



Monthly Executive Director's Report June 2025

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

In June, the Executive Director and Executive Team continued to focused primarily on the implementation process for the draft Second Amended and Restated Agreement (SARA), introduced at the March 19 TAC and April 3 JPA/Com Board meetings. To support this effort, the draft SARA, staff report, and presentation have been posted in the "News" section of the JPA website:

<https://www.metrojpa.org/Home/Components/News/News/142/18?backlist=%2fhome>

In addition, a copy of the current Amended and Restated Agreement (ARA) can be found in the Director's Manual at:

<https://www.metrojpa.org/Home/ShowDocument?id=4720>

During the implementation process the SARA documents will be updated as needed and noted in the Monthly Executive Director's Report as to any changes/additions.

Key Tasks and Updates:

1. All July Board of Director Meeting Dates Cancelled

The regular July Board meeting, originally scheduled for July 3, 2025, was cancelled due to its proximity to the July 4th holiday. A tentative alternate meeting on July 10, 2025, was discussed with Board members at their June Meeting; however, as the SARA draft is still under review and revision based on PA input, and there is no other JPA/Commission business requiring action, the July 10 meeting has also been cancelled. The next regular Board meeting is scheduled for August 7, 2025.

2. SARA Implementation Progress

Steady and coordinated progress continues on the implementation of the Second Amended and Restated Agreement (SARA). Throughout June, the Executive Team conducted more than a dozen one-on-one meetings with Participating Agencies (PAs) and/or their legal counsel to address questions and gather feedback on the draft agreement.

In addition to these individual sessions, two TAC meetings were held (one regular and one special), during which JPA legal counsel Adriana Ochoa continued a line-by-line review of the SARA document, responded to TAC member questions, and incorporated suggested changes into a comprehensive redline of PA comments. Midway through the month, the Pure Water Ad Hoc Committee also convened to receive an update on implementation progress and discuss key policy issues that have arisen.

The City of San Diego has completed their revisions to Administrative Agreement No. 1 on Unified Management of Industrial Waste Discharge Pretreatment And Enhanced Source Control Programs. The Pure Water AdHoc is scheduled to meet on July 10th to review these revisions and then move them forward to the TAC for their review at their July Meeting. In addition, revised Exhibits were distributed to all parties mid-June.

These collaborative efforts have resulted in meaningful refinements to the SARA document, including the addition of new language to clarify and enhance the original draft. A comprehensive redline reflecting all comments and revisions received from contributing PAs is in progress. The Executive Team is awaiting final input from a few agencies before finalizing the redline for transmittal to the City of San Diego for their review, which is anticipated in July.

3. FY 2026 JPA Operating Budget Approved

The FY 2026 Budget was approved by the JPA Board at its June meeting. The adopted budget of \$834,512 represents a modest increase of \$7,602—less than 1% over the FY 2025 budget—and includes no new programs for the coming year. The budget, along with the projected FY 2025 carryover fund balance, is expected to fully fund the JPA's reserve program. Member agency billings will be distributed in early July.

The budget includes the scheduled 5% increase in Board Member per diem reimbursements, from \$166 to \$175 per meeting, as set forth in Resolution 2025-02 and effective July 1st. The mileage reimbursement rate of \$0.70 per mile will be adjusted as needed during the fiscal year to remain consistent with IRS guidelines. These guidelines are normally updated in January of each year.

4. I&I Committee

The I&I Committee is currently on summer vacation. Their next scheduled meeting is July 17.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Metro TAC:

Regular Meeting

July 16, 2025
11-1 Via Zoom

Metro JPA/Commission:

Regular Meeting

August 7, 2025
Noon-2 PM MOC Auditorium