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## **METRO JPA AUTHORIZES SERVICE CONTRACTS**

The San Diego Metropolitan Joint Powers of Authority (JPA) has signed contracts with several companies to supply staffing services for the multi-agency organization.

"A budget ad-hoc committee was formed to evaluate JPA expenses and contracts and make recommendations," said Henry Abarbanel, JPA chairman and Del Mar city council member. "We wanted to ensure the best possible return for our ratepayers who ultimately pay us to co-manage the system with the City of San Diego."

Approved for a new one-year term is PBS&J, located in Encinitas, for as-needed engineering and financial services support. Led by Karyn Keese, the company has most recently provided oversight with the City of San Diego audit department on the annual Metro Wastewater Department audit process.

Treasurer services will continue to be handled under the direction of Doug Wilson, general manager, Padre Dam Municipal Water District. Padre Dam MWD is the official office location for the Metro JPA.

Legal services will again be provided by Best, Best & Krieger with Paula de Sousa serving as general counsel. Best, Best & Krieger is located on West Broadway, downtown San Diego.

Awarded a new two-year term were Walke & Conlee Communications for communications and public relations services, and A&R Consulting for website services. Julie Walke and Roger Conlee are the editors for the monthly Metro News Brief. Past issues can be located on the JPA website listed below.

The Metro JPA pays 35-percent of the cost of San Diego's regional wastewater system and represents ratepayers from 15 municipalities and special districts. Metro JPA commissioners from the cities of Coronado, Del Mar, El Cajon, Imperial Beach, La Mesa, Lemon Grove, National City, Poway, the County of San Diego (representing Lakeside/Alpine, Spring Valley and Winter Gardens Sanitation Districts), and the Otay Water District and Padre Dam Municipal Water District. For more information about the Metro JPA please visit [www.metrojpa.org](http://www.metrojpa.org) ###