

Regional Wastewater Disposal Agreement

Pursuant to the Regional Wastewater Disposal Agreement, the Metro Sub-System provides “wholesale” treatment and disposal services, including some sewage transportation, to the cities of Chula Vista, Coronado, Del Mar, El Cajon, Imperial Beach, La Mesa, National City and Poway, the Lemon Grove Sanitation District, the Otay Water District, the Padre Dam Municipal Water District, and the County of San Diego (on behalf of Winter Gardens Sewer Maintenance District and the Alpine Lakeside and Spring Valley Sanitation Districts). These cities and districts are collectively referred to as the “Participating Agencies”.

The Regional Wastewater Disposal Agreement requires the Participating Agencies to pay their respective share of planning, design, and construction of Metro Sub-System facilities, as well as costs related to the operation and maintenance of the Metro Sub-System. Since Fiscal Year 2011, these aggregate costs have consistently constituted approximately 33% of the total Metropolitan Sub- System costs. Between Fiscal Years 2016 and 2020, the Participating Agencies paid, on average, approximately \$75 million in system revenues per fiscal year to the City of San Diego.¹ Over the next five-years the projected annual contribution from the PA’s will average \$81 million with the additional revenue requirement for support of the Pure Water Program and other system changes.

A copy of the Original Regional Wastewater Disposal Agreement adopted in 1998 is included in this section as 9.2. In early 2021 the City of San Diego and the Participating agencies adopted the Amended Restated Agreement to incorporate changed circumstances created by Phase 1 of the Pure Water Program. A copy of this is included in the manual as 9.1.

¹ Participating Agencies and Regional Wastewater Disposal Agreement description from the *City of San Diego Public Utilities Department 2022 to 2026 Five-Year Financial Outlook*, November 2020, Page 7.