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The Water Commission is an advisory body to the City Council that meets on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. All meetings are open to the public.

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**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25, 2026
REGULAR MEETING
6:30 P.M.
WEST ANNEX COMMISSION MEETING ROOM
AT 3031 TORRANCE BOULEVARD
TORRANCE, CA 90503**

**WATER COMMISSION MAY TAKE ACTION ON ANY ITEM
LISTED ON THE AGENDA**

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

ROLL CALL: Commission Members: Deemer, Lefevre, Masnek, Mazinani, Stecker, Thomas and Chair Siani

2. FLAG SALUTE

3. REPORT OF THE PUBLIC WORKS STAFF ON THE POSTING OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was posted on the Public Notice Board at 3031 Torrance Blvd. and on the City's Website on Thursday, March 19, 2026

4. ANNOUNCEMENT OF WITHDRAWN, DEFERRED, AND/OR SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

5. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS (Limited to a 30-minute period)

This portion of the meeting is reserved for public comment on items on the agenda or on topics of interest to the general public. Under the Ralph M. Brown Act, Commissioners cannot act on items raised during public comment but may respond briefly to statements made or questions posed; request clarification; or refer the item to staff. Speakers under this Public Comment period will have no longer than 2 minutes per speaker.

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

Matters listed under the Consent Calendar are considered routine and will be enacted by one motion and one vote. There will be no separate discussion of these items. If discussion is desired, that item will be removed by a Commissioner from the Consent Calendar and considered separately.

6A. Approval of Minutes

Regular Meeting of January 28, 2026.

7. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

Matters listed under Administrative Matters are considered separately. Comments by members of the public on each item are limited to a maximum of 2 minutes per item. Speakers must stay on topic and confine their comments to the item under consideration.

7A. Accept and File Presentation by Water Replenishment District (WRD) on Status of Goldsworthy Desalter Expansion and Other Major Priorities.

Recommendation of the Water Operations Manager that the Water Commission accept and file this presentation and report.

7B. Accept and File Presentation and Report regarding Water Supply Conditions.

Recommendation of the Water Operations Manager that the Water Commission accept and file this presentation and report.

7C. Accept and File the Monthly Operations Report for February 2026.

Recommendation of the Water Operations Manager that the Water Commission accept and file this report.

8. METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT MATTERS

8A. Accept and File the Metropolitan Water District Director's Report.

Recommendation of the Water Operations Manager that the Water Commission accept and file this report.

9. COMMISSION AND STAFF ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

10. ADJOURNMENT

10A. Adjournment date for the next Water Commission Meeting to Wednesday, April 22, 2026, at 6:30 pm in the West Annex of City Hall located at 3031 Torrance Blvd.

January 28, 2026

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE
TORRANCE WATER COMMISSION**

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The Torrance Water Commission convened in a regular session at 6:30 PM on Thursday, January 28, 2026 in the West Annex Commission Meeting Room 3031 Torrance Boulevard.

ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners Deemer, Lefevre, Masnek, Mazinani, Stecker, Thomas and Chair Siani

Absent: None

Also Present: Water Operations Manager Andrew Darlak, Policy and Resources Specialist Chuck Schaich, and Metropolitan Water District Director Raymond Jay

2. FLAG SALUTE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Lefevre

3. REPORT OF STAFF ON THE POSTING OF THE AGENDA

Policy and Resources Specialist Schaich reported that the agenda was posted on the Public Notice Board at 3031 Torrance Boulevard on Thursday, January 22, 2026.

4. ANNOUNCEMENT OF WITHDRAWN, DEFERRED, AND/OR SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

Commission received an updated hard copy of the agenda that included the minutes and item #8. Note: item #7C states 7B on the attachments and June 2025 in the agenda title, it should read December 2025 (minutes reflect corrected title).

5. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None.

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

6A. Approve Commission Minutes: September 24, 2025.

MOTION: Commissioner Thomas moved to approve September 24, 2025 minutes. Commissioner Stecker seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected 7-0 approval.

7. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

7A. ACCEPT AND FILE PRESENTATION AND REPORT REGARDING WATER SUPPLY CONDITIONS

Policy and Resources Specialist Schaich introduced and presented the item. Commissioners and staff discussed the item; Policy and Resources Specialist Schaich and Metropolitan Water District Director Jay answered questions.

MOTION: Commissioner Masnek moved to receive and file report regarding Water Supply Conditions. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected 7-0 approval.

7B. ACCEPT AND FILE REPORT ON WATER COMMISSION ANNUAL REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-25

Policy and Resources Specialist Schaich introduced and presented the item.

MOTION: Commissioner Stecker moved to accept, receive and file Water Commission Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2024-25. Commissioner Deemer seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected 7-0 approval.

7C. ACCEPT AND FILE THE MONTHLY OPERATIONS REPORT FOR DECEMBER 2025

Water Operations Manager Darlak introduced and presented the item.

Commissioners and staff discussed the item; Water Operations Manager Darlak answered questions.

MOTION: Commissioner Thomas moved to receive and file the Monthly Operations Report for December 2025. Commissioner Stecker seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected 7-0 approval.

8. METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT MATTERS

8A. ACCEPT AND FILE THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Metropolitan Water District Director Jay introduced and presented the item. Commission discussed the item; Metropolitan Water District Director Jay answered commission's questions.

MOTION: Commissioner Masnek moved to receive and file the Metropolitan Water District Director's report. Commissioner Deemer seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected 7-0 approval.

9. COMMISSIONS AND STAFF ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Commissioners and staff provided final comments.

Commissioners who attended the Colorado/Hoover Dam trip thanked all involved for the educational and informative trip.

10. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: At 7:56 PM Chair Siani moved to adjourn the meeting to February 25, 2026 at 6:30 PM in the West Annex Commission Meeting Room. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected 7-0 approval.

TO: WATER COMMISSION
FROM: ANDREW DARLAK, WATER OPERATIONS MANAGER
SUBJECT: ACCEPT AND FILE PRESENTATION BY WATER REPLENISHMENT DISTRICT (WRD) ON STATUS OF GOLDSWORTHY DESALTER EXPANSION AND OTHER MAJOR PRIORITIES

The Robert W. Goldsworthy Desalter Expansion Project in Torrance has transitioned from the planning and procurement stage to the early construction phase. This is the third enlargement of the facility originally constructed in 2002 with an effective capacity of approximately 2,000 acre-feet (AF) per year that was later expanded to approximately 4,000 AF in 2018. Construction work for the expansion was started in November 2025 with the initial work on the installation of a transmission main in Del Amo Boulevard and Madrona Avenue that will connect a series of brackish groundwater wells to be situated in the vicinity of the Mariner Court area to the Goldsworthy Desalter facility located in the City Yard. Once the transmission main is completed in the summer, on-site work will begin.

The Goldsworthy Expansion Project is part of the Water Replenishment District's overall brackish Groundwater Remediation Program to desalinate a major brackish groundwater plume in the West Coast Basin and convert it into a potable water source, thereby reducing dependence on imported water supplies. The expanded Desalter is projected produce approximately 7,500 to 8,000 AF of high quality potable water, which is double its current yield. At its projected ultimate capacity, the expanded Desalter will provide approximately 40% of Torrance Municipal Water's (TMW) annual potable water demand.

Key elements of the project include:

- Expansion of the Desalter building and water treatment facilities
- Construction of at least four new brackish groundwater extraction wells
- Installation of feedwater and product pipelines
- Additional reverse osmosis (RO) treatment trains and pretreatment facilities
- Remediation of a 14 square mile brackish plume in the local West Coast Basin to gradually restore it to fresh groundwater basin

The project is a progressive design-build contract that was awarded by WRD to the McCarthy-Jacobs joint venture partnership, which is responsible for detailed design and construction execution. Full scale construction is expected to commence later in 2026, with completion projected in late 2028. WRD representative(s) will provide a presentation at the meeting.



Andrew Darlak
Water Operations Manager

Roll Call: _____ Deemer _____ Lefevre _____ Masnek _____ Mazinani
_____ Stecker _____ Thomas _____ Chairperson Siani

TO: WATER COMMISSION
FROM: ANDREW DARLAK, WATER OPERATIONS MANAGER
SUBJECT: ACCEPT AND FILE PRESENTATION AND REPORT REGARDING WATER SUPPLY CONDITIONS

Since the occurrence of a series of major storms in mid-November through December 2025, there has been very little precipitation in Southern California or in northern California watershed areas. As of mid-March, Northern snowpack is only at 40% of normal in Sierra range, even though total precipitation is over 100% of normal due primarily to the extremely wet weather events late last year. The Upper Colorado River Basin snowpack is at about 60% of average with total precipitation at about 85%. Currently Lake Mead and Lake Powell remain at precariously low levels of 34% and 24% respectively.

February and March are generally the final wet months of the year, and it does not appear that current hydrologic conditions will significantly change unless there are some late storms. The current State Water Project (SWP) allocation remains unaltered at 30% and is unlikely to change in the absence of any significant snowfall in the next couple of weeks. The current SWP allocation represents the "breakeven point" for the Metropolitan Water District (MWD), which means that MWD will neither add to nor draw down from its record high of 3.9 million AF of water in storage.

Reservoirs throughout the state remain at very high levels with Lake Orville at 87% of capacity, the San Luis Reservoir SWP storage at 99% of capacity and the Diamond Valley Reservoir in Southern California at 96% full. While long-term hydrologic uncertainty persists, particularly on the Colorado River system, MWD has sufficient water in storage and through numerous water transfer, exchange and storage agreements to meet all regional water demands without activating mandatory reduction measures for the next several years. However, in the long term MWD and other water agencies throughout the southwest remain vulnerable to significant hydrologic variability and long-term climate impacts.

Staff will provide a brief overview presentation on this matter

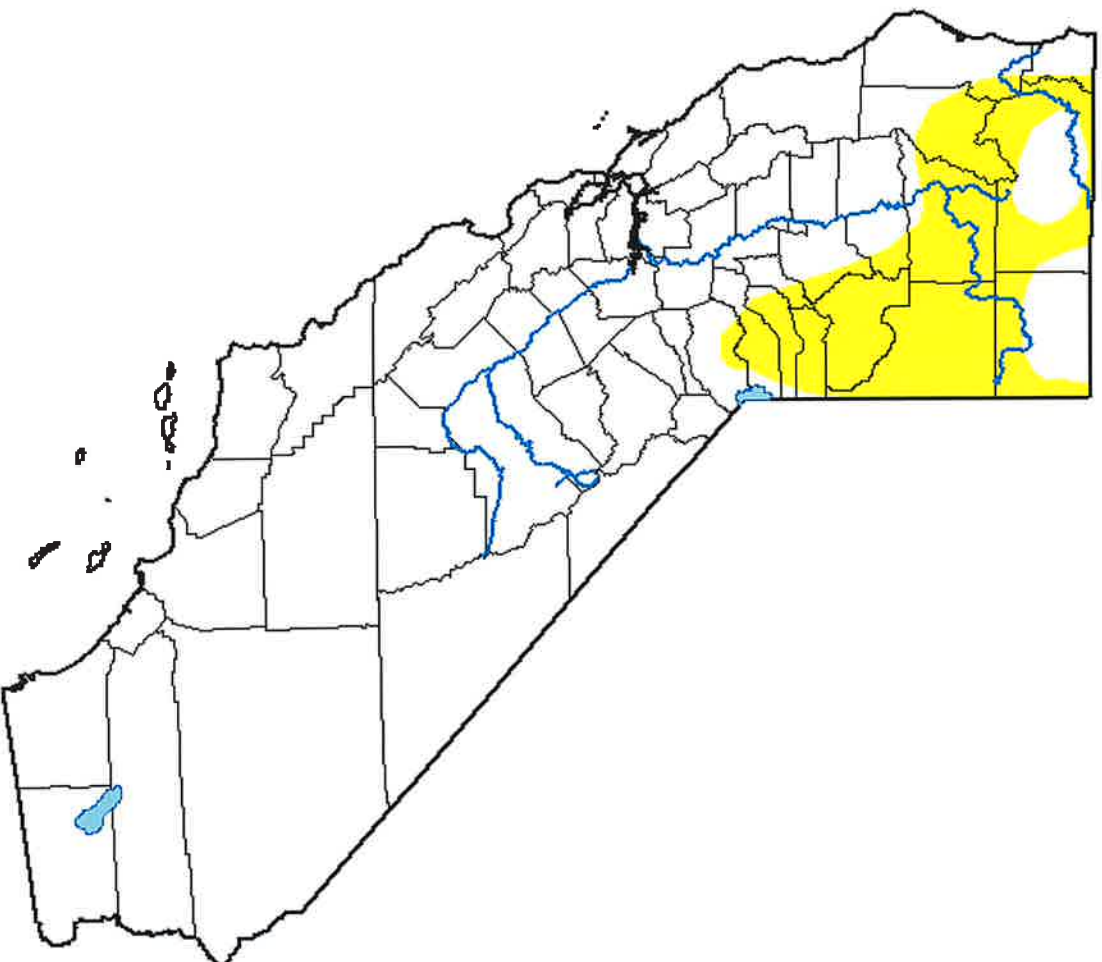



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Water Operations Manager

Roll Call: _____ Deemer _____ Lefevre _____ Masnek _____ Mazinani
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U.S. Drought Monitor California

March 10, 2026
(Released Thursday, Mar. 12, 2026)
Valid 8 a.m. EDT



- Intensity:**
-  None
 -  D0 Abnormally Dry
 -  D1 Moderate Drought
 -  D2 Severe Drought
 -  D3 Extreme Drought
 -  D4 Exceptional Drought

The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. For more information on the Drought Monitor, go to <https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/About.aspx>

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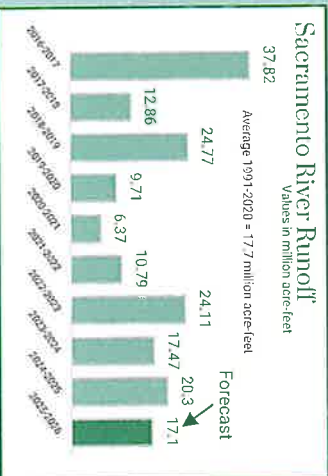
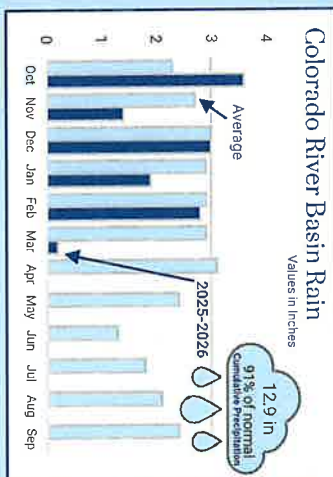
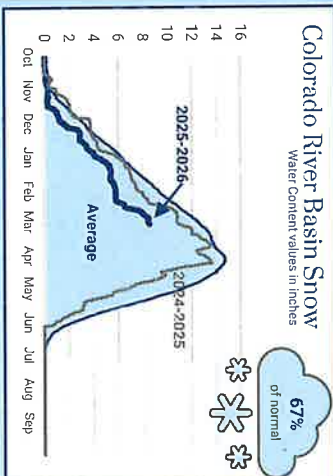
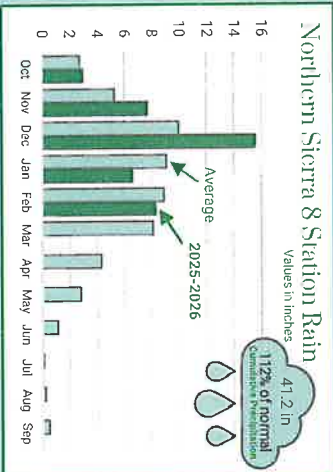
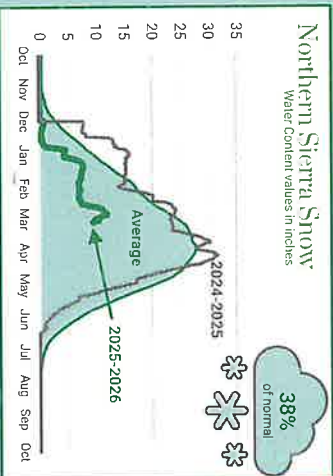
The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California Water Supply Conditions Report

Questions? Reach out via the form: <https://forms.office.com/e/Cq3PaR-Andm>

Water Year 2025-2026

As of: 03/04/2026

State Water Project



2026 State Water Project Allocation

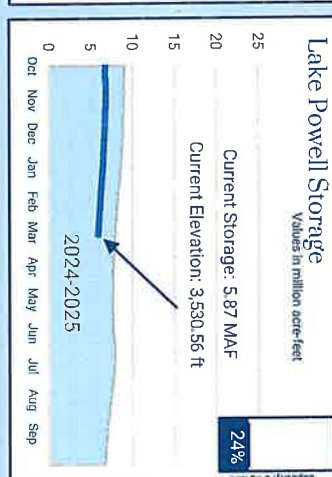
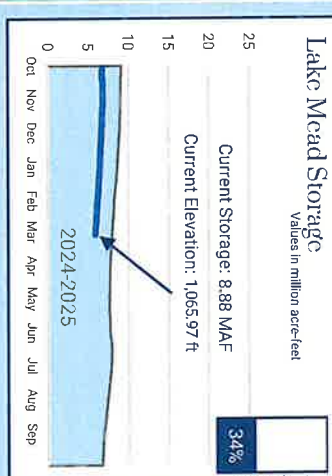
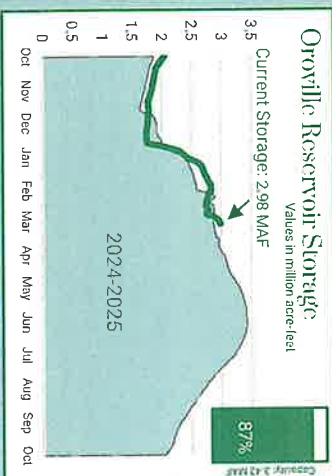
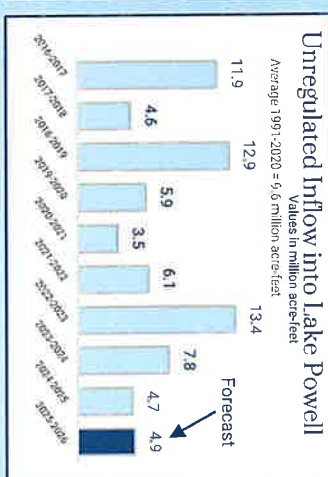
Current Table A allocation set on January 29, 2026

30%

Lake Mead Change of Operating Condition

*Years beyond 2026 assume continuation of current operating guidelines

| | 2026 | 2027* | 2028* | 2029* |
|--|------|-------|-------|-------|
| Surplus (above 1,145 ft) | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% |
| Normal Year (between 1,075 and 1,145 ft) | 0% | 7% | 3% | 10% |
| 1st Level (between 1,050 and 1,075 ft) | 100% | 50% | 30% | 20% |
| 2nd Level (between 1,025 and 1,050 ft) | 0% | 40% | 53% | 43% |
| 3rd Level (below 1,025 ft) | 0% | 3% | 13% | 27% |



TO: WATER COMMISSION
FROM: ANDY DARLAK, WATER OPERATIONS MANAGER
SUBJECT: ACCEPT AND FILE MONTHLY WATER OPERATIONS REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 2026

It is the recommendation of the Water Operations Manager that the Water Commission accept and file this report.

Monthly Water Department highlights for the month of February 2026 are:

1. Total potable water produced is 4.6% lower than in February 2025. On a year-to-date basis, total potable water is 8.1% lower than last year and total water produced from all sources, including recycled water is 5.1% lower than in 2025. The decrease in potable water production is primarily due to a significant reduction in potable water sales to the Torrance Refining Company compared to the same period last year.

| Month: February | | | | Year to Date: 2025 vs 2026 | | | |
|--------------------------------|---------------|---------------|--------|--------------------------------|----------|----------|--------|
| Water Source | February 2025 | February 2026 | Change | Water Source | 2025 YTD | 2026 YTD | Change |
| Potable Groundwater | | | | Potable Groundwater | | | |
| Wells* | 475.6 | 41.7 | -91.2% | Wells | 897.1 | 203.3 | -77.3% |
| WRD Desalter* | 0.0 | 208.7 | - | WRD Desalter | 0.0 | 371.2 | - |
| Subtotal | 475.6 | 250.4 | -47.3% | Subtotal | 897.1 | 574.5 | -36.0% |
| Imported Potable | | | | Imported Potable | | | |
| MWD | 905.6 | 1,067.8 | 17.9% | MWD | 2,041.0 | 2,125.2 | 4.1% |
| Imported Recycled | | | | Imported Recycled | | | |
| WBMWD | 325.3 | 357.1 | 9.8% | WBMWD | 727.4 | 779.0 | 7.1% |
| Total Produced/Imported | | | | Total Produced/Imported | | | |
| All Potable Sources | 1,381.2 | 1,318.2 | -4.6% | All Potable Sources | 2,938.1 | 2,699.7 | -8.1% |
| All Sources + Recycled | 1,706.5 | 1,675.3 | -1.8% | All Sources + Recycled | 3,665.5 | 3,478.7 | -5.1% |

*data estimate based on production reads

2. There were 4 water main breaks reported in February 2026, Same as February 2025. Year-to-date, there have been 8 main breaks in 2026, compared to 16 during the same period in 2025.
3. The Goldsworthy Desalter is back in service with both Delthorne Park and City Yard wells producing water.
4. The North Torrance Well Field was offline for approximately 3 weeks. The repairs for Well 10 are scheduled to be completed by the end of March, and Well 9 is scheduled to be back online after resting due to a change in water quality.



 Andy Darlak
 Water Operations Manager

Roll Call: _____ Deemer _____ Lefevre _____ Masnek _____ Mazinani
 _____ Stecker _____ Thomas _____ Chairperson Siani