



## Monthly Executive Director's Report February 2025

The purpose of this report is to provide an update on the activities, progress, and outcomes related to the JPA's initiatives, including the development of the 2024 Draft Strategic Plan. It aims to ensure transparency, document key discussions and decisions, and keep all stakeholders informed of ongoing efforts and upcoming milestones.

In February, a significant portion of the Executive Director's and Executive Teams efforts was dedicated to facilitating collaboration between the City of San Diego's and the JPA's negotiating teams to finalize the draft language for the Second Amended and Restated Agreement (SARA) with a goal of releasing final draft language to Directors and Metro TAC members by the beginning of April.

### **Key Tasks and Updates:**

#### **1. Metro Wastewater JPA/Commission Swearing In Ceremony and New Member Orientation**

At the February Metro JPA/Com meeting, the Board of Directors was sworn in for the 2025 calendar year (picture follows). In addition, new Directors and Alternates received a Welcome Letter with key information and links.

With the approval of Resolution 2025-02, compensation for Board Alternates attending meetings, orientations, tours, and other functions—including per diems and mileage—became effective in February. This change aims to encourage active participation, ensuring Alternates are prepared to step in as needed and supports ongoing succession planning efforts in collaboration with the Executive Director.



## 2. Upcoming North City Pure Water Construction Tours:

Unfortunately, the March tour of the Pure Water Construction at North City was cancelled due to rain. It is currently being rescheduled between construction site, City of San Diego operations personnel, and the Board Secretary. It is hoped that it can be rescheduled for May 2025. There are still some spots for Directors available on the April tour. Directors and Metro TAC staff interested in the April tour should contact the Board Secretary at [lorimetrojpa@gmail.com](mailto:lorimetrojpa@gmail.com).

## 3. 2025 New Director's Manual Completed

The JPA website provides easy access to information about the Metro System, Pure Water Program, and JPA at [metrojpa.org](https://www.metrojpa.org). In February, we completed the annual update of the New Director's Manual, available [here](#), which includes JPA history, budgets, audits, and key operating documents. Unfortunately, due to two recent spam incidents which appear to be connected to the website we have

removed the member information. If you need information on how to contact Executive Team staff or JPA members, please contact our Board Secretary at [lorimetrojpa@gmail.com](mailto:lorimetrojpa@gmail.com).

Several Directors have suggested additional website updates, which we will prioritize in the coming months. For suggestions or revisions, please contact [karyn@kezegroup.com](mailto:karyn@kezegroup.com).

**Purpose:** The JPA website serves as a central resource for information on the Metro System, Pure Water Program, and JPA operations, providing access to key documents, updates, and contact information.

#### **4. Continued Final Draft Second Amended and Restated Agreement (SARA) Language Review:**

In February, the JPA Executive Team continued to meet with the City's attorneys and staff to resolve language and philosophical differences and finalize the draft SARA language. Meanwhile, the Board's Pure Water (SARA) Ad Hoc Committee held two meetings to review, edit, and approve the revised language and draft an implementation schedule. The finalized Draft SARA document is expected to be released to the Board and Metro TAC by early April for review and implementation initiation.

**Purpose:** This process is essential to ensure that SARA reflects a unified approach and meets the strategic and operational needs of all stakeholders.

#### **5. Inflow and Infiltration (I&I) Study:**

The I&I committee met on January 23<sup>rd</sup> and discussed progress on action items from the previous meeting including an evaluation of the existing rain gauge locations and meter basins. For the next meeting on March 20<sup>th</sup> the committee plans to discuss any progress on gathering the necessary data for the particularly the GIS mapping of the sewer meter basins.

#### **6. Pure Water Phase 2 Workshop**

Metro Engineering Executive Team members and the Metro TAC Chair participated in a workshop hosted by the City of San Diego on Pure Water Phase 2. The meeting included City staff and consultants and members of the environmental community along with the Metro participants. Metro Staff thought the meeting was productive and collaborative and will continue to participate in future meetings scheduled for the summer and fall.

## Upcoming Meetings:

- **Metro JPA/Commission Meeting:**
  - **Date:** April 3, 2025
  - **Format:** In-Person, MOC Auditorium
  - **Main Topics:** Draft SARA Presentation
- **Metro TAC Meeting:**
  - **Date:** March 19, 2025
  - **Format:** Zoom
  - **Main Topics:** Draft SARA Presentation
- **Metro JPA Finance Committee Meeting**
  - **Date:** March 24, 2025
  - **Format:** Hybrid, MOC Conference Room
  - **Main Topics:** Draft Policies & Procedures Manual; FY 2026 JPA Budget