



City Studies Future Point Loma Treatment Options

Metro Wastewater Director Scott Tulloch, and Alan Langworthy, Deputy Director of the MWW Environmental Monitoring and Technical Services Division, on July 6 gave Metro Commissioners a full briefing on the history, current status and possible future scenarios of the Point Loma Wastewater Treatment Plant. The facility's capacity is 240 million gallons a day (mgd) and is currently treating approximately 180 mgd.

San Diego's modified permit waiving it from the federal Clean Water Act's requirement for secondary treatment expires in June 2008. At that time, San Diego's will be the only California system with a waiver and one of very few in the U.S. Even though scientists maintain that the present advanced primary treatment is not harmful to the ocean environment, Tulloch said it is unlikely that the modified permit can be renewed.

The City is currently weighing whether to (1) reapply for another waiver anyway, citing the scientific views and the expanded Regional Ocean Monitoring Program, or (2) agree to secondary treatment if a viable time frame for implementation can be negotiated. Cost estimates for going to secondary range from \$700 million to several billion, depending on the technology used. Tulloch said a decision on which course to take will be made before the end of the year.

Marty Eslambolchi Retires from County of San Diego

Marty Eslambolchi, longtime member of Metro TAC and an alternate to the Metro Commission, retires this month from the County of San Diego. He has been Public Works Manager in the County's Wastewater & Water Management Division for the past three years. A 16-year County employee in various engineering positions, Eslambolchi is looking forward to new opportunities.



Marty Eslambolchi



Doug Wilson

Doug Wilson Named Padre Dam's General Manager

Metro JPA Treasurer Douglas Wilson has been named interim General Manager of Padre Dam Municipal Water District, succeeding the retiring Augie Caires. Wilson, a CPA, has been Padre Dam's Director of Finance since 1997. Previous to that, he served for nine years as a member of that water district's Board of Directors.

JPA Studies Regional Authority Voting Procedures

The Metro JPA's Regional Wastewater Authority Ad Hoc Committee continues to study the feasibility of establishing a new regionwide joint governance authority for wastewater treatment. At the June 6 meeting Commissioners authorized the committee to research weighted vote systems used by comparable agencies, including the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) and the County Water Authority.

Next Meeting Scheduled for August 3

The next meeting of the Metro JPA and Commission will be held Thursday, August 3 at the Metropolitan Operations Center (MOC II) auditorium, 9192 Topaz Way, Kearny Mesa. Lunch will be provided for Commissioners and staff.

Metro TAC Meets on August 16

The next Technical Advisory Committee (Metro TAC) luncheon meeting will be held Wednesday, August 16 at 11 a.m. at MOC II. The July meeting has been canceled.

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