

at a

Glance



THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT
OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

ORGANIZATION

Authority: Act of California Legislature 1927

Incorporated: Dec. 6, 1928

First Board Meeting: Dec. 29, 1928

Mission: To provide Metropolitan's service area with adequate and reliable supplies of high-quality water to meet present and future needs in an environmentally and economically responsible way

Water Sources: Colorado River and Northern California

Service Area: About 5,200 square miles in Los Angeles, Orange, San Diego, Riverside, San Bernardino and Ventura counties

Population Served: Approximately 19 million

Member Agencies: 26

Founding Cities (December 1928): Anaheim, Beverly Hills, Burbank, Colton*, Glendale, Los Angeles, Pasadena, San Bernardino*, San Marino, Santa Ana and Santa Monica

* Withdrew in 1931

Subsequent Member Agency Cities: Cities of Fullerton (joined 1931), Long Beach (1931), Torrance (1931), Compton (1931), and San Fernando (1971)

Municipal Water Districts: West Basin (1948), Inland Empire Utilities Agency (1950), Three Valleys (1950), Eastern (1951), Orange County (1951), Foothill (1953), Central Basin (1954), Western (1954), Calleguas (1960), Las Virgenes (1960), and Upper San Gabriel (1963)

County Water Authority: San Diego (1946)

GOVERNANCE

Board of Directors: 37. Each member agency is entitled to at least one director; additional directors are based on the agency's assessed valuation. Board meetings are generally held on the second Tuesday of each month. Check mwdh2o.com for meeting times and agendas.

FACILITIES

Colorado River Aqueduct: 242 miles from Lake Havasu to Lake Mathews, Riverside

Construction: Began 1933, completed 1939; CRA and regional distribution system operational 1941

Capacity: 1.3 million acre-feet* annually

Pumping Plants (east to west):

Whitsett Intake (lift 291 ft., shown at left); Gene (303 ft.); Iron Mountain (144 ft.); Eagle Mountain (438 ft.); Julian Hinds (441 ft.); Total lift 1,617 feet

Siphons: 144, totaling 29 miles

Tunnels: 29, totaling 92 miles

Canals: 63 miles

Conduit and Pipeline: 58 miles



Whitsett Intake Pumping Plant

* Acre-foot = 325,851 gallons

