### Metropolitan Water District of Southern California State Legislative Matrix September 10, 2024 – Second Year of Legislative Session

Bill Number	Amended Date	Title-Summary	MWD Position	Effects on Metropolitan
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AB 400	Chaptered	Local agency design-build projects:	Support	Metropolitan's current authority to use design-
B. Rubio (D –		authorization.		build under AB 1845 (Calderon, CH. 275, 2022)
Baldwin Park)			Based on	will sunset on January 1, 2028. The provisions of
		This measure would extend the existing	October 2021	this bill allow Metropolitan to use design-build
Sponsors:	Signed by Governor	sunset date to January 1, 2031, for the use of	Board Action	for future projects through January 1, 2031.
California State	Chapter 201, Statutes of	design-build as a delivery method for public		
Association of	2023	works contracts.		
Counties,				
League of				
California Cities				
AB 460 Bauer-	Amended	<b>State Water Resources Control Board:</b>	Support	The bill now would provide for enhanced civil
Kahan (D –	8/15/2024	water rights and usage: civil penalties.		penalties for violations of any State Board
Orinda)			Based on	regulation or curtailment order.
		This bill would require the State Water	Metropolitan	
	Pending Governor's	Resources Control Board to adjust for	Policy Principles	
	Signature	inflation, by January 1 of each year,	for	
		beginning in 2025, the amounts of civil and	Modernization	
		administrative liabilities or penalties imposed	of Water Rights	
		by the board in water right actions, as	Administration,	
		specified.	adopted April	
			2023	

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AB 1337 Wicks (D – Oakland)	Amended 5/18/23  Dead	State Water Resources Control Board: water diversion curtailment.  This bill would authorize SWRCB to adopt regulations for various water conservation purposes and implement these regulations through orders curtailing the diversion or use of water under any claim of right.	Oppose  Based on Metropolitan Policy Principles for Modernization of Water Rights Administration, adopted April 2023	Regardless of whether there is a drought emergency, this bill would allow the State Board, by regulation, to permanently reduce permit rights (including SWP, Colorado River pre-1914 rights, or Delta Island license, pre-1914 or riparian right diversions) upon a finding that current diversions result in a waste or unreasonable use of water or that they harm public trust (fish and wildlife) resources. This would be a new broad power to the State Board that could permanently reallocate any water rights under any water year conditions without the protection or process of individual adjudications.
AB 1567 Garcia (D- Coachella)	Amended 5/26/2023  Two-year bill  Senate Natural Resources and Water Committee  Dead	Safe Drinking Water, Wildfire Prevention, Drought Preparation, Flood Protection, Extreme Heat Mitigation, Clean Energy, and Workforce Development Bond Act of 2024.  This measure would authorize a \$15.995 billion general obligation bond for the March 5, 2024, ballot to fund a broad range of resource-based programs that will assist California to improve its climate resiliency.	Support, if Amended  Based on June 2023 Board Action	This measure is consistent with Metropolitan's current policy priorities and supports the objectives of Metropolitan's Climate Adaptation Master Plan.  Metropolitan is seeking amendments to increase funding for recycled water, dam safety, regional conveyance, drought and conservation projects.
AB 1572 Friedman (D - Glendale)  Co-sponsors: Metropolitan, Heal the Bay, National Resources Defense Council	Chaptered  Signed by Governor Chapter 849, Statutes of 2023	Potable water: nonfunctional turf.  This measure prohibits the use of potable water for the irrigation of non-functional turf located on commercial, industrial, institutional. This measure provides the State Water Resources Control Board with the authority to postpone compliance dates as prescribed.	Co-sponsor  Based on April 2023 Board action	Based on input from the Board and member agencies, Metropolitan secured amendments to exclude multi-family residential buildings and protect the authority and local control of public water systems. Metropolitan is a co-sponsor of this measure.

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AB 1573 Friedman (D - Glendale)  Sponsor: Earth Advocacy and California Native Plant Society	Amended 9/1/2023  Two Year Bill  Senate Floor – Inactive File  Dead	Water conservation: landscape design: model ordinance.  This measure would update the model water efficient landscape ordinance for new or renovated nonresidential areas to require at least 25% local native plants beginning January 1, 2026. This measure would also prohibit the use of nonfunctional turf in nonresidential landscape projects after January 1, 2026.	Based on 2023 Legislative Priorities and Principles, adopted December 2022	This measure is consistent with Metropolitan's effort to reduce nonfunctional turf within its service area Metropolitan staff further solicited input from member agencies and worked with the author's office to develop amendments for an alternative NFT proposal, consistent with existing legislative policy principles, which was not adopted due to time constraints with end of session.
AB 1581 A. Kalra (D – San Jose)	Amended 8/23/2024 Pending Governor's Signature	Conservation: Restoration Management Permit Act and California State Safe Harbor Agreement Program Act  This bill would authorize the California Department of Fish and Wildlife to (1) issue a restoration management permit to authorize the take, possession, import, or export of any species or subspecies of fish, wildlife, or plants in association with a management or propagation project that, among other things, has the primary purpose of restoring native fish, wildlife, plants, or their habitat and (2) authorize any impacts to fish and wildlife resources as a result of activities otherwise subject to the Lake and Streambed Alteration Program, as provided. The bill would exempt these management or restoration projects from various legal requirements, including, among others, the above-described prohibitions regarding the take or possession of fully protected fish, as specified.	Support, if Amended	This bill proposes a one-stop-shop permitting process that would maximize its benefit to the environment by including environmental mitigation. The author's office negotiated language that would limit the scope to only include voluntary restoration projects, or projects that go beyond required mitigation. Metropolitan requested amendments that would allow projects undertaken as mitigation for regulatory compliance to be a "qualifying restoration project" under this proposed streamlining authority.

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AB 1648	Amended 3/16/2023	Water: Colorado River Conservation	Oppose	This measure would impair Metropolitan's
Bains (D -				flexibility with its entire water portfolio, including
Bakersfield)		This measure would specifically prohibit	Based on 2023	the Integrated Water Resources Plan and the
	Dead	Metropolitan and LADWP to offset federally	Legislative	Annual Operating Plan. Metropolitan's reliability
		required reductions on Colorado River	Priorities and	and its ability to meet demands would also be
		resources with increased water deliveries	Principles,	impaired by restrictions on partnerships with its
		from other regions of California, including	adopted	State Water Project and Colorado River Basin
		the Delta, retroactively as of January 1, 2023.	December 2022	stakeholders.
<b>AB 1827 D. Papan</b>	Amended	Local government: fees and charges:	Support	Metropolitan's wholesale water service rates to its
(D – San Mateo)	4/4/2024	water: higher-consumptive water parcels.		co-op members are not subject to Proposition 218
			Based on	and therefore, the bill does not have an effect on
		The Legislature passed the Proposition 218	2024 Legislative	Metropolitan. It will, however, provide clearer
	Pending Governor's	Omnibus Implementation Act in 1997 to	Priorities and	guidance for its member agencies that provide
	Signature	provide guidance for implementation of the	Principles,	retail water service and any retail water service
		new constitutional provisions. AB 1827	adopted January	provider within Metropolitan service area.
		(Papan) proposes to add Government Code	2024.	
		section 53750.6 to the Act to clarify that the		
		costs that may be recovered through retail		
		water service fees may include the		
		incrementally higher costs of water service		
		due to (1) the higher water usage demand of		
		parcels, (2) the maximum potential water use		
		of parcels, or (3) projected peak water usage.		

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AB 2060	Amended	Lake and streambed alteration	Support if	This bill was amended to ensure the temporary
E. Soria (D –	8/15/2024	agreements: exemptions.	Amended	permit authorization is consistent with existing
Fresno)				law on diversion authorizations for current water
		This bill would exempt qualifying temporary		rights holders. Metropolitan was seeking
	Senate Inactive File	permit diversions of water from streams at or	Based on	additional amendments to ensure the inclusion of
		near flood stage to groundwater storage from	Metropolitan	fish screens on all intakes, not just "temporary
	Dead	the requirements of Fish & Game Code	Policy Principles	pump" intakes, and that the screens minimize both
		section 1602. Section 1602 requires anyone	for	entrainment and impingement.
		proposing to substantially alter the bed, banks	Modernization	
		or natural flows of a stream, river or lake to	of Water Rights	
		notify the California Department of Fish and	Administration	
		Wildlife (CDFW). If CDFW determines the	2023 Water	
		proposed activity may have a significant	Rights	
		adverse impact on fish or wildlife, it will	Principles,	
		require a Lake or Stream Alteration	adopted April	
		Agreement (LSAA) that functions as a permit	2023 and 2024	
		for the activity, and which always requires	Legislative	
		mitigation, monitoring and reporting to	Priorities and	
		CDFW. AB 2060 would exempt qualifying	Principles,	
		diversions from this requirement. The only	adopted January	
		"mitigation" required to qualify is installation	2024	
		of basic fish screens, with no requirement		
		that they meet any standards, including those		
		adopted by CDFW and the federal fish		
		services.		

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AB 2257 L.	Amended	Local government: property-related water	Support	Metropolitan does not currently collect any fee or
Wilson (D –	8/5/2024	and sewer fees and assessments: remedies.		assessment on properties within its service area
Suisun City)			Based on	that is subject to Article XIII D. It does, however,
		AB 2257 establishes a process for objections	2024 Legislative	have the authority to do so. Should it decide to
	Pending Governor's	to be submitted by any party objecting to the	Priorities and	adopt such a fee or assessment, it would be
	Signature	proposed fee or assessment, notice to the	Principles,	required to follow these proposed additional
		public of the requirements, and prerequisites	adopted January	procedural requirements. Any litigation
		for suing an agency on the basis of the	2024	challenging such a fee or assessment would also
		validity of the fee or assessment. The bill		be subject to the administrative remedy
		requires exhaustion of the administrative		exhaustion and evidence limitation provided for
		procedures provided therein before a plaintiff		by AB2257.
		may file suit and it limits the administrative		
		record that may be reviewed in that litigation		
		to evidence presented to or available to the		
		agency prior to the adoption of the fee or		
		assessment.		

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AB 2610 E. Garcia (D – Coachella)	Amended 4/10/2024	Protected species: authorized take: Salton Sea Management Program: System Conservation Implementation Agreement.	Support	This bill will help to advance conservation agreements and collective conservation goals related to reducing reliance of the Colorado River in order to account for changes in climate and law.
	Dead	Current law authorizes the Department of Fish and Wildlife, if certain conditions are fulfilled, to authorize the take of species, including fully protected species, resulting from impacts attributable to implementation of the Quantification Settlement Agreement on specified lands and bodies of water, including the Salton Sea. This bill would additionally authorize the department, if certain conditions are fulfilled, to authorize the take of species resulting from impacts attributable to the implementation of the Salton Sea Management Program or implementation of any System Conservation Implementation Agreement between the United States Bureau of Reclamation and the Imperial Irrigation District to implement the Lower Colorado River Basin System Conservation and Efficiency Program, as provided, on the specified lands and bodies of water.	Based on 2024 Legislative Priorities and Principles, adopted January 2024	in order to account for changes in climate and low water supplies by allowing IID to advance their short-term conservation goals between 2024 – 2026.

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SB 122 Senate Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review	Chaptered  Signed by the Governor Chapter 51, Statutes of 2023	Provisions in this trailer bill provide that diversion of flood flows for groundwater recharge do not require an appropriative water right if specified conditions regarding the diversion are met. These provisions exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) specified actions related to the implementation of Colorado River water conservation agreements with the US Bureau of Reclamation.	Seek Amendments  Based on Metropolitan Policy Principles for Modernization of Water Rights Administration 2023 Water Rights Principles, adopted April 2023	The no-permit authorization poses a significant concern to Metropolitan's State Water Project supplies. There is no protest process, no requirement that diverters avoid harm to other legal water users with water rights senior to the flood flow diverter, and no protection of SWP and CVP rights to divert "excess flows" when they exist in the system up to the full capacity of the projects.  Metropolitan will work with the Administration to address these issues as the program is implemented.
SB 124 Senate Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review	Chaptered  Signed by the Governor Chapter 53, Statutes of 2023	Green Financing Programs for Federal IRA Funding  This measure contains various provisions to implement the 2023 State Budget Act, which includes authorizing the State Infrastructure and Economic Development Bank and the Department of Water Resources (DWR) to access and utilize federal funding in the Inflation Reduction Act to finance projects that reduce greenhouse emissions.	Based on 2023 Legislative Priorities and Principles, adopted December 2022	For the State Water Project, DWR's direct investment in qualifying projects could lower its capital costs, which would ultimately be passed on to Metropolitan and other SWP contractors.

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Author SB 150 Durazo (D-Los Angeles)	Chaptered Signed by the Governor Chapter 61, Statutes of 2023	Construction: workforce development: public contracts.  This measure is part of the negotiated infrastructure trailer bill package and focuses on strengthening the state's workforce and community benefits with infrastructure investments through California's share of federal funds.	Support  Based on 2023 Legislative Priorities and Principles, adopted December 2022	This bill is intended to help develop procurement models to enhance the state's training and access pipeline for jobs while ensuring community benefits on infrastructure and manufacturing investments.  This bill is consistent with Metropolitan's policy and practice and could benefit the district by helping build the next generation of the state's construction workforce.
SB 366 Caballero (D - Merced)  Sponsors: California Municipal Utilities Association, California Council for Environmental and Economic Balance, California State Association of Counties	Amended 8/22/2024  Pending Governor's Signature	The California Water Plan: long-term supply targets.  This measure would revise the California Water Plan to require the DWR to update the California Water Plan by December 31, 2028, and every five years after, to include a long-term water supply target for 2050 and discussion on the development of specified water supply sources to meet demand.	Support  Based on 2023 Legislative Priorities and Principles, adopted December 2022	The intent of this bill is to help modernize California's water management practices and provide long-term reliable supplies in response to the current climate challenges.  Metropolitan has taken a support position following the adoption of several amendments to address concerns, including the removal of language that would require the CWP to make recommendations for the Delta Reform Act and inclusion of language to ensure that the CWP does not impose on local and regional planning efforts.

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SB 659 Ashby (D – Sacramento)  Sponsors: Sacramento Regional Water Authority	Chaptered  Signed by the Governor Chapter 624, Statutes of 2023	California Water Supply Solutions Act of 2023.  This bill would require DWR to develop a groundwater recharge plan by January 1, 2026, to create additional groundwater recharge capacity and include the plan as part of the 2028 update to the California Water Plan.	Support, if Amended  Based on 2023 Legislative Priorities and Principles adopted December 2022.	This bill intends to elevate the importance of groundwater in the state's planning efforts.  Additional recharge capacities developed through implementation of this bill could potentially help in the successful implementation of projects such as Metropolitan's Pure Water project, LADWP's Operation Next project, and the Pure Water San Diego, potentially helping to maximize stormwater capture and increase sustainability of groundwater basins within Metropolitan's service area.
SB 687 Eggman (D - Stockton)	Amended 5/2/2023  Dead	Water Quality Control Plan: Delta Conveyance Project.  This measure will require the State Water Resources Control Board to adopt a final update of the Bay-Delta Water Quality Control Plan before the Board considers a change in the point of diversion or any other water rights permit or order for the Delta Conveyance Project.	Oppose  Based on 2023 Legislative Priorities and Principles, adopted December 2022	Metropolitan supports updating the Water Quality Control Plan to protect beneficial uses in the Delta. This bill would result in halting or delaying planning efforts on the Delta Conveyance Project and potentially prevent the project from operating if approved.

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SB 706 Caballero (D-Merced)  Sponsors: CA State Association of Counties; County of San Diego; Design Build Institute of America Western Pacific Chapter; League of	Chaptered  Signed by the Governor Chapter 500, Statutes of 2023	Public contracts: progressive design-build: local agencies.  This bill would provide additional authority, until January 1, 2023, for cities, counties, and special districts to use progressive design-build (PDB) authority for up to 10 public works projects that are in excess of \$5 million. In addition, any local agency that uses this authorized progressive-design build process must submit a report to the Legislature.	Support  Based on 2023 Legislative Priorities and Principles, adopted December 2022	Currently, PDB-eligible projects are limited to wastewater treatment facilities, park and recreational facilities, solid waste management facilities and water recycling facilities. This bill now authorizes cities, counties and special districts, including Metropolitan, to use PDB for public works projects. This supports Metropolitan's priority of ensuring reliable water supply deliveries throughout its service area.
SB 867 Allen (D-Santa Monica)	Chaptered  Signed by the Governor, Chapter 83, Statutes of 2024	Drought, Flood and Water Resilience, Wildfire and Forest Resilience, Coastal Resilience, Extreme Heat Mitigation, Biodiversity and Nature-Based Climate Solutions, Climate Smart Agriculture, Park Creation and Outdoor Access, and Clean Energy Bond Act of 2024.  This measure would authorize a \$15.5 billion general obligation bond for a range of resource-based programs that will improve California's climate resiliency. If approved, this measure would be on the March 5, 2024, statewide ballot.	Support, if Amended  Based on June 2023 Board Action	This measure is consistent with Metropolitan's current policy priorities and supports the objectives of Metropolitan's Climate Adaptation Master Plan.  Metropolitan is seeking amendments to increase funding for recycled water, dam safety, regional conveyance, drought, and conservation projects.

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SB 903 N. Skinner (D – Berkeley)	Amended 4/11/2024	Environmental health: product safety: perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances.	Support  Based on 2024 Legislative	From a source water protection standpoint, the bill creates provisions to reduce PFAS contamination and enhance protection of water quality and public health. By limiting PFAS in consumer products, the bill
	Dead	Starting January 1, 2025, certain substances called perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) will be prohibited in new textiles, cosmetics, food packaging, and juvenile products in the state. This means that manufacturers and sellers cannot add PFAS to these products. A new bill, starting January 1, 2032, will also require the Department of Toxic Substances Control to determine if using PFAS in a product is necessary and unavoidable before it can be offered for sale. The department will keep a list of these determinations on its website and use any penalties collected for administering and enforcing these laws. By January 1, 2027, the department will adopt regulations to carry out this bill, including setting an application fee and creating an appeal process for penalties and decisions made under this law. A PFAS Oversight Fund will be created from the application fees to cover the department's expenses for administering this act, with funds allocated by the legislature.	Priorities and Principles, adopted January 2024	indirectly aims to reduce PFAS contamination in water sources, potentially decreasing treatment costs and complexity for water providers. The bill encourages the development and adoption of PFAS alternatives, potentially impacting the types of materials and products used within the water industry and by consumers, promoting safer water handling and packaging materials.

SB 1072 S. Padilla	Amended	Local government: Proposition 218: remedies.	Support	Metropolitan does not currently collect any revenue
(D – San Diego)	6/17/2024			from any property related fees or assessments subject
		The California Constitution has rules for	Based on	to Articles XIII C or D. However, Metropolitan does
		imposing taxes at a local level. It excludes	2024 Legislative	have statutory authority to collect such fees. If
	Pending	certain fees and assessments if they meet certain	Priorities and	Metropolitan were to adopt such a fee or assessment
	Governor's	criteria, such as not exceeding the benefit given	Principles,	in the future, the revenues from those fees or
	Signature	to a property or the cost of the service provided.	adopted January	assessment would be subject to the limitation added
		There is also a law known as the Proposition 218	2024	by SB 1072.
		Omnibus Implementation Act that outlines how		
		local agencies must comply with these		
		requirements. This bill, if passed, would require		
		local agencies to correct any fees or charges for		
		property-related services that violate these		
		constitutional provisions and credit the amount		
		of the violation against the revenues needed for		
		the service. This bill supports the purposes and		
		intent of Proposition 218 and the Omnibus		
		Implementation Act.		

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SB 1147	Amended	Drinking water: bottled water: microplastics	Support	As originally proposed, this bill would circumvent the
A. Portantino (D –	8/22/2024	levels.		existing statutory and regulatory process by
Glendale)			Based on	mandating a new process without ensuring a well-
	Pending	SB 1147, introduced on February 14, 2024,	2024 Legislative	established scientific foundation, which is critical for
	Governor's	would add Section 116376.2 to the Health and	Priorities and	developing, standardizing, and validating
	Signature	Safety Code and would require the Office of	Principles,	microplastics analytical methods and procedures.
		Environmental Health Hazard Assessment	adopted January	Amendments were adopted to address concerns about
		(OEHHA) to study the health impacts of	2024	the appropriate bifurcation of responsibilities between
		microplastics in drinking water, including		the State Board and OEHHA for studying and setting
		bottled water, to evaluate and identify safe and		standards for microplastics.
		unsafe levels of microplastics, and develop and		
		deliver to the State Water Resources Control		
		Board (State Board) public health standards and		
		goals for safe microplastics levels in drinking		
		water, including bottled water, by January 1,		
		2026. The bill would also require OEHHA to		
		develop and deliver to the State Board		
		definitions for the terms "safe level of		
		microplastics" and "unsafe level of		
		microplastics" by January 1, 2026.		

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SB 1169	Chaptered	Los Angeles County Flood Control District:	Support	Support for this bill will help with Los Angeles
H. Stern (D – Los		finances.		County's flood control program and is consistent with
Angeles)				the Board's policy to support development of local
	Signed by the	This law, known as the Los Angeles County	Based on	resources and conservation efforts.
	Governor,	Flood Control Act, sets up a district responsible	2024 Legislative	
	Chapter 77,	for managing and preserving flood and	Priorities and	
	Statutes of 2024	wastewaters in the county. It permits the district	Principles,	
		to borrow money from certain sources to fund	adopted January	
		flood control work and repay the loan within 20	2024	
		years with a maximum interest rate of 4.25%		
		annually. The district must also collect enough		
		taxes from property owners each year to cover		
		the loan payments. Currently, the district is		
		limited to borrowing a maximum of \$4.5 million		
		and issuing bonds up to the same amount. This		
		proposed bill would extend the loan repayment		
		period to 35 years with a maximum interest rate		
		of 5.5% annually. It would also remove the		
		borrowing and bond limits for the district. The		
		bill justifies these changes by stating the need for		
		a special law for the Los Angeles County Flood		
		Control District.		

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SB 1390 A. Caballero (D – Merced)	Amended 8/22/2024 Dead	Groundwater recharge: floodflows: diversion.  Under current law, all water in the state belongs to the people, but individuals can gain the right to use it through a legal process. This process requires the water to be used for a purpose that is helpful or beneficial. However, if certain conditions are met, using floodwater for groundwater recharge does not require a specific legal right. These conditions include receiving notice from a local or regional agency that there is a risk of flooding, and filing a report with the State Water Resources Control Board once the diversion is finished. This applies to diversions that began before January 1, 2029. This bill would extend these requirements to diversions that began before June 1, 2032. It would also add additional conditions that must be met for the diversion to be allowed, such as the local agency declaring that the diversion is in line with specific plans or emergency operations plans. The diversion must also stop within 90 days unless it is renewed, and the final report must include information about the methods used to predict and prevent flooding. Finally, the	Support  Based on Metropolitan Policy Principles for Modernization of Water Rights Administration 2023 Water Rights Principles, adopted April 2023 and 2024 Legislative Priorities and Principles, adopted January 2024	SB 1390 has been amended to clarify which agencies may make the declaration that flood flow conditions exist and when they are required to declare they no longer exist. The amendments include language to protect Metropolitan's SWP supplies, which also supports our operations to maintain water quality standards in the Delta.