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Topic	Bill Number Author	Amended Date; Location	Title – Summary	MWD Position	Effects on Metropolitan
Metropolitan-sponsored bills	<p>AB 2246 Mayes (I)</p> <p>Sponsor: Metropolitan</p>	<p>Introduced 2/13/2020</p> <p>Assembly Natural Resources Committee</p> <p>Bill rescinded</p>	<p>Surface Mining and Reclamation Act of 1975: exemption: Metropolitan Water District of Southern California</p> <p>Amends the Surface Mining and Reclamation Act of 1975 (SMARA) to grant Metropolitan an exemption for emergency excavations or grading on its land to repair, maintain, or replace pipelines, infrastructure, or related transmission systems used to distribute water in Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego and Ventura counties.</p>	SPONSOR	<p>Maintaining critical water infrastructure requires coordinated regulatory compliance. Metropolitan is proposing legislation to grant it special status under SMARA, so it can consistently administer and enforce SMARA compliance for responding to emergencies, repairing, maintaining or replacing any pipelines, infrastructure, or related transmission systems used to distribute water in Southern California.</p>
Metropolitan-sponsored bills	<p>SB 996 Portantino (D)</p> <p>Sponsors: Metropolitan and the California Municipal Utilities Association</p>	<p>Amended 4/1/12020</p> <p>Senate Environmental Quality Committee</p> <p>Bill rescinded</p>	<p>State Water Resources Control Board: Constituents of Emerging Concern Program</p> <p>Seeks to create a statewide program to identify and evaluate Constituents of Emerging Concern (CECs) in drinking water sources.</p>	CO-SPONSOR	<p>Metropolitan and the California Municipal Utilities Association are co-sponsoring legislation in response to growing public concern about CECs in drinking water. The bill would establish a CEC Drinking Water Program at the State Water Resources Control Board. The program would set up a consistent and science-based approach for assessing the public health and drinking water consequences of CECs, with the intent to improve and expedite future regulatory determinations.</p>

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Climate Change/ Renewable Energy	AB 1071 Limón (D) Sponsor: California Climate and Agricultural Network	Amended 8/6/2020 Senate Appropriations Committee – Suspense File Bill died	Climate change: agriculture: Agricultural Climate Adaptation Tools Program: grants Establishes a pilot program in the Central Valley, Central Coast and desert regions of the state where grant funding is available for developing planning tools for adapting to climate change within the agricultural sector.	SUPPORT Based upon Board Action on 7/9/2019	The bill was amended to mirror language from AB 409 (Limón), which Metropolitan supported. The Board has formally adopted policies supporting research related to the effects of climate change on water supply and water quality. This measure provides funding and guidance to support resilient agricultural practices.
Climate Change/ Renewable Energy	AB 1720 Carrillo (D) Sponsor: State Building and Construction Trades Council of California	Amended 7/27/2020 Senate Energy Utilities and Communications Committee Bill died	Energy: long-duration energy storage: environmental review and procurement Requires the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) to order load-serving entities (LSEs) to procure long-duration energy storage to meet greenhouse gas reduction targets. If the CPUC does not issue an order, requires the Department of Water Resources (DWR) to procure long-duration energy storage on behalf of the LSEs. Requires San Diego County Water Authority enter into a project labor agreement for the San Vicente project.	OPPOSE UNLESS AMENDED Based upon Board adopted 2020 State Legislative Priorities and Principles	The responsibility to procure long duration energy storage on the part of the LSEs should rest with the CPUC not DWR. The costs to set up such a program could be in the tens of millions of dollars and that would take resources away from DWR’s primary mission and potentially affect the SWP. Metropolitan is seeking an amendment to remove DWR from serving this role.

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Climate Change/ Renewable Energy	SB 1323 Skinner (D) Sponsor: Author	Introduced 2/21/2020 Senate Environmental Quality Committee Rescinded	Carbon sequestration: state goals: natural and working lands: registry of projects Requires the Governor’s Office of Planning and Research (OPR) to maintain a California Carbon Sequestration and Climate Resiliency Project Registry beginning January 1, 2021.	SUPPORT Based upon Board adopted 2020 State Legislative Priorities and Principles	The registry would identify carbon sequestration projects, such as forestry management, wetlands restoration, healthy soils, and meadows restoration that meet state criteria for funding. Metropolitan and its member agencies with agricultural land holdings and planned carbon sequestration projects could benefit by applying to add their projects to the registry making them eligible for state funding programs.
Delta/State Water Project	AB 1580 Levine (D) Sponsor: Author	Amended 7/1/2019 Senate Appropriations Committee – Suspense File Bill died	Major infrastructure construction projects: oversight committees Requires a state agency undertaking a publicly funded infrastructure project of \$1 billion or more to form an oversight committee and develop a risk management plan to minimize cost overruns.	OPPOSE Based upon Board-adopted 2019 State Legislative Priorities and Principles	To the extent the bill is aimed proposed Delta conveyance, it is duplicative of the Delta Conveyance Design and Construction Authority (DCA). At the direction of the Department of Water Resources, the DCA is tasked to provide oversight and risk management in order to protect the ratepayers who will pay for and benefit from the project .
Delta/State Water Project	SB 69 Wiener (D) Sponsors: California Coastkeeper Alliance and Pacific Coast Federation of	Amended 7/11/2019 Assembly Appropriations Committee – Suspense File Bill died	Ocean Resiliency Act of 2019 Seeks to bolster the resilience of the state’s marine and coastal environments to climate change and improve conditions for salmon and other commercially valuable species.	WATCH Based upon Board-adopted 2019 State Legislative Priorities and Principles	Would replace existing forestry, fishery and water quality regulatory processes with different approaches to improve conditions for fish upstream of the Delta and in the ocean along the California coast. The bill, as amended on June 25, 2019, removed objectionable language that would have created an offshore salmon hatchery that could interfere

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	Fishermen’s Associations				with native salmon populations, tested new fish tagging programs, and assigned those costs in part to the State Water Project. Metropolitan moved from opposed unless amended to a watch.
Delta/State Water Project	SB 204 Dodd (D) Sponsor: Delta Counties Caucus	Amended 5/17/2019 Assembly Water, Parks and Wildlife Committee Bill died	State Water Project: contracts Revised the notification requirements for pending State Water Project (SWP) contract negotiations and contract amendments. Explicitly requires the California Water Commission to review and report on the progress of the design, construction, and operation of any new Delta conveyance facility as a part of its annual review of the SWP.	WATCH Based upon Board- adopted 2019 State Legislative Priorities and Policies	The bill as amended on May 17, 2019 adheres to the author’s stated purpose and deletes objectionable provisions related to the Delta Conveyance joint powers authorities. Bill provides for further transparency on any future amendments to State Water Project contracts as described in Water Code Section 147.6 (c) and construction of future Delta conveyance improvements.
Delta/State Water Project	SB 559 Hurtado (D) Sponsor: Friant Water Authority	Amended 8/25/2020 VETOED	Department of Water Resources: grant: Friant-Kern Canal Seeks to address problems of land subsidence on the federally-owned Friant Kern Canal	SUPPORT IF AMENDED Based upon Board- adopted 2019 State Legislative Priorities and Principles	Addresses land subsidence in the Central Valley but only focuses on impacts to the Friant-Kern Canal. Metropolitan is seeking amendments to include the need to address subsidence problems on the California Aqueduct to ensure a reliable water supply for Southern California.

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Delta/State Water Project	SB 946 Pan (D) Sponsor: Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency	Amended 6/3/2020 Senate Natural Resources and Water Committee Bill died	Flood control: Yolo Bypass Cache Slough Partnership Multi- benefit Program Codifies support for the Yolo Bypass Partnership and its efforts to advance coordinated master planning and accelerate restoration activities for the Yolo Bypass- Cache Slough region.	SUPPORT Based upon Board- adopted 2020 State Legislative Priorities and Principles	A master plan for the Yolo Bypass- Cache Slough would advance multi- benefit restoration projects and encourage state and federal agencies to coordinate regulatory compliance and funding for flood control and water systems.
Environmental Compliance	AB 3279 Friedman (D) Sponsor: Author	Amended 7/27/2020 Senate Appropriations Committee – Suspense File Bill died	California Environmental Quality Act: administrative and judicial procedures Revises California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) litigation procedures.	SUPPORT Based upon Board- adopted 2020 State Legislative Priorities and Principles	The bill as amended on July 27, 2020 removes objectionable language that would have required a public agency, to the extent feasible, to prepare the record of proceedings concurrently with the administrative process. Metropolitan undertakes hundreds of projects in a given year, and therefore, this requirement would have been overly burdensome. Metropolitan moved to support and looks favorably upon other measures in the bill to reduce the deadline for a court to commence hearings from one year to 270 days and provide that a lead agency may decide whether a plaintiff prepares the administrative record.
Governance and Operations	SB 625 Bradford (D)	Amended 6/8/2020	Central Basin Municipal Water District: receivership	WATCH, Engage as needed to	CBMWD is a member agency of Metropolitan and entitled to its respective representation on the

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	Sponsor: Author	Senate Rules Bill died	Dissolves the board of directors of CBMWD and would provide that the November 3, 2020 election for directors of CBMWD shall not occur. The bill would require the Water Replenishment District of Southern California (WRD) to act as the receiver for CBMWD	protect Metropoli- tan’s interest Based upon Board action on 6/10/2020	Metropolitan Board of Directors. SB 625 as currently written will not result in a direct impact to Metropolitan, and is intended to assist in establishing a pathway to address CBMWD’s governance challenges.
Governance and Operations	SB 952 Nielsen (R) Sponsor: Author	Amended 5/29/2020 Assembly Revenue and Taxation Committee Bill died	Sales and use taxes: exemption: backup electrical resources: deenergization events Authorizes a sales and use tax exemption beginning January 1, 2021 for the purchase, lease, use or consumption of backup electrical resources during planned deenergization events	SUPPORT AND AMEND Based upon Board-adopted 2020 State Legislative Priorities and Principles	Reduces water agencies’ and other essential public service providers’ cost to purchase or upgrade emergency backup generators to continue service and operations during planned public safety power shutoffs.
Governance and Operations	SB 1099 Dodd (D) Co-Sponsors: California Municipal Utilities Association and Las Virgenes Municipal Water District	Amended 7/27/2020 Assembly Natural Resources Committee Bill died	Emergency backup generators: critical facilities: exemption Directs air districts to adopt or revise an existing rule to suspend operational run time limits on emergency backup generators during public safety power shutoffs, and when needed for routine maintenance and testing.	SUPPORT AND AMEND Based upon Board adopted 2020 State Legislative Priorities and Principles	Addresses water agencies need to maintain operations during planned power shutoffs designed to mitigate wildfire risks. Metropolitan seeking amendments that explore alternative approaches to revising existing rules that would allow water agencies to operate emergency generators without being out of compliance with run times set by local air districts.

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Water Bond Infrastructure Funding	AB 3256 E. Garcia (D) Sponsor: Author	Amended 6/4/2020 Assembly Rules Bill died	Economic Recovery, Wildlife Prevention, Safe Drinking Water, Drought Preparation, and Flood Protection Bond Act of 2020 Places a \$9.71 billion economic recovery and climate resilience bond on the November 2020 ballot for voter approval.	SUPPORT AND AMEND Based upon Board action on 06/09/2020	Would provide funding for economic recovery, wildfire prevention, safe drinking water, drought preparation, and flood protection. Metropolitan is seeking amendments to set aside funding for recycled water projects; state-owned conveyance infrastructure to reverse the impacts of subsidence; habitat restoration for native and protected fish; monitoring and treatment for drinking water contaminants; and emergency backup generators that minimize air quality impacts.
Water Bond Infrastructure Funding	Governor’s Proposed Budget Trailer Bill Language	Introduced 1/31/2020 Rescinded	Governor’s Proposed Safe Drinking Water, Wildlife Prevention and Natural Resources Protection Bond Act of 2020 Places a \$4.75 billion climate resilience bond for voter approval on the November 2020 ballot.	SUPPORT AND AMEND Based upon Board Action on 3/9/2020	Would provide funding for safe and clean drinking water, and resilience to flood and drought. Metropolitan is seeking amendments to set aside funding for recycled water projects; state-owned conveyance infrastructure to reverse the impacts of subsidence; habitat restoration projects for native and protected fish; monitoring and treatment for drinking water contaminants; and emergency backup generators that minimize air quality impacts.
Water Bond Infrastructure Funding	SB 45 Allen (D)	Amended 1/23/2020	Wildfire, Drought, and Flood Protection Bond Act of 2020	SUPPORT AND AMEND	Would provide funding to restore areas damaged by wildfires, mitigate future wildfires, create healthy forests and

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	Sponsor: Author	Assembly Held at Desk Bill died	Places a \$5.51 billion wildfire and water bond on the November 2020 ballot for voter approval.	Based upon Board action on 6/11/19	watersheds, protect water supplies and water quality, and protect and restore rivers, streams and lakes. Metropolitan is seeking amendments to ensure adequate funding for safe drinking water needs, restoration projects that would benefit Voluntary Agreements for managing the Bay-Delta and the tributaries, and for recycled water projects.
Water Quality/Safe Drinking Water	AB 2560 Quirk (D) Sponsor: California Municipal Utilities Association and Orange County Water District	Amended 8/24/2020 CHAPTERED	Water quality: notification and response levels: procedures Requires the State Water Resources Control Board to post on its website and distribute through email information and supporting documentation when it plans to establish or revise notifications or response levels.	SUPPORT Based upon Board- adopted 2020 State Legislative Priorities and Principles	The bill would provide greater transparency and access to technical background information and science used to set new or updated notification and response levels. This would provide Metropolitan and the Member Agencies with clear and consistent information and the ability to take steps if necessary to identify back up water supplies.
Water Quality/Safe Drinking Water	AB 3220 Assembly Committee on Environmental Safety and Toxic Materials	Amended 7/21/2020 CHAPTERED	Hazardous materials: underground storage tanks: pesticides Extends the operation of the Underground Storage Tank Cleanup Fund loan and grant program from January 1, 2022 to January 1, 2026	SUPPORT Based upon Board- adopted 2020 State Legislative Priorities and Principles	The recent amendments incorporated AB 3039 (D-Quirk) on July state legislative matrix. Bill would continue financial assistance for small businesses to upgrade, replace or remove underground storage tanks to meet applicable local, state or federal standards. In Southern California, the program provided funding to remediate underground storage tanks leaking

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					MTBE and other gasoline additives contaminating groundwater supplies.
Water Quality/Safe Drinking Water	SB 414 Caballero (D) Sponsor: Eastern Municipal Water District and California Municipal Utilities Association	Amended 6/25/2019 Assembly Appropriations Committee – Suspense File Bill died	Small System Water Authority Act of 2019 Authorizes the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) to merge small, non-compliant public water systems into a regional water authority that will directly benefit from increased economies of scale and access to public funding.	SUPPORT Based upon past support for AB 2050 (Caballero) from 2017/18	Authorizes the SWRCB to form a small system water authority under existing consolidation powers and issue notices to public water systems that are noncompliant with drinking water standards who may wish to join the new entity. The SWRCB would take steps to provide notice to domestic well owners as well as state small systems.
Water Quality/Safe Drinking Water	SB 1044 Allen (D) Sponsor: California Professional Firefighters and Natural Resources Defense Council	Amended 8/24/2020 CHAPTERED	Firefighting equipment and foam: PFAS chemicals Requires any seller of firefighting personal protective equipment to provide written notice to the purchaser if the equipment contains PFAS. Also, prohibits the discharge of state class B firefighting foam that contains PFAS.	SUPPORT Based upon Board approved 2020 State Legislative Priorities and Principles	Metropolitan and member agencies would benefit from this bill because banning PFAS-laden firefighting foam would protect drinking water sources. Firefighting foams, especially those used for training purposes (e.g., at airports and military bases), have been identified as sources of PFAS contamination in groundwater supplies