

A Letter from the Board Chairman

The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California is a regional wholesaler that delivers water to 26 member public agencies serving 19 million people living throughout its 5,200 square-mile service area in Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego and Ventura counties.

Metropolitan was established in 1928 under an act of the state Legislature to construct and operate the 242-mile Colorado River Aqueduct which runs from an intake at Lake Havasu on the California-Arizona border to an end point at Metropolitan's Lake Mathews reservoir in Riverside County.

Today, Metropolitan owns and operates an extensive range of capital facilities including the Colorado River Aqueduct, 16 hydroelectric facilities, nine reservoirs, nearly 1,000 miles of large-scale pipes and five water treatment plants. Four of these treatment plants are among the 10 largest plants in the world. And, Metropolitan is the largest distributor of treated drinking water in the United States.

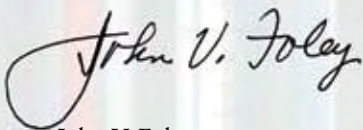
To help ensure the delivery of a safe and reliable water supply, each year Metropolitan tests its water for more than 400 constituents and performs upwards of 250,000 water quality tests on samples gathered from throughout our vast distribution system. Analysis of these samples is undertaken at Metropolitan's state-of-the art water quality laboratory.

We are pleased to present this Annual Drinking Water Quality Report which provides a summary of our water quality and monitoring data for our member agencies and the communities we serve. A core feature of the report is a detailed table that illustrates the monitoring results. A Readers Guide is also included which helps further explain the data. To learn about additional water quality and supply issues, visit Metropolitan's Web site at www.mwdh2o.com and click on to the "Spotlight on Water" section. You may also contact Dr. Mic Stewart, Metropolitan's Manager of Water Quality, at (213) 217-5696 or mstewart@mwdh2o.com.

Metropolitan's Board of Directors typically meets on the second Tuesday of each month. Board committee meetings usually occur on the Monday preceding the Tuesday Board meeting. These meetings are convened at Metropolitan's headquarters in downtown Los Angeles, 700 N. Alameda Street, adjacent to Union Station and are open to the public. To receive a board meeting agenda or to check on the date and start time for meetings, click on the Board of Directors link at the top of the right hand column of Metropolitan's Web site, www.mwdh2o.com.

On behalf of the board and staff at Metropolitan, I hope you find this report to be informative and helpful.

Sincerely,



John V. Foley

CHAIRMAN, METROPOLITAN BOARD OF DIRECTORS