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
June 1, 2026, 8:30 a.m.

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ROLL CALL

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2. WATER USE EFFICIENCY DATABASE MODERNIZATION INITIATIVE UPDATE

INFORMATION ITEMS

3. AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT WITH DROPLET TECHNOLOGIES FOR THE WEB-BASED REBATE PROCESSING PLATFORM

4. PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP/GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

5. PUBLIC AFFAIRS HIGHLIGHTS

6. DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES REPORTS
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   b. WEROC
   c. Water Use Efficiency Projects
   d. Public and Government Affairs

7. 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

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Item No. 1

PRESENTATION ITEM
June 1, 2026

TO: **Planning & Operations Committee**

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

Staff Contact: Kevin Hostert, Senior Water Resources Analyst
Sarina Sriboonlue, Principal Engineer

SUBJECT: **ANNUAL WATER SUPPLY AND DEMAND ASSESSMENT**

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Planning & Operations Committee receive the presentation.

REPORT

Purpose

The Planning & Operations Committee will receive a presentation on MWDOC's Annual Water Supply and Demand Assessment (AWSDA) and the resulting Annual Water Shortage Assessment Report (Annual Shortage Report) submitted to the California Department of Water Resources (DWR).

Background

In 2022, California Water Code Section 10632.1 established the AWSDA with the Annual Shortage Report as mandatory for all urban water suppliers in California in response to recurring drought conditions and increasing concerns regarding long-term water reliability across the State.

Administered by the DWR, the AWSDA is intended to determine whether water suppliers will have adequate water supplies to meet projected customer demand during the upcoming year, particularly during drought or dry conditions.

As part of the annual assessment process, urban water suppliers evaluate several key factors, including:

- Anticipated water demand for the coming year;

- Available local and imported water supplies;
- Drought risks and hydrologic conditions;
- Infrastructure or operational constraints; and
- Potential water shortages and supply vulnerabilities.

If a supplier identifies a risk of shortage, the assessment must also outline planned response actions. These actions may include water conservation measures, watering restrictions, emergency pricing structures, rationing programs, or alternative water supply strategies.

The AWSDA is closely coordinated with each supplier's Urban Water Management Plan (UWMP) and Water Shortage Contingency Plan (WSCP). Together, these planning tools help ensure that local agencies are prepared to respond effectively to changing water conditions and emergency supply challenges. The AWSDA with the Annual Shortage Report is due to the DWR by July 1 of each year.

Once received, the DWR compiles information from these annual assessments into a broader statewide report, known as Bulletin 161, which is used to monitor statewide water reliability and drought preparedness.

Discussion

The AWSDA functions as a "stress test" for urban water systems, helping both local agencies and the state evaluate water supply reliability and preparedness for dry-year conditions.

The following summarizes MWDOC's methodology for calculating projected water demand and supply for FY 2026-27, which forms the basis of the AWSDA and Annual Shortage Report submitted to DWR.

Water Demand Calculations. Projected MWDOC and Member Agencies' water demands for Fiscal Year (FY) 2026–27 were calculated using the average of Member Agencies' actual demands from FYs 2024-25 and 2025-26, with final months estimated where necessary. The resulting baseline demands were then escalated by an average of 12.58% in accordance with the hot-dry index (HDI) developed in the 2025 Orange County Water Demand Model Technical Memorandum.

Water Supply Calculations. Projected MWDOC and Member Agencies' water supplies for FY 2026–27 were developed using a five-year historical average of actual supply usage, trued-up against member agency demand data. For agencies that previously submitted modifications to the standard calculation methodology, those agency-specific adjustments have been incorporated into the supply projections.

Next Steps

There are no anticipated water shortages in the MWDOC service area for FY 2026-27. Staff will submit the AWSDA with the Annual Shortage Report to DWR by the July 1 deadline.

ALIGNMENT WITH BOARD STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

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☐ *Solicit input and feedback from member agencies.*
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Budgeted: ☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ N/A		Budgeted amount:
Core: ☐	Choice: ☐	Movement between Cost Centers: ☐ Yes ☐ No
Action item amount:		

Attachments/Links:
Attachment 1: Annual Water Supply and Demand Assessment Presentation



Annual Water Supply and Demand Assessment

Planning & Operations Committee
June 1, 2026

Purpose of the Assessment

- Evaluates water supply reliability during dry-year conditions.
- Required annually under California Water Code Section 10632.1.
- Supports drought preparedness and contingency planning.
- Managed by the California Department of Water Resources.

Assessment Framework

- Urban suppliers serving over 3,000 customers must report annually.
- Suppliers analyze supply reliability for current and dry-year scenarios for the upcoming year.
- Reports are submitted by July 1 each year.
- Results are summarized in Bulletin 161 reports.



MWDOC Water Demand Calculation Methodology

Projected MWDOC and member agency water demands for FY 2026–27 were calculated using the average of actual member agency demands from FY 2024–25 and FY 2025–26. The remaining months were estimated where necessary

The resulting baseline demands were escalated by 12.58% based on the hot-dry index (HDI) identified in the 2025 Orange County Water Demand Model Technical Memorandum.



Example

	FY 2025 - FY 2026 Avg Usage		Hot-Dry Index (HDI)		FY 2027 AWSDA Water Demand
Agency A	10,000 AF	X	12.58%	=	12,580 AF

MWDOC Water Supply Calculation Methodology

Projected MWDOC and member agency water supplies for FY 2026–27 were calculated using the average of actual were developed using a five-year historical average.

Supply projects are reconciled against member agency demand data.



Example

FY 2027 AWSDA Water Demand		5 Year Average Imported Water Usage Percentage		FY 2027 AWSDA Imported Water Supply
12,580 AF	X	15%	=	1,887 AF
	X	5 Year Average Local Water Usage Percentage: 85%	=	FY 2027 AWSDA Local Water Supply: 10,693 AF

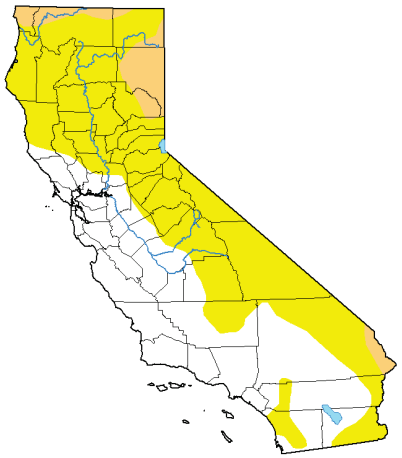
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FY 2026-27 Water Shortage Outlook

Metropolitan has informed its member agencies that it can meet their water demand needs in FY 2026-27.

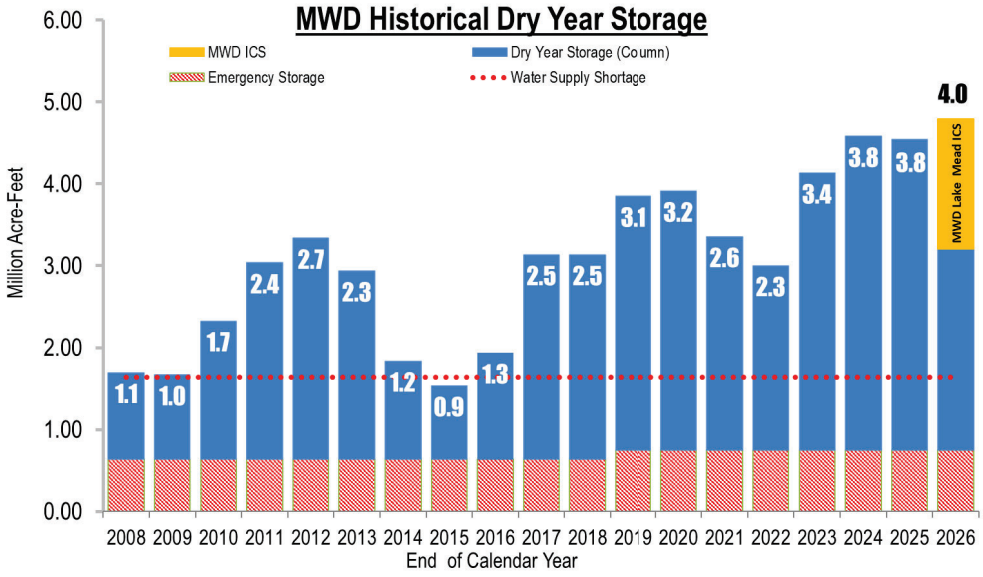
Metropolitan coordinates the AWSDA with its member agencies.

MWDOC member agencies will report no water shortages to DWR for FY 2026-27.

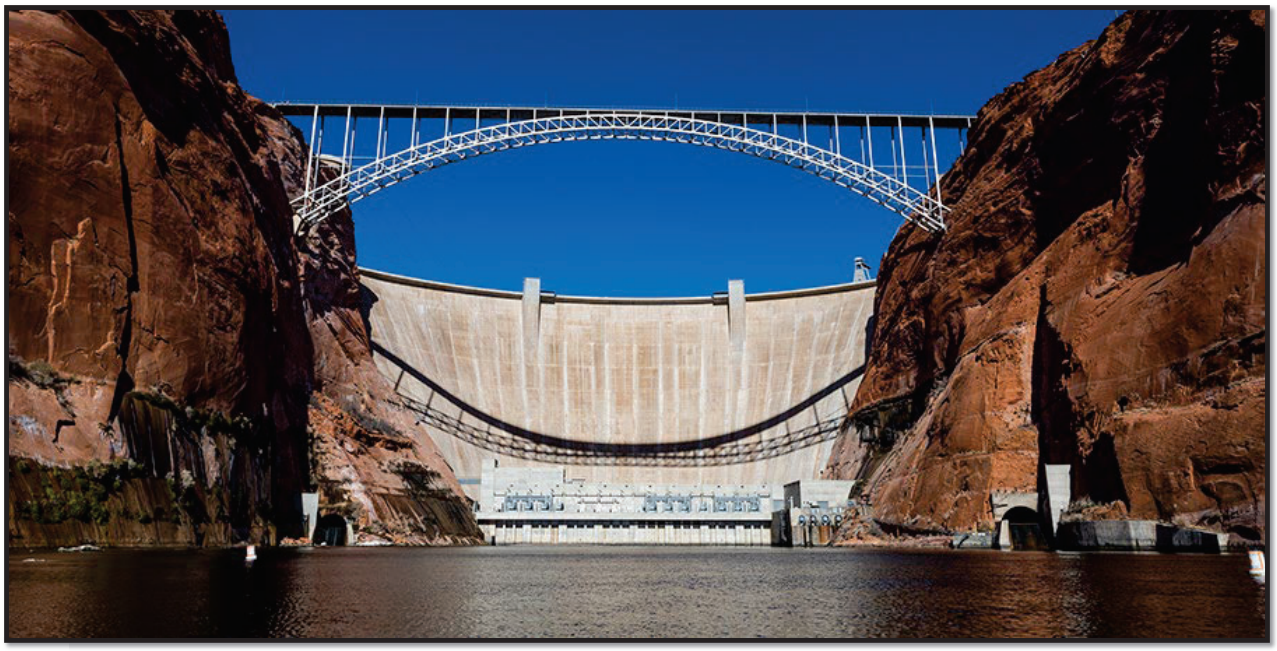


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MWD Estimated December 31, 2026 Water Supply



*2026 volumes assumes no additional sales outside MWD service area



Questions?

Item No. 2

PRESENTATION ITEM
June 1, 2026

TO: **Planning & Operations Committee**

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

Staff Contact: Melissa Baum-Haley, Assistant General Manager
Cassidy Harding, Water Resources Data Mgmt Analyst

SUBJECT: **WATER USE EFFICIENCY DATABASE MODERNIZATION INITIATIVE UPDATE**

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Planning & Operations Committee receive the presentation.

REPORT

Purpose

This item provides an update on the status of the Municipal Water District of Orange County's (MWDOC) Water Use Efficiency (WUE) Database Modernization Initiative, a joint engagement with the California Data Collaborative (CaDC).

Background

MWDOC's WUE Database was originally developed in 2010 to support outdoor rebate programs by consolidating data from multiple platforms for inspection tracking, invoicing, reporting, and data warehousing. As programs expanded and technology evolved, the system became increasingly difficult to maintain and adapt. Key challenges included manual data handling, limited integration across platforms, and reliance on outdated tools that constrained reporting and operational efficiency.

To address these issues, MWDOC initiated a two-phase modernization effort (Phase I: Discovery and Phase II: Implementation) in an inaugural partnership with the CaDC and its sub-consultant, Water UX, Inc. The goal of this initiative is to create a more reliable, scalable, and maintainable system that reduces staff workload, improves data quality, and supports current and future WUE program needs.

Discussion

Phase I: Discovery

The Discovery Phase (October 2025 - December 2025) focused on documenting the existing system, identifying operational pain points, and developing a strategic roadmap for modernization. This work emphasized building internal capacity, using accessible Microsoft 365 tools, and designing a system that supports long-term maintainability.

Key findings highlighted opportunities to streamline data workflows, improve database structure, and enhance reporting capabilities. This phase was completed at no cost to MWDOC through CaDC's data science services under MWDOC's annual membership.

Phase II: Implementation

The Implementation Phase (January 2026 - June 2026) is currently underway and is focused on executing the technical roadmap developed in the Discovery Phase. Work to date encompasses restructuring the database, automating data pipelines, and transitioning the legacy interface to a modern cloud-based system. Efforts center on improving system performance, strengthening data integrity, and establishing a scalable architecture aligned with MWDOC's long-term information technology strategy.

This phase is performed in collaboration with the CaDC, leveraging its member-discounted pricing structure, for a total cost of $25,000.

Deliverables include:

- Database normalization and schema redesign to improve performance and prepare the system for future integrations, such as Geographic Information Systems (GIS) and MWDOC's Accounting Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) System;
- Automated data flows for streamlined ingestion and extraction;
- Frontend replacement using low-code tools and secure web-based forms; and
- Enhanced reporting and analytics to support grant administration, invoicing, and program evaluation.

Collectively, the database solution replaces outdated components with a secure, cloud-based system built on Microsoft 365's low-code tools and optimized data structures, reducing long-term maintenance needs while enabling faster reporting, easier updates, and more reliable program administration.

CaDC Membership Value

This project marks the first collaborative partnership between MWDOC and the CaDC, serving as a proof of concept for the tangible return on MWDOC's annual membership investment. MWDOC has successfully embarked on a two-phase modernization initiative within a constrained budget by actively leveraging the CaDC benefits listed below:

- Inclusive Benefits: Phase I was completed with no additional cost by fully utilizing MWDOC's allotment of capped, complimentary data science support hours;
- Preferred Pricing: For Phase II, MWDOC tapped into the CaDC's network of specialized partners to secure discounted technical services through Water UX, Inc., delivering a sophisticated system overhaul for a total cost of $25,000; and
- Water-Sector Expertise: As an organization dedicated exclusively to water professionals, the CaDC possesses a deep understanding of the unique data challenges, regulatory compliance needs, and operational pain points specific to agencies like MWDOC.

Ultimately, this partnership has provided a high-value technical supplement to staff, transforming annual membership dues into direct project savings.

Next Steps

Staff will continue working with the CaDC through June 2026 to finalize Phase II deliverables, conduct system testing, and prepare for full operational transition.

Following completion, staff will continue to manage and refine the system as new programs launch, datasets are added, and reporting needs evolve. Routine monitoring will ensure performance remains stable and workflows continue to meet operational needs.

Potential future enhancements include:

- Additional Microsoft Power BI dashboards to support rebate tracking and financial reporting.
- Direct integration with Submittable, WUE's new rebate processing platform.
- GIS integration to support spatial analysis and regulatory compliance.
- Integration with MWDOC's Accounting ERP System to facilitate efficient rebate processing.

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Attachments/Links:
Attachment 1: WUE Database Modernization Initiative Update Presentation



Water Use Efficiency (WUE) Database Modernization Initiative Update

Planning & Operations Committee Meeting

June 1, 2026

Today's Itinerary

- Project Overview
- Project Background
- Project Goals
- Project Approach
- Outcomes
- Next Steps

Project Overview

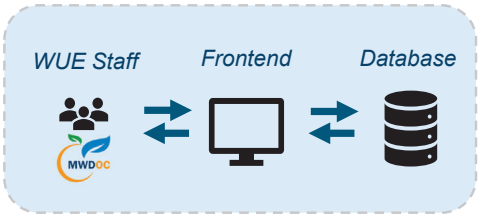
Purpose: Reconfigure, modernize, and expand MWDOC's WUE data infrastructure

1. Investigate and document MWDOC's existing WUE data ecosystem
2. Identify key challenges and develop a plan for system improvement
3. Implement outlined improvements
4. Manage system and monitor for enhancement opportunities

Project Background

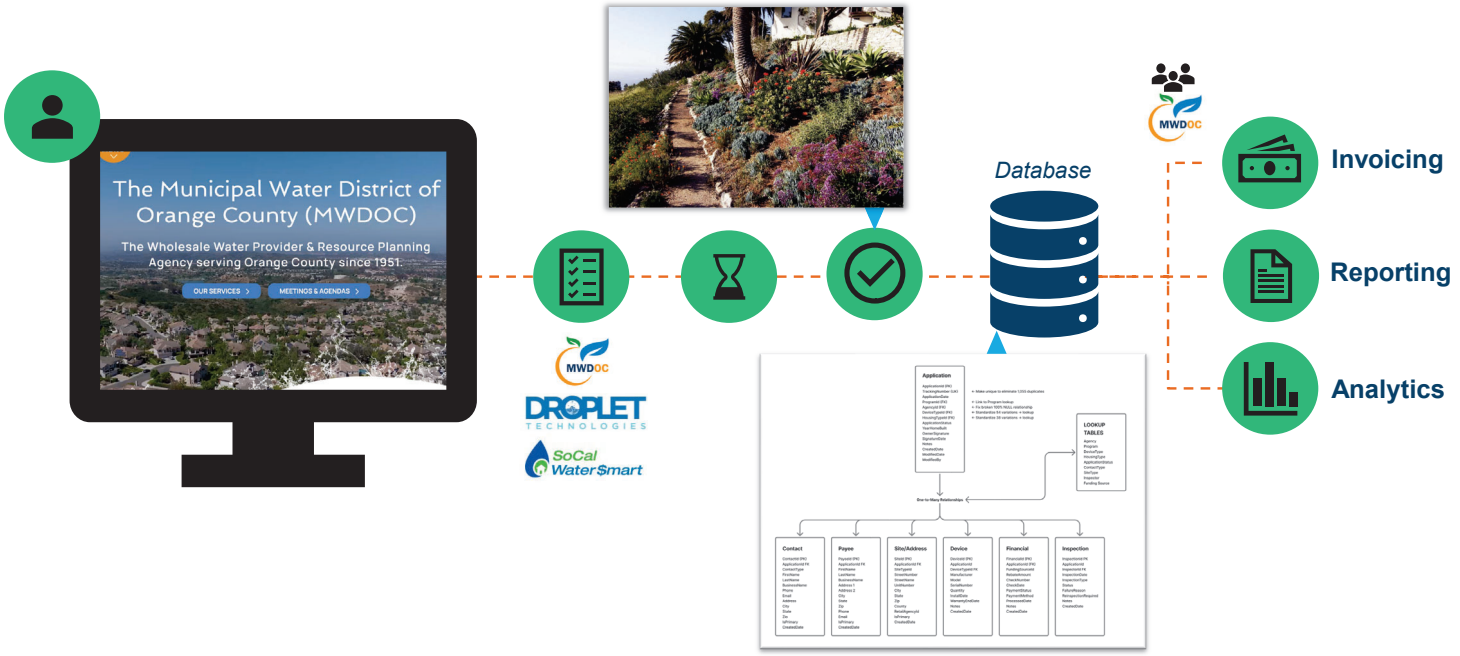
WUE Database

- Developed in **2010** to store **outdoor** rebate information only
- Houses **70,000+** records across **60** related tables
- Central repository for WUE **rebate program** participation data
  - Customer information
  - Program information
  - Financial information
- Custom-built **frontend** to interface with the database
  - View data
  - Import data
  - Export data
  - Generate inspection work orders
  - Submit inspection work orders



Project Background

WUE Database – how it fits into the process



Key Challenges

Technical Issues

- Outdated database architecture
- Inconsistent data types
- Inflexible data pipelines
- Limited system documentation
- Impaired frontend application

Operational Impacts

- Reduced scalability
- Incomplete program coverage
- Supplemental validation
- Excel-based reporting
- Manual data imports and exports
- Difficult maintenance
- Performance lag

Project Goals

- Comprehensive system documentation
- Re-architected database
- Complete data coverage (indoor and outdoor programs)
- Fully automated workflows
- Optimized reporting views
- Integration readiness
- Frontend replacement

Evaluate and optimize California Data Collaborative (CaDC) membership.



Project Approach

- Phase 1: **Discovery** (no cost)
  - Assessment
  - Documentation
  - Roadmap
- Phase 2: **Implementation** ($25,000)
  - Modernization
  - Automation
  - Frontend Replacement

CALIFORNIA DATA COLLABORATIVE

water ux

Executed in partnership with the CaDC and their sub-consultant, Water UX, Inc.

Outcomes

- System Maintainability
  - Modern architecture
  - Clear documentation
- Scalability
  - Flexible schema
  - Integration readiness
- Enhanced Security
- Data Reliability
  - Standardized data
  - Validation rules
- Time Savings
  - Automated imports and exports
  - Centralized data
  - Web-based inspection workflow

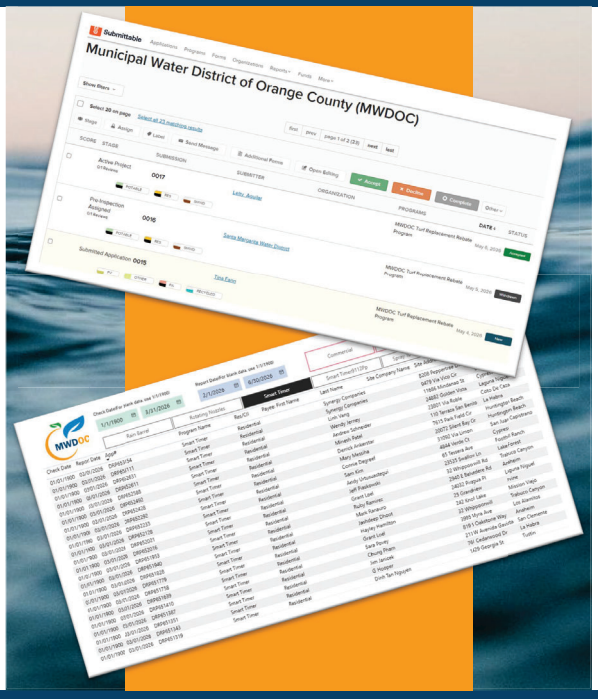
Maximized membership value by leveraging CaDC benefits to achieve direct cost savings.

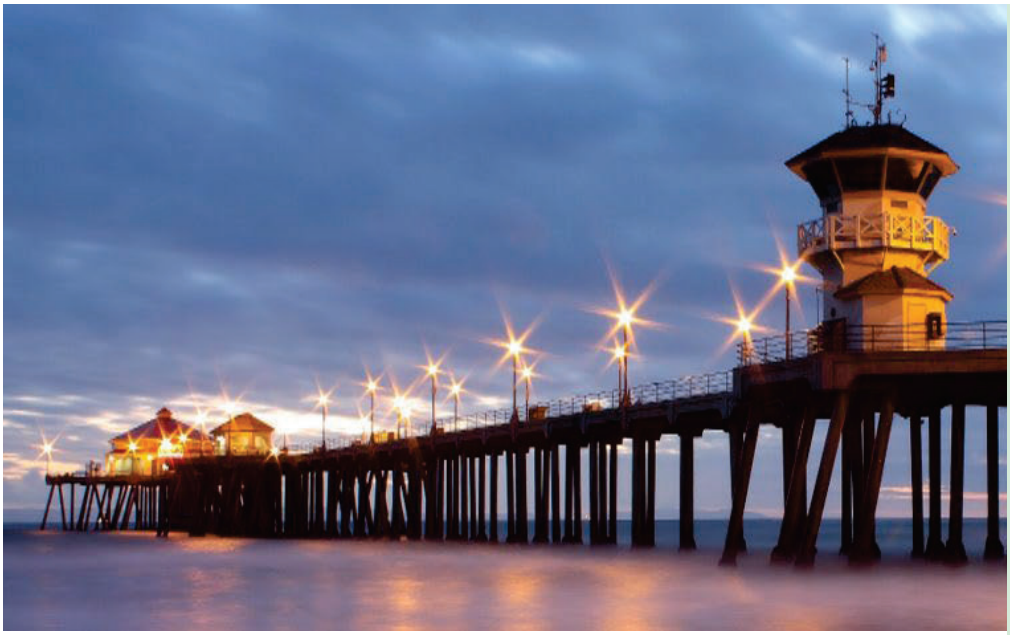
Next Steps

- Ongoing system management
  - Routine performance monitoring
  - Incremental updates as needs evolve

Future Considerations

- Additional Power BI dashboards
- Integrations:
  - Submittable, rebate processing platform
  - Accounting ERP System
  - GIS





Questions?

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Item No. 3

INFORMATION ITEM
June 1, 2026

TO: **Planning & Operations Committee**

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

Staff Contact: Rachel Waite-Harvey, WUE Programs Supervisor
Beth Fahl, Water Resources Administrative Analyst

SUBJECT: **AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT WITH DROPLET TECHNOLOGIES FOR THE WEB-BASED REBATE PROCESSING PLATFORM**

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

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

REPORT

Purpose

This item informs the Planning & Operations Committee that the General Manager authorized an amendment to extend the agreement with Droplet Technologies (Droplet) for an additional six months, through December 31, 2026, at an additional not to exceed amount of $10,750, to ensure continuity of rebate program operations during the ongoing transition to the new web-based processing platform.

Background

The Municipal Water District of Orange County (MWDOC) administers the Turf Replacement and Spray-to-Drip Rebate Programs in-house through a web-based rebate processing platform. Since 2015, MWDOC has utilized a platform developed and managed by Droplet.

Following a competitive Request for Proposals (RFP) process in 2025, MWDOC began its transition to a new platform developed and managed by Submittable, Inc. (Submittable).

While Droplet elected not to submit a proposal in response to the RFP, they are committed to working with staff to ensure a successful transition to the new platform. In

September 2025, the Board extended the existing agreement with Droplet for six months, through June 30, 2026, at a cost not to exceed $10,750, to allow time to develop the new platform and complete the transition.

The new Submittable platform has been created and beta testing and training for staff, Member Agency staff, and third-party inspection vendors is in progress. The new platform will go live in June 2026 to accept new applications.

Discussion

As the Droplet agreement approaches its expiration on June 30, 2026, an extension is needed to support the remaining transition work. Specifically:

- A subset of legacy applications currently in the Droplet system will require additional time to either complete their natural lifecycle or be manually transitioned to the new system; and
- Historical data associated with these legacy applications must also be transferred to ensure continuity of program records.

To minimize inconvenience and confusion for program participants, Member Agencies, and inspection staff, these legacy applications will remain in the Droplet system until their completion.

For this reason, the General Manager authorized an amendment extending the Droplet agreement through December 31, 2026, at an additional cost not to exceed $10,750.

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Budgeted: ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A		Budgeted amount: $10,750 for FY 2026-27
Core: ☐	Choice: ☒	Movement between Cost Centers: ☐ Yes ☒ No
Action item amount: N/A		

Attachments/Links:
N/A

Item No. 4

INFORMATION ITEM
June 1, 2026

TO: **Planning & Operations Committee**

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

Staff Contact: Melissa Baum-Haley, Assistant General Manager
Rachel Davis, Water Loss Control Programs Manager
Rachel Waite-Harvey, WUE Programs Supervisor

SUBJECT: **PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP/GRANT OPPORTUNITIES**

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

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

REPORT

Purpose

This item informs the Planning & Operations (P&O) Committee of staff exploring emerging funding opportunities available through private sector partnerships and regional energy efficiency programs, as traditional state and federal grant funding has become more limited in recent funding cycles.

Background

Funding opportunities previously available through the United States Bureau of Reclamation (USBR) and the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) have become increasingly competitive and limited in recent funding cycles. In response, staff have begun pursuing alternative funding strategies to supplement existing resources and maintain momentum on regional conservation and water loss control initiatives. Outside funding is utilized to offset programmatic costs for Member Agencies and program participants, and provide resources to explore innovative pilot programs that may otherwise be difficult to fund through traditional sources. These efforts are intended to diversify available revenue sources and allow the Municipal Water District of Orange County (MWDOC) to continue implementing water use efficiency and water loss control programs consistently over time.

Discussion

The private sector has shown growing interest in developing collaborative partnerships with public agencies to advance their water conservation and sustainability goals. Many private companies have made sustainability a strategic priority and are actively seeking opportunities to partner to support programs that deliver measurable water savings, demand reduction, and infrastructure improvements. As an established leader in water use efficiency and water loss control, MWDOC is well positioned to serve as a partner in these efforts.

MWDOC has an existing foundation for this type of collaboration. Past partnerships with private companies, including Disney, Flume, Rain Bird, Home Depot, and SoCalGas, have demonstrated MWDOC's ability to work effectively with the private sector to achieve shared water-saving goals. The former Water Use Efficiency Industrial Program further illustrates this track record, having helped private corporations meet their sustainability goals through water-saving audits and on-site implementation.

Private corporations are now increasingly offering grant funding and sponsorship opportunities to support water efficiency activities that align with their sustainability priorities. Supporting the programs MWDOC already delivers can help these companies achieve meaningful progress toward their goals while extending the reach and impact of regional conservation efforts.

In addition to private sector partnerships, the Southern California Regional Energy Network (SoCalREN) presents another opportunity to supplement traditional funding sources. The California Public Utilities Commission has authorized the County of Los Angeles to administer SoCalREN within areas served by Southern California Edison and Southern California Gas. Through its Public Agency Program, SoCalREN provides technical assistance and funding for energy efficiency improvements, including pump optimization and other water infrastructure upgrades that may benefit MWDOC Member Agencies. Participation in these programs can reduce operational energy costs while advancing water loss control and system reliability goals.

These private sector and regional energy efficiency program partnerships can take a variety of forms, including direct financial sponsorships or grant support for existing programs, support for infrastructure modernization efforts, or collaborative development of new pilot programs or technology demonstrations. Such collaborations may also provide access to emerging technologies and specialized expertise that can be difficult to obtain through traditional public funding alone.

Next Steps

Staff will continue to monitor and pursue private sector partnerships and other emerging funding opportunities. Any potential funding opportunities will be brought back to the Board of Directors for formal approval, when appropriate.

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Budgeted: ☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ N/A		Budgeted amount:
Core: ☐	Choice: ☒	Movement between Cost Centers: ☐ Yes ☒ No
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Public Affairs Department: Activity Highlights



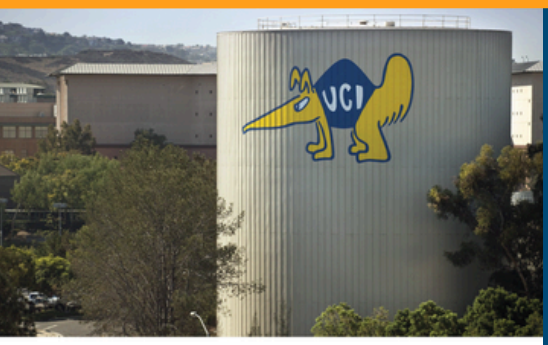
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RESEARCH REPORT

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ENGINEERING & PLANNING	
2025 Urban Water Management Plans and 2025 Water Shortage Contingency Plans	The public hearing for the 2025 Urban Water Management Plan (UWMP) and 2025 Water Shortage Contingency Plan (WSCP) was held on May 20 during the Regular Board Meeting to receive public input. The Board adopted Resolution Nos. 2174 and 2175 approving the adoption of the 2025 WSCP and the 2025 UWMP, respectively.
Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Implementation	At the May 20 Regular Board Meeting, the Board approved awarding Hazen and Sawyer a 1-year contract to provide Geographic Information System implementation assistance and authorized the General Manager to execute the contract, with the option for an additional 1-year renewal. The project will kick off in June 2026.
Upcoming Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (Metropolitan) Shutdowns	Metropolitan staff have begun planning for the FY 2026-27 shutdown season. MWDOC staff are currently coordinating with Metropolitan and affected agencies for a 7-day shutdown of the Allen McColloch Pipeline (AMP). During the shutdown, Metropolitan will inspect the remaining 7 miles of unlined Prestressed Concrete Cylinder Pipeline (PCCP) to assess its condition to assist with planning of future PCCP rehabilitation of the remaining unlined reaches of the AMP. Tentative dates to perform AMP inspection are either in October 2026 or February 2027.

Water Emergency Response Organization of Orange County (WEROC) Activities Report

May 2026

INCIDENTS/EVENTS

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

CYBER – 1EVENT - 1 AGENCY
HAZMAT INCIDENT – 1 EVENT – 7 AGENCIES
WILDLAND FIRE – 1 EVENT – 1 AGENCY

Vicki will provide more information regarding events as requested by the Board of Directors (Board).

WEROC MEMBER AGENCY PLANNING, COORDINATION AND PROGRAM EFFORTS

America's Water Infrastructure Act (AWIA) Compliance

During the month of May, Herndon Solutions Group (HSG) conducted the final workshops required to complete the Emergency Response Plan (ERP) revisions for the Tier 2 agencies and the Risk and Resilience Assessments (RRAs) for the Tier 3 agencies. During the week of May 18, HSG began delivery of the final draft products for final review in advance of the June 30 certification deadline. Participating agencies and WEROC are currently reviewing all documents for accuracy, completeness, and consistency prior to final certification and submission.

The WEROC team participated in the workshops and review meetings, providing direct technical support, coordination assistance, and project oversight to support member agencies throughout the process.

WEROC Cybersecurity Working Group

On May 19, WEROC hosted the Cyber Security Working Group, which had been paused since 2021 due to COVID-19 pandemic. However, WEROC continued sharing cybersecurity information from the Orange County Intelligence Assessment Center (OCIAC) and Cybersecurity Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA). The group was revitalized by Irvine Ranch Water District (IRWD) reaching out and expressing that nine agencies would like to see this group begin meeting again. There was 28 attendees at the

meeting. During the meeting, the OCIAC briefed attendees on their roles and capabilities and emphasized the strong relationship built between OCIAC and WEROC. The discussion focused on strengthening regional cybersecurity coordination among water agencies; sharing real-world lessons learned and emerging threats affecting Information Technology (IT)/ Operational Technology (OT)/ Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) environments; receiving ongoing threat intelligence updates from partners such as OCIAC, Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)

Additionally, Vicki spoke with the County Chief Information Officer (CIO) and we will be bringing County IT as part of WEROC Cyber Working Group.

WEROC Member Agency Coordination Meeting

On May 18, the quarterly WEROC Coordination Meeting was held at the Municipal Water District of Orange County (MWDOC). There were 33 attendees, and a good discussion surrounding projects and topics. The agenda contained the following topics and presentations:

- Presentation: Upcoming Fire Season Briefing from Orange County Fire Authority (OCFA)
  - Presentation: VEOCI System Overview - IRWD
  - In Case of Crisis Overview
  - America's Water Infrastructure Act (AWIA) Updates
  - Fuel Plan Overview and Next Steps
- California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (CalOES)/ Department of Water Resources/ Division of Drinking Water (DDW)/State Updates
- DDW Post Fire Resources – California Municipal Utilities Association (CMUA) Coordination
  - Cybersecurity Updates
  - Site visit protocols
  - WEROC Training and Exercise Update
  - Mobile Command Vehicle Update
  - WEROC Monthly Radio Test Dates
- Legislation & Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Updates (Water/Emergency Management)
  - FEMA Report
- 2027 Environmental Protection Agency Hazardous Material Exercise Requirements
- Fédération Internationale de Football Association (FIFA) & Los Angeles (LA) 28 Planning Discussion

- Plan Review: Fire Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) & Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS) SOP

WEROC Emergency Operations Center (EOC) Readiness, Mobile Command Vehicle/Peters Canyon Location

The Mobile Command Vehicle is maintained through regular testing protocols to ensure sustained operational readiness. Peter's Canyon location is in a continuous state of readiness.

The WEROC team continues advancing the EOC readiness phase to ensure all components are fully updated and properly maintained.

WEROC Plans Reviewed, revised and updated:

- Fire SOP
- PSPS SOP
    - Site Visit Guidance

WEROC Regional Water Distribution Plan - Vendor Outreach for Packaged and Bulk Potable Water

The WEROC team continues targeted outreach to water distribution providers to enhance emergency potable water supply capabilities across Orange County. This ongoing effort is focused on identifying vendors that provide bottled and canned water, 3- and 5-gallon jug services, and bulk water hauling/tanker delivery, while gaining a general understanding of scalability, prioritization during incidents, and potential alignment with emergency procurement and mutual aid frameworks.

This work is still in progress, and no decisions or agreements have been finalized at this time. Information gathered, such as key contacts and an understanding of each provider's capabilities and capacities, will shape future considerations for a "menu of options" for emergency water distribution, including possible approaches for contracts, activation, and coordination. A more detailed update will be provided to the Board in the coming months.

WEROC Regional Fuel Planning Project

In early April, the Regional Fuel Plan Request For Proposals (RFP) was submitted to legal for formal review, advancing it through the RFP approval process. In support of this initiative, staff continue to conduct open conversations with Member Agencies through meetings to identify operational gaps and strengthen fuel planning efforts. This coordination continues to be critical in ensuring the Regional Fuel Plan's operational effectiveness during emergency response. Stakeholder discussions focused on fuel types, operational protocols, and the identification and establishment of Fuel Points of Distribution (FPODs)

to support emergency continuity of operations, as recommended by WEROC Member Agency Operations staff.

At the time of this report, legal counsel has provided feedback and recommendations to strengthen the Regional Fuel Plan RFP. With guidance from MWDOC, WEROC will determine the next steps in the contracting process while continuing to develop the fuel plan with input from our Member Agencies.

WEROC Presentations, Training, and Exercises

Presentations:
Vicki presented at the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) conference on May 5. Vicki presented with the Executive Director of the California Utilities Emergency Association (CUEA) on some of the challenges in emergency management in the water sector and lessons learned.

Training and Exercises for Member and Partner Agencies in May:
EOC Operations and Planning Training – May 19, Orange County Water District (OCWD) - Custom Operations and Planning Training/Tabletop (Vicki).

EOC Logistics and Finance Training – May 28, OCWD – Custom Logistics and Finance Training/Tabletop (Vicki)

Federal Shutdown impacts to WEROC Agencies (Training)
To take advantage of the FEMA, National Incident Management System (NIMS) being restored, the WEROC team will continue working with member agencies to schedule training and support their personnel to ensure all required compliance courses are completed.

WEROC Monthly Drills/Tests
WEROC participated in the monthly radio communications tests, including the County Operational Area's Radio Test and Metropolitan Water District of Southern California's Radio Test. WEROC conducted the monthly WEROC Radio Test. All tests were successful.

Operational Area, State, Federal, and other partner meetings or projects

Airport Fire and OC Public Works Coordination Meeting
On May 27, Miriam set up a coordination meeting which was held to discuss potential impacts to the wells operated by Trabuco Canyon Water District (TCWD) resulting from debris associated with the Airport Fire.

The primary purpose of the meeting was to maintain ongoing communication and coordination between Orange County Public Works and TCWD regarding monitoring efforts, situational awareness, and any potential operational concerns related TCWD's infrastructure.

American Water Works Association (AWWA) – National Water/Wastewater Agency Response Network (WARN) Chair Conference Call
On May 15 & May 29, Vicki participated in multiple WARN conference calls during the reporting period. These calls provided updates on national mutual aid coordination efforts, emerging issues affecting the water and wastewater sector, and ongoing discussions related to emergency preparedness, resource sharing, and response coordination. Participation in these calls helps maintain situational awareness, supports collaboration with WARN partners across the country, and ensures regional activities remain aligned with national mutual aid initiatives and best practices**.**

AWWA Security & Emergency Management Committee
Vicki participated in the AWWA Security and Emergency Management Committee activities and coordination calls during the reporting period. Discussions focused on current and emerging threats to the water sector, emergency preparedness initiatives, sector coordination efforts, and the development of resources and best practices to strengthen utility resilience. Participation in the committee supports continued collaboration with water sector partners nationwide and helps ensure WEROC remains informed on national trends, policies, and preparedness priorities impacting water and wastewater agencies.

California Emergency Services Association (CESA)
The WEROC team attended the 2026 CESA Conference from May 4 - 8, in San Diego. The annual event brought together emergency managers from across the state to share and learn from real-world incident response lessons and best practices. The conference also provided WEROC with an opportunity to network with emergency managers and agencies, strengthening partnerships and collaborations while promoting awareness of the importance of water utilities.

This year's program included many presentations, including one from the recently appointed Director of Cal OES, Carolyn Thomas Jacobs. Additional presentations included

a Utilities Emergency Management panel discussion focused on strengthening partnerships and enhancing resilience across the utilities sector from Angie Gibson, Vice President of Emergency Preparedness and Response at Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E), and Mona Freels, Executive Director of Emergency Management at the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power.

Vicki led the CESA Public Works & Utilities Caucus. The group provides opportunities to talk about recent challenges and successes, and where all our sections need to work more together statewide.

CalOES Statewide Mutual Aid Regional Advisory Committee (MARAC) WEROC attended a statewide emergency management presentation and coordination meeting that included presentations and discussions on topics such as California Utilities Emergency Association coordination efforts, Alert and Warning programs, and the Fire Management Assistance Grant (FMAG) process. The meeting provided updates on statewide emergency management initiatives, coordination strategies, and funding mechanisms supporting disaster response and recovery activities throughout California.

CMUA & DDW Post-Fire Resources
Vicki participated in the CMUA Post-Wildfire Working Group discussions regarding the DDW proposed Wildfire Drinking Water Quality Process guidance documents. Discussions focused on maintaining consistency with existing state code requirements, ensuring operational flexibility during wildfire response, refining public notification language, and addressing concerns related to sampling, flushing, and Tier 1 notification requirements. Utilities also emphasized the importance of limiting overly prescriptive requirements and ensuring guidance remains practical and scalable for agencies of varying sizes. Representatives from the IRWD and the City of Anaheim also participated in the discussions.

Community Emergency Response Teams Mutual Aid Program Meeting
On May 28, the WEROC team participated in a coordination meeting with the Community Emergency Response Team Mutual Aid Program (CMAP), a volunteer-based emergency response program comprised of Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) members affiliated with local cities, to discuss partnership opportunities focused on training volunteers to assist water agencies during emergencies, when needed. Discussions included opportunities for recurring bi-annual or quarterly training and field exercises to support emergency response coordination.

Critical Lifeline Working Group: Tabletop Exercise
On May 13, the WEROC team participated in the Critical Lifeline Sector Tabletop Exercise at the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California. The exercise provided a valuable forum to discuss common gaps and vulnerabilities through facilitated scenarios and case studies, strengthen coordination with key regional partners, and explore strategies for

mitigation, response, and recovery. The event also included presentations on emerging cyber and drone threats. As an observer, it was an excellent opportunity to exchange insights and learn best practices from regional partners across Southern California, enhancing our collective readiness for future emergencies.

FIFA Planning
WEROC is engaged with member agencies with a FIFA support nexus. There have been meetings on this topic between some of our agencies and the OCIAC.

Los Angeles (LA) City Senior Leadership Seminar/Summit
VIcki participated in the LA Fleet Week Senior Leadership Summit, which brought together public safety, emergency management, military, and critical infrastructure partners to discuss regional preparedness, disaster coordination, resilience, and emerging threats impacting Southern California. The summit provided an opportunity to strengthen interagency relationships based on overviews of FIFA and LA28 planning.

Orange County Emergency Management Organization (OCEMO)
WEROC attended the OCEMO meeting. The regular monthly report out from subcommittees were made and there was a GIS presentation from Team Rubicon on how the adapt and use data for the Geographic Information System (GIS) platform.

Orange County Operational Area Executive Board Quarterly Meeting
WEROC staff participated in the Orange County Operational Area Executive Board Meeting, where regional emergency management, preparedness, and coordination priorities were discussed among county, city, public safety, transportation, education, healthcare, and critical infrastructure partners. Key discussion topics included hazard mitigation planning updates, EOC training initiatives, Operational Area coordination efforts, including the approval of the Public Information Annex.

During the meeting, Vicki provided a detailed briefing on current water and wastewater emergency management activities, including mutual aid coordination, regional preparedness initiatives, and ongoing efforts supporting Orange County water and wastewater agencies.

San Diego Gas & Electric (SDGE) Annual Exercise
SDGE conducted its annual functional exercise for the PSPS Program. WEROC participated in the exercise by supporting notification and communication validation activities through the SDGE emergency coordination portal utilized during actual PSPS events. Participation in the exercise helped support regional coordination, situational awareness, and operational readiness associated with PSPS-related emergency communications and response activities.

Status of Water Use Efficiency Projects
April 2026

Description	Lead Agency	Status % Complete	Scheduled Completion or Renewal Date	Comments
SoCal Water$mart Residential Indoor Rebate Program	Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (Metropolitan)	Ongoing	Ongoing	In April 2026, 59 high-efficiency clothes washers and 2 residential premium high-efficiency toilets were installed in Orange County. To date,131,865 high-efficiency clothes washers and 62,027 high-efficiency toilets have been installed through this program.
SoCal Water$mart Commercial Rebate Program	Metropolitan	Ongoing	Ongoing	In April 2026, 1 pH Conductivity Controller was installed in Orange County. To date, 119,833 commercial devices have been installed through this program.
Flow-Monitoring Device Rebate Program	Metropolitan	Ongoing	Ongoing	In April 2026, 11 flow-monitoring devices were installed in Orange County. To date, 1,123 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	Metropolitan	Ongoing	Ongoing	In April 2026, 39 residential and 4 commercial smart timers were installed in Orange County. To date, 36,482 smart timers have been installed through this program.

Description	Lead Agency	Status % Complete	Scheduled Completion or Renewal Date	Comments
Rotating Nozzles Rebate Program	Metropolitan	Ongoing	Ongoing	In April 2026, 500 rotating nozzles were installed in Orange County. To date, 587,238 rotating nozzles have been installed through this program.
Rain Barrel Rebate Program	Metropolitan	Ongoing	Ongoing	In April 2026, 6 rain barrels were installed in Orange County. To date, 9,108 rain barrels have been installed through this program.
Turf Replacement Program	Municipal Water District of Orange County (MWDOC)	Ongoing	Ongoing	In April 2026, 17 rebates totaling $934,531.27 were paid in Orange County. To date, the Turf Replacement Program has removed approximately 30.9 million square feet of turf.
Spray to Drip Rebate Program	MWDOC	Ongoing	Ongoing	In April 2026, 11 rebates totaling $140,854 were paid in Orange County. To date, the Spray to Drip Program has converted approximately 6.5 million square feet of standard spray irrigation to drip irrigation.
Tree Rebate Program	MWDOC	Ongoing	Ongoing	In April 2026, 38 eligible trees were planted in Turf Replacement Program project areas. To date, 588 trees have been planted through this program.
Landscape Design Rebate Program	MWDOC	Ongoing	Ongoing	In April 2026, 4 landscape designs received a rebate through the MWDOC Turf Replacement Program.

Description	Lead Agency	Status % Complete	Scheduled Completion or Renewal Date	Comments
Landscape Design Rebate Program (cont.)				To date, a total of 1,202 landscape design and/or landscape maintenance packages have been delivered to MWDOC Turf Replacement Program customers.
Industrial Process/ Water Savings Incentive Program (WSIP)	Metropolitan	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 are 1,302 acre-feet per year (AFY) and 12,109 acre-feet (AF) cumulatively.
Recycled Water Retrofit Program	Metropolitan	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 34,751 AF cumulatively.

Public & Government Affairs Activities Report
April 29, 2026 – May 26, 2026

Member Agency Support

Public Affairs Staff:

- Hosted a Public Affairs Workgroup Meeting for Municipal Water District of Orange County (MWDOC) Member Agencies on April 29.
- Updated the summer bill inserts to confirm they are compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).
- Provided giveaways for the Serrano Water District to host a booth at the City of Villa Park Health & Wellness Fair and for the City of Westminster's Public Works Open House.
- Filmed with the City of La Palma and Santa Margarita Water District (SMWD) for an upcoming video on Water Loss Control.

Government Affairs Staff:

- Coordinated and attended the grant writing workshop hosted by MWDOC and led by Joey Soto.

Community and Special Events

Public Affairs Staff:

- Mailed the 2026 Water Awareness Poster Contest Honorable Mention winners their prizes and posters.
- Submitted entries for the 2027 Water is Life Student Art Contest for The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (Metropolitan).
- Sent the first invitation for the June 15 Water Policy Forum & Dinner.
- Attended the Santa Margarita Water District's Water Festival for a Ricky appearance and provided Ricky socks and notebooks for VIP bags.

Education Initiatives

Public Affairs Staff:

General Education

- Participated in the California Environmental Literacy Initiative Environmental Leaders Community of Practice meeting.
- Met with Orange Unified School District and Santiago Canyon College as part of the Water Course Curriculum CTE (Career Technical Education) committee.
- Presented at Orange County Department of Education's (OCDE) ocMaker's Challenge Awards Ceremony for winning PK-12 students in the Community Focus category.

- Hosted a booth and activity at OCDE's Harbor Learning Center South's Earth Day event for ACCESS (Alternative, Community, Correctional, Education, Schools, & Services) and Connections Program (students with disabilities) students.
- Participated in the Sustainable Water Tech & Systems Advisory Meeting hosted by Orange Unified School District.
- Co-presented a session on building successful partnerships at the 2026 California Association of Public Information Officials (CAPIO) annual conference, and joined the newly formed CAPIO Education Industry Meet Up breakout.

MWDOC Choice K-12 School Programs

- Provided information regarding the MWDOC Choice K-12 School Programs to: City of La Palma, Moulton Niguel Water District, and City of Buena Park.
- Initiated the annual request for commitments process for the 2026-2027 Fiscal Year – sent to MWDOC Member Agencies and the Cities of Anaheim, Fullerton and Santa Ana.

Water Energy Education Alliance (WEEA)

- Hosted and led the WEEA Leadership Roundtable Meeting #23 with guest speakers from Metropolitan and facilitated a deep dive into the recently published Water UCI (University of California, Irvine) research report.
- Launched and promoted a new statewide research report, *CA Water Workforce Development: Insights From Two Statewide Workshops*, in collaboration with Water UCI.
- Presented on the Water UCI research report at the Water Replenishment District Water Workforce Ad Hoc Committee.
- Participated in the American Water Works Association Water 2050 Monthly Workforce Assessment Sub-Group Meeting.
- Met with the producer of the documentary *Unless Something Goes Terribly Wrong* to discuss opportunities for film screenings in classrooms that support water and wastewater career exploration.
- Met with HDR to provide a WEEA introduction and discuss potential areas for collaboration.

Digital Communications, Publications, and Media Engagement

- Developed and distributed social media content across all MWDOC social media channels.
- Supported the Water Loss Control staff by creating a photo layout highlighting the Leak Detection program for an award submission.
- Assisting the Water Use Efficiency staff with transitioning content from the current rebate application portal and adding new resource pages to the MWDOC website.
- Updating the website to support continued accessibility, search engine optimization (SEO), and performance improvements.

Special Projects

Public Affairs Staff:

- Continued rolling out video shorts for MWDOC's FACES campaign, celebrating 75 years of service.
- Attended the 2026 California Public Information Officials (CAPIO) Conference.
- Submitted Metropolitan Inspection Trip Request forms for Directors Seckel, Ackerman, Erdman, and Crane.
- Participated in the California Water Efficiency Partnership's Education & Outreach Task Force meeting with Member Agencies.
- Replenished seed library display items at the City of Santa Ana's Roosevelt-Walker Community Center.
- Attended Water Use Efficiency's Submittable Training to understand the system and provide feedback.
- Attended the MWDOC Member Agencies Managers Meeting to share information on the Water Policy Dinner and the OC Water Summit Sponsorship Opportunities.

Government Affairs Staff:

- Staffed the May Water Advisory Committee of Orange County (WACO) meeting featuring guest speaker Emily Parker on Plastic Pollution Impacts.
- Participated in the California Special Districts Association (CSDA) Professional Development Committee meeting.
- Staffed the WACO Planning Committee meeting.
- Reviewed and scored 70+ applications for CSDA's various awards to be presented at their annual conference in August.

Outreach Metrics

Public Affairs Staff:

- Google Performance Analytics (General Manager (GM) Report Timeframe)
  - 126 business profile interactions
  - 1,688 people viewed the business profile
- mwdoc.com Website Analytics (GM Report Timeframe)
  - 13,610 pageviews
  - Top pages for this date range
    - Home Page – 2,791
    - Water Use Efficiency – 910
    - Request For Proposals and Request For Qualifications – 613
    - Turf Replacement Rebate – 503
    - Residential Rebates – 499
    - Agendas, Packets, and Minutes – 435

- ocwatersmartgardens.com Analytics (April 2026)
  - 705 Sessions, 440 New Users
  - Top pages for this date range
    - Landing Page
    - Eligible Sustainability Feature Trees
    - Fire Resistant Plants
- ocwatersmartparks.com: 11 site sessions (GM Report Timeframe)
- Social Media (GM Report Timeframe)
  - 8% engagement rate (a good rate is between 1% and 5%)
  - 4,507 post reach (number of people)
  - 360 post engagement (actions taken, such as likes, shares, etc.)

Legislative Affairs

Government Affairs Staff:

- Attended the Department of Water Resources (DWR) Prop 4 Sustainable Groundwater Management Grant Program & Watershed Resilience Grant Program Workshop.
- Attended the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) Federal Affairs Committee Drinking Water and Energy Subcommittee Meeting.
- Attended the ACWA Federal Affairs Committee Infrastructure and Ag Subcommittee Meeting.
- Attended the ACWA Federal Affairs Committee Water Supply Subcommittee Meeting.
- Attended the ACWA Spring Conference in Sacramento.
- Attended the ACWA Federal Affairs Committee meeting.
- Participated in the CSDA Legislative Committee meeting.
- Attended the California Council for Environmental and Economic Balance (CCEEB) Water, Chemistry, and Waste Project meeting.
- Attended the California Municipal Utilities Association (CMUA) Regulatory Committee meeting.
- Participated in the CMUA Legislative Committee meeting.
- Met with staff from SMWD to discuss legislative issues.
- Participated in the ACWA Region 10 State Legislative Committee prep meeting.
- Participated in the Metropolitan Member Agencies Legislative meeting.
- Attended the ACWA State Legislative Committee meeting.