



## Monthly Metro TAC Chair Report May 2025

A summary of action items, presentations, discussions and updates heard at the regularly scheduled Metro Technical Advisory Committee held on May 21, 2025.

### Information:

#### 1. Treasurer's Report (Lee Ann Jones-Santos)

- Lee Ann Jones-Santos and Karyn Keeze went over the Metro Wastewater Joint Powers Authority Treasurer's Report. It was a brief presentation with no significant questions or comments from TAC.

### Action Items:

#### 1. Consideration and Possible Action to Recommend to the Metro Wastewater JPA Approval of the FY 2026 JPA Budget (Karyn Keeze/ Lee Ann Jones-Santos)

- Lee Ann Jones-Santos and Karyn Keeze presented on the FY 2026 JPA Budget. It was a brief presentation with no significant questions or comments from TAC. It was asked how the effort to produce and review SARA affected the treasurer's report and the budget for the upcoming year and it was reported that there were no significant changes, and all consultants were currently within their budgets for this fiscal year. TAC unanimously recommended the item be approved by the JPA.
- In combination with this item TAC unanimously approved the CLA Contract, the Executive Director Contract, the Treasurer's Contract, and a Termination Letter for NV5. It was noted that the termination letter for NV5 was due to Scott Tulloch's retirement and that there was nothing but appreciation towards NV5 for allowing him to help the Metro JPA for so long.

#### 2. Consideration and Possible Action to Recommend to the Metro Wastewater JPA Approval of the Following Chemical Contracts (Craig Boyd/Tim Carroll)

- Pencco, Inc. to purchase Ferric Chloride at North City Reclamation Plant
- Polydyne Inc. to purchase Anionic Polymer at North City Reclamation Plant
- JCI Jones Chemicals Inc. to purchase Sodium Hypochlorite for Water and Wastewater Facilities

- City of San Diego staff presented on all three contracts. Ferric Chloride will be used at North City to coagulate particles in the Chemically Enhanced Primary Treatment (CEPT) process. Anionic Polymer will be used at North City to flocculate and settle solids as part of CEPT. Both are needed in order to complete the expansion of North City Water Reclamation Plant to 52 MGD. Sodium Hypochlorite is used throughout the Water, Metro, and Muni system for disinfection and odor control. Metro is only responsible for the cost of the chemicals used in the Metro system.
- All contracts were unanimously recommended by TAC for approval by the JPA. It was asked if the Water Department should be paying for a portion of the Ferric Chloride and Anionic Polymer costs because of Pure Water, but Metro and City staff reminded the TAC members that the cost for wastewater treatment is the responsibility of Metro up to the Secondary Treatment level. If these chemicals were not used at the expanded North City Plant, they would be instead used at Point Loma. That is why those chemical costs are the responsibility of Metro.

#### **Discussion:**

##### **1. SARA (Metro Exec Team & TAC Reps only)**

- City staff left the meeting for the Metro Executive team and TAC representatives to have a detailed discussion of the SARA. TAC went through the SARA section by section and asked questions of the Executive Team. The discussion was very collaborative and led to some good edits to the document. That discussion will continue in June, and a new, red-lined document will be distributed for City and PA review.

#### **Standing Items to be Brought to JPA:**

Agenda Item 6: Metro Wastewater (General) (Lisa Celeya)

Agenda Item 7: Metro Wastewater Financial (Adam Jones)

Agenda Item 9: JPA Executive Director (Karyn Keze)