



MetroTAC

(Technical Advisory Committee to Metro Commission/JPA)

ACTION MINUTES

DATE OF MEETING: September 20, 2023

TIME: 11:00 AM

LOCATION: Zoom Meeting held Online

MEETING ATTENDANCE:

Members Present

Beth Gentry, Chula Vista
Leon Firsht, Coronado
Joe Bride, Del Mar (absent)
Yazmin Arellano, El Cajon
Mike James, El Cajon
Eric Minicilli, Imperial Beach (absent)gf
Joe Kuhn, La Mesa
Izzy Murguia, Lemon Grove
Carmen Kasner, National City
Steve Beppler, Otay WD
Lito Santos, Otay WD
Paul Clarke, Padre Dam MWD
Peejay Tubongbanua, Padre Dam MWD
Alisa Nichols, Poway
NO CURRENT REP, County of San Diego

San Diego City Staff/Consultants

Tom Rosales, City of San Diego
Adam Jones, City of San Diego
Andrea Demich, City of San Diego

Others Present

Doug Owen, STANTEC

Sanjay Gaur, EC AWP Consultant

Staff/Consultants Present Karyn

Keze, the Keze Group
Scott Tulloch, NV5
Dexter Wilson, Wilson Engineering
Lori Anne Peoples, Metro JPA Board Secretary

1. ACTION: Review and Approve MetroTAC Action Minutes for the Meeting of July 19, 2023

ACTION: Motion by Vice Chair Arellano, seconded by Leon Firsht, the Minutes be approved. Motion carried unanimously.

2. PRESENTATION: 2nd Amended Restated Agreement Process

Dexter Wilson provided a brief verbal overview of his Power Point presentation (copy included in the agenda package). He noted that until the City of San Diego approves what is being proposed by the ARA negotiating team, everything is considered DRAFT. JPA staff involved in the preparation of the draft 2nd ARA is Karyn Keze, himself, and Adriana Ocho with review and input by the JPA Executive Team. Those serving on the FIG (Financial Implementation Group) are Karyn Keze and himself for the JPA and Adam Jones and Lisa Celaya for the City of San Diego.

FIG provides the preparation and review of all financial and management sections of the 2nd ARA process as well as the oversight on the Stantec billing methodology study. Individual parts of the draft ARA have been reviewed and discussed at the ARA negotiation team level except the new financial sections which are still in draft form and are being worked on by FIG. JPA General Counsel is in the process of combining all the different sections of the document that have been reviewed to date into a new draft ARA document. This new draft of the ARA will go to FIG, the ARA negotiating Team, the JPA Ad Hoc, TAC, and then the JPA. The plan is to bring the individual parts to TAC and JPA Ad Hoc one piece at a time. They will then finalize and present the entire document.

3. PRESENTATION: Peak Wet Weather Flows

Dexter Wilson provided a brief verbal overview of his PowerPoint presentation included in the agenda package. A hard copy was provided to attendees. JPA Staff has gone through past year wet weather event data and made calculations based on Metro system metered flow for peak wet weather events. The wet weather event that was chosen for calculating each agency's peak flow capacity was the one associated with the 2020 spill event as it is the largest recent rain event. Four scenarios, using this data, were calculated using the 2020 spill event data and were presented to TAC (Slide 2 of the PowerPoint presentation). After reviewing the different methods for calculating each PA's peak, Method 4 was selected as it is the most realistic for Metro staff to implement and use while being statistically accurate.

Mr. Wilson offered to meet with PAs and San Diego individually to review and make sure the calculations reflect their true peak capacity needs. The final peak flow capacity will be used to set the incremental peak flow fixed charge which is needed in order to maintain the Pt Loma facilities for transportation and treatment of peak flows in the future after average daily flows are withdrawn by the Pure Water plants. Pt. Loma will ultimately only be used for brine and peak flow treatment as the majority of average flow will be going to the Pure Water Plants. Establishing a peak flow capacity for each agency also allows Metro staff to provide accountability for system flows during peak wet weather events. San Diego will calculate each agency's peak flow yearly, based on Method 4 guidelines, as part of the annual audit. The largest rain event of the year will be chosen, and each agency's peak will be determined using a 24-hour window prior to and after the rain event

to review the data and find each agency's annual peak. This will be reviewed in light of each agency's peak capacities and adjustments made as necessary.

4. UPDATE: Metro Wastewater (General)

a. April 2020 Spill Update

Tom Rosales stated that as previously reported the Regional Board agreed upon negotiated items approved. There was a \$4.6 million fine. Of this there is an allocation amount for the PA's. \$3.6 million is going to the environmental projects in the South Bay and \$1 million is going to the State. The PA's share will be approximately \$1.5 million or (34%). The Regional Board has requested twice yearly reports on how the city is moving the projects forward. Mr. Rosales noted he had shared this information with Dexter Wilson. They have created a table for CIP projects and established a CIP for Pump Stations 1 & 2. San Diego staff is currently developing an RFP via a consultant and moving forward for a design/build project for the required CIP.

b. January 2023 Spill Update

Tom Rosales stated there was nothing new on the January spill. The city is still waiting to hear back from the Regional Board.

Mr. Rosales provided an update on OPRA II stating that although it had died again last year, it was reintroduced by Congressman Peters in March of 2023 and is still sitting in committee which means it has not moved to the house or senate. All representatives have weighed in on it to push it forward and our lobbyist is hard at work. City staff are in constant contact with the lobbyist as this is a priority project for them. The hearing is expected to take place in early 2024.

Lastly, Tom announced that today would be his last meeting with MetroTAC and his last day will be September 29th with the City. He is retiring and going to run for Council in his city of Oceanside. He had been holding 2 positions for the City, one for technical/labs and one for wastewater. Interviews were done and they found someone for the technical/labs but not wastewater so in the interim, Craig Boyd and Michael Rosenberg will be filling in with TAC.

5. UPDATE: Pure Water Program

a. Quarterly Construction Report

Doug Owen from STANTEC provided a brief verbal overview of the spreadsheet included in the agenda.

6. UPDATE: Metro Wastewater Financial

a. Audit Status

Adam Jones stated that MGO and JPA staff are working on the audit and are requesting to combine FY 2020, FY 2021 and FY 2022 to expedite the completion of the outstanding audits

and in hopes that the PA's will come out even. Karyn Keze stated that JPA staff totally supported the combining of the audits as it will save a lot of time and effort. One of the key issues is that cost allocations that were used during FY 2020 and 2021 for the Pure Water CIP were not finalized until FY2022. Thus, these can all be revised as needed once.

b. FY 2025 Metro Billing

Adam Jones stated that staff would like to change the way strengths are used in calculating the annual billings to the PAs. The five-year rolling average would still be maintained. However, starting with the FY2025 budget estimate that will go out in January, the latest (prior year) five year rolling average will be used for billing purposes instead of the latest audited strengths. Since the latest audited year is 2019 using the most recent average is more representative of what each PA is contributing to the system. The numbers used will still be audited with their appropriate year and if any changes are discovered they will be made as part of the routine audit process. Karyn Keze stated that she supports this as many of the PAs were concerned when the FY2019 strengths were used that they were not representative of their current contributions.

7. UPDATE: JPA Financial

Karyn Keze presented the 2nd ARA agenda topics that she and Dexter had prepared for the upcoming TAC, AdHoc, and JPA meetings. She noted that they had been broken down by components of the ARA and FAB system (the new billing system of changes) and will be scheduling to bring the components forward one at a time to allow for a thorough review and discussion. She and Dexter are working with STANTEC and the City of San Diego to complete these items so they can move forward. They would like the PAs to attend these meetings so requested the PA's provide Lori with the emails of their finance people who should attend so that she can provide the ZOOM link and let them into the meeting. Dexter Wilson noted that the new metro system billing tables AD will be something that the finance staff will be most interested in. Ms. Keze stated that this table is draft and subject to change as many of the items included are still under review by San Diego staff and the ARA Negotiating Team. If their review is not complete, they will be moved to a later month. This table is just to provide TAC with an idea of what should be coming forward over the next six months.

Karyn then spoke regarding the JPA audit and noted they were pleased with having the new/old auditors. The FY 2020-2021 is almost complete, and the current audit (FY2022-2023) is in the works.

8. UPDATE: Integrated Regional Water Management Program

Alicia Nichols stated that the next meeting will be October 4th, however, they had held a drought workshop and requested comments that they will discuss in October and use to base the new drought grant package on.

9. **UPDATE: Metro Capital Improvement Program and Funding Sources**

Tung Phung was not available to present his report.

10. **UPDATE: Industrial Wastewater Control Committee**

Chair Gentry stated the plan was to send the bill in October. Kelly Baelo had advised that the invoices were scheduled to come out at a higher amount based on the approved implementation plan for bringing the rates up to cost of service.

11. **UPDATE: Metro JPA/Commission Board Meeting Recap**

Chair Gentry stated that the JPA had not held a meeting, however at their August meeting the audit agreement was approved along with the meal policy and all reports previously heard by MetroTAC.

12. **Review of Items to be Brought Forward to the Regular Metro JPA/Commission Meeting – October 5, 2023**

Chair Gentry noted that items 2, 3, 4, and 5 would be moving forward to the JPA.

13. **Other Business of MetroTAC**

Chair Gentry stated that that she and Yazmine would not be running for another term as Chair and Vice Chair. Nominations will be requested at the October meeting; the election will be held at the November meeting and the new Chair and Vice Chair will take over at the December meeting. They thanked the JPA staff and City of San Diego Staff for their support during their terms.

14. **Adjournment to the Next Regular Meeting**

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 1:42 p.m.