

Monthly Metro TAC Chair Report February 2025

The February 19, 2025, TAC meeting was cancelled due to not having any substantive matters requiring review or discussion at this time.

The only item that had been proposed on the agenda was a review of the Final Draft SARA Document. Over the past month, the JPA's and City's attorneys and staff have been meeting frequently to finalize the document's language. Additionally, the JPA's Pure Water SARA Ad Hoc Committee has held two meetings to review and refine the six remaining sections still in progress.

At their meeting on Friday February 14, 2025, the SARA Ad Hoc decided to extend the process by one more month to ensure the finalization of the remaining 1% of the document. It is expected that the necessary meetings among attorneys, staff, and the SARA Ad Hoc will conclude this work in time for a full presentation at the March TAC Meeting. This presentation will be led by the JPA's attorney and technical staff.

The agenda for the March Metro Wastewater JPA/Commission meeting will include two presentations previously given to Metro TAC but not yet heard by the Board due to time constraints in past meetings. To ensure Board members are up to date, the February report includes excerpts from past Monthly Metro TAC Chair Reports summarizing these two items, which will be discussed at the March meeting.

From November 20, 2024, Metro TAC Meeting

Public Utilities Department Integrated Master Plan (Anh Nguyn)

The City of San Diego provided a comprehensive update on the Integrated Master Plan (IMP) for water and wastewater infrastructure. The IMP is a long-term planning document to manage water and wastewater systems, ensuring they meet current and future demands, comply with regulations, and support sustainable growth. Historically, the City had separate plans for major water and wastewater assets and is now taking a more holistic and integrated planning approach to ensure a unified strategy for addressing water and wastewater infrastructure challenges efficiently. The IMP will include an analysis of future needs for new or resized infrastructure, address data gaps, standardization of condition assessments to prioritize maintenance, rehabilitation and replacement of existing assets, and an analysis of system impacts related to regulations and climate change. An updated CIP list is expected Fall 2026, and the final IMP is

expected June 2027. A discussion was held on financial impacts of CIP programs and how the IMP would be incorporated into the City's 5-Year Financial Outlook.

From January 2025 Metro TAC Meeting

Five-Year Financial Outlook (Adam Jones)

Adam Jones from the City of San Diego reported on the five-year financial outlook for the Metro JPA. He started with a recommendation that all Participating Agencies have the ability to pass through wholesale costs from the City in their rates. The major items impacting the five-year forecast are the increases in bid pricing results, increasing chemical and utility costs, and the nearing completion of Pure Water Phase 1 and the start of Phase 2, along with the other major planned CIP projects namely Pump Station 1 and 2.

Metro Wastewater JPA/Com Meetings:

Recent Meetings

• I&I Metro TAC Subcommittee:

Date: January 23, 2025Format: MS Teams only.

Upcoming Meetings

Metro JPA:

Date: March 6, 2025
Format: In-Person only.
Main Topic: See above

Metro TAC:

Date: March 19, 2025Format: Zoom only.

I&I Metro TAC Subcommittee:

Date: March 20, 2025Format: MS Teams only.