



Meeting of the Metro Commission and Metro Wastewater JPA

Thursday, August 2, 2007, 12:00 p.m.

9192 Topaz Way (MOC II) Auditorium
San Diego, California

AGENDA

"The mission of the Metro Commission is to create an equitable partnership with the San Diego City Council on wastewater issues in the San Diego region that ensures fair rates for participating agencies, concern for the environment, and regionally balanced decisions through data analysis, collaboration among all stakeholders, and open dialogue."

Documentation
Included

1. ROLL CALL
2. PUBLIC COMMENT
- X 3. **ACTION** - APPROVE MINUTES OF JULY 12, 2007
4. METRO TAC UPDATE
5. FINANCE AD HOC COMMITTEE
6. REGIONAL JOINT GOVERNANCE AD HOC COMMITTEE
7. PROPOSED AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT METRO COMMISSION/WASTEWATER JPA MEETING (September 6, 2007)
8. METRO COMMISSIONERS' AND JPA BOARD MEMBERS' COMMENTS
9. **CLOSED SESSION** - CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION Initiation of litigation pursuant to subdivision (c) of Section 54956.9 (1 case)
10. ADJOURNMENT OF METRO COMMISSION AND JPA

*Item 2 - This portion of the agenda provides an opportunity for members of the public to address the Commission and/or JPA items within the jurisdiction of the Commission and/or JPA that have not previously been before the Commission and/or JPA. Comments are limited to three (3) minutes per individual. **Note:** Any member of the Public may address the Commission and/or JPA on any Agenda Item. Please complete a Speaker's Slip in advance of the specific item being called. For alternative agenda format or disabled access to Metro Commission, please call M. Barrett at (619) 236-6585. *The Metro Commission and/or JPA may take action on any item listed in this Agenda whether or not it is listed "For Action." All items are for Metro Commission and JPA consideration unless otherwise specified.

August 2, 2007

Metro Commission/Metro
Wastewater JPA Agenda



**City of Poway
Council Chambers
13325 Civic Center Drive
Poway, CA 92064**

**July 12, 2007
Draft Minutes**

Chairman Abarbanel called the meeting to order at 12:09 p.m. A quorum of the Metro Wastewater JPA and Metro Commission was declared, and the following representatives were present:

1. ROLL CALL

<u>Agencies</u>	<u>Representatives</u>		<u>Alternate</u>
City of Chula Vista	Cheryl Cox	X	(Arrived 12:10)
City of Coronado	Al Ovrom		Scott Huth
City of Del Mar	Henry Abarbanel	X	
City of El Cajon	Mark Lewis		No Representation
City of Imperial Beach	Mayda Winter	X	
City of La Mesa	Ernie Ewin		No Representation
Lemon Grove Sanitation District	Jerry Jones	X	
City of National City	Luis Natividad	X	
City of Poway	Merrilee Boyack	X	
City of San Diego	Tim Bertch		Bob Ferrier
County of San Diego	Dianne Jacob		Daniel Brogadir (Arrived 12:10)
Otay Water District	Mark Robak	X	(Arrived 12:17)
Padre Dam MWD	Augie Caires	X	
Metro TAC Chair	Scott Huth	X	
Public Utilities Advisory Commission	Chuck Spinks		No Representation

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

3. PRESENTATION ACKNOWLEDGING JIM HOWELL, JPA ALTERNATE REPRESENTATIVE AND METRO TAC REPRESENTATIVE, UPON HIS RETIREMENT

Chairman Abarbanel presented Mr. Howell with a plaque thanking him for his contributions, leadership and participation to both the Metro Wastewater JPA and Metro TAC.

4. APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE MEETING OF JUNE 7, 2007

Upon motion by Commissioner Natividad, seconded by Commissioner Caires, with the City of Imperial Beach and the Lemon Grove Sanitation District abstaining, and the Cities of Chula Vista, El Cajon, and La Mesa, the Otay Water District, and the County of San Diego absent, the minutes from the June 7, 2007 meeting were approved.

(Note: Commissioner Cox and Alternate Representative Brogadir arrived.)

5. METRO TAC UPDATE

Scott Huth reported that the first draft of the Capacity Valuation report has been reviewed, requiring possibly one more review. Raftelis provided TAC with an overview of the past valuation study. They are waiting for comments back from TAC member agencies to proceed with the final report.

Although a response from the Mayor's office has not been received as yet regarding our request for two seats on IROC, TAC recommended that Scott Tulloch be appointed as the representative and Commissioner Caires as the alternate.

Karyn Keese reported on the Schedule E audit, noting that there was agreement with the final reconciliation of the cost, which is over \$2 million. Staff had hoped to have received the final reconciliation showing how costs for the credits would be spread against all of the participating agencies and what would be included in the first quarter billing, which will be in July.

(Note: Commissioner Robak arrived.)

6. REVIEW OF BENEFICIAL USE OF DIGESTER GAS PROJECT

Upon motion by Commissioner Caires, seconded by Commissioner Jones, with the Cities of El Cajon and La Mesa absent, the Commissioners approved for this project.

7. REGIONAL JOINT GOVERNANCE AD HOC COMMITTEE

• **ALTERNATIVE ONE FOR REGIONAL GOVERNANCE**

Upon motion by Chairman Abarbanel, seconded by Commissioner Caires, with the Cities of El Cajon and La Mesa absent, the Commissioners approved the position stated as Alternative One for Regional Governance.

Chairman Abarbanel noted that members from the Ad Hoc Committee are scheduled to go before the NR&C Committee on Wednesday, July 18th, and are in the process of scheduling a meeting with Mayor Sanders.

8. DISCUSS INDEPENDENT RATES OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE (IROC)

There were no additional comments.

9. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR SENATE BILL 966 REGARDING PHARMACEUTICAL DRUG DISPOSAL

Upon motion by Vice Chair Winter, seconded by Commissioner Robak, with the Cities of El Cajon and La Mesa absent, the Commissioners approved the proposed letter of support to be sent to Senator Joe Simitian.

Vice Chair Winter urged all participating agencies to send letters of support as well.

10. FINANCE AD HOC COMMITTEE

There was no report.

11. METRO WASTEWATER DEPARTMENT

Bob Ferrier, Assistant Director of the Metro Wastewater Department, reported on the following:

- The City has been in the process of reducing staffing, and as many as possible are being relocated to other vacancies that have occurred.
- A press conference was held regarding secondary treatment.

12. PROPOSED AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT METRO COMMISSION/WASTEWATER JPA MEETING

There were not any items added.

13. METRO COMMISSIONERS' AND JPA BOARD MEMBERS' COMMENTS

At their next City Council meeting, the City of Chula Vista will be considering joining the Metro Wastewater JPA.

14. CLOSED SESSION – CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION, INITIATION OF LITIGATION PURSUANT TO SUBDIVISION (c) of SECTION 54956.9

At 12:47 p.m., all persons left the room with the exception of the Board of Directors, Metro Wastewater JPA consultants, Secretary, and Metro Wastewater JPA Counsel.

No action was taken in closed session. There were no minutes taken, and the session was not tape recorded.

At 12:55 p.m., Chairman Abarbanel declared the meeting to be in open session.

15. ADJOURNMENT OF METRO COMMISSION AND JPA

At 12:55 p.m., there being no further business, Chairman Abarbanel declared the meeting adjourned.

Recording Secretary