



**Metro TAC**  
(Technical Advisory Committee to Metro JPA)

**ACTION MINUTES**

**DATE OF MEETING:** November 18, 2009  
**TIME:** 11 AM  
**LOCATION:** MWWD, MOC II, Auditorium

**MEETING ATTENDANCE:**

Roberto Yano, Chula Vista  
Scott Huth, chair, Coronado  
David Scherer, Del Mar  
Greg Humora, La Mesa  
Erin Bullers, La Mesa  
Patrick Lund, Lemon Grove  
Joe Smith, National City  
Manny Magaña, Otay Water District  
Augie Caires, Padre Dam MWD  
Augie Scalzitti, Padre Dam MWD  
Neal Brown, Padre Dam MWD  
Doug Wilson, Padre Dam MWD  
Tom Howard, Poway  
Jack Cohen, SD County, WWM  
Marsi Steirer, City of San Diego  
Jamie Richards, City of San Diego

Rod Greek, City of San Diego  
Darlene Morrow-Truver, City of San Diego  
Christopher McKinney, City of San Diego  
Peggy Merino, City of San Diego  
Martin Kane, City of San Diego  
David Bryant, City of San Diego  
Alex Ruiz, City of San Diego  
Pete Wong, City of San Diego  
Tung Phung, City of San Diego  
Alan Langworthy, City of San Diego  
Bill Kennedy, Brown & Caldwell  
Victor Occiano, Brown & Caldwell  
Karyn Keese, PBS&J  
Dean Gipson, PBS&J  
Frank Mizzanic, Biofuels

1. **Review and Approve Metro TAC Action Minutes for the Meeting of October 21, 2009**  
The Minutes were approved with the following change: Item 8, Discussion of South Bay WWTP Operating Capacity item, the study referred to is a "**Recycled Water Pricing Study**"
2. **Metro Commission/JPA Board Meeting Recap**  
No items to recap.
3. **Financial Update (Karyn Keese)**
  - Audit of FY2008 is on schedule
  - Doug and Karyn are waiting for comments back from City of San Diego on their comments on the audit samples
6. **Metro Wastewater Update (Rod Greek)**
  - Jim Barrett and Ann Sasaki are attending a Regional Water Quality Control Board meeting to negotiate/reduce a fine for a spill from the municipal sewer

system into Lake Hodges

- The screens at PS2 have been fixed resulting in no need to proceed with replacement of the screens, which had previously been brought before MetroTAC
- A request is being routed to the San Diego City Council for a new sodium hypochlorite contract for PLWTP
- SAP transition continues within the City to improve cost accounting procedures; the next phase in December will be the installation of the Human Capital Management Module
- Rod distributed a summary of the monthly metrics for the treatment plants; generally the City is exceeding the performance measures

#### **6. Public Utilities FY10 CIP Budget Discussion (David Bryant and Tung Phung)**

- City staff distributed a summary of the Annual Allocation Budgets
- The "annual allocation-MBC" covers all treatment facilities, not just the biosolids center; MetroTAC requested that this be clarified in the title and/or description
- MetroTAC requested that the City show the total cost for each project, in addition to the incremental increase being added in FY10. These discrepancies became apparent in the discussion of the NCWRP EDR#6 project (not on the sheet) and the Demin facility at SBWRP.

**ACTION: City of San Diego to provide prior expenditures for each project**

**ACTION: City of San Diego to clarify the expenses for the wet weather storage facility item and the live stream discharge project and status of each**

**ACTION: City of San Diego to provide MetroTAC a list of FY11 CIP projects to review, targeting the December/January meeting to review**

**ACTION: Scott Huth to look for budget format from prior years and share with Rod Greek**

#### **6. Beneficial Use of Digester Gas (BUDG) Project, Second Amendment (Alex Ruiz)**

- This is the second amendment to the contract with Biofuel who has the contract to clean, compress, and transport natural gas from PLWWTP
- Due to a different opinion by SDG&E to allow injection of gas directly into SDG&E's natural gas pipeline, the need to truck the gas is eliminated
- This amendment is on its way to City of San Diego City Council on 12/8/2009

#### **7. South Bay Fuel Cell (SBFC) Project, Second Amendment (Alex Ruiz)**

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#### **8. Schedule to finalize Capacity Re-Rating for South Bay WRP (Dean Gipson)**

**ACTION: Peggy Merino will prepare the mayoral action to formalize the capacity re-rating due to the additional capacity provided by the SBWRP; target for completion is the first quarter of 2010**

**9. Review & Discussion of Draft Technical Memorandum #2. (Marsi Stierer)**

- Comment deadline has been extended to Tuesday, December 1, 2009
- MetroTAC requested that San Diego County Water Authority be consulted about other uses of reclaimed water in the county and to include the results in the study; the City of San Diego indicated that it would contact SDCWA but that this effort is not included in the scope of the project
- MetroTAC requested that the City of San Diego explore using customer classes for its recycled water users and to better address the issue of pricing recycled water usage; City of San Diego replied that Raftilis is exploring customer classes and the results should be included in the final report due in December 2009
- MetroTAC requested that it have an opportunity to review the next version of the recycled water pricing study before it is finalized since there were extensive comments on the draft version; City of San Diego responded that the schedule is being driven by the Mayor's office

**ACTION:** *Alex Ruiz will discuss with the Mayor's office about adjusting the recycled water pricing study schedule to allow a review by MetroTAC*

**10. Update on the Pt. Loma Waiver Process (Alan Langworthy)**

- National Marine and Fisheries must now approve the waiver before EPA can sign off on the waiver
- California Coastal Commission must have one more hearing "to find that the permit is in compliance with the Act"
  - CCC may conditionally approve the permit and require the City of San Diego to return in 2 years to report on the recycled water study that is currently underway – as of this meeting the wording of this condition is not finalized
  - This hearing may occur at the December 2009 CCC meeting
- There is a mandatory 33-day waiting period after the EPA signs the permit, then the permit would start on the first day of the subsequent month after the waiting period expires
- The permit will be good for 5 years from the day it becomes effective

**11. Operating Reserve and Debt Financing (Standing Item)**

No new information.

**12. Transportation Agreement (Standing Item)**

No new information.

**13. Review and Comments on the Metro Commission/JPA Draft Agenda for the Meeting**

- Add digester gas (BUDG) and South Bay Fuel Cell projects to the agenda

**14. Other Business of Metro TAC**

- A company (Take Away) is advertizing a program for consumers to mail unwanted pharmaceuticals to them as an alternative to disposing in the landfill or in the sewer system; this will be added to the next MetroTAC agenda
- Jamie Richards reminded members to complete the GIS survey handed out at the last meeting

**15. Adjournment**