



Chula Vista City Council Votes to Join Metro JPA

On Tuesday, July 17 the Chula Vista City Council voted to join the Metro JPA. Paula de Sousa, General Counsel, has distributed the amendment language and approving resolutions to each of the JPA member agencies so that each one can place an agenda item for approval.

This is a landmark decision because once Chula Vista becomes a member, the Metro Commission will no longer exist and all participating agencies sharing in the Metro system will be united under the Joint Powers Authority.

Joint Regional Governance Presentation Made to NR&C Committee

On July 12, Metro JPA Commissioners voted to pursue alternative No. 1 for regional joint governance as outlined in a letter previously sent to senior staff from the City of San Diego. The original letter and meeting between the JPA and MWWD officials were characterized by Chairman Abarbanel as a frank and open discussion but that MWWD did not have an interest in the City of San Diego becoming a member of the Metro JPA. Chair Henry Abarbanel presented the regional joint governance alternative to the San Diego's NR&C Committee on July 18.

Mayor Sanders Rejects JPA Voting Seat on IROC

San Diego's Mayor Sanders rejected the Metro Wastewater Commission and JPA's request to have a voting member on a newly formed Independent Rates Oversight Committee (IROC). In a July 6 reply to Metro Chair Henry Abarbanel and Vice Chair Mayda Winter, Sanders stated, "that to give the organization two voting member positions on this newly formed body may not be necessary at this time." The City of San Diego is expected to finalize the 11-member IROC committee by July 31. As it stands, the Metro Wastewater Commission and JPA voted to request one voting seat on the committee and one non-voting ex-officio member. Scott Tulloch, MetroTAC representative from Chula Vista, has been selected to be the JPA representative in an ex-officio role.



Jim Howell, Director of Public Works for Poway Retires

Jim Howell retires this month as Poway's Director of Public Works. After 37 years, Jim is looking forward to moving into a new home in Fallbrook. He and his wife have an RV and plan to travel around the U.S. To pay for all of this upcoming fun, Jim says that he will teach part-time, but that could mean anywhere in the U.S. Your friends at the Metro JPA and Metro TAC wish Jim lots of luck and happy trails.

Metro JPA Meeting to be Held August 2

The next meeting of the Metro JPA and Commission will be held this Thursday, Aug. 2 at 12:00 p.m. at its usual location, the Metropolitan Operations Center (MOC II), 9192 Topaz Way, Kearny Mesa. Lunch will be provided for Commissioners and staff.

Metro TAC Meets on August 15

The next luncheon meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee (Metro TAC) will be on Wednesday, August 15 at 11 a.m. at the Metropolitan Operations Center (MOC II), 9192 Topaz Way, Kearny Mesa.

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