



Engineering, Operations, & Technology Committee

Guiding Principles for Pure Water Southern California Partnerships

Item 6b

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PWSC Program Update

Subject

Guiding Principles for Pure Water Southern California Partnerships

Purpose

Present proposed guiding principles for Pure Water Southern California partnerships, including member agencies, Colorado River, and San Gabriel Valley MWD partnerships

Next Steps

Action to adopt the proposed guiding principles for Pure Water Southern California partnerships

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Agenda

- Overview of Proposed Process
- Proposed Guiding Principles for Partnerships
 - Member Agencies
 - Colorado River Agencies
 - Southern Nevada Water Authority (SNWA)
 - Arizona Parties (Arizona Department of Water Resources & Central Arizona Water Conservation District)
 - State Water Project Contractors
 - San Gabriel Valley MWD (SGVMWD)
- Next Steps

Overview of Guiding Principles for PWSC Partnerships

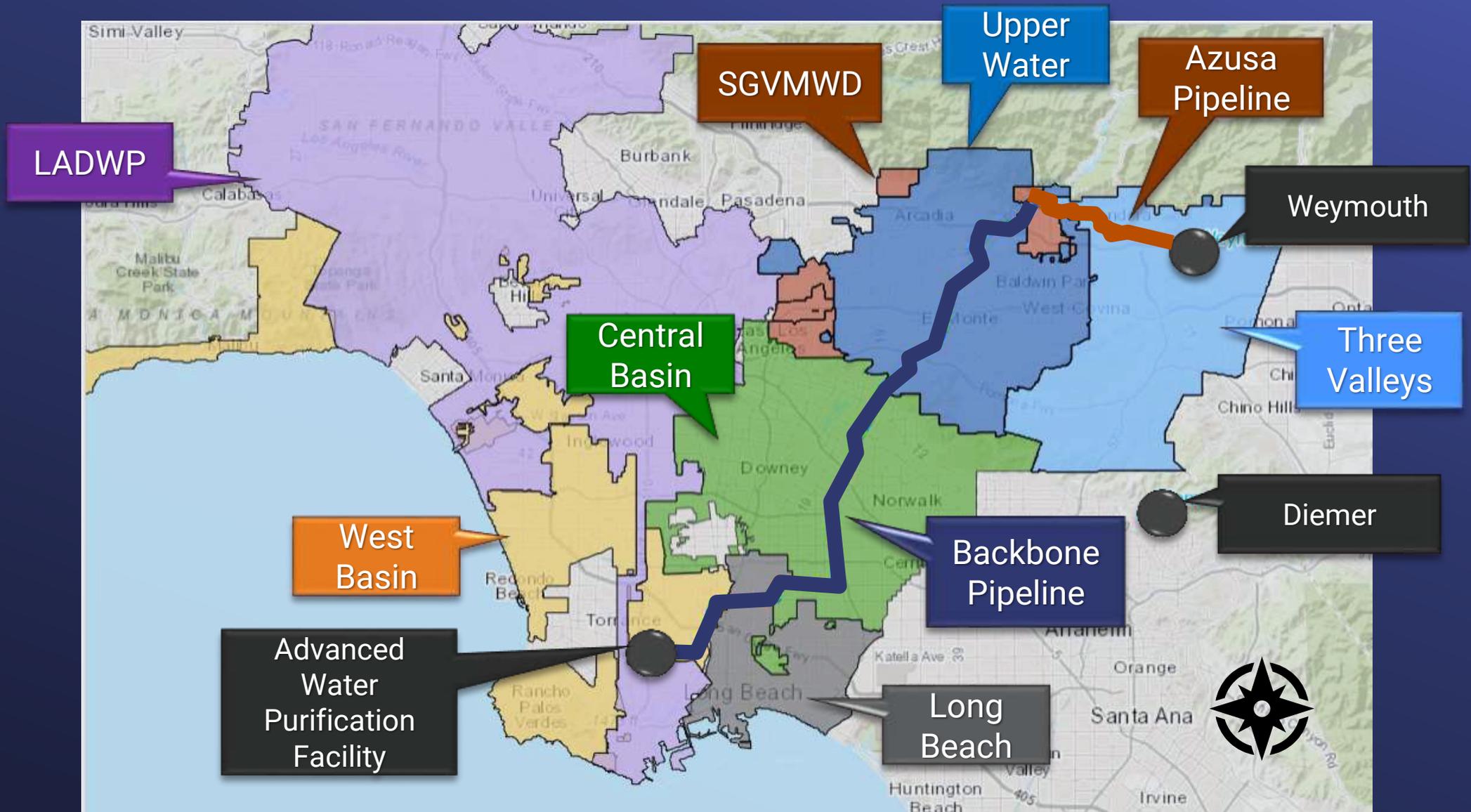
Member Agency/Program Partner Collaboration

- Agreement Development
 - Step 1: Letters of Intent (Complete)
 - Step 2a: Guiding Principles (2025)
 - Step 2b: Development of Term Sheet (2026)
 - Step 3: Interim Agreement (2026-2035+)
 - Step 4: Long-term Agreement (2035-2060+)
- Continued discussion with program partners

Guiding Principles for Partnership

- Guiding Principles Improve Partnership Process
 - Provides better alignment with CAMP4Water process
 - Allows the Board to weigh in on policy issues before term sheets are finalized
- Guiding Principles for Partnership Next Steps
 - Action Item: December 2025

Map of Member Agency and SWP Partners



Proposed Guiding Principles for Partnerships

Member Agency Partnerships

- West Basin MWD
- LADWP
- Long Beach
- Central Basin MWD
- Upper San Gabriel Valley MWD
- Three Valleys MWD

Colorado River Partnerships

- Southern Nevada Water Authority
- Arizona Parties

State Water Project Partnerships

- SGVMWD
- Others?

Summary of Guiding Principles for Member Agency Partnerships

New Regional Supply

- Provide new regional supply for Metropolitan to augment existing sources

Reliability

- Maximize opportunities when member agency's demand for PWSC aligns with water supplies produced by PWSC, thereby allowing Metropolitan to maximize production from PWSC
- Enhance regional benefits

Flexibility

- Balance operational flexibility for Metropolitan & member agencies while maximizing PWSC
- Member agencies would agree to purchase certain amount of water on average

Quality Water

- Provide high-quality water & reduce regulatory compliance costs through a shared risk framework

New Local Facilities

- Develop equitable approach to allocation of responsibilities & costs
- Balance member agency responsibility for local facilities with flexibility to develop PWSC infrastructure in the most effective way for Metropolitan to deliver water

Summary of Proposed Guiding Principles for Colorado River Partnerships

Equity

- Ensure the quantity of water available to SNWA or Arizona Parties aligns with and is proportional to their investment

Flexibility

- Provide flexibility for Metropolitan & partners
- Afford Metropolitan the ability to pre-deliver by storing water during surplus years
 - Partners to take water for direct delivery, storage and use in a subsequent year, or subsequent exchange
 - Metropolitan would have first right of refusal for any exchange with others

Adaptability

- Reflect that execution of the partnerships is dependent upon the rules applicable to the Colorado River parties
- Partnership must be supported by the rules and may need to change as the rules change

Summary of Proposed Guiding Principles for SGVMWD Partnership

Exchange

- Develop opportunities to make PWSC water available to SGVMWD in exchange for SGVMWD making State Water Project water available to Metropolitan

Shared Infrastructure

- Give Metropolitan the ability to use the facilities of SGVMWD to maximize regional benefits by conveying purified water for downstream potable reuse

Equity

- Ensure that the quantity of purified water Metropolitan makes available to SGVMWD aligns with the benefits of potential exchanges and infrastructure sharing

Flexibility

- Provide operational flexibility for Metropolitan and for SGVMWD

Quality Water

- Provide SGVMWD with high-quality purified water for groundwater replenishment

Proposed Next Steps to Prepare for Board Decisions

- Next Steps for Guiding Principles
 - Receive feedback from the Board on Guiding Principles
 - Guiding Principles for Partnership Board Action
- Future Program Items
 - Approve EIR in early 2026
 - Future PWSC implementation & staging decision
 - Develop term sheets based upon guiding principles

