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MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT OF ORANGE COUNTY
Jointly with the
PLANNING & OPERATIONS COMMITTEE
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ROLL CALL

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PRESENTATION ITEM

1. WATER EMERGENCY RESPONSE ORGANIZATION OF ORANGE COUNTY (WEROC) ANNUAL REPORT

ACTION ITEM

2. INDEPENDENT SPECIAL DISTRICTS OF ORANGE COUNTY (ISDOC) BYLAWS UPDATE

INFORMATION ITEMS

3. MWDOC EDUCATION INITIATIVES UPDATE

4. MWDOC WATER POLICY FORUM / 75TH ANNIVERSARY RECAP

5. PUBLIC AFFAIRS HIGHLIGHTS

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

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Item No. 1

PRESENTATION ITEM
February 2, 2026

TO: **Planning & Operations Committee**

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

Staff Contact: Vicki Osborn, Director of Emergency Mgmt./WEROC

SUBJECT: **WATER EMERGENCY RESPONSE ORGANIZATION OF ORANGE COUNTY (WEROC) ANNUAL REPORT**

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Planning & Operations Committee receive the presentation.

REPORT

Purpose

The purpose of this item is to provide an informational presentation highlighting the Water Emergency Response Organization of Orange County's (WEROC) accomplishments during calendar year 2025 and outlining objectives for Fiscal Year (FY) 2026–27 as documented in the 2025 Annual Report and FY 2026–27 strategic focus.

Background

WEROC provides sector-specific emergency management services to 36 potable water and wastewater agencies serving Orange County communities. Acting as an extension of its member agencies, WEROC delivers coordinated emergency management support tailored to the operational, regulatory, and risk environment of the water and wastewater sector. Services include emergency planning and plan review, regulatory compliance support, training and exercises, incident coordination, recovery assistance, and regional and statewide advocacy.

Discussion

The 2025 Annual Report (Attachment 1) documents a year of high operational tempo, increasing incident complexity, and expanded expectations for coordination and preparedness. These outcomes were achieved through sustained engagement, trust, and

collaboration among member agencies, funding partners, and regional, state, and federal stakeholders. A summary of 2025 WEROC accomplishments are as follows:

Regional Planning, Risk Reduction, and Resilience

- Successfully guided the Orange County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan through California Office of Emergency Services and Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) review, receiving FEMA approval on April 15, 2025.
- Achieved adoption of the Hazard Mitigation Plan by all 15 participating agencies by September 2025, securing continued eligibility for federal hazard mitigation funding through April 2030.
- Managed a coordinated, regional approach to America's Water Infrastructure Act (AWIA) compliance, supporting 25 agencies with required five-year updates to Risk and Resilience Assessments and Emergency Response Plans.
- Continued oversight of a $2.2 million multi-year AWIA contract, ensuring regulatory compliance, consistency in deliverables, and quality control across participating agencies.

Emergency Preparedness, Training, and Workforce Readiness

- Delivered 26 training and exercise sessions in 2025 including Incident Command System (ICS) courses, Emergency Operations Center (EOC) section-specific training, cybersecurity awareness, communications and alerting systems, and scenario-based tabletop and functional exercises.
- Generated substantial cost savings for member agencies by delivering training, exercises, and planning support internally, avoiding significant consultant costs while maintaining high-quality, sector-specific instruction.
- Continued support for credentialing and professional development, strengthening a trained and deployable regional workforce aligned with Standardized Emergency Management System (SEMS) and National Incident Management System (NIMS) requirements.

Operational Readiness and Capability Development

- Expanded emergency drinking water distribution capabilities through partnerships with cities, water agencies, and Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) volunteers.
- Validated emergency water distribution, water tender operations, and public messaging strategies during January 2025 countywide Community Emergency Response Team Mutual Aid Program (CMAP) Full-Scale Exercise.
- Completed the Water and Wastewater Atlas Project, delivering updated Geographic Information System (GIS) shapefiles, Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS) zone integration, and wall and printed map products that supported real-world coordination during multiple incidents.
- Relaunched the Regional Fuel Planning Project, updating the countywide fuel database, receiving survey data from 32 of 36 member agencies, and completing gap analysis to inform next-phase planning.

Cybersecurity and Emerging Threat Coordination

- Expanded sector-specific cybersecurity threat notifications and information sharing.
- Strengthened coordination with the Orange County Intelligence Assessment Center and the Department of Homeland Security Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA).
- Co-hosted a Regional Cybersecurity Tabletop Exercise attended by more than 60 participants from water, wastewater, and partner agencies.

Emergency Response and Regional Coordination

- Provided coordination and situational awareness during multiple 2025 incidents, including winter storms, power disruptions, infrastructure impacts, suspicious activity reports, theft incidents, and wildfire events.
- Supported water agencies outside Orange County during the Los Angeles Fires through CalWARN, reinforcing statewide mutual aid relationships and regional response capacity.
- Maintained WEROC's role as a trusted regional coordination hub, facilitating timely information sharing and resource coordination during emergencies.

Overall, the scope and scale of accomplishments achieved in 2025 reflect sustained participation and buy-in from WEROC member agencies. Agencies contributed staff time, technical expertise, data, and leadership engagement across planning initiatives, training programs, exercises, and real-world incident coordination.

Continued member agency engagement demonstrates strong alignment with WEROC's mission to promote preparedness, facilitate coordinated response, and support recovery for water and wastewater utilities as critical lifeline service providers.

Next Steps

Looking ahead, the FY 2026–27 strategic focus builds directly on 2025 accomplishments, lessons learned, and feedback from member agencies and funding partners. Strategic objectives include:

- Continued delivery of training and exercises to strengthen workforce readiness.
- Advancement and operationalization of the Regional Fuel Resiliency Plan.
- Ongoing support for AWIA compliance and integration of risk and resilience findings into agency planning and capital improvement efforts.
- Enhanced regional coordination, situational awareness, and advocacy on behalf of water and wastewater utilities.

Staff will work with the member agencies to meet the strategic focus for the remainder of FY 2025–26 and implement the FY 2026–27 operational priorities and objectives starting July 1, 2026.

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: Water Emergency Response Organization of Orange County (WEROC) Annual Report

WEROC

WATER EMERGENCY RESPONSE ORGANIZATION OF ORANGE COUNTY

ANNUAL REPORT 2025



A Year in Review

ABOUT WEROC

The Water Emergency Response Organization of Orange County (WEROC) serves a distinct and essential role by providing dedicated emergency management services tailored specifically to the needs of water and wastewater agencies throughout Orange County. Its membership—comprised of special districts, municipalities, and a private utility—benefits from WEROC's sector-specific expertise, standardized guidance, and coordinated regional approach.

Through support for compliance with national and state emergency management standards and by fostering strong interagency collaboration, WEROC helps ensure that water and wastewater providers are positioned to maintain continuity of operations and effectively fulfill their responsibilities as critical lifeline service providers before, during, and after emergencies.

Mission

WEROC promotes, facilitates, and supports Orange County water and wastewater utilities in their efforts to prepare for, respond to, and recover from emergencies and disasters by providing coordinated, comprehensive emergency management services.

Core Values

Communication, Coordination, and Commitment

Quality

Integrity

Respect

Teamwork



FROM THE DESK OF THE DIRECTOR

The Water Emergency Response Organization of Orange County (WEROC) continues to serve as a critical backbone for preparedness, response coordination, and resilience across Orange County's water and wastewater sector. Acting as an extension of its 36 member agencies, WEROC safeguards essential lifeline services through comprehensive planning, interagency coordination, and operational support before, during, and after emergencies.

WEROC's support spans the full emergency management lifecycle.

Staff assist member agencies with emergency plan development and review, training and exercise delivery, credentialing support, grant coordination, and recovery planning. In 2025, WEROC also provided direct coordination support during storm-related impacts and supported Preliminary Damage Assessment activities in coordination with the California Office of Emergency Services and the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

This Annual Report and Business Plan provides a consolidated overview of WEROC's accomplishments during calendar year 2025, key priorities for the remainder of Fiscal Year 2025–26, and strategic goals for Fiscal Year 2026–27. Throughout the year, WEROC advanced regional readiness across multiple focus areas, including America's Water Infrastructure Act compliance, hazard mitigation, cybersecurity preparedness, emergency planning, training and exercises, resource coordination, and statewide policy engagement. These efforts were strengthened through close partnerships with local water and wastewater agencies, the Metropolitan Water District of Orange County, the Orange County Operational Area, the California Office of Emergency Services, the California Department of Water Resources, CalWARN, and other regional and statewide stakeholders.



- Vicki Osborn

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2025 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

STRENGTHENING PREPAREDNESS ADVANCING RESILIENCE



Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan Approved

WEROC successfully guided the Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan through California Office of Emergency Services and Federal Emergency Management Agency review. Following revisions in early 2025, the plan received Federal Emergency Management Agency approval on April 15, 2025. By September, all **15 participating agencies** adopted the plan, securing eligibility for federal hazard mitigation funding through **April 2030**.

America's Water Infrastructure Act Compliance

WEROC managed a single regional America's Water Infrastructure Act contract supporting **25 agencies**, ensuring compliance with five-year Risk and Resilience Assessment and Emergency Response Plan requirements. This coordinated effort reduced costs, standardized methodologies, and delivered consistent, high-quality plans, strengthening regional readiness through shared tools, aligned schedules, and workshop support.

Emergency Drinking Water Distribution

WEROC expanded emergency drinking water distribution capacity through partnerships with cities, water agencies, and Community Emergency Response Team volunteers. The **January 2025 countywide CMAP Full-Scale Exercise** validated hydrant distribution, water tender operations, and public messaging strategies.

Water and Wastewater Atlas Project

WEROC completed the Water and Wastewater Atlas Project, delivering updated geographic information system shapefiles, Public Safety Power Shutoff zone integration, and wall and printed map sets. These tools supported multiple real-world emergency coordination efforts during 2025.

Cybersecurity Preparedness

WEROC strengthened cybersecurity readiness by expanding sector-specific threat notifications, enhancing coordination with the Orange County Intelligence Assessment Center and the Department of Homeland Security Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency, and co-hosting a **May 2025 Regional Cyber Tabletop Exercise** attended by more than **60 participants.**

Training and Exercises

WEROC delivered **26 training and exercise sessions** in 2025, serving **more than 625 participants** across member agencies, cities, and regional partners. Training focused on Incident Command System courses, Emergency Operations Center section training, cybersecurity awareness, scenario-based exercises, communications, and alerting systems.



SUPPORTING LIFELINE SERVICES

Regional Fuel Planning Project

WEROC relaunched the Regional Fuel Planning Project by updating the countywide fuel database, receiving survey data from **32 of 36 agencies**, and facilitating gap analysis and next-phase planning. This initiative remains a major priority through **Fiscal Year 2026–27**.

Emergency Response Support

WEROC coordinated response support during winter storms, water main breaks, theft incidents, suspicious activity reports, and wildfires. WEROC also supported Los Angeles County water agencies during the **Los Angeles Fires** through **CalWARN**.



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2025 ADDITIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS

LA Fires Coordination & Mutual Aid Support
Guided Los Angeles County water agencies and linked them to recovery resources through CalWARN.

EOC Facility Assessment – South Coast Water District
Completed a comprehensive assessment of the SCWD Emergency Operations Center facility.

Growth in External Planning Influence
Provided emergency planning support to additional agencies and county departments.

Public Outreach & Preparedness Engagement
Enhanced public preparedness through targeted presentations and media engagement.

Interagency Communications & Interoperability Work
Supported regional efforts to strengthen communications and radio interoperability.

Additional Incidents Supported by WEROC
Provided operational and coordination assistance to member agencies during incidents.

Increased Regional Visibility Through Presentations & Conferences
Delivered presentations at major sector events and professional conferences.

WEROC MCV & Peters Canyon Logistics Site Improvements
Implemented key upgrades to the Mobile Command Vehicle and logistics site.

Expanded Operational Area & Statewide Leadership Roles
Assumed new leadership roles at the Operational Area and statewide levels.

Internal Capacity-Building & Succession Work
Advanced staff development, expansion, and succession planning efforts.

Regional & Statewide Coordination Activities
Strengthened coordination with Operational Area partners and statewide organizations.

Program Expansion & Strategic Support
Expanded WEROC programs to meet evolving preparedness and response needs.

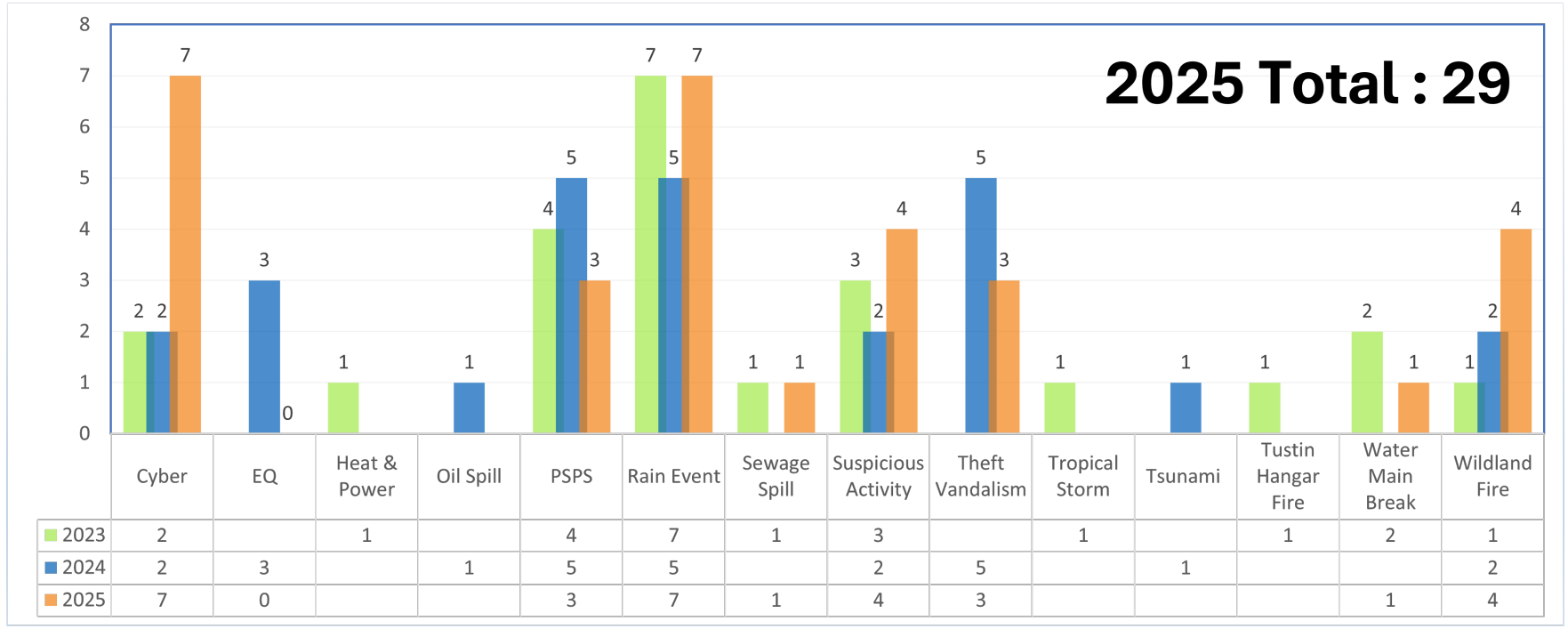
EMERGENCY **ACTIVATIONS**

In 2025, emergency activations underscored both the growing complexity of incidents affecting our region and the critical importance of readiness across the entire emergency management lifecycle.



From severe weather, power disruptions, infrastructure threats, and regional coordination missions, activations demanded rapid decision-making, reliable information sharing, and seamless coordination among partners. Each activation tested plans developed during blue-sky days and reaffirmed the value of sustained investment in preparedness, training, and regional coordination. The pace and diversity of incidents reflected an evolving risk environment, where cascading impacts, interdependencies, and public expectations continue to rise.

Equally important, 2025 demonstrated how experience and relationships translate into an effective response. Activations were marked by timely situational awareness, coordinated resource management, and clear communication with operational and policy leaders. Lessons identified throughout the year, both locally and in neighboring jurisdictions, reinforce the need for resilient systems and strong mutual-aid frameworks. As we look ahead, the activations of 2025 serve not only as a record of response but also as a catalyst for continuous improvement, shaping priorities for mitigation, planning, and capability development to ensure we remain ready for what comes next.



	Cyber	EQ	Heat & Power	Oil Spill	PSPS	Rain Event	Sewage Spill	Suspicious Activity	Theft Vandalism	Tropical Storm	Tsunami	Tustin Hangar Fire	Water Main Break	Wildland Fire
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2024	2	3		1	5	5		2	5		1			2
2025	7	0			3	7	1	4	3				1	4

Activated & Provided

Support to regional water and wastewater operations during 2025 emergency incidents.

Regional coordination and situational awareness during multiple 2025 activations.

Support to member agencies during storms, power disruptions, and emergent events.

Regional coordination hub during 2025 emergency activations.

RESPOND
PROTECT
RECOVER



2025-2026

BUDGET FIGURES

In 2026 the WEROC budget is forecasted to increase by 3.6% due to an increase in benefits rates for staff. WEROC has secured a grant for $150,000 from the Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) to begin replacement of potable water trailers. This multi-year project helps WEROC member agencies be prepared for water disruptions. Staff will continue to manage a 2.2 million dollar contract to ensure compliance with the American Water Infrastructure Act (AWIA).

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$150K

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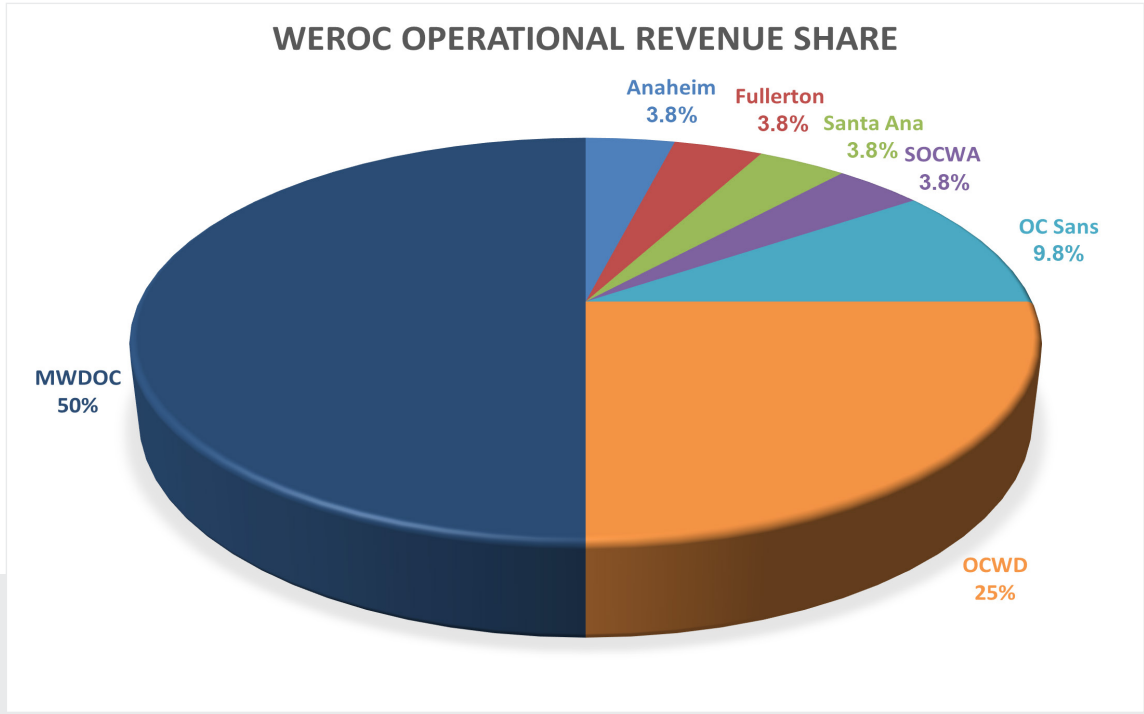



Additional changes to the budget include:

Elimination of funds on the professional services line item, as more planning work will be completed in-house in 2026.

Segregation of expenditures dedicated to the Mobile Command Vehicle for tracking purposes.

Reduction in several line items dedicated to travel.

Increase in software support to accommodate increases from vendors.

COST SAVINGS

In FY 2025, WEROC will generate significant cost savings by delivering services internally, including:

- Two advanced custom training courses **valued at $100,000**
- Six custom tabletop exercises **valued at $156,000**
- Nineteen Incident Command System courses **valued at $290,000**
- Plan writing and assessment assistance **valued at $150,000**
- Two State Classes (PIO & SAP for Free) **valued at $60,000**

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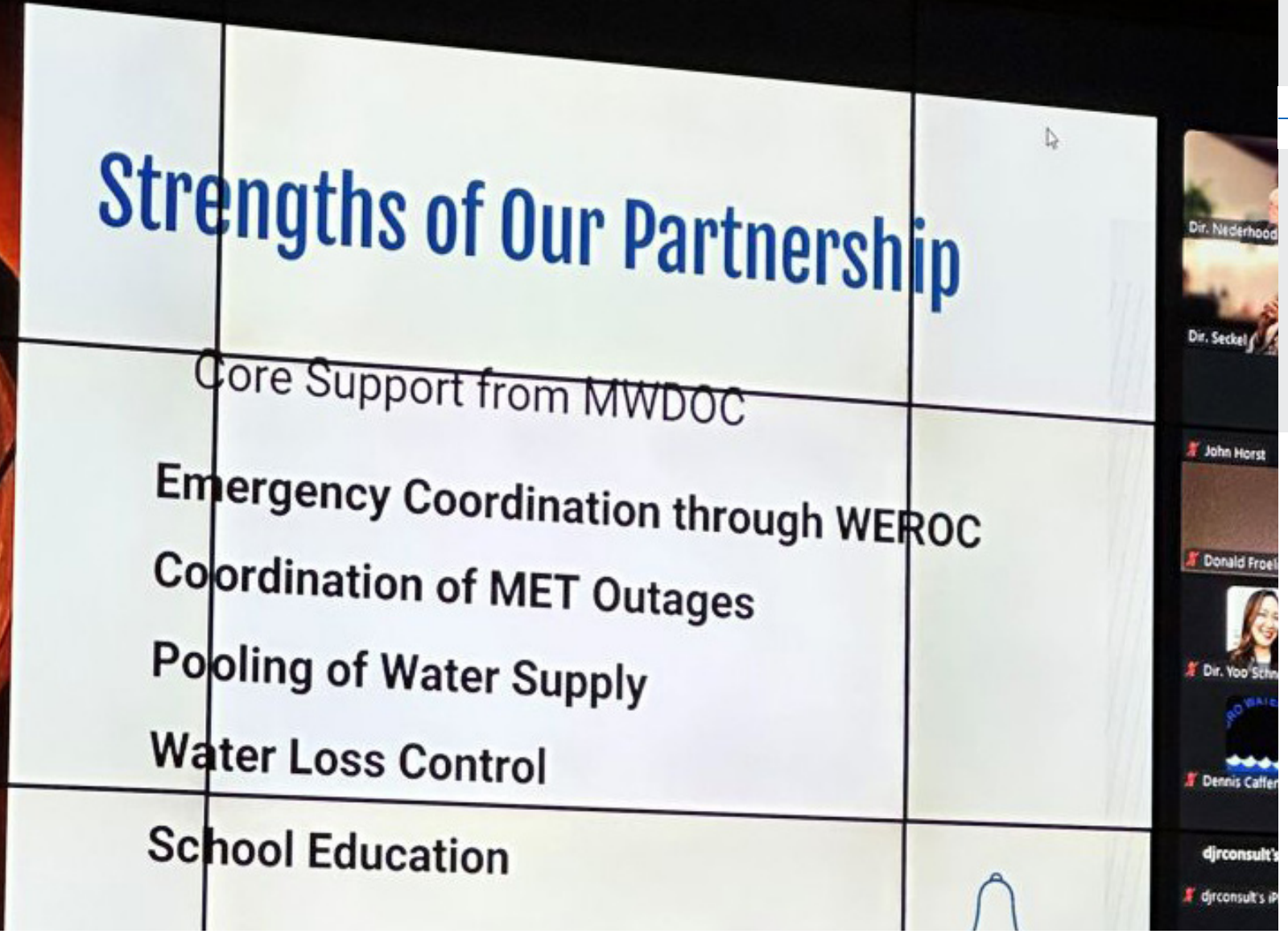


LOOKING **AHEAD...**

Goal 1: Strengthen Workforce Readiness

Continue building a skilled, credentialed, and deployable regional workforce through training, exercises, and implementation of Position Task Books.

Goal 2: Develop and Implement the Regional Fuel Resiliency Plan

Complete and operationalize a countywide Regional Fuel Plan that improves fuel access, sustainment, and continuity of operations for water and wastewater agencies during emergencies.

Goal 3: Maintain America's Water Infrastructure Act Compliance and Risk & Resilience Planning

Support agencies in meeting ongoing America's Water Infrastructure Act requirements and integrating risk and resilience findings into long-term planning, mitigation, and capital improvement efforts.

Goal 4: Enhance Regional Coordination and Advocacy

Strengthen collaboration with local, regional, and statewide partners while representing water and wastewater interests in key policy, planning, and mutual aid forums.

STAFFING **CHANGES**

The year 2026 represents a period of transition for the Water Emergency Response Organization of Orange County (WEROC) as the program continues to strengthen long-term capacity and advance succession planning.



After nine years of dedicated service to the Municipal Water District of Orange County (MWDOC) and WEROC's 36 member agencies, Janine Schunk, WEROC Coordinator, will retire effective March 2026. Throughout her tenure, Janine played a key role in advancing regional preparedness, supporting emergency response coordination, and building strong working relationships across the water and wastewater sector. Her contributions have had a lasting impact on the organization and its member agencies.



In addition, Gabby Landeros, who served as WEROC Specialist for approximately one and a half years, departed the organization in January 2026. During her time with WEROC, Gabby supported emergency preparedness initiatives and operational activities that contributed to the organization's mission and member agency support.

In anticipation of these transitions, WEROC proactively expanded its team to ensure continuity of operations and sustained service to member agencies. WEROC is pleased to welcome Miriam Aldana and Thevin Rajapaksha to the team. Both bring complementary professional experience that strengthens WEROC's capacity to support planning, coordination, and resilience initiatives across Orange County.

These staffing changes reflect WEROC's commitment to deliberate succession planning, organizational resilience, and continued excellence in service to its member agencies.





STRATEGIC FOCUS

Operational Priorities (Remainder of Fiscal Year 2025–26)

For the remainder of the fiscal year, WEROC's operational priorities will focus on sustaining a high level of regional readiness and providing consistent, responsive support to member agencies. WEROC will continue to carry out its core role in emergency management coordination, technical assistance, and interagency communication while maintaining close alignment with local, state, and regional partners. These priorities are intended to ensure continuity of operations, support evolving agency needs, and maintain operational stability as the program transitions into the next fiscal year and upcoming planning cycle.

1. Deliver eight Incident Command System courses, four custom tabletops, and a five-part training series
2. Advance the Regional Fuel Planning Project
3. Update emergency response plans, logistics protocols, and hazard annexes
4. Support WEROC Member Agencies during the AWIA Process and other projects as required





OBJECTIVES FOR FY 2026-27

To advance the FY 2026–27 Strategic Goals, WEROC's objectives will focus on delivering consistent planning, training, and exercise support; maintaining strong communication and coordination across the region; and providing timely situational awareness and technical guidance during incidents and emerging events. These objectives are designed to translate strategic priorities into practical, measurable actions that strengthen workforce readiness, support regulatory compliance, enhance operational resilience, and reinforce WEROC's role as a trusted regional coordination and advocacy partner for Orange County's water and wastewater agencies.

Provide planning, training, and exercise support to all requesting member agencies.

Host quarterly WEROC meetings and targeted workshops.

Maintain timely, high-quality communication and responsive customer service.

Deliver regular situational awareness, technical guidance, and response coordination during incidents and emerging events.

Staff Development & Internal Readiness

WEROC will strengthen internal capacity and continuity by:

- Advancing succession planning for the WEROC Coordinator and WEROC Specialist positions through mentoring and cross-training.
- Developing **10–15 short emergency management training videos** for MWDOC and member agency staff.
- Conducting **quarterly tabletop exercises** with MWDOC staff to enhance internal preparedness and coordination.

Member Agency Collaboration

Collaboration with member agencies remains central to WEROC's mission. Agencies will continue to contribute through:

- Technical assistance in planning and preparedness initiatives.
- Staffing support for training and exercise activities.

These partnerships strengthen regional capability and ensure WEROC delivers consistent, high-value services across **36 water and wastewater agencies.**



MWDOC CONTRIBUTIONS

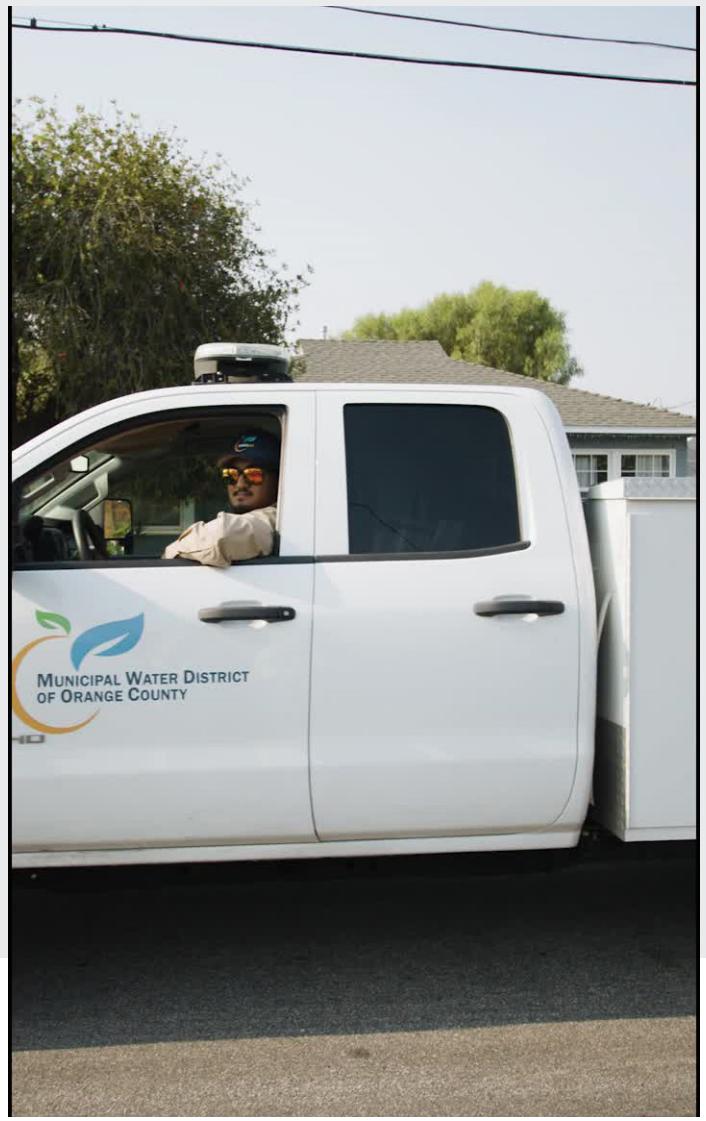
Municipal Water District of Orange County

Beyond its financial support, the Metropolitan Water District of Orange County (MWDOC) continues to provide essential operational support to WEROC through:

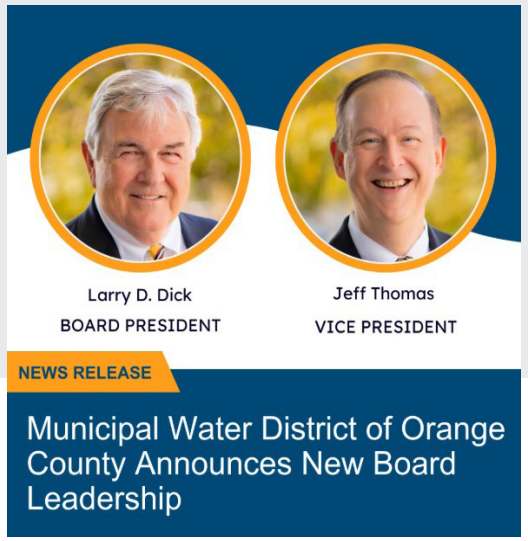
Administrative Support

Staff Participation

Engineering Expertise









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QUESTIONS?

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Item No. 2

ACTION ITEM
February 18, 2026

TO: **Board of Directors**

FROM: **Planning & Operations Committee**

Harvey De La Torre, General Manager

Staff Contact: Heather Baez, Director of Government Affairs

SUBJECT: **INDEPENDENT SPECIAL DISTRICTS OF ORANGE COUNTY (ISDOC) BYLAWS UPDATE**

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Board of Directors authorize President Dick, or his designee, to cast a vote on behalf of MWDOC approving the amended and restated ISDOC bylaws.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

(To be determined at Committee Meeting)

REPORT

Purpose

The Independent Special Districts of Orange County (ISDOC) last updated its bylaws in 2017. At that time, the primary purpose of the update was to add language to comply with State requirements and to protect ISDOC members' liability. The primary purpose of this bylaws update is to add language allowing for a staff member of a Regular Member District to serve in the position as Secretary.

Discussion

In 2013, the ISDOC Bylaws received a comprehensive overhaul. A part of that update removed language allowing the Secretary and Treasurer positions on the Executive Committee to be filled by an individual who may or may not be an elected official, thereby requiring the positions to be filled by an appointed or elected member of a special district

Board of Directors. Since 2017, the ISDOC Executive Committee has had difficulty filling the Secretary position, holding special elections to fill it five times.

The 2026 bylaws update would revert the language, again allowing an individual who may or may not be an elected official to serve as Secretary. It is unclear at this time if that will increase interest in the position, but it will allow for a larger field of candidates. Other minor updates to the bylaws include correcting grammar in one section and allowing for virtual meetings. A memo outlining the proposed amendments is included as Attachment 1, along with a draft version of the bylaws as Attachment 2.

Next Steps

The voting period for this election ends on February 27, 2026. To have its ballot counted, MWDOC shall submit on or before that date.

Staff recommends the Board of Directors authorize President Dick, or his designee, to cast a vote on behalf of MWDOC approving the amended and restated ISDOC bylaws.

ALIGNMENT WITH BOARD STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

- ☒ *Clarifying MWDOC's mission and role; defining functions and actions.*
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BOARD OPTIONS

Option #1: Authorize President Dick, or his designee, to cast a vote on behalf of MWDOC approving the amended and restated ISDOC Bylaws.

Fiscal Impact: None

Option #2: Do not approve the amended and restated ISDOC bylaws.

Fiscal Impact: None

Attachments/Links:
Attachment 1: ISDOC Bylaws Memo
Attachment 2: ISDOC Bylaws with Proposed Revisions

Independent Special Districts of Orange County

DATE: January 8, 2026

TO: ISDOC Members

FROM: Robert R. McVicker, President, ISDOC Executive Committee

SUBJECT: Proposed Amendments to ISDOC Bylaws

ISDOC is conducting a vote of regular special district members on proposed changes to the bylaws. The primary purpose of the bylaw amendments is to add language allowing for a staff member of a Regular Member District to serve in the position of Secretary. They were discussed at the Executive Committee meetings in June, October, and November 2025. Upon a motion and a second, the Executive Committee has unanimously approved the revisions and authorized a vote of the membership.

A ballot has been included with this memo, along with a copy of the proposed amended bylaws highlighted in yellow. Each regular member in good standing is entitled to one vote. **The ballot must be signed by the presiding officer of the special district or an alternate designated by official action of the district. Ballots must be received by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, February 27, 2026; the results will be announced via email and at the ISDOC Quarterly Luncheon on Thursday, April 30, 2026.**

The proposed amendments are as follows:

1. Addition to Section VI of Article II
   Minor grammatical correction that was missing during the last bylaws update

2. Addition to Section III (B) of Article III
   Officers: Proposed language makes an exception for the Secretary position to allow for a *staff member or* elected/appointed official of a Regular Member District

3. Addition to Section II of Article IV
   Executive Committee Meetings: Updates language to allow for virtual meetings

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Robert R. McVicker, President
ISDOC Executive Committee

INDEPENDENT SPECIAL DISTRICTS
OF
ORANGE COUNTY

AMENDED AND RESTATED BYLAWS

Proposed January 6, 2026

INDEPENDENT SPECIAL DISTRICTS OF ORANGE COUNTY

BYLAWS

ARTICLE I GENERAL

SECTION I. NAME

The name of the organization shall be **INDEPENDENT SPECIAL DISTRICTS OF ORANGE COUNTY**, herein referred to as **the Organization**.

SECTION II. PURPOSE

The purpose of the Organization is to advance the interests of Orange County special districts through its advocacy of sound public policy, its facilitation of educational opportunities to enhance special district governance and the services provided, and its collaboration with others to elevate awareness of the role special districts play as the form of government closest and most directly accountable to the people. The purpose of the Organization shall not include any duties or responsibilities held by the Orange County Special Districts Selection Committee, which is a separate and unrelated entity from the Organization. Furthermore, these Bylaws shall have no effect on, and are independent and distinct from, the Bylaws of the Orange County Special District Selection Committee. This Organization will not engage in activities for the pecuniary gain or profit of the members.

SECTION III. ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

The administrative office for the transaction of the business of the Organization is located at the Municipal Water District of Orange County. All official documents (agendas, minutes, voted ballots, voting authorization and financial records) of the Organization shall be maintained and stored at the administrative office. The Board of Directors is granted full power and authority to change the administrative office from one location to any place within the County of Orange, State of California, and such change shall not be considered an amendment of these bylaws.

SECTION IV. UNINCORPORATED ASSOCIATION

The Organization is an unincorporated association within the meaning of Part 1 of Title 3 of the California Corporations Code and shall have all of the powers and authority of an unincorporated association as set forth therein.

SECTION V. ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

One or more members may agree to provide administrative services on behalf of Organization, but except as expressly set forth in writing, such member or members will not be entitled to compensation for such services, nor will such member or members be deemed to have assumed any obligation of the Organization.

SECTION VI. LIMITATION

Notwithstanding any of powers enumerated herein or in the California Corporations Code, this Organization shall not, except to an insubstantial degree engage in any activities or exercise any powers that are not in furtherance of the specific purpose of this organization as set forth in Section II.

ARTICLE II MEMBERSHIP

SECTION I. QUALIFICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

A. There shall be two categories of membership in the Organization:

1. REGULAR MEMBERS: Shall be INDEPENDENT SPECIAL DISTRICTS that are public agencies within the County of Orange, State of California, for the local performance of governmental proprietary functions within limited boundaries, governed by a publicly elected Board of Directors or those officials appointed, in whole or in part, by another governmental body. Independent Special Districts do not include the State, the county, cities, or school districts.

Independent Special Districts shall be further defined in accordance with California Government Code Section 56044: *"Independent district" or "independent special district" includes any special district having a*

legislative body all of whose members are elected by registered voters or landowners within the district, or whose members are appointed to fixed terms, and excludes any special district having a legislative body consisting, in whole or in part, of ex officio members who are officers of a county or another local agency or who are appointees of those officers other than those who are appointed to fixed terms. "Independent special district" does not include any district excluded from the definition of district contained in Sections 56036 and 56036.6.

2. ASSOCIATE MEMBERS: Shall be those persons, organizations, or governmental entities that have evidenced interest in the purposes and goals of the Organization, but are not Independent Special Districts. Officers or members of an Independent Special District are ineligible to be an Associate Member.

B. APPROVAL OF MEMBERSHIP: The Executive Committee shall review and approve all applications for membership, provided that the applicant meets the established membership criteria.

SECTION II. VOTING RIGHTS

A. Each Regular Member district, in good standing, shall be entitled to one vote on all matters brought before the membership for a vote. The presiding officer of the governing body of each Regular Member district shall be recognized by the Organization as the voting representative for his/her district. Each district shall designate in writing and submit to the Organization's Secretary one alternate governing board member who shall have the right to vote in the absence of the presiding officer.

B. The Executive Committee may, at its discretion, authorize the voting upon any issue by written ballot which shall be sent via U.S. mail and email to each Regular Member district or by electronic distribution/email. Such authorization shall specify the time, date and method by which the completed written ballots must be received by the Organization.

C. A majority vote of all members present at a meeting or of all written ballots received by the submission deadline shall be necessary to carry any matter voted upon.

D. Associate Members shall not have the right to vote on any matter before the Organization.

SECTION III. ANNUAL DUES

A. Annual dues shall be due and payable on or before the first day of January of each year. New members shall pay their annual dues at the time they are approved for membership in the Organization. New member dues for the initial year shall not be pro-rated.

B. The dues of the Organization shall be reviewed and set by the Executive Committee for Regular Members and Associate Members. Associate Member dues need not be the same as dues for Regular Members. A minimum of two months' notice of changes in dues will be provided to the membership.

C. No assessments, other than annual dues, shall be levied on the members of the association without an affirmative majority vote of the membership.

SECTION IV. TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP

A. Any member in arrears in the payment of dues for a period of thirty (30) days after said dues are due and payable shall be notified in writing by the Treasurer of such arrearage, and, if such dues shall continue unpaid for a period of another thirty (30) days, such member shall automatically cease to be a member of the Organization.

B. Any member that voluntarily terminates membership in the Organization shall not be eligible for a refund of membership dues or other assessment already paid to the Organization.

SECTION V. REINSTATEMENT OF MEMBERSHIP

Regular and Associate memberships that were previously terminated may be reinstated after the Executive Committee receives a written petition for reinstatement and payment of the petitioner's annual membership dues and other assessments for the current calendar year have been received by the Organization.

SECTION VI. LIABILITY OF MEMBERS; NO AUTHORITY

No member will be liable for the obligations, debts or liabilities of the Organization unless such member has expressly assumed such liability in writing. No member will have the authority to enter into any obligation, debt or liability on behalf of the Organization unless approved in advance by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE III BOARD OF DIRECTORS

SECTION I. NUMBER AND TERM OF OFFICE

A. The Board of Directors shall consist of the presiding officer from each Regular Member district, in good standing. If the presiding officer is not present, then that district's alternate representative shall act in his/her stead.

B. The members of the Board of Directors shall serve until replaced by another governing board member as the presiding officer of his/her district. Any vacancy on the Board of Directors shall be filled by the new presiding officer of the District from which the vacancy occurred.

SECTION II. DUTIES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

A. The Board of Directors shall set policy for the Organization.

B. The Board of Directors shall elect, at or before its final meeting in even years, a President, a First Vice President, a Second Vice President, a Third Vice President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer, who shall serve for two-year terms.

C. These officers, along with the Immediate Past President, shall be designated as the Executive Committee.

D. The Executive Committee shall be elected following a notice of position availability and solicitation for nominations. At the end of the nominating period, if only one candidate is nominated for a vacant seat, that candidate shall be deemed selected. If two or more candidates are nominated, the Secretary shall prepare and deliver one ballot and voting instructions to each eligible district. The ballot shall include the names of all

nominees and the office for which each was nominated. Each presiding officer, or his or her alternate as designated by the governing body, shall return the ballot to the Secretary by the date specified in the voting instructions.

E. With the exception of the immediate past president, if a vacancy occurs on the Executive Committee, the Committee shall, within 60 days from the commencement of the vacancy, either fill the vacancy by appointment or call a special election to fill the vacancy. A person appointed or elected to fill a vacancy shall hold office for the unexpired term of the former incumbent.

F. If the vacancy is in the offices of President or Vice President, the Executive Committee may, prior to an election to fill the vacancy, move current officers into vacant positions, and proceed then to fill the resulting vacant position in accordance with Section E above.

SECTION III OFFICERS AND DUTIES

A. The Executive Committee shall assist the Board of Directors in setting and implementing policy, and conducting the business of the Organization, as noted in the bylaws or approved at a General Membership Meeting or a Special Meeting of the membership. The members of the Executive Committee shall consist of:

1. PRESIDENT: The President shall be the chief executive officer of the Organization. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Board of Directors, the Executive Committee and the general membership.

   The President shall appoint all committees.

   The President shall represent the Organization as its official spokesperson and he/she shall also have the authority to delegate such responsibility, with approval of the Executive Committee.

   The President shall be an ex-officio member of all Committees.

2. FIRST VICE PRESIDENT: The First Vice President, in the absence or disability of the President, shall perform all the duties of the President, and when so acting, he/she shall have the

powers of and be subject to all the restrictions upon the President.

The First Vice President shall be the Chair of the Program Committee.

3. SECOND VICE PRESIDENT: The Second Vice President, in the absence or disability of the President and First Vice President, shall perform all the duties of the President and when so acting, shall have all the powers of and be subject to all the restrictions upon the President.

   The Second Vice President shall be Chair of the Membership Committee.

4. THIRD VICE PRESIDENT: The Third Vice President, in the absence or disability of the President, First Vice President, and Second Vice President, shall perform all the duties of the President, and when so acting, shall have all the powers of and be subject to all the restrictions upon the President.

   The Third Vice President shall be Chair of the Legislative Committee.

5. SECRETARY: The Secretary or his/her designee shall be responsible for all correspondence and the dissemination of information to members. All official correspondence to the members will be approved in advance by the President or the President's designee.

6. TREASURER: The Treasurer shall maintain the complete financial records and, establish and maintain bank accounts in the name of the Organization, and pay all bills duly approved by the Executive Committee in accordance with the yearly budget.

   There shall be an annual audit of the books of the Treasurer by a competent accountant or accounting agency, designated by the Executive Committee, with a report to be presented to the membership at the Organization's next membership meeting.

7. IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT: The Immediate Past President shall serve as a voting, ex-officio member of the Executive Committee.

B. All officers of the Organization shall be elected or appointed officials of a Regular Member district, except the Secretary, who may or may not be an elected official of a Regular Member district.

C. Officials who wish to seek election or appointment as an officer of the Organization shall first secure from his/her district an official endorsement of his/her candidacy in the form of a board resolution.

D. The Executive Committee may consider removing Officers who miss three consecutive meetings. Prior to removing an Officer, the Committee shall consider the reasons for absence and the potential for continued absence. A unanimous vote of the Executive Committee shall be required to remove an officer.

ARTICLE IV MEETINGS

SECTION I BOARD OF DIRECTORS

A. The Board of Directors shall meet quarterly or no less than three times per calendar year. The last meeting of the calendar year shall be designated as the ANNUAL MEETING of the Organization.

B. The Organization shall disseminate notices of Board Meetings at least thirty (30) days prior to the Meeting. Said notices shall be disseminated via email to all Regular and Associate Members. The Notice shall give the date, time, location and any action items for the meeting.

C. Special Meetings of the Board of Directors may be called at any time by the President, any ten (10) Members of the Board of Directors or by a majority of the Executive Committee. The Organization shall disseminate notices of the Special Meeting at least five (5) business days prior to the meeting. Said notice shall give the date, time, location, and the subject matter of the Special Meeting. Action may only be taken on matters listed on the Special Meeting notice.

D. All meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held in Orange County.

E. No action shall be taken unless a quorum has first been established. A quorum shall be established when the designated representatives of fifty percent (50%) of the Regular Members are present at a duly noticed Regular or Special Meeting of the Organization, or, if a vote has been authorized by written ballot, a quorum shall be established only when the designated representatives of fifty percent (50%) of the Regular Members have submitted a ballot in the manner and by the deadline authorized by the Executive Committee.

SECTION II. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

A. The Executive Committee shall meet monthly at the Municipal Water District of Orange County, or be held on a virtual platform, at a time specified by the President and announced in the meeting notice. The monthly meeting may be cancelled by the President if he/she determines that there is not sufficient business to justify a meeting.

B. A Special Meeting of the Executive Committee may be called by the President or a majority of the Executive Committee, with five (5) business days advance notice given in writing via email by the Organization. Such notice shall state the date, time, location and agenda for the Special Meeting.

C. All meetings of the Executive Committee shall take place in Orange County.

D. A quorum shall be established by 50% of the then-filled Executive Committee.

ARTICLE V AMENDMENTS

These Bylaws may be amended by a majority of the Board of Directors present at a duly noticed membership meeting or, if a vote has been authorized by written ballot, by the combined majority vote of the designated representatives

present and submitting a written ballot. All proposed amendments shall be disseminated via U.S. Mail and email to each Regular Member district no less than thirty (30) days prior to the membership meeting.

ARTICLE VI ENACTMENT OF AMENDMENTS

These Amended and Restated Bylaws are to take effect immediately upon approval of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE VII PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

All matters not covered under these Bylaws shall be governed by Roberts' Rules of Order.

Item No. 3

INFORMATION ITEM
February 2, 2026

TO: **Planning & Operations Committee**

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

Staff Contact: Tiffany Baca, Education & Workforce Dev. Manager
Sarah Wilson, Public Affairs Supervisor

SUBJECT: **MWDOC EDUCATION INITIATIVES UPDATE**

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

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

REPORT

Purpose

The purpose of this item is to provide a snapshot of key current and planned Education and Workforce Development initiatives along with associated pilot efforts currently underway.

Background

This report provides an update on Education and Workforce Development initiatives which link water education to career pathway exposure, through engagement with students, educators, and industry partners. These efforts include K–12 Choice School Programs, Career Technical Education activities, teacher training, student events, and workforce collaborations that form a connected learning network supporting water literacy, sustainable stewardship behaviors, and water career awareness across Orange County.

MWDOC's Education and Workforce Development efforts serve two primary audiences: the water industry (including MWDOC member agencies, other water and wastewater providers, and industry associations) and the education community (students, teachers, school districts, K–12 institutions, community colleges, universities, and technical training programs). Programs and activities are designed to strengthen water education and

stewardship while expanding career pathway exposure and building the engagement needed to support long-term stewardship and workforce readiness.

Discussion

The following sections summarize current Education and Workforce Development initiatives and recent developments. These efforts link water education and stewardship, career pathway exposure, and educator and industry engagement to support students, teachers, water providers, and the broader water sector.

K–12 Choice School Programs

- *Choice School Programs RFP*

  As existing contracts approach the end of their term, staff initiated a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the K–12 Choice School Programs. This process ensures continuity of high-quality, standards-aligned programming while providing an opportunity to review current program models and explore new or expanded offerings.

  The K-12 Choice School Programs build early water literacy, stewardship, and awareness of water and wastewater careers. For participating Orange County water providers, the RFP supports the continued delivery of effective, trusted countywide water education programs utilizing shared resources and trusted instructional models.

  Representatives from Moulton Niguel Water District and the City of Santa Ana will participate in the RFP review process, bringing valuable perspectives from agencies with high levels of program participation and active engagement. Staff will return to the Board with a recommendation for the School Program RFP in April 2026.

- *Orange County Stormwater Participation*

  Staff are exploring Orange County Stormwater's participation in the Choice Middle School Program. Middle school (grades 6-8) is the primary grade band where California science standards address watersheds, stormwater systems, water quality, and nonpoint source pollution. Orange County Stormwater participation would align with these instructional topics and could also help offset program costs for current participants by expanding the funding base. Discussions are ongoing, and staff will continue to provide updates.

Career Technical Education (CTE) Pilot Efforts

- *Villa Park High School*

  Staff are serving as core industry partners in developing a pilot Career Technical Education (CTE) program at Villa Park High School, in coordination with the Orange Unified School District. The program is designed to introduce high school students

to water-related careers through applied coursework, post-secondary alignment, and focused industry engagement.

The advisory group includes Water Energy Education Alliance (WEEA), MWDOC, Golden State Water Company, Metropolitan, Orange County Water District (OCWD), Santiago Canyon College, and Serrano Water District. The advisory was established in the summer of 2025 and has supported program structure, curriculum development, grant exploration, and implementation planning.

A proposed course, currently titled *Sustainable Water Technology & Systems*, will be submitted to the State for approval. WEEA serves as a primary partner for career connections, industry engagement, and MWDOC supports curriculum development and instruction through decades of experience delivering standards-aligned K–12 water education programs.

In January 2026, industry representatives delivered in-school presentations to nearly 1,500 students introducing water careers and the new CTE program launching in the 2026-27 school year. Presenters included staff from Metropolitan, OCWD, Golden State Water Company, and multiple departments across MWDOC (e.g., Education and Workforce Development, Emergency Management, Engineering, Water Loss Control, and Water Use Efficiency).

WEEA and MWDOC are also coordinating a more focused hands-on career exploration day with OCWD and Metropolitan for approximately 75 students, which will include a facility tour and applied learning activities.

Children’s Water Festival

At OCWD's request, staff will support the upcoming Children’s Water Festival by providing two educational booths, reaching approximately 600 students over two days.

While MWDOC participates annually, this is the first year WEEA will host a booth on water career pathway exposure, connecting early water education with career awareness and the professionals and systems that ensure long-term regional water reliability. Both activities include brief presentations and hands-on learning centered on Orange County water supply, stewardship, and local water systems.

Teacher Training and Professional Learning

- *Project WET Teacher Training*

  At the request of the Moulton Niguel Water District, staff will partner to deliver a countywide Project WET teacher training this spring. Project WET provides objective, science-based, standards-aligned activities that enable educators to deliver effective water instruction with minimal preparation. Teacher training extends reach through trusted educators and supports consistent, accurate water education across service areas.

- *Project WET Facilitator Training*

  This spring, MWDOC staff will host a Project WET facilitator training in partnership with Metropolitan for water education, community-based organization, and school district staff to expand local capacity across Orange County. With only three Project WET facilitators currently serving the county, increasing this number would enable more frequent, locally delivered training. This builds long-term educator capacity and supports consistent water education across the county.

Post-Secondary Education Engagement

On February 24, Santiago Canyon College will host the Orange County screening of *Unless Something Goes Terribly Wrong*, a full-feature documentary about America's water infrastructure and the wastewater professionals who keep essential systems operating.

WEEA and MWDOC are supporting the event by promoting the screening to college students and water industry professionals. Outreach is focused on students from community colleges, universities, state programs, and trade training pathways, as well as industry professionals across a range of water-sector roles. Staff is serving as the program emcee and facilitating an expert panel discussion featuring representatives from a community college partner, MWDOC member agencies, and the film's director. Through this moderated discussion, panelists will connect the film's themes to real-world career pathways, workforce needs, and opportunities.

The event includes a structured networking component allowing students to engage directly with water professionals. Attendance is limited to 200 participants, balancing student and industry participation.

WEEA & Water UCI Leadership Roundtable Pilot Series

Staff advanced a collaboration between WEEA and Water UCI, the student-led water research program at the University of California, Irvine, to pilot a two-part Leadership Roundtable series focused on workforce development priorities.

In Part One, Water UCI students worked with WEEA and industry advisors to develop focused questions about workforce development progress since Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID), and then led a facilitated regional discovery session with 120 participants from water agencies, educators, and community-based organizations. This session gathered real-world input that helps students frame their applied research and provides industry participants with an opportunity to share current challenges, successes, and priorities.

Part Two will build on the discovery session through targeted polling and deeper discussion. Results will inform Water UCI's applied research agenda over the next two years and help guide WEEA's workforce focus moving forward.

Next Steps

The efforts highlighted in this report are in addition to staff's ongoing work, which includes professional development, advisory and committee participation, speaking engagements, and developing educational resources.

Staff will return to the Board with a recommendation for the School Program RFP in April 2026, and will continue providing future updates on Education and Workforce Development initiatives.

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. 4

INFORMATION ITEM
February 2, 2026

TO: **Planning & Operations Committee**

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

Staff Contact: Damon Micalizzi, Director of Public Affairs

SUBJECT: **MWDOC WATER POLICY FORUM / 75TH ANNIVERSARY RECAP**

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

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

REPORT

Purpose

The purpose of this item is to provide a review and summary of the Municipal Water District of Orange County (MWDOC) Water Policy Forum and 75th Anniversary celebrations.

Discussion

On January 26, 2026, MWDOC hosted its Water Policy Forum at The Westin South Coast Plaza Hotel in Costa Mesa, welcoming 312 registrants from across the regional water community. The event brought together water professionals and policymakers for an evening of policy dialogue, networking, and regional collaboration.

The forum featured a keynote address from Shivaji Deshmukh, newly appointed General Manager of The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (Metropolitan), who shared his strategic vision for his role and expressed hope for continued discussions and collaboration in the near future as he anticipates major decisions on the horizon. The program also included participation from Metropolitan's former General Manager, Deven Upadhyay, who led the Pledge of Allegiance, and recognition of Director Larry Dick for his long-standing service on Metropolitan's Board of Directors.

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

In addition to policy discussion, the evening also served as an opportunity to recognize and celebrate MWDOC's 75th anniversary. Guests viewed three commemorative videos including a special clip of California Representative Young Kim delivering remarks on the House Floor, congratulating MWDOC on its milestone anniversary and thanking the agency for its lasting impact in Orange County. Additional videos featured congratulatory messages from member agencies and key individuals in the water industry, as well as a reflections-focused video highlighting significant accomplishments and programs MWDOC has developed or enhanced over its 75-year history. The event underscored MWDOC's leadership role and legacy in advancing reliable, sustainable water resources for Orange County.

The Water Policy Forum was built upon the momentum of the District's January Board Meeting on January 21, 2026, where the MWDOC Board kicked off its 75th Anniversary. The meeting hosted representatives from several member agencies, along with representatives from the California State Senate and Assembly, who presented resolutions that formally recognized and honored MWDOC's 75 years of service and leadership in Orange County's water sector.

The Water Policy Forum was widely regarded as a success. Strong attendance, meaningful engagement, and timely program content reflected significant interest in regional water policy and reinforced the value of this forum for the water community. The event also highlighted effective cross-departmental collaboration, with MWDOC staff from multiple divisions working together to ensure the program was well organized, well-staffed, and professionally represented. Staff will continue to gather feedback as planning begins for the next Water Policy Forum, anticipated to be held in the early summer of 2026.

Next Steps

The day following the event, January 27th, an event survey was sent to attendees. Staff will evaluate survey results and collect internal observations to inform program enhancements and planning efforts for future Water Policy Forum events.

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.*
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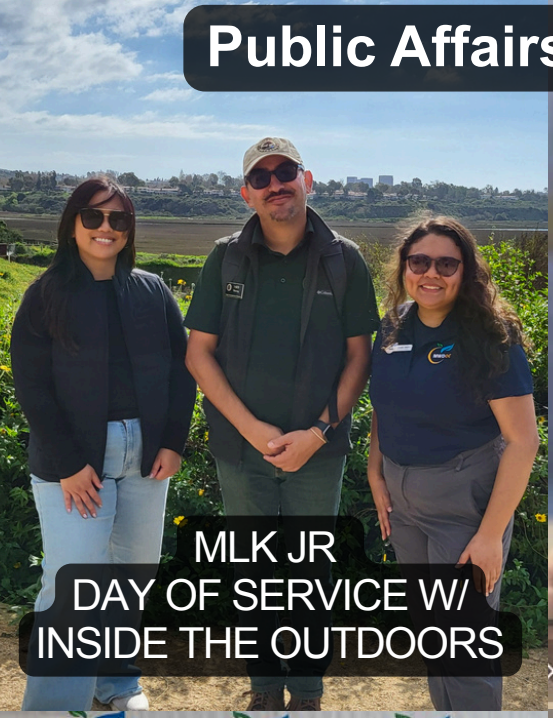
- ☐ *Invest in workforce development and succession planning.*

Attachments/Links:
Link 1: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-rTEmM-4wKc Link 2: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oykUY9Dxe7c Link 3: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KmEKfgfphEc Link 4: https://tinyurl.com/2yvbtuen

Public Affairs Department: Activity Highlights



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DAY OF SERVICE W/
INSIDE THE OUTDOORS



VIDEO: REFLECTIONS:
75 YEARS OF SERVICE
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VIDEO: HAPPY 75TH
ANNIVERSARY MWDOC
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75TH ANNIVERSARY
BOARD MEETING
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WATER POLICY FORUM
& DINNER
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1,500 STUDENTS
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VILLA PARK HIGH
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5% SOCIAL MEDIA
ENGAGEMENT RATE
A Good Rate is 1-5%

ENGINEERING & PLANNING	
Orange County Water Demand Forecast Project and 2025 Urban Water Management Plan	Hazen & Sawyer completed the demand forecasting model for all agencies. The Technical Memorandum documenting methodology, assumptions, and findings was finalized. The Department of Water Resources (DWR) released the Draft 2025 Urban Water Management Plan (UWMP) Guidebook on November 17, 2025. There are no changes to the Water Code, which translates to only minor updates to the UWMP Guidebook. The Final Guidebook is expected to be released in early 2026. The due date for the UWMPs remains July 1, 2026. Metropolitan held a UWMP Coordination Meeting on November 14, 2025 and released their Member Agency Review Draft 2025 UWMP in December. The Draft 2025 UWMPs for MWDOC and 23 Participating Agencies are under development by Carollo Engineers (Carollo). The Draft UWMPs are scheduled to be released for agencies' review in mid to late February. The Final Draft UWMPs are scheduled to be completed in April for Public Review with Board and City Council adoption in May and June 2026.
MWDOC Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Implementation	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 was released on November 21, 2025 and proposals were due January 20, 2026. MWDOC staff are reviewing the proposals and scheduling follow-up interviews with respondents. Staff anticipates providing recommendations for the consultant contract award to the Board in April 2026.
Upcoming Metropolitan Shutdowns	Metropolitan has scheduled two shutdowns in the Spring 2026 timeframe with impacts to Orange County. The schedules remain unchanged from last month, including • Diemer Water Treatment Plant Shutdown (March 2-8, 2026) – Installation of backup chlorine feed lines, diffusers, and additional sampling lines to provide additional redundancy. • Irvine Cross Feeder Shutdown (April 8-10, 2026) – Pre-stressed Concrete Cylinder Pipe (PCCP) inspection.

General Managers Report
WEROC Status Report

January 2026

INCIDENTS/EVENTS

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

Theft (1 Agency)
Cyber Phishing Impact (regionwide)
Mutual Aid Request Equipment (1 Agency)

WEROC MEMBER AGENCY PLANNING, COORDINATION AND PROGRAM EFFORTS

America's Water Infrastructure Act (AWIA) Compliance

In January, Herndon Solutions Group (HSG) conducted Emergency Response Plan (ERP) revision workshops with Tier 2 agencies. The WEROC team participated in all meetings to provide direct technical support and coordination assistance to member agencies. Concurrently, Risk and Resilience Assessments (RRAs) for Tier 3 agencies began, starting with formal data requests. Kickoff meetings for Tier 3 agencies are scheduled to commence in February, alongside the ongoing Tier 2 coordination efforts.

All Level of Effort (LOE) documents, developed based on each Tier 2 agency's gap analysis, were distributed to agencies by the required January deadline. Several agencies are currently evaluating increases to their proposed level of effort. The WEROC Director reviewed all LOEs and has received requests from six agencies seeking assistance in evaluating consultant-recommended scope and resource needs.

All Tier 2 agencies successfully met the December 31, 2025 deadline for Risk and Resilience Assessment (RRA) certification submission to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and provided the required documentation.

Janine continues to provide ongoing project coordination support to the WEROC Director, including participation in the MWDOC AWIA monthly progress meetings with HSG and attendance at multiple agency-specific coordination meetings.

WEROC Annual Report and Strategic Business Plan

The 2025 Annual Report documents a year of high operational tempo, increasing complexity of incidents, and expanded expectations for coordination and preparedness. These outcomes were achieved through sustained engagement, trust, and collaboration among member agencies, funding partners, and regional, state, and federal stakeholders.

The FY 2026–27 Strategic Business Plan builds directly on 2025 accomplishments, lessons learned, and feedback from member agencies and funding partners. Strategic objectives include:

- Continued delivery of training and exercises to strengthen workforce readiness.
- Advancement and operationalization of the Regional Fuel Resiliency Plan.
- Ongoing support for AWIA compliance and integration of risk and resilience findings into agency planning and capital improvement efforts.
- Enhanced regional coordination, situational awareness, and advocacy on behalf of water and wastewater utilities.

The document was provided to the WEROC Funding Agencies, MWDOC Managers were briefed on it, and it will be highlighted again at the WEROC Coordination meeting with the WEROC Point of Contacts on February 9th.

WEROC Budget and Funding Agency Meeting

On January 22, WEROC staff presented to the WEROC funding agencies, including the Municipal Water District of Orange County (MWDOC), Orange County Water District (OCWD), Orange County Sanitation District (OC San), South Orange County Wastewater Authority (SOCWA), and the Cities of Anaheim, Fullerton, and Santa Ana. The presentation included the WEROC Annual Report and Strategic Business Plan, along with the draft FY 2026/27 WEROC Budget. All funding agencies approved the proposed budget, and staff received positive feedback regarding the comprehensive scope of the report and the proposed objectives for the coming year.

WEROC Coordination Meeting

On February 9, WEROC will host its quarterly coordination meeting with member agencies. The meeting will provide updates on key initiatives, regulatory requirements, and upcoming activities. Agenda topics include:

- Update on Current Projects – Status updates on active WEROC initiatives, including planning, coordination, and implementation efforts underway across member agencies.

- Review of the Annual Report and Strategic Plan – Overview of 2025 accomplishments and discussion of strategic goals, priorities, and objectives for the coming year.
- State and Federal Updates – Summary of relevant updates from state and federal partners, including FEMA, legislative actions, and regulatory developments impacting the water and wastewater sector.
- Overview of Government Code § 8607.2 and Health & Safety Code § 116275(f) – Discussion of statutory requirements related to emergency response reporting compliance for water and wastewater agencies.
- Training and Exercise Updates – Review of recent and upcoming training opportunities and exercises designed to strengthen regional preparedness and operational readiness.

WEROC Mobile Command Vehicle/ Peters Canyon Location

On December 16, 2025, WEROC coordinated a site assessment at the Peters Canyon facility to address a reported rodent issue. Corrective actions were identified and are being implemented in coordination with the Metropolitan Water District of Orange County, including sealing access points and completing minor facility repairs.

A short-term mitigation effort is underway, followed by professional cleaning to ensure the issue is fully resolved. Staff will continue to monitor completion of remaining items.

WEROC Presentations, Training, and Exercises

Training Delivered in January:

El Toro Water District (ETWD): Earthquake Tabletop Exercise (TTX) – January 20, 2026 (Exercise Director and Facilitator: Vicki Osborn)
WEROC: SAP Training – January 22, 2026 (Facility location: Buena Park)
Miriam and Thevin supported MWDOC employees with the completion of required online ICS training – January 7, 2026

Scheduled Training and Exercises for Member and Partner Agencies in February:

G 191 ICS/EOC Interface – OC Sans – February 3, 2026 (Vicki)
ICS 100/700 – SCWD – February 4, 2026 (Vicki)
ICS 200/800 – SCWD – February 5, 2026 (Vicki)
ICS 100/700 – City of Orange – February 6, 2026
ICS 200/800 – City of Orange – February 6, (Vicki)

Basic Public Information Officer – February 10-12, 2026 (Facility location MNWD)

(CalOES Delivery and obtained for free)
G 191 ICS/EOC Interface – OC Sans – February 17, 2026 (Vicki)
ICS 100/700 – MNWD – February 18, 2026 (Vicki)
ICS 300 – City of Brea, February 24-26, 2026 (Vicki)

WEROC Regional Fuel Planning Project

WEROC staff has completed two draft iterations of the Regional Fuel Request for Proposals (RFP) in coordination with HSG. The initial draft was reviewed internally by the WEROC team, and consolidated feedback was provided. A revised draft incorporating staff edits was then distributed to five member agencies that volunteered to participate in the review process and will also support the future proposal evaluation.

As part of this effort, HSG requested additional information related to member agency fuel readiness, including identification of primary and secondary fueling locations, Fuel Point of Distribution (FPOD) zones, and confirmation of on-site fuel tank addresses. In response, WEROC developed and distributed a brief survey to all member agencies. Twenty-four agencies responded, identifying their primary and secondary fueling locations; fifteen of those agencies (62.5 percent) reported having established FPOD zones. Staff also confirmed member agency fuel tank locations. All survey results and agency feedback were consolidated and provided to HSG, who confirmed receipt.

In parallel, staff is reviewing national fuel resilience case studies to inform best practices and identify common challenges experienced by other agencies. These discussions have been integrated into ongoing meetings and exercises with member agencies, helping prompt practical conversations around fuel strategy, operational needs, and preparedness. This approach has supported early evaluation of fuel readiness and reinforced the importance of coordinated regional fuel planning.

Operational Area, State and Federal Meetings
(specific details can be provided as requested from the board)

January 4: Orange County Emergency Management Organization
January 13: South Coast Water District Dam TTX Planning Meeting
January 15: Fueling Collaboration Storms and Strategy Webinar
January 16: WARN Chair Meeting
January 20: CalWARN Board Meeting
January 21: SEMS Guidelines Revision Specialist Committee
January 21: WEEA Villa Park High School Presentation

January 22: OCEMO Diemer Tour
January 22: LA County Water Olan Small Water Systems Task Force Meeting
January 22: SEMS Specialist Committee Training, Exercise, and Credentialing
January 23: CESA Legislative Committee
January 23: CESA State Board Meeting
January 26: OC Sans Tour
January 28: CMUA Wildland Fire Preparedness Response and Recovery Working Group
January 29: Southern Region CalOES Mutual Aid Regional Advisory Committee (MARAC)
January 30: National WARN Meeting

Status of Water Use Efficiency Projects
December 2025

Description	Lead Agency	Status % Complete	Scheduled Completion or Renewal Date	Comments
SoCal Water$mart Residential Indoor Rebate Program	MWDSC	Ongoing	Ongoing	In December 2025, 59 high-efficiency clothes washers and 2 residential premium high-efficiency toilets were installed in Orange County. To date, 131,615 high-efficiency clothes washers and 62,018 high-efficiency toilets have been installed through this program.
SoCal Water$mart Commercial Rebate Program	MWDSC	Ongoing	Ongoing	In December 2025, 1 connectionless food steamer was installed in Orange County. To date, 119,831 commercial devices have been installed through this program.
Flow-Monitoring Device Rebate Program	MWDSC	Ongoing	Ongoing	In December 2025, 12 flow-monitoring devices were installed in Orange County. To date, 1,072 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 December 2025, 66 residential and 0 commercial smart timers were installed in Orange County. To date, 36,279 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 December 2025, 145 rotating nozzles were installed in Orange County. To date, 586,657 rotating nozzles have been installed through this program.
Rain Barrel Rebate Program	MWDSC	Ongoing	Ongoing	In December 2025, 11 rain barrels were installed in Orange County. To date, 9,088 rain barrels have been installed through this program.
Turf Replacement Program	MWDOC	Ongoing	Ongoing	In December 2025, 13 rebates totaling $151,773.86 were paid in Orange County. To date, the Turf Replacement Program has removed approximately 30.4 million square feet of turf.
Spray to Drip Rebate Program	MWDOC	Ongoing	Ongoing	In December 2025, 16 rebates totaling $214,229.25 were paid in Orange County. To date, the Spray to Drip Program has converted approximately 6.0 million square feet of standard spray irrigation to drip irrigation.
Tree Rebate Program	MWDOC	Ongoing	Ongoing	In December 2025, 15 eligible trees were planted in Turf Replacement Program project areas. To date, 476 trees have been planted through this program.
Landscape Design Rebate Program	MWDOC	Ongoing	Ongoing	In December 2025, 5 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 1,189 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 11,675 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 33,458 AF cumulatively.

Public & Governmental Affairs Activities Report
December 24, 2025 – January 27, 2026

Member Agency Support	Public Affairs Staff: • Filmed and premiered the Happy 75th Anniversary MWDOC video featuring our member agencies Government Affairs Staff: • Circulated the Grants Tracking and Acquisition Report to all participating member agencies • Provided an update on upcoming events to the MWDOC Member Agency Managers • Circulated a funding alert to member agencies for the 2024 State & Local Cybersecurity Grant Program for Local & Tribal Governments
Community and Special Events	Public Affairs Staff: • Prepared and hosted the Water Policy Forum & Dinner, featuring Shivaji Deshmukh, the General Manager of The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (Metropolitan) on January 26, 2026. • Celebrated MWDOC's 75th Anniversary at the January 21 Board Meeting. Coordinated the presentation of many resolutions from our member agencies and legislative offices. • Translated the Poster Contest flyer to Arabic and distributed it to the appropriate groups • Hosted a planning meeting for the 2026 OC Water Summit with MWDOC and Orange County Water District. • Supported a speaking engagement opportunity for the Tiburon South HOA in Fountain Valley on January 15, 2026. • Provided and staffed a community outreach booth for students and community partners at the Inside the Outdoors MLK Day of Service Volunteer Day at the Peter and Mary Muth Interpretive Center in Newport Beach on January 24, 2026. • Supported Water Use Efficiency staff by attending the Orange County chapter meeting of the California Landscape Contractors Association and providing landscape resources to attendees Government Affairs Staff: • Participated in the OCBC Government Affairs Committee meeting with guest speaker Supervisor Don Wagner • Worked with the Colorado River Salinity Control Board staff to secure meeting space and speakers for their working group meetings in Orange County on February 17-19
Education Initiatives	**General Education** Public Affairs Staff: • Met with Ten Strands to discuss environmental literacy professional learning for educators and resources to support workforce/CTE-aligned education programs

	• Attended the Department of Water Resources Water Education Committee Meeting • Participated in the Ten Strands/California Environmental Literacy Initiative Community-Based Partners Community of Practice meeting on building relationships with school districts • Coordinated with Metropolitan to co-host a Project WET (Water Education Today) Facilitator Training for Orange County water educators on April 9 • Met with Orange County Department of Education's Inside the Outdoors and CalPacific Marketing Group to discuss the potential for a School Garden Champions Program • Met with Mesa Water District to tour their Education Center and discuss opportunities for educational partnership **MWDOC K-12 Choice School Programs** Public Affairs Staff: • Provided information related to the MWDOC K-12 school program offerings to East Orange County Water District, Irvine Ranch Water District, City of Anaheim, City of Garden Grove, City of Westminster, City of Tustin, Mesa Water District, City of Orange, City of Fullerton, and City of Santa Ana • Observed a middle school session at Cook Elementary School in the City of Garden Grove • Posted an RFP for the Design and Implementation of the MWDOC K-12 Water Education Programs **Water Energy Education Alliance (WEEA)** Public Affairs Staff: • Helped secure and coordinate industry speakers and participated in a two-day pilot at Villa Park High School, introducing nearly 1,500 students to water career pathways, in collaboration with Orange Unified School District and Water Energy Education Alliance (WEEA). Presenters were featured from MWDOC, Metropolitan, Golden State Water Company, Orange County Water District, and Orange County Sanitation District o WEEA/MWDOC staff attended multiple advisory meetings in support of the Villa Park High School's Career Technical Education (CTE) pilot program launching next school year • Hosted and facilitated a WEEA Leadership Roundtable Pre-Meeting with sponsors and students from the Water University of California, Irvine (UCI) research team o Met with the Water UCI student research team multiple times to discuss the questions and strategies to be implemented at the WEEA Leadership Roundtable #22 Part One

	• Met with Mesa Water and CalDesal to provide a brief WEEA 101 and discuss CalDesal's support of student research and projects statewide • Met with the California Department of Water Resources and Water Works Here to discuss the statewide and Orange County plan for West Coast documentary screenings of Unless Something Goes Terribly Wrong • Attended the AI for Water Management Inaugural Program Launch at Moulton Niguel Water District • WEEA generated 1,946 LinkedIn impressions during this time period
Digital Communications, Publications, and Media Engagement	Public Affairs Staff: • Developed and distributed social media content across all MWDOC social media channels • Prepared and sent a news release: ○ MWDOC Celebrates 75 Years of Service, Reliability, and Regional Partnership
Special Projects	Public Affairs Staff: • Filmed and premiered the MWDOC Reflections video with Hashtag Pinpoint • Aired the video of Rep. Young Kim highlighting MWDOC's 75th anniversary on the floor. • Prepared and sent the final invitation for the Water Policy Forum & Dinner • Presented MWDOC staff and directors with promotional items to celebrate MWDOC's 75th Anniversary. Governmental Affairs Staff: • Reviewed and edited the ISDOC Executive Committee minutes for December, and circulated them along with the January Executive Committee agenda • Drafted a memo and ballot for the ISDOC Bylaws Update election • Staffed the ISDOC Executive Committee meeting • Coordinated with OC LAFCO Executive Director to speak at the ISDOC Quarterly Luncheon on 1/29 • Circulated the ISDOC Bylaws Update ballots to all regular ISDOC members and fielded questions • Met with Joey Soto to discuss and review outlines for an upcoming grant writing workshop, scheduled in May • Staffed the February WACO meeting featuring speaker Rob Thompson from OC SAN • Circulated an interest form for all regular ISDOC members interested in being appointed to the OA Board • Drafted and distributed the WACO Planning Committee agenda • Staffed the WACO Planning Committee meeting • Met with Director Saundra Jacobs to discuss ISDOC issues

	• Met with OCWD staff to coordinate WACO issues
Outreach Metrics	Public Affairs Staff: • Google Performance Analytics (GM Report Timeframe) o 218 business profile interactions o 1,783 people viewed the business profile • Website Analytics (GM Report Timeframe) o 11,419 pageviews o Top pages for this date range ▪ Home Page – 3,979 ▪ RFPs/RFQs – 3,161 ▪ Water Policy Forum & Dinner – 942 ▪ Board Meetings – 861 ▪ Residential Rebates – 542 ▪ Poster Awareness Contest – 484 o ocwatersmartparks.com: 15 site sessions • ocwatersmartgardens.com Analytics (December 2025) 127,613 Sessions, 126,000 New Users o Top pages for this date range ▪ Plant Botanical Name ▪ Eligible Sustainability Feature Trees ▪ Helpful Plant List • 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% o 2,138 post reach (number of people) ▪ 106 Post engagement (actions taken – likes, shares, etc.)
Legislative Affairs	Governmental Affairs Staff: • Met with MWDOC's new Sacramento advocates and outlined meetings for the next 2-3 months • Attended a webinar put on by Politico entitled "Shutdown and Appropriations Update" • Attended the CCEEB WCW Project meeting • Met with Paul Jones to discuss proposed legislation that could potentially affect MWDOC and/or its member agencies • Participated in the ACWA Region 10 State Legislative Committee planning meeting • Attended the CMUA Regulatory Committee meeting • Participated in the CMUA Legislative Committee meeting • Met with the County of Orange's legislative manager to discuss priority issues and legislation for 2026 • Attended the CSDA Legislative Committee meeting • Attended the CMUA Capitol Day in Sacramento