated in the Villa Park Water Management Advisory and a curriculum planning session to discuss an action plan for building an Environmental Science Pathway CTE program for Villa Park High School to be implemented in the school year 2026-27 • Participated in a Metropolitan working group to connect veterans to careers in water • Attended the Orange County Community Foundation's Workforce Development Initiative Collaborative meeting • Participated in a training workshop offered by the Los Angeles County Office of Education, Essential Elements of High-Quality

	Career Technical Education and CTE Model Curriculum Standards • Met with North Orange County Regional Occupational Program to discuss areas of interest for potential collaboration • Met with Tomorrow's Talent and East Valley Municipal Water District to discuss a plan for an Inland Empire workforce development district convening in January 2026 • Interviewed for *Filling in the Future*, a peer-to-peer podcast created by Garden Grove high school students to spotlight career pathways and inspire their peers to explore career options • Hosted a follow-up WEEA Sponsors meeting to discuss outcomes and potential action items inspired by a Diversity Awareness Partnerships Skills (DAPS) activity. DAPS are the four (4) pillars of the WEEA initiative. • WEEA's LinkedIn post reach during this period: 1,894
Digital Communications, Publications, and Media Engagement	Public Affairs Staff: • Completed several updates for the MWDOC.com website • Developed and distributed social media content across all MWDOC social media channels
Special Projects	Public Affairs Staff: • Hosted the 2025 OC Water Summit in partnership with Orange County Water District • Attended Metropolitan's Member Agency Public Information Officer (PIO) Working Group Governmental Affairs Staff: • Staffed the WACO Planning Meeting • Worked with Stacy Taylor of Mesa Water to invite a speaker from the State Water Resources Control Board for the December WACO meeting
Outreach Metrics	Public Affairs Staff: • Google Performance Analytics (GM Report Timeframe) o 1,455 business profile interactions o 13,267 people viewed the business profile • Website Analytics (GM Report Timeframe) o 10,901 pageviews o Top pages for this date range ▪ Home Page – 2,226 ▪ Residential Rebates – 711 ▪ Turf Replacement Program – 626 ▪ Board Meetings – 545 ▪ RFPs/RFQs – 473 ▪ Careers – 340 o ocwatersmartparks.com: 9 site sessions • ocwatersmartgardens.com Analytics (August 2025) o 639 Sessions, 451 New Users

	○ Top pages for this date range ▪ Eligible Sustainability Feature Trees ▪ Helpful Plant List ▪ Orange County Favorite Trees • Social Media (GM Report Timeframe) *According to Hootsuite, the global leader in social media management, a good engagement rate is between 1% and 5%.* For this period, MWDOC's engagement rate is 5.54% ○ 51,939 post reach (number of people) ▪ 2,877 Post engagement (actions taken – likes, shares, etc.)
Legislative Affairs	Governmental Affairs Staff: • Attended the CSDA Conference in Monterey, attended sessions such as: ○ Chapter Leaders Roundtable ○ Evolution of LAFCO ○ Surplus Land Act ○ Combating Misinformation ○ Accepted the “District of Distinction” award on behalf of the district • Finalized the Scopes of Work for the federal and state advocacy Request for Proposals • Attended the CMUA ACF Working Group meeting • Participated in the ACWA Federal Affairs Committee meeting • Participated in the Metropolitan Member Agency Legislative meeting • Finalized and posted the federal and state advocacy Request for Proposals – closing date October 15 • Met with Jessica Neuwerth from the Colorado River Board of California • Attended the Coffee and Conversation with Senator Catherine Blakespear