

Addendum to the 2015 Urban Water Management Plan

MOULTON NIGUEL WATER DISTRICT

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Appendix 9 Reduced Delta Reliance Reporting

Section 9.1 Background

The Delta Plan is a comprehensive, long-term resource management plan for Sacramento-San Joaquin Bay Delta that was developed as part of the Delta Reform Act of 2009 (Water Code Section 85000 et seq) and includes both regulatory policies and recommendations, aimed at promoting a healthy Delta ecosystem. Under the Delta Reform Act of 2009, state and local public agencies proposing a covered action (e.g., a project) in the Delta, prior to initiating the implementation of that action, must prepare a written certification of consistency with detailed findings as to whether the covered action is consistent with applicable Delta Plan policies and submit that certification to the Delta Stewardship Council. Because Moulton Niguel Water District (MNWD or District) is a member of Municipal Water District of Orange County (MWDOC) and recipient of Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (Metropolitan or MWD) supplies, the District may receive water under a future “covered action” through MWD’s participation in the proposed Delta Conveyance Project.

An urban water supplier that anticipates participating in or receiving water from a proposed covered action, such as the Delta Conveyance Project, should provide information in their 2015 and 2020 Urban Water Management Plans (UWMPs) that can then be used in the covered action process to demonstrate consistency with Delta Plan Policy WR P1, Reduce Reliance on the Delta Through Improved Regional Water Self-Reliance (WR P1). Delta Plan Policy WR P1 (California Code of Regulations, Title 23, Section 5003) is one of fourteen regulatory policies in the Delta Plan. WR P1 identifies UWMPs as the tool to demonstrate consistency with state policy to reduce reliance on the Delta for any supplier that is participating in or carrying out a proposed covered action or receiving Delta water from a proposed covered action. Within the supplier’s UWMP, information should be provided that can be used to demonstrate consistency with this policy.

WR P1 details what is needed for a covered action to demonstrate consistency with reduced reliance on the Delta and improved regional self-reliance. WR P1 subsection (a) states that:

- (a) Water shall not be exported from, transferred through, or used in the Delta if all of the following apply:*
- (1) One or more water suppliers that would receive water as a result of the export, transfer, or use have failed to adequately contribute to reduced reliance on the Delta and improved regional self-reliance consistent with all of the requirements listed in paragraph (1) of subsection (c);*
 - (2) That failure has significantly caused the need for the export, transfer, or use; and*
 - (3) The export, transfer, or use would have a significant adverse environmental impact in the Delta.*

WR P1 subsection (c)(1) further defines what adequately contributing to reduced reliance on the Delta means in terms of (a)(1) above.

(c)(1) Water suppliers that have done all the following are contributing to reduced reliance on the Delta and improved regional self-reliance and are therefore consistent with this policy:

- (A) Completed a current Urban or Agricultural Water Management Plan (Plan) which has been reviewed by the California Department of Water Resources for compliance with the applicable requirements of Water Code Division 6, Parts 2.55, 2.6, and 2.8;*
- (B) Identified, evaluated, and commenced implementation, consistent with the implementation schedule set forth in the Plan, of all programs and projects included in the Plan that are locally cost effective and technically feasible which reduce reliance on the Delta; and*
- (C) Included in the Plan, commencing in 2015, the expected outcome for measurable reduction in Delta reliance and improvement in regional self-reliance. The expected outcome for measurable reduction in Delta reliance and improvement in regional self-reliance shall be reported in the Plan as the reduction in the amount of water used, or in the percentage of water used, from the Delta watershed. For the purposes of reporting, water efficiency is considered a new source of water supply, consistent with Water Code Section 1011(a).*

The analysis and documentation provided below include the elements described in WR P1(c)(1) that need to be included in the District's UWMP to support a certification of consistency for a future covered action.

Section 9.2 Summary of Expected Outcomes for Reduced Reliance on the Delta

As stated in WR P1 (c)(1)(C), the policy requires that, commencing in 2015, UWMPs include expected outcomes for measurable reduction in Delta reliance and improved regional self-reliance. WR P1 further states that those outcomes shall be reported in the UWMP as the reduction in the amount of water used, or in the percentage of water used, from the Delta.

The expected outcomes for the District's regional self-reliance were developed using the approach and guidance described in Appendix C of DWR's Urban Water Management Plan Guidebook 2020 – Final Draft (Guidebook Appendix C) issued in March 2021. The data used in this analysis represent the total regional efforts of MWD, MWDOC, and its member agencies, including the District, and were developed in conjunction with MWD as part of the UWMP coordination process.

The following provides a summary of the near-term (2025) and long-term (2045) expected outcomes for the District's Delta reliance and regional self-reliance. The results show that as a region, MWDOC, MWD, and its member agencies, including the District, are measurably reducing reliance on the Delta and improving regional self-reliance, both as an amount of water used and as a percentage of water used.

Section 9.2.1 Expected Outcomes for Regional Self-Reliance for the District

- Near-term (2025) – Normal water year regional self-reliance is expected to increase by 6,967 AF from the 2010 baseline; this represents an increase of about 17.7 percent of 2025 normal water year retail demands (Table 2).
- Long-term (2045) – Normal water year regional self-reliance is expected to increase by nearly 7,700 AF from the 2010 baseline, this represents an increase of about 19.4 percent of 2045 normal water year retail demands (Table 2).

Section 9.3 Demonstration of Reduced Reliance on the Delta

The methodology used to determine the District’s reduced Delta reliance and improved regional self-reliance is consistent with the approach detailed in DWR’s UWMP Guidebook Appendix C, including the use of narrative justifications for the accounting of supplies and the documentation of specific data sources. Some of the key assumptions underlying the District’s demonstration of reduced reliance include:

- All data were obtained from the current 2020 UWMP or previously adopted UWMPs and represent average or normal water year conditions.
- All analyses were conducted at the service area level, and all data reflect the total contributions of the District and MWDOC, in conjunction with information provided by MWD.
- No projects or programs that are described in the UWMPs as “Projects Under Development” were included in the accounting of supplies.

Section 9.3.1 Baseline and Expected Outcomes

In order to calculate the expected outcomes for measurable reduction in Delta reliance and improved regional self-reliance, a baseline is needed to compare against. This analysis uses a normal water year representation of 2010 as the baseline, which is consistent with the approach described in the Guidebook Appendix C. Data for the 2010 baseline were taken from the District’s 2005 UWMP as the UWMPs generally do not provide normal water year data for the year that they are adopted (i.e., 2005 UWMP forecasts begin in 2010, 2010 UWMP forecasts begin in 2015, and so on).

Consistent with the 2010 baseline data approach, the expected outcomes for reduced Delta reliance and improved regional self-reliance for 2015 and 2020 were taken from the District’s 2010 and 2015 UWMPs respectively. Expected outcomes for 2025-2045 are from the current 2020 UWMP. Documentation of the specific data sources and assumptions are included in the discussions below.

Section 9.3.2 Service Area Demands without Water Use Efficiency

In alignment with the Guidebook Appendix C, this analysis uses normal water year demands, rather than normal water year supplies to calculate expected outcomes in terms of the percentage of water used. Using normal water year demands serves as a proxy for the amount of supplies that would be used in a normal water year, which helps alleviate issues associated with how supply capability is presented to fulfill requirements of the UWMP Act versus how supplies might be accounted for to demonstrate consistency with WR P1.

Because WR P1 considers water use efficiency savings a source of water supply, water suppliers such as the District need to explicitly calculate, and report water use efficiency savings separate from service area demands to properly reflect normal water year demands in the calculation of reduced reliance. As explained in the Guidebook Appendix C, water use efficiency savings must be added back to the normal year demands to represent demands without water use efficiency savings accounted for; otherwise, the effect of water use efficiency savings on regional self-reliance would be overestimated. **Table 1** shows the results of this adjustment for the District. Supporting narratives and documentation for the data shown in Table 1 are provided below.

Section 9.3.2.1 Service Area Demands with Water Use Efficiency

The service area demands shown in Table 1 represent the total retail water demands for the District's service area and include residential, commercial, potable irrigation, and recycled demands. These demand types and the modeling methodologies used to calculate them are described in Chapter 4 of the District's UWMP.

Section 9.3.2.2 Non-Potable Water Demands

The non-potable water demands shown in Table 1 represent demands for recycled water. Additionally, non-potable supplies have a demand hardening effect due to the inability to shift non-potable supplies to meet potable water demands. When water use efficiency or conservation measures are implemented, they fall solely on the potable water users. This is consistent with the approach for water conservation reporting used by the State Water Resources Control Board.

Section 9.3.2.3 Total Service Area Population

The District's total service area population as shown in Table 1 come from the Center for Demographic Research, as described in Chapter 3 of the District's UWMP.

Section 9.3.2.4 Water Use Efficiency Since Baseline

The water use efficiency numbers shown in Table 1 represent the formulation the District utilized, consistent with Appendix C of the UWMP Guidebook approach.

Service area demands, excluding non-potable demands, are divided by the service area population to get per capita water use in the service area in gallons per capita per day (GPCD) for each five-year period. The change in per capita water use from the baseline is the comparative GPCD from that five-year period compared to the 2010 baseline. Changes in per capita water use over time are then applied back to the District's service area population to calculate the estimated WUE Supply. This estimated WUE Supply is considered an additional supply that may be used to show reduced reliance on Delta water supplies.

Table 1: Calculation of WUE and Calculation of Service Area Water Demands Without WUE

Service Area Water Use Efficiency Demands (Acre Feet)	Baseline (2010)	2015	2020	2025	2030	2035	2040	2045 (Optional)
Service Area Water Demands with Water Use Efficiency Accounted For	44,914	40,600	35,444	32,093	31,782	31,612	31,473	31,280
Non-Potable Water Demands	9,800	8,500	7,639	6,398	6,346	6,326	6,312	6,288
Potable Service Area Demands with Water Use Efficiency Accounted For	35,114	32,100	27,805	25,695	25,436	25,286	25,161	24,992

Total Service Area Population	Baseline (2010)	2015	2020	2025	2030	2035	2040	2045 (Optional)
Service Area Population	167,600	174,342	172,876	172,134	174,202	174,241	174,169	172,802

Water Use Efficiency Since Baseline (Acre Feet)	Baseline (2010)	2015	2020	2025	2030	2035	2040	2045 (Optional)
Per Capita Water Use (GPCD)	187	164	144	133	130	130	129	129
Change in Per Capita Water Use from Baseline (GPCD)		(23)	(43)	(54)	(57)	(57)	(58)	(58)
Estimated Water Use Efficiency Since Baseline		4,427	8,414	10,369	11,061	11,219	11,329	11,212

Total Service Area Water Demands (Acre Feet)	Baseline (2010)	2015	2020	2025	2030	2035	2040	2045 (Optional)
Service Area Water Demands with Water Use Efficiency Accounted For	44,914	40,600	35,444	32,093	31,782	31,612	31,473	31,280
Reported Water Use Efficiency or Estimated Water Use Efficiency Since Baseline		4,427	8,414	10,369	11,061	11,219	11,329	11,212
Service Area Water Demands without Water Use Efficiency Accounted For	44,914	45,027	43,858	42,462	42,843	42,831	42,802	42,492

The demand and water use efficiency data shown in Table 1 were collected from the following sources:

- Baseline 2010 values – District’s 2005 UWMP, Tables 2 and 8
- 2015 values – District’s 2010 UWMP, Tables 2-2 and 2-9
- 2020 values – District’s 2015 UWMP, Table 2-2 and DWR Tables 4-2 and 6-4, Errata
- 2025-2045 values – District’s 2020 UWMP, DWR Table 6-9

It should be noted the results of this calculation differs from what the District calculated under Chapter 5 pertaining to the Water Conservation Act of 2009 (SB X7-7) due to differing formulas.

Section 9.4 Supplies Contributing to Regional Self-Reliance

For a covered action to demonstrate consistency with the Delta Plan, WR P1 subsection (c)(1)(C) states that water suppliers must report the expected outcomes for measurable improvement in regional self-reliance. **Table 2** shows expected outcomes for supplies contributing to regional self-reliance both in amount and as a percentage. The numbers shown in **Table 2** represent efforts to improve regional self-reliance for the District’s entire service area. Supporting narratives and documentation for the data shown in Table 2 are provided below.

The results shown in Table 2 demonstrate the District’s service area is measurably improving its regional self-reliance. In the near-term (2025), the expected outcome for normal water year regional self-reliance increases by 6,967 AF from the 2010 baseline; this represents an increase of about 17.7 percent of 2025 normal water year retail demands. In the long-term (2045), normal water year regional self-reliance is expected to increase by more than 7,700 AF from the 2010 baseline; this represents an increase of about 19.4 percent of 2045 normal water year retail demands.

Section 9.4.1 Water Use Efficiency

The water use efficiency information shown in Table 2 is taken directly from Table 1.

Section 9.4.2 Water Recycling

The water recycling values shown in Table 2 reflect the total recycled water production in service area as described in Chapter 6 of the District’s UWMP.

Table 2: Calculation of Supplies Contributing to Regional Self-Reliance

Water Supplies Contributing to Regional Self Reliance (Acre Feet)	Baseline (2010)	2015	2020	2025	2030	2035	2040	2045 (Optional)
Water Use Efficiency		4,427	8,414	10,369	11,061	11,219	11,329	11,212
Water Recycling	9,800	8,500	7,639	6,398	6,346	6,326	6,312	6,288
Stormwater Capture and Use								
Advanced Water Technologies								
Conjunctive Use Projects								
Local and Regional Water Supply and Storage Projects								
Other Programs and Projects the Contribute to Regional Self-Reliance								
Water Supplies Contributing to Regional Self-Reliance	9,800	12,927	16,053	16,767	17,407	17,545	17,641	17,500

Service Area Water Demands without Water Use Efficiency (Acre Feet)	Baseline (2010)	2015	2020	2025	2030	2035	2040	2045 (Optional)
Service Area Water Demands without Water Use Efficiency Accounted For	44,914	45,027	43,858	42,462	42,843	42,831	42,802	42,492

Change in Regional Self Reliance (Acre Feet)	Baseline (2010)	2015	2020	2025	2030	2035	2040	2045 (Optional)
Water Supplies Contributing to Regional Self-Reliance	9,800	12,927	16,053	16,767	17,407	17,545	17,641	17,500
Change in Water Supplies Contributing to Regional Self-Reliance		3,127	6,253	6,967	7,607	7,745	7,841	7,700

Percent Change in Regional Self Reliance (As Percent of Demand w/out WUE)	Baseline (2010)	2015	2020	2025	2030	2035	2040	2045 (Optional)
Percent of Water Supplies Contributing to Regional Self-Reliance	21.8%	28.7%	36.6%	39.5%	40.6%	41.0%	41.2%	41.2%
Change in Percent of Water Supplies Contributing to Regional Self-Reliance		6.9%	14.8%	17.7%	18.8%	19.1%	19.4%	19.4%

Section 9.5 Reliance on Water Supplies from the Delta Watershed

Metropolitan's service area as a whole, reduces reliance on the Delta through investments in non-Delta water supplies, local water supplies and demand management measures. Quantifying the District's investments in self-reliance, locally, regionally, and throughout Southern California is infeasible for the reasons noted in Section 1.6. Due to the regional nature of these investments, the District is relying on Metropolitan's regional accounting of measurable reductions in supplies from the Delta Watershed.

The results shown in **Table 3** demonstrate that Metropolitan's service area, including MWDOC and the District, is measurably reducing its Delta reliance. In the near-term (2025), the expected outcome for normal water year reliance on supplies from the Delta watershed decreased by 301 TAF from the 2010 baseline; this represents a decrease of 3 percent of 2025 normal water year retail demands. In the long-term (2045), normal water year reliance on supplies from the Delta watershed decreased by 314 TAF from the 2010 baseline; this represents a decrease of just over 5 percent of 2045 normal water year retail demands.

Section 9.6 Infeasibility of Accounting Supplies from the Delta Watershed for Metropolitan's Member Agencies and their Customers

Metropolitan's service area, as a whole, reduces reliance on the Delta through investments in non-Delta water supplies, local water supplies, and regional and local demand management measures.

Metropolitan's member agencies coordinate reliance on the Delta through their membership in Metropolitan, a regional cooperative providing wholesale water service to its 26 member agencies. Accordingly, regional reliance on the Delta can only be measured regionally—not by individual Metropolitan member agencies and not by the customers of those member agencies.

Metropolitan's member agencies, and those agencies' customers, indirectly reduce reliance on the Delta through their collective efforts as a cooperative. Metropolitan's member agencies do not control the amount of Delta water they receive from Metropolitan. Metropolitan manages a statewide integrated conveyance system consisting of its participation in the State Water Project (SWP), its Colorado River Aqueduct (CRA) including Colorado River water resources, programs and water exchanges, and its regional storage portfolio. Along with the SWP, CRA, storage programs, and Metropolitan's conveyance and distribution facilities, demand management programs increase the future reliability of water resources for the region. In addition, demand management programs provide system-wide benefits by decreasing the demand for imported water, which helps to decrease the burden on the District's infrastructure and reduce system costs, and free up conveyance capacity to the benefit of all member agencies.

Table 3: MWD Reliance on Water Supplies from the Delta Watershed

Water Supplies from the Delta Watershed (Acre Feet)	Baseline (2010)	2015	2020	2025	2030	2035	2040	2045
CVP/SWP Contract Supplies	1,472,000	1,029,000	984,000	1,133,000	1,130,000	1,128,000	1,126,000	1,126,000
Delta/Delta Tributary Diversions	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers and Exchanges of Supplies from the Delta Watershed	20,000	44,000	91,000	58,000	52,000	52,000	52,000	52,000
Other Water Supplies from the Delta Watershed	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Water Supplies from the Delta Watershed	1,492,000	1,073,000	1,075,000	1,191,000	1,182,000	1,180,000	1,178,000	1,178,000
Service Area Demands without Water Use Efficiency (Acre Feet)	Baseline (2010)	2015	2020	2025	2030	2035	2040	2045
Service Area Demands without Water Use Efficiency Accounted For	5,493,000	5,499,000	5,219,000	4,925,000	5,032,000	5,156,000	5,261,000	5,374,000
Change in Supplies from the Delta Watershed (Acre Feet)	Baseline (2010)	2015	2020	2025	2030	2035	2040	2045
Water Supplies from the Delta Watershed	1,492,000	1,073,000	1,075,000	1,191,000	1,182,000	1,180,000	1,178,000	1,178,000
Change in Supplies from the Delta Watershed	NA	(419,000)	(417,000)	(301,000)	(310,000)	(312,000)	(314,000)	(314,000)
Percent Change in Supplies from the Delta Watershed (As a Percent of Demand w/out WUE)	Baseline (2010)	2015	2020	2025	2030	2035	2040	2045
Percent of Supplies from the Delta Watershed	27.2%	19.5%	20.6%	24.2%	23.5%	22.9%	22.4%	21.9%
Change in Percent of Supplies from the Delta Watershed	NA	-7.6%	-6.6%	-3.0%	-3.7%	-4.3%	-4.8%	-5.2%

Metropolitan's costs are funded almost entirely from its service area, with the exception of grants and other assistance from government programs. Most of Metropolitan's revenues are collected directly from its member agencies. Properties within Metropolitan's service area pay a property tax that currently provides approximately 8 percent of the fiscal year 2021 annual budgeted revenues. The rest of Metropolitan's costs are funded through rates and charges paid by Metropolitan's member agencies for the wholesale services it provides to them.¹ Thus, Metropolitan's member agencies fund nearly all operations Metropolitan undertakes to reduce reliance on the Delta, including Colorado River Programs, storage facilities, Local Resources Programs and Conservation Programs within Metropolitan's service area.

Because of the integrated nature of Metropolitan's systems and operations, and the collective nature of Metropolitan's regional efforts, it is infeasible to quantify each of Metropolitan member agencies' individual reliance on the Delta. It is infeasible to attempt to segregate an entity and a system that were designed to work as an integrated regional cooperative.

In addition to the member agencies funding Metropolitan's regional efforts, they also invest in their own local programs to reduce their reliance on any imported water. Moreover, the customers of those member agencies may also invest in their own local programs to reduce water demand. However, to the extent those efforts result in reduction of demands on Metropolitan, that reduction does not equate to a like reduction of reliance on the Delta. Demands on Metropolitan are not commensurate with demands on the Delta because most of Metropolitan member agencies receive blended resources from Metropolitan as determined by Metropolitan—not the individual member agency—and for most member agencies, the blend varies from month-to-month and year-to-year due to hydrology, operational constraints, use of storage and other factors.

Section 9.6.1 Colorado River Programs

As a regional cooperative of member agencies, Metropolitan invests in programs to ensure the continued reliability and sustainability of Colorado River supplies. Metropolitan was established to obtain an allotment of Colorado River water, and its first mission was to construct and operate the CRA. The CRA consists of five pumping plants, 450 miles of high voltage power lines, one electric substation, four regulating reservoirs, and 242 miles of aqueducts, siphons, canals, conduits and pipelines terminating at Lake Mathews in Riverside County. Metropolitan owns, operates, and manages the CRA. Metropolitan is responsible for operating, maintaining, rehabilitating, and repairing the CRA, and is responsible for obtaining and scheduling energy resources adequate to power pumps at the CRA's five pumping stations.

¹ A standby charge is collected from properties within the service areas of 21 of Metropolitan's 26 member agencies, ranging from \$5 to \$14.20 per acre annually, or per parcel if smaller than an acre. Standby charges go towards those member agencies' obligations to Metropolitan for the Readiness-to-Serve Charge. The total amount collected annually is approximately \$43.8 million, approximately 2 percent of Metropolitan's fiscal year 2021 annual budgeted revenues.

Colorado River supplies include Metropolitan’s basic Colorado River apportionment, along with supplies that result from existing and committed programs, including supplies from the Imperial Irrigation District (IID)-Metropolitan Conservation Program, the implementation of the Quantification Settlement Agreement (QSA) and related agreements, and the exchange agreement with San Diego County Water Authority (SDCWA). The QSA established the baseline water use for each of the agreement parties and facilitates the transfer of water from agricultural agencies to urban uses. Since the QSA, additional programs have been implemented to increase Metropolitan’s CRA supplies. These include the PVID Land Management, Crop Rotation, and Water Supply Program, as well as the Lower Colorado River Water Supply Project. The 2007 Interim Guidelines provided for the coordinated operation of Lake Powell and Lake Mead, as well as the Intentionally Created Surplus (ICS) program that allows Metropolitan to store water in Lake Mead.

Section 9.6.2 Storage Investments/Facilities

Surface and groundwater storage are critical elements of Southern California’s water resources strategy and help Metropolitan reduce its reliance on the Delta. Because California experiences dramatic swings in weather and hydrology, storage is important to regulate those swings and mitigate possible supply shortages. Surface and groundwater storage provide a means of storing water during normal and wet years for later use during dry years, when imported supplies are limited. The Metropolitan system, for purposes of meeting demands during times of shortage, regulating system flows, and ensuring system reliability in the event of a system outage, provides over 1,000,000 acre-feet of system storage capacity. Diamond Valley Lake provides 810,000 acre-feet of that storage capacity, effectively doubling Southern California’s previous surface water storage capacity. Other existing imported water storage available to the region consists of Metropolitan’s raw water reservoirs, a share of the SWP’s raw water reservoirs in and near the service area, and the portion of the groundwater basins used for conjunctive-use storage.

Since the early twentieth century, DWR and Metropolitan have constructed surface water reservoirs to meet emergency, drought/seasonal, and regulatory water needs for Southern California. These reservoirs include Pyramid Lake, Castaic Lake, Elderberry Forebay, Silverwood Lake, Lake Perris, Lake Skinner, Lake Mathews, Live Oak Reservoir, Garvey Reservoir, Palos Verdes Reservoir, Orange County Reservoir, and Metropolitan’s Diamond Valley Lake (DVL). Some reservoirs such as Live Oak Reservoir, Garvey Reservoir, Palos Verdes Reservoir, and Orange County Reservoir, which have a total combined capacity of about 3,500 AF, are used solely for regulating purposes. The total gross storage capacity for the larger remaining reservoirs is 1,757,600 AF. However, not all of the gross storage capacity is available to Metropolitan; dead storage and storage allocated to others reduce the amount of storage that is available to Metropolitan to 1,665,200 AF.

Conjunctive use of the aquifers offers another important source of dry year supplies. Unused storage in Southern California groundwater basins can be used to optimize imported water supplies, and the development of groundwater storage projects allows effective management and regulation of the region’s major imported supplies from the Colorado River and SWP. Over the years, Metropolitan has implemented conjunctive use through various programs in the service area; **Table 4** lists the groundwater conjunctive use programs that have been developed in the region.

Table 4: MWD Conjunctive Use Programs

Program	Metropolitan Agreement Partners	Program Term	Max Storage AF	Dry-Year Yield AF/Yr
Long Beach Conjunctive Use Storage Project (Central Basin)	Long Beach	June 2002-2027	13,000	4,300
Foothill Area Groundwater Storage Program (Monkhill/ Raymond Basin)	Foothill MWD	February 2003-2028	9,000	3,000
Orange County Groundwater Conjunctive Use Program	MWDOC OCWD	June 2003-2028	66,000+	22,000
Chino Basin Conjunctive Use Programs	IEUA TVMWD Watermaster	June 2003-2028	100,000	33,000
Live Oak Basin Conjunctive Use Project (Six Basins)	TVMWD City of La Verne	October 2002-2027	3,000	1,000
City of Compton Conjunctive Use Project (Central Basin)	Compton	February 2005-2030	2,289	763
Long Beach Conjunctive Use Program Expansion in Lakewood (Central Basin)	Long Beach	July 2005-2030	3,600	1,200
Upper Claremont Basin Groundwater Storage Program (Six Basins)	TVMWD	Sept. 2005- 2030	3,000	1,000
Elsinore Basin Conjunctive Use Storage Program	Western MWD Elsinore Valley MWD	May 2008- 2033	12,000	4,000
TOTAL			211,889	70,263

Section 9.6.3 Metropolitan Demand Management Programs

Demand management costs are Metropolitan's expenditures for funding local water resource development programs and water conservation programs. These Demand Management Programs incentivize the development of local water supplies and the conservation of water to reduce the need to import water to deliver to Metropolitan's member agencies. These programs are implemented below the delivery points between Metropolitan's and its member agencies' distribution systems and, as such, do not add any water to Metropolitan's supplies. Rather, the effect of these downstream programs is to produce a local supply of water for the local agencies and to reduce demands by member agencies for water imported through Metropolitan's system. The following discussions outline how Metropolitan funds local resources and conservation programs for the benefit of all of its member agencies and the entire Metropolitan service area. Notably, the history of demand management by Metropolitan's member agencies and the local agencies that purchase water from Metropolitan's members has

spanned more than four decades. The significant history of the programs is another reason it would be difficult to attempt to assign a portion of such funding to any one individual member agency.

Section 9.6.3.1 Local Resources Programs

In 1982, Metropolitan began providing financial incentives to its member agencies to develop new local supplies to assist in meeting the region's water needs. Because of Metropolitan's regional distribution system, these programs benefit all member agencies regardless of project location because they help to increase regional water supply reliability, reduce demands for imported water supplies, decrease the burden on Metropolitan's infrastructure, reduce system costs and free up conveyance capacity to the benefit of all the agencies that rely on water from Metropolitan.

For example, the Groundwater Replenishment System (GWRS) operated by the Orange County Water District is the world's largest water purification system for indirect potable reuse. It was funded, in part, by Metropolitan's member agencies through the Local Resources Program. Annually, the GWRS produces approximately 103,000 acre-feet of reliable, locally controlled, drought-proof supply of high-quality water to recharge the Orange County Groundwater Basin and protect it from seawater intrusion. The GWRS is a premier example of a regional project that significantly reduced the need to utilize imported water for groundwater replenishment in Metropolitan's service area, increasing regional and local supply reliability and reducing the region's reliance on imported supplies, including supplies from the State Water Project.

Metropolitan's local resource programs have evolved through the years to better assist Metropolitan's member agencies in increasing local supply production. The following is a description and history of the local supply incentive programs.

Local Projects Program - In 1982, Metropolitan initiated the Local Projects Program (LPP), which provided funding to member agencies to facilitate the development of recycled water projects. Under this approach, Metropolitan contributed a negotiated up-front funding amount to help finance project capital costs. Participating member agencies were obligated to reimburse Metropolitan over time. In 1986, the LPP was revised, changing the up-front funding approach to an incentive-based approach. Metropolitan contributed an amount equal to the avoided State Water Project pumping costs for each acre-foot of recycled water delivered to end-use consumers. This funding incentive was based on the premise that local projects resulted in the reduction of water imported from the Delta and the associated pumping cost. The incentive amount varied from year to year depending on the actual variable power cost paid for State Water Project imports. In 1990, Metropolitan's Board increased the LPP contribution to a fixed rate of \$154 per acre-foot, which was calculated based on Metropolitan's avoided capital and operational costs to convey, treat, and distribute water, and included considerations of reliability and service area demands.

Groundwater Recovery Program - The drought of the early 1990s sparked the need to develop additional local water resources, aside from recycled water, to meet regional demand and increase regional water supply reliability. In 1991, Metropolitan conducted the Brackish Groundwater Reclamation Study which determined that large amounts of degraded groundwater in the region were

not being utilized. Subsequently, the Groundwater Recovery Program (GRP) was established to assist the recovery of otherwise unusable groundwater degraded by minerals and other contaminants, provide access to the storage assets of the degraded groundwater, and maintain the quality of groundwater resources by reducing the spread of degraded plumes.

Local Resources Program - In 1995, Metropolitan's Board adopted the Local Resources Program (LRP), which combined the LPP and GRP into one program. The Board allowed for existing LPP agreements with a fixed incentive rate to convert to the sliding scale up to \$250 per acre-foot, similar to GRP incentive terms. Those agreements that were converted to LRP are known as "LRP Conversions."

Competitive Local Projects Program - In 1998, the Competitive Local Resources Program (Competitive Program) was established. The Competitive Program encouraged the development of recycled water and recovered groundwater through a process that emphasized cost-efficiency to Metropolitan, timing new production according to regional need while minimizing program administration cost. Under the Competitive Program, agencies requested an incentive rate up to \$250 per acre-foot of production over 25 years under a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the development of up to 53,000 acre-feet per year of new water recycling and groundwater recovery projects. In 2003, a second RFP was issued for the development of an additional 65,000 acre-feet of new recycled water and recovered groundwater projects through the LRP.

Seawater Desalination Program - Metropolitan established the Seawater Desalination Program (SDP) in 2001 to provide financial incentives to member agencies for the development of seawater desalination projects. In 2014, seawater desalination projects became eligible for funding under the LRP, and the SDP was ended.

2007 Local Resources Program - In 2006, a task force comprised of member agency representatives was formed to identify and recommend program improvements to the LRP. As a result of the task force process, the 2007 LRP was established with a goal of 174,000 acre-feet per year of additional local water resource development. The new program allowed for an open application process and eliminated the previous competitive process. This program offered sliding scale incentives of up to \$250 per acre-foot, calculated annually based on a member agency's actual local resource project costs exceeding Metropolitan's prevailing water rate.

2014 Local Resources Program - A series of workgroup meetings with member agencies was held to identify the reasons why there was a lack of new LRP applications coming into the program. The main constraint identified by the member agencies was that the \$250 per acre-foot was not providing enough of an incentive for developing new projects due to higher construction costs to meet water quality requirements and to develop the infrastructure to reach end-use consumers located further from treatment plants. As a result, in 2014, the Board authorized an increase in the maximum incentive amount, provided alternative payment structures, included onsite retrofit costs and reimbursable services as part of the LRP, and added eligibility for seawater desalination projects. The current LRP incentive payment options are structured as follows:

- Option 1 – Sliding scale incentive up to \$340/AF for a 25-year agreement term
- Option 2 – Sliding scale incentive up to \$475/AF for a 15-year agreement term
- Option 3 – Fixed incentive up to \$305/AF for a 25-year agreement term

On-site Retrofit Programs - In 2014, Metropolitan’s Board also approved the On-site Retrofit Pilot Program which provided financial incentives to public or private entities toward the cost of small-scale improvements to their existing irrigation and industrial systems to allow connection to existing recycled water pipelines. The On-site Retrofit Pilot Program helped reduce recycled water retrofit costs to the end-use consumer which is a key constraint that limited recycled water LRP projects from reaching full production capacity. The program incentive was equal to the actual eligible costs of the on-site retrofit, or \$975 per acre-foot of up-front cost, which equates to \$195 per acre-foot for an estimated five years of water savings (\$195/AF x 5 years) multiplied by the average annual water use in previous three years, whichever is less. The Pilot Program lasted two years and was successful in meeting its goal of accelerating the use of recycled water.

In 2016, Metropolitan’s Board authorized the On-site Retrofit Program (ORP), with an additional budget of \$10 million. This program encompassed lessons learned from the Pilot Program and feedback from member agencies to make the program more streamlined and improve its efficiency. As of fiscal year 2019/20, the ORP has successfully converted 440 sites, increasing the use of recycled water by 12,691 acre-feet per year.

Stormwater Pilot Programs - In 2019, Metropolitan’s Board authorized both the Stormwater for Direct Use Pilot Program and a Stormwater for Recharge Pilot Program to study the feasibility of reusing stormwater to help meet regional demands in Southern California. These pilot programs are intended to encourage the development, monitoring, and study of new and existing stormwater projects by providing financial incentives for their construction/retrofit and monitoring/reporting costs. These pilot programs will help evaluate the potential benefits delivered by stormwater capture projects and provide a basis for potential future funding approaches. Metropolitan’s Board authorized a total of \$12.5 million for the stormwater pilot programs (\$5 million for the District Use Pilot and \$7.5 million for the Recharge Pilot).

Current Status and Results of Metropolitan’s Local Resource Programs - Today, nearly one-half of the total recycled water and groundwater recovery production in the region has been developed with an incentive from one or more of Metropolitan’s local resource programs. During fiscal year 2020, Metropolitan provided about \$13 million for production of 71,000 acre-feet of recycled water for non-potable and indirect potable uses. Metropolitan provided about \$4 million to support projects that produced about 50,000 acre-feet of recovered groundwater for municipal use. Since 1982, Metropolitan has invested \$680 million to fund 85 recycled water projects and 27 groundwater recovery projects that have produced a cumulative total of about 4 million acre-feet.

Conservation Programs - Metropolitan’s regional conservation programs and approaches have a long history. Decades ago, Metropolitan recognized that demand management at the consumer level would be an important part of balancing regional supplies and demands. Water conservation efforts were seen

as a way to reduce the need for imported supplies and offset the need to transport or store additional water into or within the Metropolitan service area. The actual conservation of water takes place at the retail consumer level. Regional conservation approaches have proven to be effective at reaching retail consumers throughout Metropolitan's service area and successfully implementing water saving devices, programs and practices. Through the pooling of funding by Metropolitan's member agencies, Metropolitan is able to engage in regional campaigns with wide-reaching impact. Regional investments in demand management programs, of which conservation is a key part along with local supply programs, benefit all member agencies regardless of project location. These programs help to increase regional water supply reliability, reduce demands for imported water supplies, decrease the burden on Metropolitan's infrastructure, reduce system costs, and free up conveyance capacity to the benefit of all member agencies.

Incentive-Based Conservation Programs

Conservation Credits Program - In 1988, Metropolitan's Board approved the Water Conservation Credits Program (Credits Program). The Credits Program is similar in concept to the Local Projects Program (LPP). The purpose of the Credits Program is to encourage local water agencies to implement effective water conservation projects through the use of financial incentives. The Credits Program provides financial assistance for water conservation projects that reduce demands on Metropolitan's imported water supplies and require Metropolitan's assistance to be financially feasible.

Initially, the Credits Program provided 50 percent of a member agency's program cost, up to a maximum of \$75 per acre-foot of estimated water savings. The \$75 Base Conservation Rate was established based Metropolitan's avoided cost of pumping SWP supplies. The Base Conservation Rate has been revisited by Metropolitan's Board and revised twice since 1988, from \$75 to \$154 per acre-foot in 1990 and from \$154 to \$195 per acre-foot in 2005. In fiscal year 2020 Metropolitan processed more than 30,400 rebate applications totaling \$18.9 million.

Member Agency Administered Program - Some member agencies also have unique programs within their service areas that provide local rebates that may differ from Metropolitan's regional program. Metropolitan continues to support these local efforts through a member agency administered funding program that adheres to the same funding guidelines as the Credits Program. The Member Agency Administered Program allows member agencies to receive funding for local conservation efforts that supplement, but do not duplicate, the rebates offered through Metropolitan's regional rebate program.

Water Savings Incentive Program - There are numerous commercial entities and industries within Metropolitan's service area that pursue unique savings opportunities that do not fall within the general rebate programs that Metropolitan provides. In 2012, Metropolitan designed the Water Savings Incentive Program (WSIP) to target these unique commercial and industrial projects. In addition to rebates for devices, under this program, Metropolitan provides financial incentives to businesses and industries that created their own custom water efficiency projects. Qualifying custom projects can receive funding for permanent water efficiency changes that result in reduced potable demand.

Non-Incentive Conservation Programs - In addition to its incentive-based conservation programs, Metropolitan also undertakes additional efforts throughout its service area that help achieve water savings without the use of rebates. Metropolitan's non-incentive conservation efforts include:

- residential and professional water efficient landscape training classes
- water audits for large landscapes
- research, development and studies of new water saving technologies
- advertising and outreach campaigns
- community outreach and education programs
- advocacy for legislation, codes, and standards that lead to increased water savings

Current Status and Results of Metropolitan's Conservation Programs - Since 1990, Metropolitan has invested \$824 million in conservation rebates that have resulted in a cumulative savings of 3.27 million acre-feet of water. These investments include \$450 million in turf removal and other rebates during the last drought which resulted in 175 million square feet of lawn turf removed. During fiscal year 2020, 1.06 million acre-feet of water is estimated to have been conserved. This annual total includes Metropolitan's Conservation Credits Program; code-based conservation achieved through Metropolitan-sponsored legislation; building plumbing codes and ordinances; reduced consumption resulting from changes in water pricing; and pre-1990 device retrofits.

Section 9.6.4 Infeasibility of Accounting Regional Investments in Reduced Reliance Below the Regional Level

The accounting of regional investments that contribute to reduced reliance on supplies from the Delta watershed is straightforward to calculate and report at the regional aggregate level. However, any similar accounting is infeasible for the individual member agencies or their customers. As described above, the region (through Metropolitan) makes significant investments in projects, programs and other resources that reduce reliance on the Delta. In fact, all of Metropolitan's investments in Colorado River supplies, groundwater and surface storage, local resources development and demand management measures that reduce reliance on the Delta are collectively funded by revenues generated from the member agencies through rates and charges.

Metropolitan's revenues cannot be matched to the demands or supply production history of an individual agency, or consistently across the agencies within the service area. Each project or program funded by the region has a different online date, useful life, incentive rate and structure, and production schedule. It is infeasible to account for all these things over the life of each project or program and provide a nexus to each member agency's contributions to Metropolitan's revenue stream over time. Accounting at the regional level allows for the incorporation of the local supplies and water use efficiency programs done by member agencies and their customers through both the regional programs and through their own specific local programs. As shown above, despite the infeasibility of accounting reduced Delta reliance below the regional level, Metropolitan's member agencies and their customers have together made substantial contributions to the region's reduced reliance.

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2015 UWMP Addendum Draft Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. 21-13

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
MOULTON NIGUEL WATER DISTRICT
ADOPTING AN ADDENDUM TO THE 2015 URBAN
WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN**

WHEREAS, the California Urban Water Management Planning Act, (Water Code Section 10610, et seq. (the Act)), mandates that every urban supplier of water providing water for municipal purposes to more than 3,000 customers or supplying more than 3,000 acre-feet of water annually, prepare an Urban Water Management Plan (UWMP); and

WHEREAS, the Act generally requires that said UWMP be updated and adopted at least once every five years on or before July 1, in years ending in six and one; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Reform Act of 2009 (Water Code Section 85000, et seq.), the Delta Plan, and Water Code Section 85021, which declares that the State's policy is to "reduce reliance on the Delta in meeting California's future water needs through a statewide strategy of investing in improved regional supplies, conservation, and water use efficiency," urban water suppliers are encouraged by the California Department of Resources (DWR) and the Delta Stewardship Council (DSC) to consider adopting an Addendum to their 2015 UWMP to demonstrate consistency with the Delta Plan Policy WR P1 to Reduce Reliance on the Delta Through Improved Regional Water Self-Reliance (Cal. Code Regs. tit. 23, Section 5003); and

WHEREAS, Moulton Niguel Water District (District) meets the definition of an urban retail water supplier for purposes of the Act; and

WHEREAS, the District has prepared an Addendum to its 2015 Plan in accordance with Delta Plan Policy WR P1, and in accordance with applicable legal requirements, has undertaken certain coordination, notice, public involvement, public comment, and other procedures in relation to its Addendum; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Act and Delta Plan Policy WR P1, the District has prepared its Addendum to the 2015 Plan with its own staff, with the assistance of consulting professionals, and in cooperation with other governmental agencies, and has utilized and relied upon industry standards and the expertise of industry professionals in preparing its Addendum to its 2015 Plan, and has also utilized DWR's Urban Water Management Plan Guidebook 2020, including its related appendices, in preparing its Addendum to the 2015 Plan; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with applicable law, including Water Code Section 10642, and Government Code Section 6066, a Notice of a Public Hearing regarding the District's Addendum to the 2015 Plan was published within the jurisdiction of the District on May 16, 2021 and May 23, 2021; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with applicable law, including but not limited to Water Code Section 10642, a public hearing was held on June 10, 2021 at 6:00 PM, or soon thereafter, at the District's Headquarters, 26880 Aliso Viejo Parkway, Aliso Viejo, CA 92656 and the public was

invited to attend telephonically in order to provide members of the public and other interested entities with the opportunity to be heard in connection with proposed adoption of the Addendum to the 2015 Plan and issues related thereto; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to said public hearing on the District's Addendum to the 2015 Plan, the District, among other things, encouraged the active involvement of diverse social, cultural, and economic members of the community within the District's service area with regard to the Addendum to the 2015 Plan and encouraged community input regarding the District's Addendum to the 2015 Plan; and

WHEREAS, the District has reviewed and considered the purposes and requirements of the Act and Delta Plan Policy WR P1, the contents of the Addendum to the 2015 Plan, and the documentation contained in the administrative record in support of the Addendum to the 2015 Plan, and has determined that the factual analyses and conclusions set forth in the Addendum to the 2015 Plan are legally sufficient; and

WHEREAS, the District desires to adopt the Addendum to the 2015 Plan prior to July 1, 2021 in order to comply with the Act and Delta Plan Policy WR P1.

WHEREAS, Section 10652 of the California Water Code provides that the California Environmental Quality Act (Division 13 (commencing with Section 21000) of the Public Resources Code) (CEQA) does not apply to the preparation and adoption, including addenda thereto, of urban water management plans pursuant to this part.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Directors of the Moulton Niguel Water District hereby resolves as follows:

SECTION 1. The Addendum to District's 2015 Urban Water Management Plan to demonstrate consistency with the Delta Plan Policy to Reduce Reliance on the Delta Through Improved Regional Water Self-Reliance is hereby adopted as amended by changes incorporated by the District as a result of input received (if any) at the public hearing and ordered filed with the Secretary of the Board of Directors;

SECTION 2. The General Manager is hereby authorized and directed to include a copy of this Resolution in the District's 2015 Plan Addendum;

SECTION 3. The General Manager is hereby authorized and directed, in accordance with Water Code Sections 10621(d) and 10644(a)(1)-(2), to electronically submit a copy of the Addendum to the 2015 Plan to DWR no later than July 1, 2021;

SECTION 4. The General Manager is hereby authorized and directed, in accordance with Water Code Section 10644(a), to submit a copy of the Addendum to the 2015 Plan to the California State Library, and to any city or county within which the District provides water supplies no later than thirty (30) days after this adoption date;

SECTION 5. The General Manager is hereby authorized and directed, in accordance with Water Code Section 10645, to make the Addendum to the 2015 Plan available for public review at the District's offices during normal business hours and on its website at

<https://www.mnwd.com/reports-publications/> no later than thirty (30) days after filing a copy of the Addendum to the 2015 Plan with DWR.

SECTION 6. The Board of Directors finds and determines that this resolution is not subject to CEQA pursuant to Water Code Section 10652 because CEQA does not apply to the preparation and adoption, including addenda thereto, of an urban water management plan or to the implementation of the actions taken pursuant to such plans. Because this resolution comprises the District’s adoption of its Addendum to the 2015 Plan and involves its implementation, no CEQA review is required.


SECTION 7. Pursuant to CEQA, the Board of Directors directs staff to file a Notice of Exemption with the Orange County Clerk’s office within five (5) working days of adoption of this resolution.

SECTION 8. The document and materials that constitute the record of proceedings on which this resolution and the above findings have been based are located at Orange County Clerk’s office at Laguna Hills Civic Center, 24031 El Toro Road, Suite 150, Laguna Hills, CA 92653.


APPROVED, SIGNED and ADOPTED this 10th day of June, 2021.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Moulton Niguel Water District held on June 10, 2021 by the following vote:

- Duane Cave: AYE
- Richard Fiore: AYE
- Donald Froelich: AYE
- William Moorhead: AYE
- Brian Probolsky: AYE
- Diane Rifkin: AYE
- Sherry Wanninger: AYE



President
MOULTON NIGUEL WATER DISTRICT
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Secretary
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