

General Manager's Monthly Report



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Message from the General Manager

In fulfilling our mission to deliver reliable water supplies to communities across Southern California, Metropolitan is guided by the work of our 1,800-plus employees, 38 directors, and 26 member agencies. No single individual is alone responsible for leading this organization. Rather, hundreds of dedicated people are.

As Metropolitan transitions to a new general manager, it is critical that our newest leader understand the work that is contributed by each piece of our collective. I am exceptionally grateful that our board has provided Shivaji Deshmukh the opportunity to develop that understanding as GM-designate, before assuming the GM role in January. Shivaji, and our entire organization, will be better for it.

Over the next two months, Shivaji will visit our five water treatment plants and see first-hand how staff manages blends to maximize water quality amid constantly evolving conditions. He will meet staff at the Water Quality Lab who safeguard public health and learn the additional steps they are taking to manage invasive species, like the golden mussel recently discovered in our distribution system. He will visit Diamond Valley Lake and learn of the advancement of several projects to deliver water from that reservoir to State Water Project-dependent communities and make our system more resilient to drought and future emergencies.

He will take every opportunity to deepen his understanding and appreciation of the foundation of Metropolitan – the Colorado River Aqueduct – talking to staff at our pump plant facilities who work around the clock to deliver water into Southern California, learning more about the strains they face working in challenging conditions with limited backup resources, and seeing up close the more than 80-year-old infrastructure they must maintain.

And he will walk the halls of headquarters, engaging with all our departments that keep Metropolitan moving.

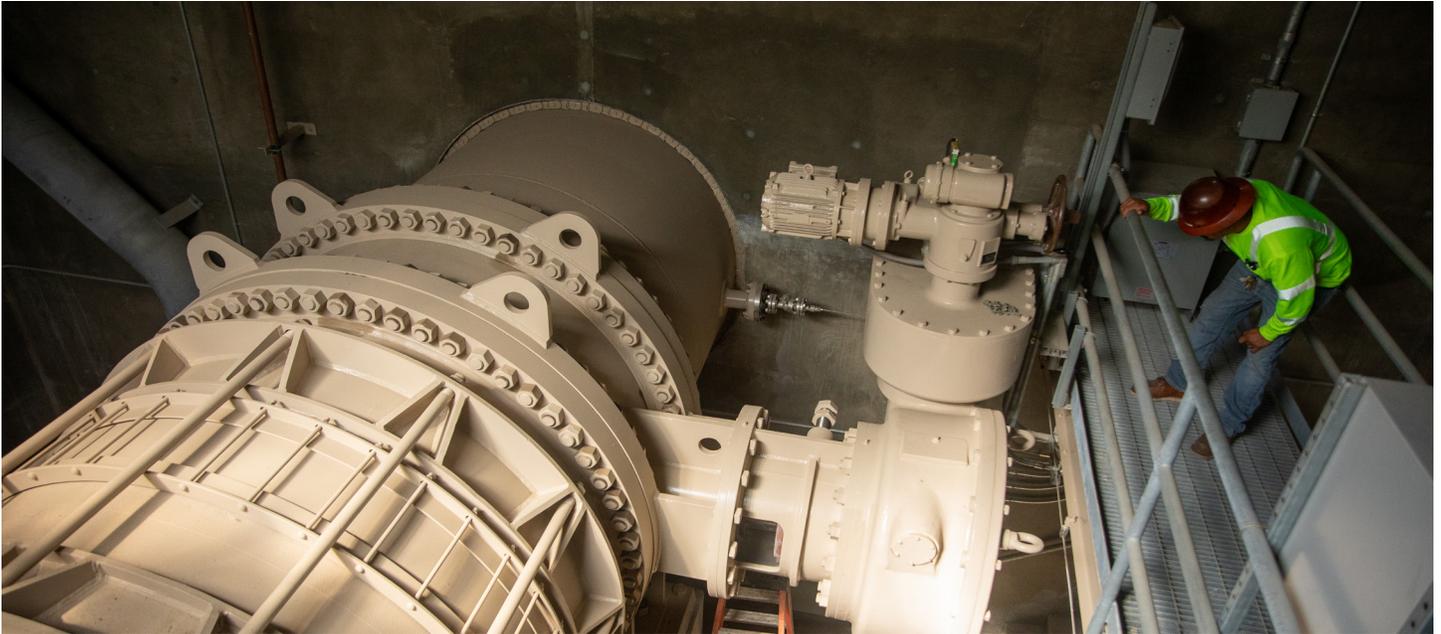
Our goal is that over the next two months, Shivaji will learn what I have come to appreciate during my tenure – that he does not stand alone at the top of Metropolitan. Rather, he stands at the center, surrounded by smart, hardworking people and teams leading our agency into the future.

Deven Upadhyay
General Manager



The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California is a state-established regional cooperative of 26 cities and public water agencies, which collectively serve nearly 19 million people in six counties. Metropolitan imports water from the Colorado River and Northern California to supplement local supplies and supports its members through the development of increased conservation, recycling, storage and other resource management programs.

Following are important highlights for this month on four goals of the GM Business Plan



The Foothill Pump Station Intertie Project involves modifying the existing station (pictured) with two new pipelines and other equipment to move water from Diamond Valley Lake into Metropolitan's Rialto Pipeline service area.

Goal: Achieve Equitable Supply Reliability for State Water Project Dependent Areas

This month we reached a significant milestone in demonstrating system flexibility improvements that enhance reliability for the State Water Project Dependent Areas in the eastern region. Specifically, we successfully pumped water along the Inland Feeder from Diamond Valley Lake to the San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District's spreading ground next to its Foothill Pump Station. This pumping test verified the first half of the future drought operation that will allow DVL water to reach the Rialto Pipeline, and it made use of two newly completed projects: the construction of a bypass at the Wadsworth Pump Station and the installation of a surge protection tank at the Badlands Tunnel.

The surge tank at the Badlands Tunnel is 30 feet in diameter and will protect the Inland Feeder against hydraulic fluctuations. It ensures that Metropolitan can safely operate this portion of the Inland Feeder with reverse flow from DVL.

The Wadsworth Pump Station Bypass allows Metropolitan to simultaneously fill the DVL forebay and pump forebay water into the Inland Feeder. This avoids interruptions and greatly increases the water that can reach the Rialto Feeder in times of drought. Completion of the four DVL-to-Rialto Pipeline projects will ultimately ensure that supplies from DVL can reach certain areas that would otherwise have access only to State Water Project supplies.



Control room at Wadsworth Pump Plant during reverse flow exercise.



Adding flexibility and resilience to Metropolitan's distribution system

Goal: Execute CAMP4W Implementation Strategy to Integrate Climate Adaptation District Wide

As part of the CAMP4W Implementation Strategy, Metropolitan is initiating an update to its Energy Sustainability Plan. A four-day in-person Energy Strategy Workshop was convened in October to engage in discussions and explore energy opportunities for Metropolitan.

Participants in the workshop included a multidisciplinary internal strategy team as well as external power advisors from organizations such as the California Independent System Operator (which manages the state's electricity grid) and LADWP.

The insights gathered during the workshop will help shape eventual updates to the ESP, building on it as an adaptive energy management strategy which aims to contain our exposure to costs and price volatility; increase operational reliability and flexibility; and advance Metropolitan's sustainability, greenhouse gas reduction targets, and energy independence.



Strategy workshop
spotlights future
energy opportunities



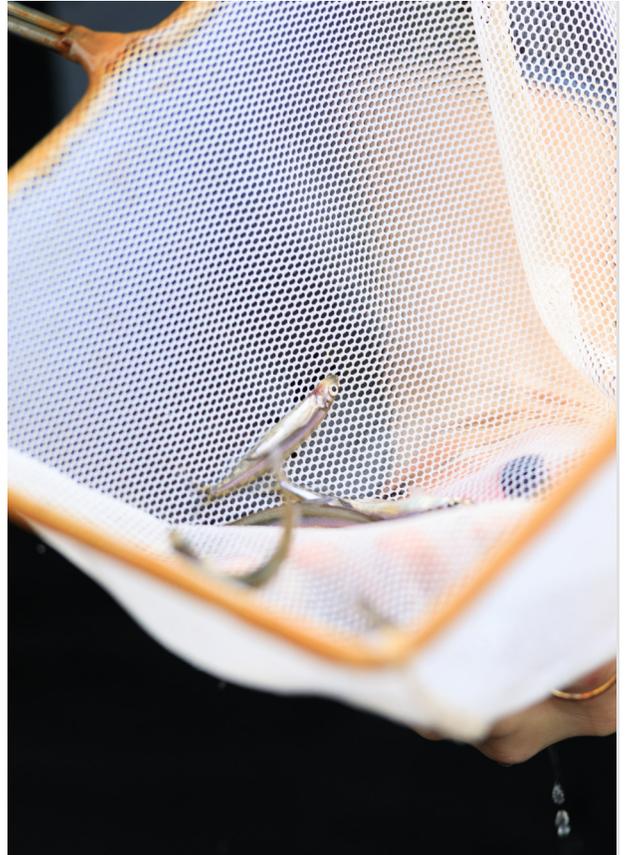
Metropolitan is taking initial steps to update its Energy Sustainability Plan by seeking input and ideas.

Goal: Decide on Sites Reservoir and Protect our Bay Delta Interests

One of the principles in the board-adopted Bay Delta Policy Framework is to “protect and restore aquatic species and habitats based on best available science.” This principle, like the Framework overall, reflects the understanding that a variety of strategies and activities are needed to protect Metropolitan’s interests in the Delta.

We are encouraged by the progress of pioneering scientific work on Metropolitan’s Delta Islands. This month, we again joined with researchers from UC Davis to conduct trial runs of pond cultured Delta smelt, as a continuation of studies on Delta smelt pond propagation which began in June 2023. The successful trials prepare us for our first Pond Harvest Study test in November. The Study will demonstrate the efficacy of using ponds as culturing tools to support hatchery production of wild-released fish in the Delta.

By advancing science and multi-benefit solutions like expanding the propagation of Delta smelt, we can improve the resilience of the Delta, inform regulatory decisions, and reduce the risks to critical water supply.



Early stage of the Delta Smelt Propagation Program placed fish into ponds on Bouldin Island in June 2023.



Delta Smelt deployment in Bouldin Island ponds, June 2023.



Scientific research informs decisions related to water supply and environmental health



Installing safety rings near water bodies was one safety recommendation.

Goal: Improve the Workplace and Promote START Values

The Safety Committee Forum convened at the start of October, bringing together employee safety committees from each of Metropolitan’s facilities to collaborate, share ideas, and promote attention to safety priorities. At the Forum, which was the second of 2025, staff shared success stories and strategies for eliminating workplace hazards. Staff also highlighted specific incidents and ongoing issues

of concern, including items to continue to elevate to executive attention. The Executive Safety Committee is meeting in November to review significant incidents, leading/lagging indicators, regulatory actions, and other initiatives to advance the District’s safety targets and goals.



Safety committees fast track improvements



Local safety committees met October 1 to discuss innovations and improvements being done across the district to improve safety.



Another recommendation was to add a mounting bracket for centralized storage of emergency equipment.

Ensuring Water Flows

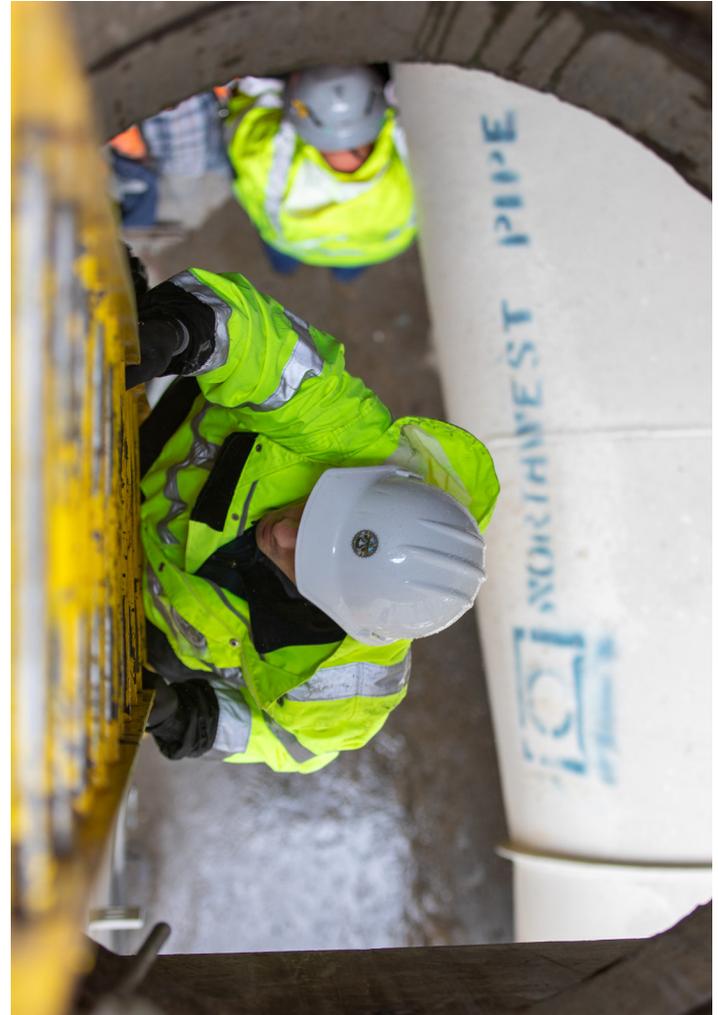
By Jesse Zavala, Team Manager, Valley C&D

CONVEYANCE AND DISTRIBUTION

Ensuring reliable deliveries to our member agencies is the main objective of staff who perform preventative and corrective maintenance activities throughout the year. Their responsibilities also include planning and performing shutdowns to complete pipeline and facility inspections, repair pipelines or equipment, and support capital improvement projects. The distribution system is essentially an all-pressure system, with pressure and gravity tunnels, pipes, siphons, reservoirs, and dams. Staffing includes maintenance mechanics, coaters, Conveyance & Distribution (C&D) specialists, planner schedulers, landscape technicians, and administrative assistants.

IMPORTANCE TO METROPOLITAN

The C&D system covers more than 5,200 square miles and serves about 19 million people through 800 miles of pipelines and canals, 16 hydroelectric plants, 17 reservoirs, and many other facilities. It supplies raw and treated water to over 400 service connections for member agencies, which then distribute water through their own municipal systems to homes, businesses, and industries. This vast system is only as strong and reliable as the dedicated and skilled people behind the scenes.



Repairs to the Second Lower Feeder.



Repairs on the Calabasas Feeder.

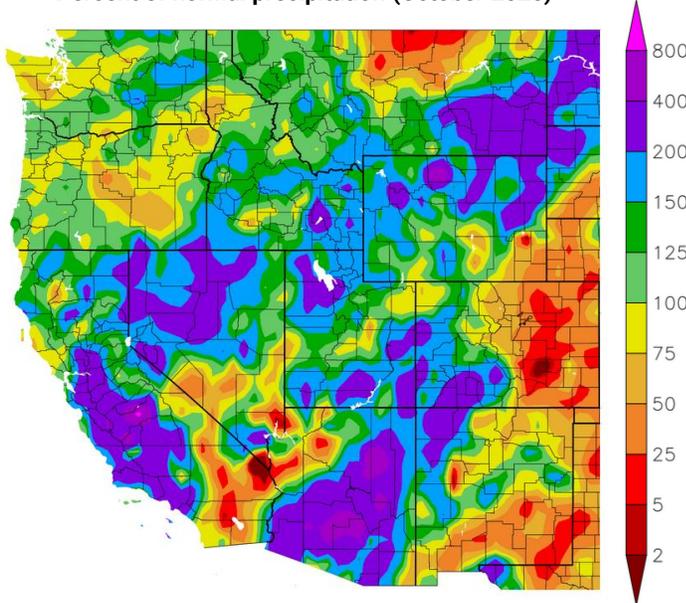
MEMORABLE MOMENTS

Two key examples come to mind. During the start of the pandemic our staff was on a shutdown and had to overcome tough circumstances to replace valves, inspect feeders, and complete critical pipeline repairs. Some years later, they addressed a major nitrification issue in the distribution system that took them away from home for more than a month, working long hours, days and nights to maintain reliable water delivery to our member agencies. The amazing thing about our staff is, not one single person is looking for notoriety or credit; they all work towards one goal and that's making sure water never stops flowing.

October 2025 Report

Extended Report: mwdh2o.com/WSCR

Percent of normal precipitation (October 2025)

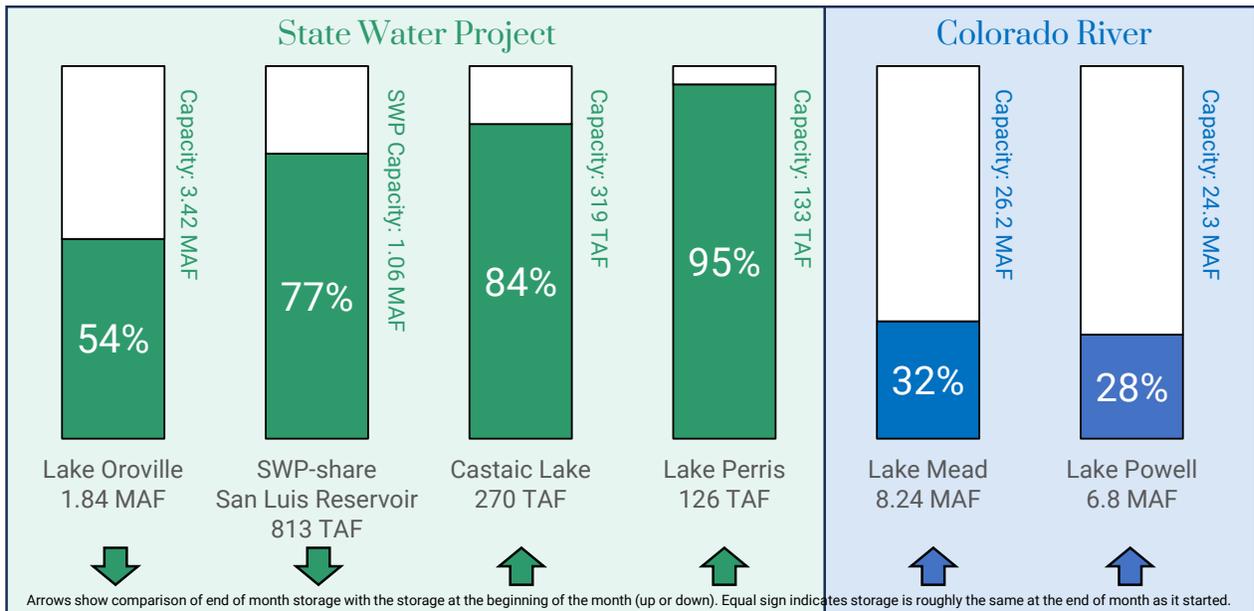


The month of October was wetter than normal (map). Downtown Los Angeles experienced 1.38 inches of rain in a single day, while the normal for the month is 0.58 inches.

The Northern Sierra 8 Station Index observed 3 inches of rain (107% of normal) and the San Joaquin 5 Station Index experienced 2.6 inches (123%).

The Upper Colorado River Basin also received above normal precipitation (3.6 inches or 158% of normal) rounding up a good start of the Water Year 2025-2026.

HPRCC Climate Summary
<https://hprcc.unl.edu/products/maps/acis/wrcc/Last1mPNormWRCC.png>



The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California

Monthly Operations At-A-Glance

October 2025

30-day window: September 24–October 24

Distribution * denotes change compared to previous 30-Day period

30-Day Member Agency Deliveries

3,860 AF/Day

Change in Deliveries*

▼ -830 AF/Day

Recorded **September** Deliveries to Member Agencies
Consumptive and Replenishment

132 TAF

Forecast **October** Deliveries to Member Agencies
Consumptive and Replenishment

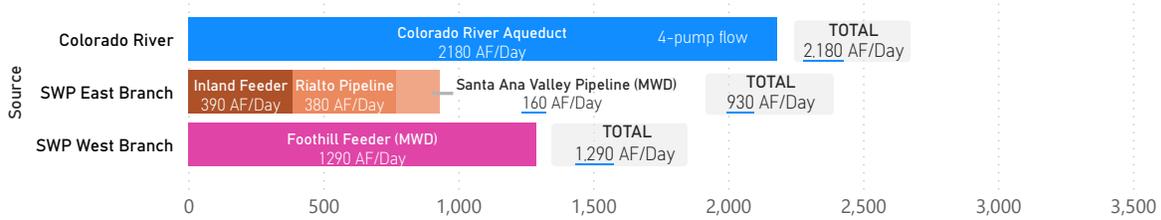
119 TAF

Recorded **September** Deliveries utilizing water programs
(CYC, RCYC, CUP, CCOP)

10 TAF

Supply

30-Day Average by Source (AF/Day)



Storage

Data as of October 24, 2025

Lake Mathews

157,800 AF

▼ -8,590 AF*



Lake Skinner

38,100 AF

▼ -530 AF*



Diamond Valley Lake

766,600 AF

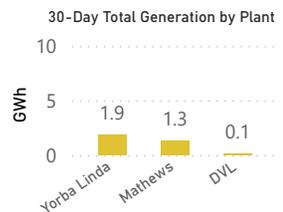
▼ -4,420 AF*



Hydropower

30-Day Total Generation:
3.3 GWh

30-Day Average Power:
4.5 MW

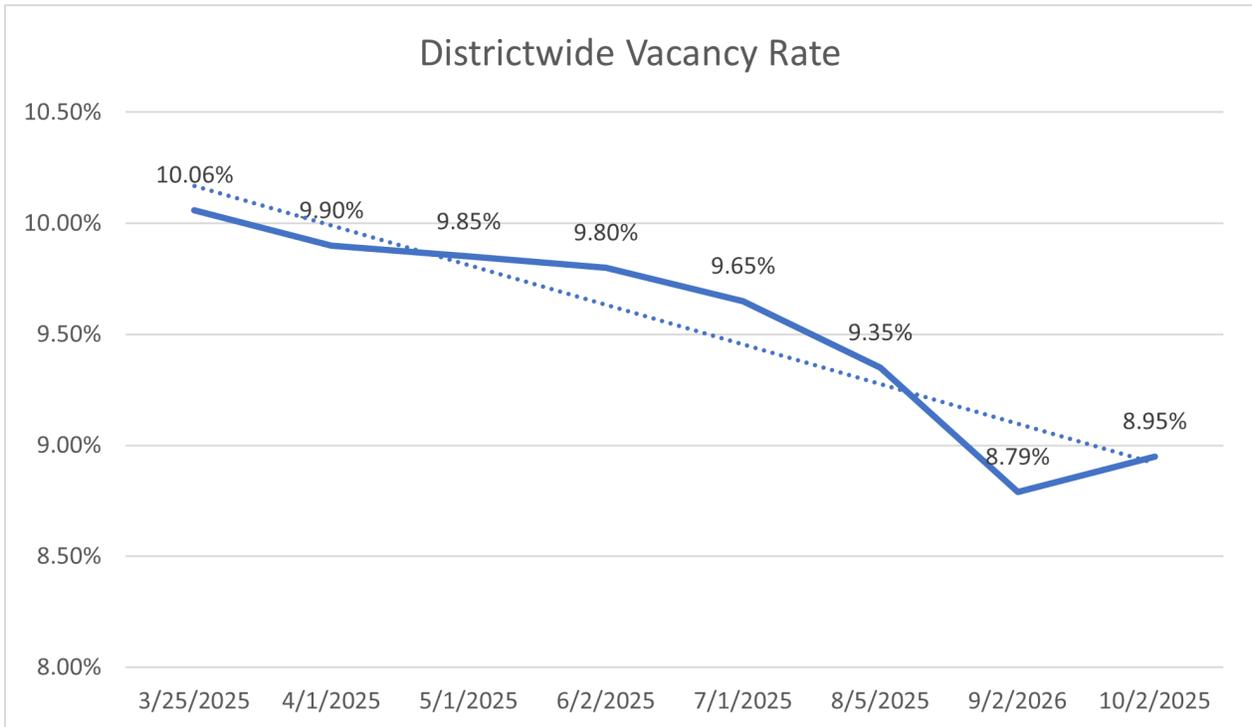
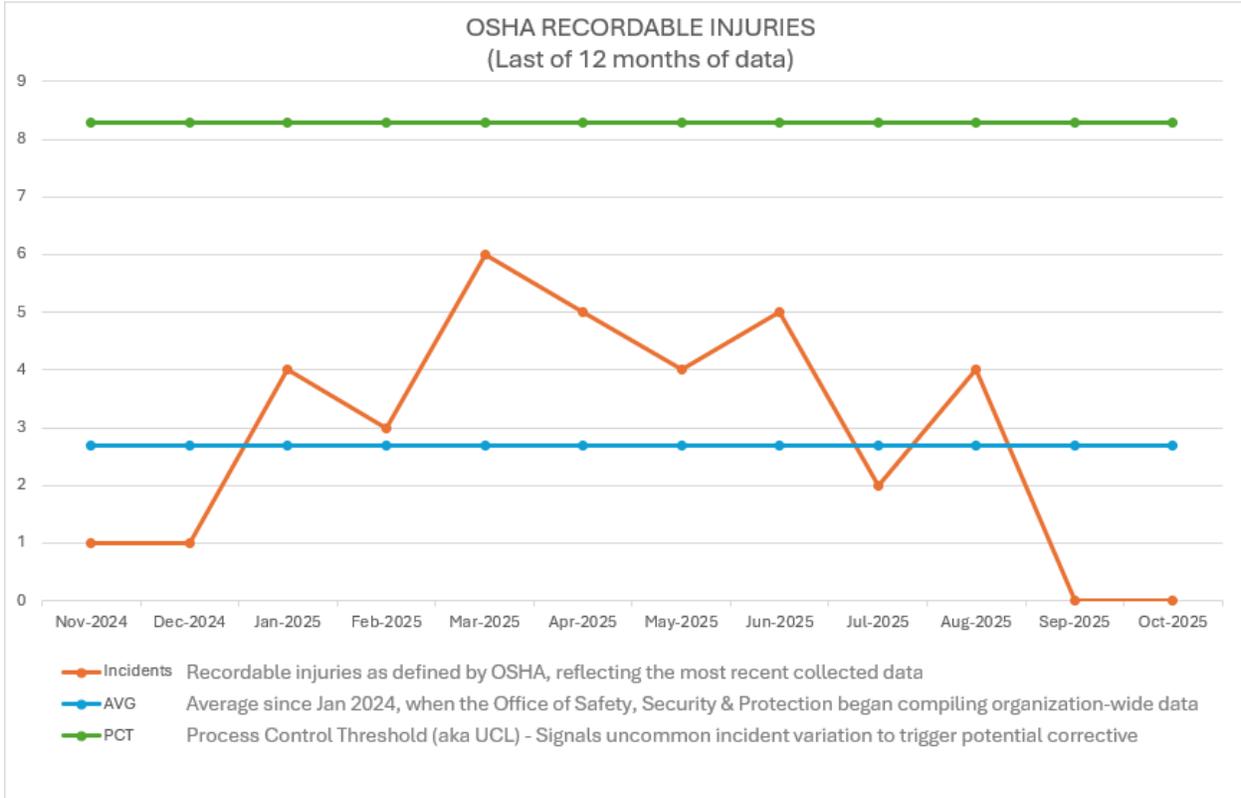


Water Quality

Plant Name	Targeted Blend (% SPW)	Current TDS (mg/L)	TTHMs (µg/L)	Flow-Weighted RAA TDS (mg/L) October 2024 - September 2025
	As of 10/22/2025	As of 10/22/2025	As of 10/6/2025	
Weymouth	60%	460	27.0	548
Diemer	60%	462	22.0	531
Skinner	40%	494	16.0	542
Jensen	100%	286	12.0	297
Mills	100%	211	18.0	212

Target: 500

TDS = Total Dissolved Solids TTHM = Total Trihalomethanes RAA = Running Annual Average





Metropolitan's mission is to provide its service area with adequate and reliable supplies of high-quality water to meet present and future needs in an environmentally and economically responsible way.

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