



## **Three Valleys Municipal Water District 2023 Legislative Priorities & Principles**

The following state/federal *legislative priorities* for the upcoming 2023-24 legislative session supports the District's mission and incorporates its overall water supply reliability and water quality objectives.

### **Top Legislative Priorities for 2023**

1. Continue support for imported water supply resiliency and reliability, including progress on the Delta Conveyance Project, Sites Reservoir Project, Voluntary Agreements, and protecting critical elevations in Lake Powell and Lake Mead.
2. Conserve existing water supplies and prepare for climate change by supporting demand management and water use efficiency, long-term non-functional turf conversion, and a federal tax exemption for water conservation rebates.
3. Advance Pure Water Southern California and other water recycling projects and long-term supply reliability improvements.
4. Protect drinking water quality and ensure access to safe and reliable drinking water for all Californians, including upholding the polluter pays principle and ensuring the continued cleanup of sites along the Colorado River.
5. Support adaptive management for ecosystem restoration in the Bay-Delta and Colorado River watersheds that takes into consideration evolving climate conditions, risk analyses, and best available science.
6. Support MWD's Climate Action Plan to reduce Metropolitan's greenhouse gas emissions and reach carbon neutrality by 2045.
7. Consider support of MWD's sponsored state legislation in support of administrative/legislative actions and funding for the long-term conversion of non-functional turf (NFT) in residential, commercial, industrial, and institutional (CII) existing landscapes and ban the installation of NFT in new construction.

### **2023 Legislative Policy Principles**

The following *Legislative Policy Principles* are intended to guide and inform the district's engagement on state and federal legislative and regulatory activities. These principles address key strategic areas of policy that promote the district's mission ***to supplement and enhance local water supplies to meet our region's needs in a reliable and cost-effective manner.***

1. Drought Response –Southern California's two main sources of imported water are currently in severe drought conditions. Investments in additional conservation and local supplies are necessary as drought conditions continue or worsen, and the impacts of climate change are accelerating.
2. Drinking Water – TVMWD provides to the Southern California region high-quality, reliable drinking water in an economically responsible way that surpasses all federal and state drinking water regulations.
3. Regional Water Resource Management – Promote collaboration with member agencies to plan for future water supply needs and the challenges ahead in a reliable, cost-effective, and environmentally responsible manner. This involves protecting imported water supplies and quality, supporting local resource development, advancing water use efficiency, and supporting ecosystem protection and restoration.

4. Imported Water Supply – TVMWD provides imported water supplies to its member agencies from two primary sources, the Colorado River via the Colorado Aqueduct (MWD) and the State Water Project through the Miramar water treatment system.
5. Sustainability, Resiliency, and Innovation – TVMWD supports policies and funding that encourage sustainable practices that improve water and power system resilience and adapt to a rapidly changing environmental landscape. TVMWD strives to fulfill the needs of the current generation without compromising the needs of future generations in an environmentally and economically responsible way.
6. Infrastructure – TVMWD has a strategic priority to invest in key capital projects in our region to enable long-term, reliable water deliveries, as identified in the Capital Investment Plan.