



### **City of San Diego Recycled Water Study**

Deputy Water Department Director Marsi Steirer reviewed the City's study designed to aid the Water Department in pursuing the best recycle opportunities, i.e. whether to expand the distribution, review Gray Water opportunities, expand storage facilities in groundwater basins or live stream discharge and review reservoir augmentation. The committee evaluated three strategies (non-potable, indirect potable reuse and both) each in the North City and the South Bay areas. In the North City, non-potable use could be expanded along the I-15 corridor; non-potable and potable uses could be added for the Rancho Bernardo golf courses and Lake Hodges; and water could be treated, purified and piped into the San Vicente Reservoir for indirect potable use. In the South Bay, sell non-potable water to the Sweetwater Authority; for both non-potable and potable use the Otay pipeline and build an indirect potable reuse treatment plant above the Otay Reservoir; and for indirect potable reuse, use separate distribution system in addition to the IBWC treatment plant. Commissioner comments were favorable.

### **Southern California Alliance of Publicly Owned Treatment Works (SCAP) Presents State Discharge Requirements**

Ray Miller presented SCAP's first presentation regarding the State Water Resources Control Board's (SWRCB) proposed Sanitary Sewer Overflow Reduction Program. Metro Commissioners questioned SWRCB's ability to require mandates for compliance without addressing finance issues, and directed staff to issue a public comment by September and encouraged individual cities to also comment. Metro TAC is studying participating agency progress and compliance.

### **County Water Authority 2005 Public Opinion Survey**

John Liarakos of the County Water Authority's (CWA) Legislation, Conservation and Outreach committee gave a brief overview on its latest regional public opinion survey. The random telephone survey asked 735 adult residents in the City of San Diego about their opinions on conservation, desalination, and recycled water use. Seventy percent of the respondents support desalination. That is a significant increase from 2004 to 2005. Acceptance of recycled water increased from three-percent initially to fifteen-percent when asked a second time at the end of the survey. This proves that consumers will respond favorably to more education about recycled water. Questions about wastewater repurification were not asked in 2005 (were included in 2004 but received less than thirty-percent acceptance) as it is not part of the CWA's overall scope. Persons interested in receiving a full copy of the report can contact Teri Basta at Padre Dam Municipal Water District.

### **International Boundary Wastewater Commission Update on South Bay Wastewater Issues**

Carlos Peña from the IBWC reported that the U.S. Section plans to meet on August 15 in anticipation of the September 30

compliance deadline of the Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) for Clean Water Act Compliance at the International Wastewater Treatment Plant (IWTP). The IBWC plans to issue a Record of Decision in October and award a contract in December.

Andy Zingale, field representative from Assemblymember Lori Saldaña's District, said that her office is attempting to coordinate a committee hearing on August 19 to establish the State of California's position on the permit process. At question is whether a private contractor, operating in Mexico but discharging in U.S. waters, could hold a NPDES Permit and be held accountable for violations Clean Water Act standards.

### **Bromfeld Retires from San Diego City Attorney's Office**

Ted Bromfeld, Deputy San Diego City Attorney, announced that he will be retiring at the end of the month and was presented with a plaque for his dedication and service to the Metro JPA/Commission. The Commission wishes him well.

### **Next Commission Meeting Scheduled for September 1**

The next Metro JPA/Commission meeting will be held at 12 noon, Thursday, September 1 in the Metropolitan Operations Center (MOC II) auditorium at 9192 Topaz Way, Kearny Mesa. Lunch will be provided for Commissioners and staff.

### **Mark Your Calendars Now -- October Metro JPA/Commission Meeting Date Change**

The October Metro JPA/Commission meeting will be held on Thursday, October 20 at MOC II.

### **Metro TAC to Meet on August 17**

The next meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee (Metro TAC) will be Wednesday, August 17 at 11 a.m. at MOC II.

### **Metro Commissioners**

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