



## **The Independent Rates Oversight Committee (IROC) City of San Diego Committee**

The Independent Rates Oversight Committee (IROC) was established by ordinance in 2007 by the City of San Diego, as an official advisory body to the Mayor, City Council, and department management of the City of San Diego. IROC advises on policy issues related to the oversight of the Public Utilities Department (Water and Wastewater, including the Metro System) operations including, but not limited to, rate structures, cost effectiveness, resource management, planned expenditures, service delivery methods, public awareness and outreach efforts, and efforts to achieve high-quality, affordable utility services.

There are 11 voting members on IROC, all of whom are appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the City Council of the City of San Diego. These members consist of representatives of each rate class, and professional experts in such fields as finance, engineering, construction, and the environment. In addition to the 11 voting members, IROC also includes two ex-officio/non-voting members—one representing and appointed by the Metro Wastewater JPA (Metro JPA), and one representing and appointed by the ten-member City representatives to the San Diego County Water Authority (CWA).

IROC meets at least every other month to review finances, performance, and issues for the City of San Diego Public Utilities Department. Meetings are normally held from 9:30 am to noon on the third Monday of the month. Additional, information, and up-to-date agendas & minutes of the IROC meetings can be found at:

<https://www.sandiego.gov/public-utilities/customer-service/water-and-sewer-rates/iroc>

In addition, IROC has three sub-committees:

1. The Finance sub-committee, which meets every third Monday from 8 am to 9:30 am at MOC just prior to the full IROC meeting.
2. The Outreach & Communications sub-committee, which meets from 8:30 am to 10 am every second Monday at MOC.
3. The Infrastructure & Operations sub-committee, which meets every second Monday at MOC from 10 am to noon.

Members of IROC sub-committees are approved by the full IROC. A new Metro JPA member would need the full vote of the IROC to be placed on a sub-committee.

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As an ex-officio member the Metro JPA representative does not have a vote on the full IROC but can enter into the discussion. On the other hand, if the Metro JPA representative is placed on a sub-committee, he/she will be a voting member of any such sub-committee.

Responsibilities for the Metro JPA representative include regularly attending IROC full and sub-committee meetings and preparing notes/minutes so that the Metro JPA representative can give a monthly report to the full JPA of what transpired at the IROC meetings. If the Metro JPA's IROC representative feels that there are items on the IROC agenda that would be of interest to the Metro JPA and placed on the Metro JPA agenda these should be brought to the attention of the Metro JPA/Commission Chair.

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