

A Regional Water Supplier's Seismic Response Plan as Part of the Organization's Overall Emergency Management Plan

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Presentation Outline

- Overview of Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD)
- Emergency Management Plan
- Seismic Safety Program
- Seismic Response Plan



Mission

The mission of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California 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.



Metropolitan Water District of Southern California

- Regional Water Wholesaler to 6 counties
 - 240 cities
 - 5,200 square miles
- 26 Member Agencies
- 37 Member Board
- 18+ million people
- Projected population growth: ~170,000 people / year
- Regional economy: \$800+ billion
- Water Supplies: Meets about half of retail demands
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Organization

Incorporated:



December 6, 1928 by Act of California State Legislature

Legislative Charter:

To provide supplemental water to the Southern California coastal plain and to educate residents on water-related issues.

Water Sources:

Colorado River Aqueduct State Water Project

Service Area: About 5,200 square miles (13,500 km²)

Population Served: 18 million







Facilities

242 Miles CRA Aqueducts, Tunnels **775 Miles of Pipelines 5 Treatment Plants 15 Hydro Plants 6 Pump Plants 33 Dams and Reservoirs**



MWD's Seismic Safety Program

Evaluation of Existing Facilities

> Seismic Safety Program

Inspection of Non-Structural Components Goal: Ensure continuous water system operations immediately after a major earthquake. Development of Seismic Design Criteria

Assessment of

System

Vulnerability

Faults in Southern California



Liquefaction Susceptibility Zones



Seismic Risk



Over \$3 million Damage to Jensen Filtration Plant While Under Construction in 1971



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Major Changes on Building Code Seismic Design Forces



Seismic Performance Level

New Structures:

- Essential related to water system operation (ASCE 7 Occupancy Category IV)
- Important not related to water system operation but necessary for business operation (ASCE 7 Occupancy Category III)
- Regular all other structures (ASCE 7 Occupancy Category II)

Existing Structures

- Essential related to water system operation (FEMA 341 Immediate Occupancy Performance Level)
- Regular all other structures (FEMA 341 Life Safety Performance Level)

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Three Steps Approach:

- Rapid Evaluation of all Facilities
- Detailed Evaluation of Facilities with Deficiencies
- Retrofit Design and Construction to Mitigate Identified Deficiencies

Rapid Evaluation

- Funded under O&M budget
- Visual Inspection
- Drawing Review
- Preliminary Calculation
- Determine Seismic Adequacy



Detailed Evaluation

- Capital Improvement Projects
- Structural Modeling
- Comprehensive Evaluation
- Material Testing If Necessary
- Retrofit Schemes Development
 and Cost Estimate



- Retrofit Design and Construction
 - Capital Improvement Projects
 - Final Design to Mitigate Identified Deficiencies
 - Retrofit Construction



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Seismic Inspection

Voluntary periodic inspection to ensure adequacy of pipe bracing and equipment anchorage.





Seismic Inspection

 Mandatory periodic inspection (at lease once every five years) on pipes and Equipment containing regulated substances





Seismic Inspection

- Periodic inspection on special structures such as base isolated bridge
 - Every six months by maintenance crew
 - Every five years by a structural engineer
 - Immediately following a large earthquakes by a structural engineer





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Vulnerability Assessment Areas Impacted by Postulated Earthquake



Emergency Response Plan



Emergency Response Plan (ERP)

Example: Skinner Area Patrol Route



How to respond to an emergency

- Roles and responsibilities
- Equipment
- Material
- Communications

Damage Assessment

Established patrol routes

- Automatic mobilization
- Pre-defined patrol routes
- Primary and secondary patrollers

Damage assessment teams

- 8 multi-discipline teams (2 engineers per discipline)
 - Structural
 - Civil
 - Mechanical
 - Electric
 - Construction

Response Resources Strategy

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		Project		
Scenario	Oversee	Management	Design	Construct
Single Random Event	MWD	MWD	MWD	MWD
Moderate Event (M6.5-M6.75) 2 to 4 pipeline breaks ¹	MWD	MWD	MWD and Consultant	MWD and Contractors
Extreme Event (>M7.5) 5 or more pipeline breaks ²	MWD	MWD and Consultant	MWD and Consultants	MWD and Contractors

- 1. Mobilize consultants and contractors from existing capital projects to respond to more than 2 pipeline breaks
- 2. May also involve mutual assistance from outside agencies

Internal MWD Capability (Pipeline Repair)

Planning scenario - two simultaneous pipeline breaks

- 8 to 12 foot dia. x 60 ft long prestressed pipe, in an open area
- 8 to 12 foot dia. x 40 ft long prestressed pipe, in traffic area

Goal

• Return to service within 7 days





Critical Resources

Skills Pipeline engineers Crane and heavy equipment operators ✓ Welders ✓ Coaters Equipment Heavy equipment* ✓ Shop equipment**

•Recommending augmenting heavy equipment resources with additional excavator, hydraulic breakers and trench shoring.

** Recommending augmenting shop capability with additional plate roll and sub arc system

Critical Resources

Vendor relationships and contracts

- ✓ Concrete
- ✓ Gunite
- ✓ Steel*
- ✓ Concrete demolition
- Heavy equipment rentals
- Welding supplies
- Temp agency labor

* Currently maintain stock of plate steel at La Verne Shop for rolling pipe.

Actions Under Way to Improve Response Capability

- Improve two-way radio system and buy satellite phones
- Complete standard pipeline repair drawings
- Prepare standard shoring plans
- Conduct exercises
- Procure additional critical equipment

Emergency Response

Engineering Services' Role after Earthquake:

- Immediately dispatch Damage Assessment Teams
- Work closely with Water System Operations Group and contractors
- Assist in restoring operations

DAT Response Flow Chart



Example – Pipeline Emergency Repair



