



Metropolitan Cases

Katano Kasaine v. Metropolitan **(Los Angeles County Superior Court)**

On February 24, 2025, employee Katano Kasaine filed an employment lawsuit against Metropolitan and Adel Hagekhalil in Los Angeles County Superior Court. Plaintiff served the lawsuit on Metropolitan on March 3, 2025. The complaint alleges causes of action for discrimination, hostile work environment, retaliation, failure to prevent discrimination, whistleblower retaliation, equal pay violations, intentional infliction of emotional distress, and defamation. The Legal Department has retained Davis Wright Tremaine LLP to defend the lawsuit.

Samer Samir Shafik Shahat v. Metropolitan **(Los Angeles County Superior Court)**

On January 17, 2025, plaintiff Samer Samir Shafik Shahat filed a lawsuit against Metropolitan and an employee in Los Angeles County Superior Court for alleged injuries arising out of a vehicle collision on June 12, 2023. Plaintiff served the lawsuit on Metropolitan on February 4, 2025. The complaint alleges causes of action for negligence, motor vehicle, negligent entrustment, and negligent hiring. The Office of the General Counsel is defending this lawsuit and answered the plaintiff's complaint on March 20, 2025.

Matters Impacting Metropolitan

EPA Seeks Input on New Definition of “Waters of the United States”

On March 12, 2025, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) announced plans to seek stakeholder input on implementing a new definition of “waters of the United States” (WOTUS) under the Clean Water Act (CWA). The agencies' goal is to align their WOTUS implementation with the agencies' pre-2015 definition of “WOTUS” and the U.S. Supreme Court's 2023 decision in *Sackett v. Environmental Protection Agency*, 598 U.S. 651 (2023) (*Sackett*). The EPA will host six stakeholder listening sessions to solicit recommendations beginning in April through May 2025. Registration information and dates are available at <https://www.epa.gov/wotus/public-outreach-and-stakeholder-engagement-activities#wotusnotice>. Written recommendations on specific topics -- including the scope of “relatively permanent” waters, “continuous surface connection,” and jurisdictional ditches -- are due by April 23, 2025.

EPA also issued new implementation guidance clarifying what wetlands qualify as a jurisdictional

WOTUS. The new guidance explains that the Supreme Court in *Sackett* provided a clear two-part test for determining CWA jurisdiction over adjacent wetlands. First, the adjacent water must be a traditional navigable water or relatively permanent water body connected to a traditional navigable water. Second, the wetland must have a continuous surface connection to that water in a way that makes it difficult to distinguish where the water ends and the wetland begins. Thus, the guidance clarifies that the agencies interpret WOTUS to include “only those adjacent wetlands that have a continuous surface connection because they directly abut the [requisite jurisdictional water].” Wetlands separated by uplands, a berm, dike, or similar feature will no longer be considered WOTUS. Also, wetlands with only an intermittent, physically remote hydrologic connection to WOTUS do not have the necessary connection to covered waters that triggers CWA jurisdiction.

Metropolitan staff will submit written recommendations consistent with the Board-adopted Policy Principles and continue to track any future rulemakings or other actions affecting the definition of WOTUS, and any related litigation.



Other Matters

Miscellaneous

On March 19, 2025, Metropolitan issued \$99,400,000 of Tax-Exempt Flexible Rate Revolving Note, Series 2025 A-1 to reimburse the District for expenditures made from cash in fiscal year 2024-25 for Board-approved debt-financed projects for the Antelope Valley East Kern (AVEK) High Desert Water Banking Program and to prepay

the District's Tax-Exempt Flexible Rate Revolving Note, Series 2024 A1 and the Tax-Exempt Flexible Rate Revolving Note, Series 2024 A-7. Legal Department staff attorneys worked with and assisted outside bond counsel with the drafting and negotiation of several contracts and closing certificates.

Matters Received

<u>Category</u>	<u>Received</u>	<u>Description</u>	
Action in which MWD is a party	1	Complaint for Damages for: (1) Harassment Based on Race; (2) Harassment Based on Gender; (3) Discrimination Based on Race; (4) Discrimination Based on Gender; (5) Retaliation; (6) Failure to Take All Reasonable Steps to Prevent and Correct Harassment, Discrimination, and Retaliation; (7) Whistleblower Retaliation; (8) Violation of Labor Code § 1197.5 (California Equal Pay Act); (9) Intentional Infliction of Emotional Distress; and (10) Defamation, filed in Los Angeles County Superior Court, in the case <i>Katano Kasaine v. MWD and Adel Hagekhalil</i> , Case No. 25STCV05250	
Subpoenas	1	Worker's Compensation subpoena for personnel, medical, and payroll records for an agency temp	
Government Code Claims	1	Claim relating to an accident involving an MWD vehicle	
Requests Pursuant to the Public Records Act	14	<u>Requestor</u>	<u>Documents Requested</u>
		22nd Century Technologies	Current contracts for: (1) On-Call Information Technology Infrastructure Services; (2) On-Call Information Technology Quality Assurance and Control, Project Management, and Business Analysis Support Services; (3) On-Call Information Technology Application Support Services; and (4) Information Technology Cybersecurity Services
		BTCS Group	Winning Statements of Qualifications and Evaluation Score Sheets for IT Application Support Services



<u>Requestor</u>	<u>Documents Requested</u>
Center for Contract Compliance (4 requests)	Contract/bid information relating to the: (1) Solids Removal and Disposal Services at the Jensen Treatment Plant; (2) Landscape Maintenance and Irrigation Repairs at the Jensen Water Treatment Plant; (3) Landscape Maintenance and Repair Services at the Garvey Reservoir; and (4) Lake Skinner Dam Perimeter Drainage Improvements
Deltek	Bidders list for the Intramet Redesign
GHD	Documents relating to any environmental issues with septic systems or water supply wells at Monlux Elementary School in Valley Glen
Private Citizen (2 requests)	(1) Documents relating to the request for proposal and contracts for Multimedia Placement Consulting Services for Water Awareness and Outreach Campaign' and (2) documents relating to a turf removal rebate paid to Casta del Sol Homeowners Association
Rincon Consultants	Turf removal rebate data during the period 2020-2024 for participants in the Vallecitos Water District service area
Santa Margarita Water District	Proposals submitted in response to the 2019 Request for Qualifications for On-Call Consulting Services for Asset Management Program Planning and Development Services
Trellix	Scoring for responses to Request for Proposal for Cybersecurity Operation Center (CSOC) Support Services
Tryfacta	Technical and cost proposals submitted by the awarded vendors and the amount spent on the contracts for: (1) On-Call Information Technology Infrastructure Services; (2) On-Call Information Technology Quality Assurance and Control, Project Management, and Business Analysis Support Services; and (3) Information Technology Application Support Services



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Other Matters	1	Wage garnishment



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Bay-Delta and SWP Litigation	
Subject	Status
<p>Delta Conveyance Project CEQA Cases</p> <p><i>Tulare Lake Basin Water Storage District v. California Department of Water Resources</i> (case name for the consolidated cases)</p> <p><i>City of Stockton v. California Department of Water Resources</i></p> <p><i>County of Butte v. California Department of Water Resources</i></p> <p><i>County of Sacramento v. California Department of Water Resources</i></p> <p><i>County of San Joaquin et al. v. California Department of Water Resources</i></p> <p><i>Sacramento Area Sewer District v. California Department of Water Resources</i></p> <p><i>San Francisco Baykeeper, et al. v. California Department of Water Resources</i></p> <p><i>Sierra Club, et al. v. California Department of Water Resources</i></p> <p><i>South Delta Water Agency and Rudy Mussi Investment L.P. v. California Department of Water Resources</i></p> <p><i>Sacramento County Superior Ct.</i> (Judge Acquistio)</p> <p>3d District Court of Appeal Case No. C101878</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DWR is the only named respondent/defendant • All alleged CEQA violations • Most allege violations of the Delta Reform Act, Public Trust Doctrine and Delta and Watershed Protection Acts • Two allege violations of the fully protected bird statute • One alleges violations of Proposition 9 (1982) and the Central Valley Project Act • Deadline for DWR to prepare the administrative record extended to Jan. 31, 2025 • June 20, 2024 trial court issued a preliminary injunction halting pre-construction geotechnical soil testing until DWR certifies that the DCP is consistent with the Delta Plan • Aug. 19, 2024 DWR appealed the injunction • Oct. 24, 2024 cases ordered consolidated for all purposes under <i>Tulare Lake Basin Water Storage District v. California Department of Water Resources</i> • April 4, 2025 next case management conference • Feb. 6, 2025 DWR filed its opening brief on appeal of the preliminary injunction halting preconstruction geotechnical work • March 21, 2025 trial court hearing on DWR's motion to for stay of enforcement of injunction to allow the DCA to resume preconstruction geotechnical work • <u>Aug. 8, 2025 next case management conference</u>
<p>Delta Conveyance Project Water Right Permit Litigation</p> <p><i>Central Delta Water Agency et al. v. State Water Resources Control Board</i></p> <p>Fresno County Superior Court (Judge Hamilton <u>Lisa Gamoian</u>)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complaint filed April 16, 2024, alleges that the State Water Board must rule on DWR's 2009 petition to extend the time to perfect its State Water Project rights before the State Water Board may begin to adjudicate DWR's petition to change its water rights to add new points of diversion for the Delta Conveyance Project • Sept. 19 hearing date for State Water Resources Control Board demurrer (motion to dismiss) and motion to strike and DWR's demurrer (motion to dismiss) taken off calendar by court-entered stipulation of the



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	<p>parties after DWR withdrew the 2009 petition to extend its SWP water rights</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • March 11, 2025 Trial Setting Conference • August 27, 2025 Case Management Conference
<p>Consolidated DCP Revenue Bond Validation Action and CEQA Case</p> <p><i>Sierra Club, et al. v. California Department of Water Resources</i> (CEQA, designated as lead case)</p> <p><i>DWR v. All Persons Interested</i> (Validation)</p> <p>Sacramento County Superior Ct. (Judge Kenneth C. Mennemeier)</p> <p>3d District Court of Appeal Case No. C100552</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Validation Action • Final Judgment and Final Statement of Decision issued January 16, 2024 ruling the bonds are not valid • DWR, Metropolitan and other supporting public water agencies filed Notices of Appeal on or before the February 16, 2024 deadline • Eight opposing groups filed Notices of Cross Appeals by March 27, 2024 • April 16, 2024 DWR moved to dismiss the cross appeals as untimely • October 4, 2024 DWR's and Supporting SWP Contractors' Joint Opening Brief and Appellants' Appendix filed • October 15, 2024 DWR's and Supporting SWP Contractors' joint motion for calendar preference was granted; the appeal will be accorded priority pursuant to statutory provisions, which should accelerate oral argument and the court's decision once briefing is completed in about March 2025 • Respondents' and Cross-Appellants' briefs filed Dec. 31, 2024 and Jan. 2, 2025 • DWR's and Supporting SWP Contractors' filed reply to Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association's opposition brief Feb. 11, 2025 • DWR's and Supporting SWP Contractors' combined opposition to cross-appeals and reply brief filed April 1, 2025due ~March 18, 2025 • Cross-Appellants' reply briefs due May 12, 2025



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<p>2025 Delta Conveyance Program Revenue Bond Validation</p> <p><i>Department of Water Resources v. All Persons Interested, etc.</i></p> <p>Sacramento County Superior Court (Judge TBD)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jan. 6, 2025, the Department of Water Resources (DWR) adopted a new bond resolution Jan. 7, DWR filed a complaint seeking a judgment validating its authority to issue the bonds under the CVP Act Jan. 27, 2025 summons issued Feb. 27, 2026 Case Management Conference March 25, 2025 deadline to file answers Metropolitan and Coachella Valley Water District filed answers in support in mid- and late-February, respectively <u>15 answers filed, 10 in opposition and 5 in support</u> <u>Two motions to dismiss filed; the first noticed for a June 12, 2025 hearing, the second for October 8, 2025</u>
<p>SWP-CVP 2019 BiOp Cases</p> <p><i>Pacific Coast Fed'n of Fishermen's Ass'ns, et al. v. Raimondo, et al. (PCFFA)</i></p> <p><i>Calif. Natural Resources Agency, et al. v. Raimondo, et al. (CNRA)</i></p> <p>Federal District Court, Eastern Dist. of California, Fresno Division (Judge Thurston)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SWC intervened in both <i>PCFFA</i> and <i>CNRA</i> cases Federal defendants reinitiated consultation on Oct 1, 2021 March 28, 2024 order extending the Interim Operations Plan and the stay of the cases through the issuance of a new Record of Decision or December 20, 2024, whichever is first
<p>2020 CESA Incidental Take Permit Cases</p> <p>Coordinated Case Name <i>CDWR Water Operations Cases, JCCP 5117</i> (Coordination Trial Judge Gevercer)</p> <p><i>Metropolitan & Mojave Water Agency v. Calif. Dept. of Fish & Wildlife, et al. (CESA/CEQA/Breach of Contract)</i></p> <p><i>State Water Contractors & Kern County Water Agency v. Calif. Dept. of Fish & Wildlife, et al. (CESA/CEQA)</i></p> <p><i>San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water Dist. v. Calif. Dept. of Water Resources, et al. (CEQA/CESA/ Breach of Contract/Takings)</i></p> <p><i>Sierra Club, et al. v. Calif. Dept. of Water Resources (CEQA/Delta Reform Act/Public Trust)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Administrative records certified in October 2023 Order entered to delay setting a merits briefing schedule by 90 days and extending the time to bring the action to trial by six months Deadline to bring all the coordinated cases to trial is now December 5, 2025 December 2024 three petitioner groups filed requests for dismissal without prejudice Remaining petitioner groups meeting and conferring in light of the new, 2024 CESA Incidental Take Permit <u>SF Baykeeper dismissed its case on March 18, 2025</u> <u>March 7-May 2, 2025</u> Case Management Conference



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<p><i>San Francisco Baykeeper, et al. v. Calif. Dept. of Water Resources, et al. (CEQA/CESA)</i></p>	
<p>2024 CESA Incidental Take Permit Cases</p> <p><i>San Francisco Baykeeper, et al. v. California Department of Water Resources</i> (CEQA, Delta Reform Act, Public Trust Doctrine)</p> <p>Sacramento County Superior Ct. Case No. 24WM000185 (Judge Arguelles)</p> <p><i>California Sportfishing Protection Alliance, et al. v. California Department of Water Resources, et al.</i> (CEQA, CESA, Delta Reform Act, Public Trust Doctrine)</p> <p>Sacramento County Superior Ct. Case No. 24WM000181 (Judge Arguelles)</p> <p><i>Tehama-Colusa Canal Authority, et al. v. California Department Of Water Resources, et al.</i> (CEQA)</p> <p>Sacramento County Superior Ct. Case No. 24WM000183 (Judge Rockwell)</p> <p>Central Delta Water Agency and South Delta Water Agency v. California Department of Water Resources (CEQA, Delta Reform Act, Watershed Protection Acts, Public Trust Doctrine)</p> <p>Sacramento County Superior Ct. Case No. 24WM000186 (Judge Acquisto)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cases challenge DWR's Final EIR and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife's California Endangered Species Act Incidental Take Permit for the updated Long Term Operations plan for the State Water Project



Subject	Status
<p>CDWR Environmental Impact Cases Sacramento Superior Ct. Case No. JCCP 4942, 3d DCA Case No. C100302 (20 Coordinated Cases)</p> <p>Validation Action <i>DWR v. All Persons Interested</i></p> <p>CEQA 17 cases</p> <p>CESA/Incidental Take Permit 2 cases</p> <p>(Judge Arguelles)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cases dismissed after DWR rescinded project approval, bond resolutions, decertified the EIR, and CDFW rescinded the CESA incidental take permit • January 10, 2020 – Nine motions for attorneys’ fees and costs denied in their entirety • May 11, 2022, court of appeal reversed the trial court’s denial of attorney fees and costs • Coordinated cases remitted to trial court for re-hearing of fee motions consistent with the court of appeal’s opinion • Dec. 26, 2023 order denying fee motions • Six notices of appeal filed • Appellants’ opening briefs and appendices filed Oct. 29 and Oct. 31 • Feb. 13, 2025 DWR filed its omnibus respondents’ (opposition) brief • Reply briefs due May 5, 2025
<p><i>North Coast Rivers Alliance v. DWR</i> <i>Sacramento County Superior Ct.</i> (Judge Rockwell)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Case dismissed Dec. 12, 2024
<p>Water Management Tools Contract Amendment</p> <p><i>California Water Impact Network et al. v. DWR</i> Sacramento County Superior Ct. (Judge Acquisto)</p> <p><i>North Coast Rivers Alliance, et al. v. DWR</i> Sacramento County Super. Ct. (Judge Acquisto)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Filed September 28, 2020 • CWIN and Aqualliance allege one cause of action for violation of CEQA • NCRA et al. allege four causes of action for violations of CEQA, the Delta Reform Act, Public Trust Doctrine and seeking declaratory relief • SWC motion to intervene in both cases granted • Dec. 20, 2022 DWR filed notice of certification of the administrative record and filed answers in both cases



San Diego County Water Authority v. Metropolitan, et al.

Cases	Date	Status
2014, 2016	Sept. 30	Based on the Court of Appeal's Sept. 21 opinion in the parties' earlier 2010/2012 cases, and the Board's Sept. 28 authorization, Metropolitan paid \$35,871,153.70 to SDCWA for 2015-2017 Water Stewardship Rate charges under the Exchange Agreement and statutory interest.
2017	July 23, 2020	Dismissal without prejudice entered.
2018	April 11, 2022	Court entered order of voluntary dismissal of parties' WaterFix claims and cross-claims.
2014, 2016, 2018	June 11, 2021	Deposition of non-party witness.
	Aug. 25	Hearing on Metropolitan's motion for further protective order regarding deposition of non-party witness.
	Aug. 25	Court issued order consolidating the 2014, 2016, and 2018 cases for all purposes, including trial.
	Aug. 30	Court issued order granting Metropolitan's motion for a further protective order regarding deposition of non-party witness.
	Aug. 31	SDCWA filed consolidated answer to Metropolitan's cross-complaints in the 2014, 2016, and 2018 cases.
	Feb. 22	Metropolitan and SDCWA each filed motions for summary adjudication.
	April 13	Hearing on Metropolitan's and SDCWA's motions for summary adjudication.
	May 4	Court issued order granting Metropolitan's motion for summary adjudication on cross-claim for declaratory relief that the conveyance facility owner, Metropolitan, determines fair compensation, including any offsetting benefits; and denying its motion on certain other cross-claims and an affirmative defense.
	May 11	Court issued order granting SDCWA's motion for summary adjudication on cross-claim for declaratory relief in the 2018 case regarding lawfulness of the Water Stewardship Rate's inclusion in the wheeling rate and transportation rates in 2019-2020; certain cross-claims and affirmative defenses on the ground that Metropolitan has a duty to charge no more than fair compensation, which includes reasonable credit for any offsetting benefits, with the court also stating that whether that duty arose and whether Metropolitan breached that duty are issues to be resolved at trial; affirmative defenses that SDCWA's claims are untimely and SDCWA has not satisfied claims presentation requirements; affirmative defense in the 2018 case that SDCWA has not satisfied contract dispute resolution requirements; claim, cross-claims, and affirmative defenses regarding applicability of



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2014, 2016, 2018 (cont.)		Proposition 26, finding that Proposition 26 applies to Metropolitan's rates and charges, with the court also stating that whether Metropolitan violated Proposition 26 is a separate issue; and cross-claims and affirmative defenses regarding applicability of Government Code section 54999.7, finding that section 54999.7 applies to Metropolitan's rates. Court denied SDCWA's motion on certain other cross-claims and affirmative defenses.
	May 16-27	Trial occurred but did not conclude.
	June 3, June 24, July 1	Trial continued, concluding on July 1.
	June 24	SDCWA filed motion for partial judgment.
	July 15	Metropolitan filed opposition to motion for partial judgment.
	Aug. 19	Post-trial briefs filed.
	Sept. 14	Court issued order granting in part and denying in part SDCWA's motion for partial judgment (granting motion as to Metropolitan's dispute resolution, waiver, and consent defenses; denying motion as to Metropolitan's reformation cross-claims and mistake of fact and law defenses; and deferring ruling on Metropolitan's cost causation cross-claim).
	Sept. 21	Metropolitan filed response to order granting in part and denying in part SDCWA's motion for partial judgment (requesting deletion of Background section portion relying on pleading allegations).
	Sept. 22	SDCWA filed objection to Metropolitan's response to order granting in part and denying in part SDCWA's motion for partial judgment.
	Sept. 27	Post-trial closing arguments.
	Oct. 20	Court issued order that it will rule on SDCWA's motion for partial judgment as to Metropolitan's cost causation cross-claim simultaneously with the trial statement of decision.
	Dec. 16	Parties filed proposed trial statements of decision.
	Dec. 21	SDCWA filed the parties' stipulation and proposed order for judgment on Water Stewardship Rate claims for 2015-2020.
	Dec. 27	Court entered order for judgment on Water Stewardship Rate claims for 2015-2020 as proposed by the parties.
	March 14, 2023	Court issued tentative statement of decision (tentatively ruling in Metropolitan's favor on all claims litigated at trial, except for those ruled to be moot based on the rulings in Metropolitan's favor)



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2014, 2016, 2018 (cont.)	March 14	Court issued amended order granting in part and denying in part SDCWA's motion for partial judgment (ruling that Metropolitan's claims for declaratory relief regarding cost causation are not subject to court review).
	March 29	SDCWA filed objections to tentative statement of decision
	April 3	Metropolitan filed response to amended order granting in part and denying in part SDCWA's motion for partial judgment (requesting deletion of Background section portion relying on pleading allegations).
	April 25	Court issued statement of decision (ruling in Metropolitan's favor on all claims litigated at trial, except for those ruled to be moot based on the rulings in Metropolitan's favor)
	Jan. 10, 2024	Parties filed joint status report and stipulated proposal on form of judgment
	Jan. 17	Court issued order approving stipulated proposal on form of judgment (setting briefing and hearing)
	April 3	Court entered final judgment
	April 3	Court issued writ of mandate regarding demand management costs
	April 3	SDCWA filed notice of appeal
	April 17	Metropolitan filed notice of cross-appeal
	May 3	Participating member agencies filed notice of appeal
	May 31	Parties filed opening briefs on prevailing party
	June 28	Parties filed response briefs on prevailing party
	July 17	Court issued tentative ruling that there is no prevailing party due to mixed results
	July 18	Hearing on prevailing party; court took matter under submission, stating it expects to rule in mid-Aug.
	Aug. 15	Court issued ruling that Metropolitan is the prevailing party and is entitled to SDCWA's payment of its litigation costs and fees under the Exchange Agreement
	Sept. 25	Court issued order extending time for Metropolitan to file its memorandum of costs and motion for attorneys' fees
	Sept. 27	Metropolitan filed its memorandum of costs in the amount of \$372,788.64



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2014, 2016, 2018 (cont.)	Oct. 18	Parties filed a joint application to extend the briefing schedule in the Court of Appeal
	Oct. 21	Court of Appeal granted parties' joint briefing schedule; briefing begins April 11, 2025 and ends October 10, 2025
	Oct. 29	SDCWA filed its motion to tax (reduce) Metropolitan's costs
	Nov. 26	SDCWA withdrew its motion to tax (reduce) Metropolitan's costs and requested that the court cancel the Dec. 11 motion hearing
	Dec. 17	The court entered the parties' stipulated order that Metropolitan's recoverable attorneys' fees are \$3,402,408.71 and its recoverable costs are \$372,788.64; unless the Court of Appeal reverses the order that Metropolitan is the prevailing party, SDCWA is to pay Metropolitan these amounts, plus interest; and briefing on Metropolitan's motion for attorneys' fees is vacated.
	Dec. 17	The court issued an order reassigning the cases from the Honorable Anne-Christine Massullo to the Honorable Ethan P. Schulman.
	Jan. 28, 2025	Court of Appeal granted parties' modified joint briefing schedule; briefing begins July 11, 2025 and ends January 9, 2026.
All Cases	April 15, 2021	Case Management Conference on 2010-2018 cases. Court set trial in 2014, 2016, and 2018 cases on May 16-27, 2022.
	April 27	SDCWA served notice of deposition of non-party witness.
	May 13-14	Metropolitan filed motions to quash and for protective order regarding deposition of non-party witness.
	June 4	Ruling on motions to quash and for protective order.



Outside Counsel Agreements				
Firm Name	Matter Name	Agreement No.	Effective Date	Contract Maximum
Albright, Yee & Schmit, APC	Employment Matter	222524	11/24	\$75,000
	Employment Matter	222529	12/24	\$50,000
	<u>Employment Matter</u>	<u>222536</u>	<u>03/25</u>	<u>\$50,000</u>
	<u>Employment Matter</u>	<u>222542</u>	<u>03/25</u>	<u>\$50,000</u>
Andrade Gonzalez LLP	MWD v. DWR, CDFW and CDNR Incidental Take Permit (ITP) CESA/CEQA/Contract Litigation	185894	07/20	\$250,000
Aleshire & Wynder	Oil, Mineral and Gas Leasing	174613	08/18	\$50,000
Anzel Galvan LLP	Bond Issues	220411	07/24	N/A
Atkinson Andelson Loya Ruud & Romo	Employee Relations	59302	04/04	\$1,316,937
	Delta Conveyance Project Bond Validation-CEQA Litigation	185899	09/21	\$250,000
	MWD Drone and Airspace Issues	193452	08/20	\$50,000
	AFSCME Local 1902 in Grievance No. 1906G020 (CSU Meal Period)	201883	07/12/21	\$30,000
	AFSCME Local 1902 v. MWD, PERB Case No. LA-CE-1438-M	201889	09/15/21	\$20,000
	MWD MOU Negotiations**	201893	10/05/21	\$100,000
	Misconduct Investigation	222533	01/25	\$25,000
	Ethics Investigation	222534	01/25	\$25,000
	<u>PRA Issues</u>	<u>222539</u>	<u>02/25</u>	<u>\$20,000</u>
BDG Law Group, APLC	Gutierrez v. MWD	216054	03/24	\$250,000



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Best, Best & Krieger	Bay-Delta Conservation Plan/Delta Conveyance Project (with SWCs)	170697	08/17	\$500,000
	Environmental Compliance Issues	185888	05/20	\$100,000
	Grant Compliance Issues	211921	05/23	\$150,000
	Pure Water Southern California	207966	11/22	\$250,000
	Progressive Design Build	216053	04/24	\$250,000
Blooston, Mordkofsky, Dickens, Duffy & Prendergast, LLP	FCC and Communications Matters	110227	11/10	\$100,000
Brown White & Osborn LLP	Employment Matter	222523	10/24	\$50,000
	Employment Matter	222525	11/24	\$50,000
Buchalter, a Professional Corp.	Union Pacific Industry Track Agreement	193464	12/07/20	\$50,000
Burke, Williams & Sorensen, LLP	Real Property – General	180192	01/19	\$100,000
	Labor and Employment Matters	180207	04/19	\$75,000
	General Real Estate Matters	180209	08/19	\$200,000
	Rancho Cucamonga Condemnation Actions (Grade Separation Project)	207970	05/22	\$100,000
Law Office of Alexis S.M. Chiu*	Bond Counsel	200468	07/21	N/A
	Bond Counsel	220409	07/24	N/A
Castañeda + Heidelman LLP	Employment Matter	216055	04/24	\$100,000
	Employment Matter	222530	11/24	\$100,000
Cislo & Thomas LLP	Intellectual Property	170703	08/17	\$100,000
Curls Bartling P.C.*	Bond Counsel	200470	07/21	N/A
Davis Wright Tremaine, LLP	Advice and Representation re Potential Litigation	220424	10/24	\$250,000
Duane Morris LLP	SWRCB Curtailment Process	138005	09/14	\$615,422



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Duncan, Weinberg, Genzer & Pembroke	Power Issues	6255	09/95	\$3,175,000
Ellison, Schneider, Harris & Donlan	Colorado River Issues	69374	09/05	\$175,000
	Issues re SWRCB	84457	06/07	\$200,000
Erin Joyce Law, PC	Employment Matter	216039	11/23	\$100,000
	Ethics Advice	216058	05/24	\$100,000
Glaser Weil Fink Howard Jordan & Shapiro	Employment Matter	220395	7/24	\$160,000 \$150,000
Greines, Martin, Stein & Richland LLP	SDCWA v. MWD	207958	10/22	\$100,000
	Colorado River Matters	207965	11/22	\$100,000
Hackler Flynn & Associates	Government Code Claim Advice	216059	5/24	\$150,000
Haden Law Office	Real Property Matters re Agricultural Land	180194	01/19	\$50,000
Hanna, Brophy, MacLean, McAleer & Jensen, LLP	Workers' Compensation	211926	06/23	\$500,000
Hanson Bridgett LLP	Finance Advice	158024	12/16	\$100,000
	Deferred Compensation/HR	170706	10/17	\$600,000 \$500,000
	Tax Issues	180200	04/19	\$50,000
	Alternative Project Delivery (ADP)	207961	10/22	\$250,000
	Ad Valorem Property Taxes	216042	11/23	\$100,000
Harris & Associates	Employment Matter	220397	7/24	\$100,000
Hausman & Sosa, LLP	Jones v. MWD	216056	05/24	\$100,000
	Villavicencio v. MWD	220426	10/24	\$100,000
	Jensen Operator Standby Removal	222522	10/24	\$100,000



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Hawkins Delafield & Wood LLP*	Bond Counsel	193469	07/21	N/A
	Bond Counsel	220405	07/24	N/A
Hemming Morse, LLP	Baker Electric v. MWD	211933	08/23	\$175,000
Horvitz & Levy	SDCWA v. MWD	124100	02/12	\$1,250,000
	General Appellate Advice	146616	12/15	\$200,000
	Colorado River	203464	04/22	\$100,000
	Delta Conveyance Bond Validation Appeal	216047	03/24	\$25,000
	PFAS Multi-District Litigation – Appeal	216050	03/24	\$200,000
Innovative Legal Services, P.C.	Employment Matter	211915	01/19/23	\$175,000
Internet Law Center	Cybersecurity and Privacy Advice and Representation	200478	04/13/21	\$100,000
	Systems Integrated, LLC v. MWD	201875	05/17/21	\$100,000
Amira Jackmon, Attorney at Law*	Bond Counsel	200464	07/21	N/A
Jackson Lewis P.C.	Employment: Department of Labor Office of Contract Compliance	137992	02/14	\$45,000
Jones Hall, A Professional Law Corp*	Bond Counsel	200465	07/21	N/A
Katten Muchin Rosenman LLP	Bond Counsel	220412	07/24	N/A
Kronenberger Rosenfeld, LLP	Systems Integrated, LLC v. MWD	211920	04/23	\$250,000
Kutak Rock LLP	Delta Islands Land Management	207959	10/22	\$160,000 \$60,000
<u>Lesnick Prince & Pappas LLP</u>	<u>Kidde-Fenwal Bankruptcy</u>	<u>216061</u>	<u>06/24</u>	<u>\$50,000</u>



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Liebert Cassidy Whitmore	Labor and Employment	158032	02/17	\$244,741 \$240,824
	FLSA Audit	180199	02/19	\$50,000
	EEO Advice	216041	12/23	\$250,000
Lieff Cabraser Heimann & Bernstein, LLP	PFAS Multi-District Litigation	216048	03/24	\$200,000
Manatt, Phelps & Phillips	SDCWA v. MWD rate litigation	146627	06/16	\$4,400,000
	Raftelis-Subcontractor of Manatt, Agr. #146627: Per 5/2/22 Engagement Letter between Manatt and Raftelis, MWD paid Raftelis Financial Consultants, Inc.	Invoice No. 23949		\$56,376.64 for expert services & reimbursable expenses in SDCWA v. MWD
Marten Law LLP	PFAS Multi-District Litigation	216034	09/23	\$550,000
	PFAS-Related Issues (PWSC)	220414	08/24	\$100,000
	Perris Valley Pipeline Project	220415	07/24	\$100,000
	PFAS-Related Issues (General)	220413	10/24	\$50,000
Meyers Nave Riback Silver & Wilson	Pure Water Southern California	207967	11/22	\$100,000
Miller Barondess, LLP	SDCWA v. MWD	138006	12/14	\$600,000
Morgan, Lewis & Bockius	SDCWA v. MWD	110226	07/10	\$8,750,000
	Project Labor Agreements	200476	04/21	\$100,000
Musick, Peeler & Garrett LLP	Colorado River Aqueduct Electric Cables Repair/Contractor Claims	193461	11/20	\$3,250,000
	Arvin-Edison v. Dow Chemical	203452	01/22	\$150,000
	Semitropic TCP Litigation	207954	09/22	\$75,000
	Employment Matter	220417	08/24	\$100,000



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Nixon Peabody LLP*	Bond Counsel [re-opened]	193473	07/21	N/A
	Special Finance Project	207960	10/22	\$50,000
	Bond Counsel	220404	07/24	N/A
Norton Rose Fulbright US LLP*	Bond Counsel	200466	07/21	N/A
	Bond Counsel	220407	7/24	N/A
Olson Remcho LLP	Government Law	131968	07/14	\$600,000
	Executive Committee/Ad Hoc Committees Advice	207947	08/22	\$60,000
	Advice/Assistance re Proposition 26/Election Issues	211922	05/23	\$100,000
Pearlman, Brown & Wax, L.L.P.	Workers' Compensation	216037	10/23	\$100,000
Procopio, Cory, Hargreaves & Savitch, LLP	CityWatch Los Angeles Public Records Act Request	216046	02/24	\$75,000
	Public Records Act Requests	220399	7/24	\$75,000
<u>Redwood Public Law, LLP</u>	<u>PRA and Conflicts Issues</u>	<u>222540</u>	<u>02/25</u>	<u>\$150,000</u>
Renne Public Law Group, LLP	ACE v. MWD (PERB Case No. LA-CE-1574-M)	203466	05/22	\$100,000
	ACE v. MWD (PERB Case No. LA-CE-1611-M)	207962	10/22	\$50,000
	Employee Relations and Personnel Matters	216045	01/24	\$50,000
	ACE v. MWD (PERB Case No. LA-CE-1729-M)	220421	09/24	\$35,000
	AFSCME v. MWD (PERB Case No. LA-CE-1733-M)	220422	09/24	\$35,000
	AFSCME v. MWD (PERB Case No. LA-CE-1738-M)	220425	10/24	\$35,000



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	SAMWD v. MWD (PERB Case No. LA-CE-1745-M)	220527	11/24	\$35,000
	AFSCME v. MWD (PERB Case No. LA-CE-1746-M)	222528	11/24	\$35,000
Melanie Ross Law P.C.	Tiegs v. MWD	222535	01/25	\$25,000
Ryan & Associates	Leasing Issues	43714	06/01	\$200,000
	Oswalt v. MWD	211925	05/23	\$100,000
	Unlawful Encroachment on Metropolitan Rights-of-Way	216065	06/24	\$100,000
Seyfarth Shaw LLP	Claim (Contract #201897)	201897	11/04/21	\$350,000
	Claim (Contract #203436)	203436	11/15/21	\$350,000
	Claim (Contract #203454)	203454	01/22	\$210,000
	Reese v. MWD	207952	11/22	\$900,000
	General Labor/Employment Advice	211917	3/23	\$250,000
	Civil Rights Department Complaint	211931	07/23	\$100,000
	Crawford v. MWD	216035	09/23	\$525,000
	Tiegs v. MWD	216043	12/23	\$525,000
	Zarate v. MWD	216044	01/24	\$250,000 \$500,000
Shaw Law Group, PC	Administrative Investigation	222531	12/24	\$30,000
Sheppard Mullin Richter & Hampton LLP	Lorentzen v. MWD	216036	09/23	\$250,000
	Iverson v. MWD	222532	12/24	\$100,000
Stradling Yocca Carlson & Rauth*	Bond Counsel	200471	07/21	N/A
	Bond Counsel	220408	7/24	N/A



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Theodora Oringher PC	Construction Contracts - General Conditions Update	185896	07/20	\$100,000
Thompson Coburn LLP	NERC Energy Reliability Standards	193451	08/20	\$300,000
Van Ness Feldman, LLP	General Litigation	170704	07/18	\$50,000
	Colorado River MSHCP	180191	01/19	\$50,000
	Bay-Delta and State Water Project Environmental Compliance	193457	10/15/20	\$50,000
	Colorado River Issues	211924	05/23	\$250,000

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