



**Regular Meeting of the
Metro Wastewater JPA/Metro Commission**

AGENDA

Thursday, August 7, 2025 - 12:00 p.m.

9192 Topaz Way (PUD MOC II) Auditorium, San Diego, CA

"The Metro JPA's mission is to create an equitable partnership with the San Diego City Council and Mayor on regional wastewater issues. Through stakeholder collaboration, open dialogue, and data analysis, the partnership seeks to ensure fair rates for participating agencies, concern for the environment, and regionally balanced decisions."

NOTE: ANY MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC MAY ADDRESS THE METRO WASTEWATER JPA/COMMISSION ON ANY AGENDA ITEM. PLEASE COMPLETE A SPEAKER SLIP AND SUBMIT IT TO THE BOARD SECRETARY PRIOR TO THE START OF THE MEETING, IF POSSIBLE, OR IN ADVANCE OF THE SPECIFIC ITEM BEING CALLED. COMMENTS ARE LIMITED TO THREE (3) MINUTES PER INDIVIDUAL

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1. **ROLL CALL**
 2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
 3. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** *Persons speaking during Public Comment may address the Metro Wastewater JPA/Metro Commission on any subject matter within the jurisdiction of the Metro Wastewater JPA/Metro Commission that is not listed as an agenda item. Comments are limited to three (3) minutes.*
 4. **ACTION:** Approval of Agenda

CONSENT CALENDAR

Items **5-6** will be enacted in one motion in accordance with the recommendation unless removed from the Consent Calendar by the Board of Directors, Staff or Public. If a member of the public wishes to remove an item, they should submit a "Request to Speak" form to the Board Secretary prior to the meeting. Items removed from the Consent Calendar will be considered in the original agenda order immediately following adoption of the Consent Calendar.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the Consent Calendar

5. **ACTION:** Consideration and Possible Action to Approve the Minutes of **June 5, 2025 (Attachment)**
6. **ACTION:** Receive and File Check Registry – Monthly Expense Report for the Month(s) of May and June, 2025 (**Attachments**)

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

7. **ACTION:** Consideration and Possible Action to Approve the Metro Wastewater JPA Treasurer's Report 4th Quarter/Year Ending June 30, 2025 (Lee Ann Jones-Santos) (**Attachment**)
8. **ACTION:** Consideration and Possible Action to Approve the City of San Diego Pump Station 1 Improvement and Modernization – Authorization to Award a CM Contract with Black & Veatch Corporation for Construction Management Services. (Parita Ammerlahn) (**Attachment**) (Approved by TAC)
9. **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:** Consideration and Possible Action to recommend to the participating agencies approval of the Second Amended and Restated Agreement (SARA) (Karyn Keze/Blake Behringer/Adriana Ochoa)
10. **UPDATE:** Metro Wastewater (General) (Standing Item) (Lisa Celaya)
11. **UPDATE:** Metro Wastewater Financial (Standing Item) (Adam Jones)
12. **REPORT:** General Counsel (Standing Item) (Adriana Ochoa)
13. **REPORT:** Metro JPA Executive Director's Report(s) May and June 2025 (Standing Item) (Karyn Keze) (**Attachments**)
14. **REPORT:** Metro TAC Chair's Report June and July 2025 (Standing Item) (Blake Behringer) (**Attachment**)
15. **METRO JPA DIRECTORS/COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS AND PROPOSED AGENDA ITEMS** for Next Metro JPA/Commission Special Meeting **September 4, 2025.**
16. **ADJOURNMENT**

NOTE: The Metro Wastewater JPA and/or Commission may take action on any item listed in this Agenda whether or not it is listed "For Action."

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Metro JPA 2025 Regular Meeting Schedule

January 2, 2025	February 6, 2025	March 6, 2025
April 3, 2025	May 1, 2025	June 5, 2025
July 3, 2025	August 7, 2025	September 4, 2025
October 2, 2025	November 6, 2025	December 4, 2025



**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of
the Metro Wastewater JPA and
Metro Commission**

9192 Topaz Way (PUD MOC II) Auditorium, San Diego, CA

June 5, 2025

Minutes

Chair Jones called the meeting to order at 12:07 p.m. A quorum of the Metro JPA/Commission was declared, and the following representatives were present:

1. ROLL CALL

<u>Agencies</u>	<u>Representatives</u>	<u>Alternate</u>
City of Chula Vista	Jose Preciado	
City of Coronado	Kelly Purvis	
City of Del Mar	Dwight Worden	
City of El Cajon	Gary Kendrick	
City of Imperial Beach	Mitch McKay	
City of La Mesa	Bill Baber	
Lemon Grove San District	Jerry Jones	
City of National City	Ditas Yamane	
City of Poway	Peter De Hoff	
County of San Diego	Joel Anderson	
Otay Water District	Mark Robak	
Padre Dam MWD	Kyle Swanson	

Others present: Metro JPA General Counsel Adriana Ochoa – Snell & Wilmer Law; Metro JPA/Commission Board Secretary Lori Anne Peoples; Michael Benozza – City of Chula Vista; None – City of Coronado; Blake Behringer - City of El Cajon; None – City of Imperial Beach; Joe Kuhn – City of La Mesa; None – Lemon Grove Sanitation District; Carmen Kasner – City of National City; None – Otay Water District; None – Padre Dam Municipal Water District; Troy DePriest – City of Poway; Adam Jones, Doug Campbell, Edgar Patino, - City of San Diego Staff; Doug Owen – Stantec – City of San Diego Consultant; None – County of San Diego; Metro JPA Staff: Karyn Keze, Executive Director, The Keze Group; Lee Ann Jones-Santos, Assistant Treasurer; Dexter Wilson and Kathleen Noel, Wilson Engineering

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

Vice Chair De Hoff, City of Poway, led the pledge.

3. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

4. **ACTION: APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

ACTION: Motion by Jose Preciado, seconded by Kelly Purvis to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS 5 AND 6

5. **ACTION: Consideration and Possible Action to Approve the Minutes of May 1, 2025**

6. **ACTION: Receive and File Check Registry/Monthly Expense Report for the Month of April 2025**

ACTION: Motion by Second Vice Chair Preciado, seconded by Director Kendrick to approve the Consent Calendar Items 5 and 6. Motion carried as follows:

AYES: Preciado, Purvis, Worden, Kendrick, McKay, Baber, Jones, Yamane, Robak, Swanson, De Hoff, Anderson

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

7. **ACTION: Consideration and Possible Action to Approve the FY 2026 JPA Budget (Approved by FC & TAC)**

Executive Director Keze provided a brief overview of the JPA's FY 2026 Draft Operating Budget. Interest earnings are expected to be higher than in previous years, as the JPA is now investing its available cash reserves in LAIF. She noted that total billings remained consistent with the prior year, with the only adjustment being the reallocation among member agencies based on projected flows and strengths reflected in the City of San Diego's Metro FY 2026 budget. She also highlighted that the proposed budget had been reviewed and approved by both Metro TAC and the Finance Committee, the latter of which conducted a detailed, line-by-line review of each budget item.

ACTION: Motion by Second Vice Chair Preciado, seconded by Director McKay, the FY 2026 Budget be approved. Motion carried as follows:

AYES: Preciado, Purvis, Worden, Kendrick, McKay, Baber, Jones, Yamane, Robak, Swanson, De Hoff, Anderson

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

8. **ACTION: Consideration and Possible Action to Approve the Following Items Relating to FY 2026 JPA Budget:**

- a. **CLA (Auditor Contract)**
- b. **Executive Director Contract**
- c. **Treasurer's Contract**
- d. **Termination Letter - NV5**

Executive Director Keze introduced the items which coincided with the budget previously approved. She noted that the Board had already approved the actual physical contracts in Item's 8 a-c. Item 8d is a housekeeping item. The termination letter to NV5 is only because Scott Tulloch had retired. NV5 has provided excellent service in the past to the JPA and Ms. Keze thanked them for their service to the Metro JPA/Commission.

ACTION: Motion by Director Baber, seconded by Vice Chair De Hoff, to approve items 8a through 8d. Motion carried as follows:

AYES: Preciado, Purvis, Worden, Kendrick, McKay, Baber, Jones, Yamane, Robak, Swanson, De Hoff, Anderson
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

Prior to hearing Item 9, Doug Campbell, City of San Diego announced that Ti Carroll had been selected as the next Deputy Director for Wastewater Treatment,

9. **ACTION: Consideration and Possible Action to Approve the Following Chemical Contracts:**

Tim Carroll, City of San Diego introduced Wendy Mason, Sr. Supervising Management Analyst, City of San Diego who was with him to assist in the presentations.

Tim Carroll then proceeded to provide a brief verbal overview of the following presentations included in the agenda package.

- a. **Contract with Pencco, Inc. to Purchase Ferric Chloride at the North City Water Reclamation Plant)**

ACTION: Motion by Director Swanson, seconded by Director Yamane, to approve items 9a. Motion carried as follows:

AYES: Preciado, Purvis, Worden, Kendrick, McKay, Baber, Jones, Yamane, Robak, Swanson, De Hoff, Anderson

NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

b. **First Amendment to the Contract with Polydyne Inc. to Purchase Anionic Polymer; adding the North City Water Reclamation Plant**

ACTION: Motion by Director Baber, seconded by Second Vice Chair Preciado, to approve items 9b. Motion carried as follows:

AYES: Preciado, Purvis, Worden, Kendrick, McKay, Baber, Jones, Yamane, Robak, Swanson, De Hoff, Anderson
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

c. **Contract with JCI Jones Chemicals Inc. to Purchase Sodium Hypochlorite for Water and Wastewater Facilities**

ACTION: Motion by Director Swanson, seconded by Director Yamane, to approve items 9c. Motion carried as follows:

AYES: Preciado, Purvis, Worden, Kendrick, McKay, Baber, Jones, Yamane, Robak, Swanson, De Hoff, Anderson
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

10. **DISCUSSION: Continued SARA Review**

Executive Director Keze noted that this had been a busy month of meetings between the Executive Team and PAs to continue the SARA review process and to gain their input. Multiple meetings were held with the individual PAs and a Hybrid meeting with TAC. Additionally, General Counsel Ochoa held two attorney workshops. All comments as of the 29th of May have been incorporated into a preliminary draft redline. They have been primarily non substantive and wordsmithing. A special TAC ZOOM meeting is being held next Wednesday, June 11th to review the current redline and then continue discussion at the Regular TAC meeting will be held on June 18th. All comments are due to General Counsel Ochoa by mid-July to be incorporated into a consolidated redline which will be sent to San Diego for their review and will be discussed at the Metro JPA/Commission Meeting on August 7, 2025.

Executive Director Keze stated that staff were still scheduling requests for ZOOM meetings with individual PAs with questions and requested they contact her directly. She also noted that no substantive changes had been received from TAC yet.

General Counsel Ochoa stated that the Attorney group will be continuing their

review and individual upcoming meetings were scheduled with several PAs attorneys so they will hopefully finalize their input into the consolidated redline.

11. **UPDATE: Metro Wastewater (General) (Standing Item)**

Doug Campbell, City of San Diego, stated he had two items.

1. The Regional Board completed the Point Loma inspection and staff felt it went smoothly. Their current questions had to do with the disinfectant program.
2. On Wednesday the 11th of May, the two ACL Settlements went to the Regional Board. 2023 Hodges and 2023 Pump Station 2.

Staff have met with the Regional Board and expect a positive outcome.

He then announced that the Regional Board was holding an event in Mission Valley at Snapdragon Stadium and he would send invites to the PAs.

12. **UPDATE: Metro Wastewater Financial (Standing Item)**

No report was provided.

13. **REPORT: General Counsel (Standing Item)**

General Counsel Ochoa stated that she had attended the CASA conference on May 9th and would be tracking all wastewater related California Bills. She mentioned several she was watching which were SB 682; AB 259; AB 339; AB 343 & 370; SB 601 and SB 707.

14. **REPORT: Metro JPA Executive Director's Report April 2025 (Standing Item)**

Executive Director Keze stated that her report had been provided in the agenda packet. She then highlighted that through a lot of arduous work on part of the JPA's Treasury staff over the last month, the LAIF agreement was finalized, and all available cash reserves have been transferred to LAIF. This change in the investment of the JPA's cash reserves should provide approximately \$4,000 in interest earnings for the last quarter of this fiscal year versus the FY 2025 budgeted amount of \$700 for the total year.

15. **REPORT: Metro TAC Chair's Report February 2025 (Standing Item)**

Metro TAC Chair Behringer stated that his TAC Chairs report was also provided in the agenda packet and that about one half of the dozen TAC members held a meeting prior to this meeting to discuss SARA.

16. **METRO JPA DIRECTORS/COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS AND PROPOSED AGENDA ITEMS** for Next Metro JPA/Commission Special Meeting **July 10, 2025.**

Director Robak announced that Chair Jones Birthday had been this past Saturday.

17. **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Jones declared the meeting adjourned at 12:57 p.m.

Monthly Expense Report

MetroJPA

Invoices for May 2025 paid in June 2025

Prepared by

Treasurer@metrojpa.org

Prepared on

June 13, 2025

MetroJPA
Expenses by Vendor Summary
June 13, 2025

Vendor	Total
Dexter Wilson Engineering	7,152.50
Ditas Yamane	185.60
Donald Dwight Worden	166.00
Gary Kendrick	332.00
Jerrold L. Jones	683.60
Jessica Heredia	185.60
Joel Anderson	184.90
Jose Preciado	498.00
Kelly Purvis	184.20
Keze Group LLC	17,646.00
Mark Robak	166.00
Mitchell D McKay	166.00
Peter De Hoff	519.00
Snell and Wilmer Law	17,370.15
William Baber	332.00
Credit Card Expenses	808.34
TOTAL	\$46,579.89

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Expenses by Vendor Summary
MetroJPA
July 12, 2025

Vendor	Total
Alliant Insurance Services	1,250.00
Dexter Wilson Engineering	15,187.50
Gary Kendrick	166.00
Granicus Inc.	3,781.84
Jerrold L. Jones	166.00
Jose Preciado	166.00
Keze Group LLC	8,477.00
Lori Anne Peoples	7,704.13
Mr Rodney Greek	8,690.60
Peter De Hoff	166.00
Snell and Wilmer Law	15,430.50
William Baber	166.00
Credit Card Expenses	303.64
TOTAL	\$61,655.21

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Metro Wastewater Joint Powers Authority
Treasurer's Report
ending June 30, 2025

****UNAUDITED****

Metro Wastewater JPA
Treasurer's Report
ending June 30, 2025
Unaudited

Beginning Cash Balance at July 1, 2024	\$ 317,985
 Operating Results	
Membership Dues & Interest Income	1,019,530
Expenses	<u>(581,509)</u>
Change in Net Position	438,021
Net change in Receivables & Payables	<u>34,445</u>
 Cash used in Operations	 <u>472,466</u>
 Ending Cash Balance at June 30, 2025	 <u><u>\$ 790,451</u></u>

Metro Wastewater JPA
Statement of Net Position

As of July 1, 2024 and June 30, 2025
Unaudited

	<u>July 1, 2024</u>	<u>June 30, 2025</u>	<u>\$ Change</u>
<u>ASSETS</u>			
Checking/Savings	\$ 317,985	\$ 790,451	\$ 472,466
Accounts Receivable	<u>22,824</u>	<u>7,119</u>	<u>(15,705)</u>
Total Assets	<u><u>\$ 340,809</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 797,569</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 456,760</u></u>
<u>LIABILITIES</u>			
Accounts Payable	\$ 42,611	\$ 61,351	\$ 18,740
Unearned Membership Billings	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Liabilities	\$ 42,611	\$ 61,351	\$ 18,740
<u>NET POSITION</u>			
Net Position at Beginning of Period	\$ 247,595	\$ 298,197	\$ 50,602
Change in Net Position	<u>50,602</u>	<u>438,021</u>	<u>387,418</u>
Net Position at End of Period	\$ 298,197	\$ 736,218	\$ 438,021
<u>TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET POSITION</u>	<u><u>\$ 340,809</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 797,569</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 456,760</u></u>

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<i>Net Position at 06/30/2025</i>	\$ 736,218
<i>FY '25 Required Reserve (4 months of Op Exp)</i>	<u>275,637</u>
<i>Over (under) required reserve</i>	\$ 460,581
<i>Contingency Reserve (3 months)</i>	<u>197,714</u>
	\$ 658,295

Metro Wastewater JPA
Statement of Operations
Budget vs. Actual
ending June 30, 2025
Unaudited

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Adjusted Budget</u>	<u>Over (Under) Budget</u>	<u>Annual Budget</u>
Income				Month 12
Membership Dues	\$ 988,568	988,568	A \$ -	\$ 790,855
City of San Diego	26,449	35,355	(8,906)	\$ 35,355
Interest Income	<u>4,513</u>	<u>700</u>	<u>3,813</u>	<u>700</u>
Total Income	<u>\$ 1,019,530</u>	<u>\$ 1,024,623</u>	<u>\$ (5,093)</u>	<u>\$ 826,910</u>
Expense				
Administrative Assistant-LP	\$ 30,067	49,200	\$ (19,133)	\$ 49,200
Bank Charges	84	200	(116)	200
Contingency	-	-	-	-
Dues & Subscriptions	-	-	-	-
Financial Services	-	-	-	-
Audit Fees	6,560	-	6,560	-
Financial Consulting Support (Auditor)	-	-	-	-
Financial - The Keze Group	167,997	168,000	(3)	168,000
Treasurer - CPA	49,485	50,000	(515)	50,000
JPA/TAC meeting expenses	5,182	6,000	(818)	6,000
Miscellaneous	2,297	1,079	1,218	250
Per Diem - Board	39,965	28,500	11,465	28,500
Printing, Postage, Supplies	477	500	(23)	500
Professional Services	-	-	-	-
Engineering - Dexter Wilson	137,000	200,000	(63,000)	200,000
Engineering - NV5	2,040	30,000	(27,960)	30,000
Legal - (Pure Water/2nd ARA)	66,435	150,000	(83,565)	150,000
Legal - (General)	42,854	60,000	(17,146)	60,000
Legal - (SD Spill 2020 & 2023)	8,944	30,000	(21,056)	30,000
Paul Redvers Brown, Inc.	-	12,450	(12,450)	12,450
Strategic Planning	15,250	23,025	(7,775)	15,275
IT & Communications	-	20,000	(20,000)	20,000
Telephone, Software & Internet	3,338	3,000	338	3,000
Website Architecture Update	-	-	-	-
Website Maintenance & Hosting	<u>3,534</u>	<u>3,535</u>	<u>(1)</u>	<u>3,535</u>
Total Expense	<u>\$ 581,509</u>	<u>\$ 835,489</u>	<u>\$ (253,980)</u>	<u>\$ 826,910</u>
Net Income (Loss)	<u>\$ 438,021</u>	<u>\$ 189,134</u>	<u>\$ 248,887</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

A The Contingency Reserve is included.

Metro Wastewater JPA
Statement of Cash Flows

ending June 30, 2025

Unaudited

CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

Cash Receipts from Member Agencies	\$ 1,030,722
Cash Paid to Vendors and Suppliers	<u>(562,770)</u>
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	467,953

CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES

Interest Earnings	<u>4,513</u>
Net Cash Provided by Investing Activities	<u>4,513</u>

NET CHANGE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS 472,466

Cash and Cash Equivalents - Beginning of Period 317,985

CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS - END OF PERIOD \$ 790,451

**RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING LOSS TO NET CASH
FLOWS USED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES**

Operating Income	\$ 438,021
Change in Net Position	
Adjustments to Reconcile Operating Income to	
Increase in Accounts Receivable	15,705
Decrease in Accounts Payable	18,740
Interest Earnings	<u>(4,513)</u>
Total Adjustments	<u>29,932</u>
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	<u><u>\$ 467,953</u></u>

METRO JPA/TAC**Staff Report****Date: 07/16/25****Project Title:**

Pump Station 1 Improvement and Modernization – Authorization to award a CM contract with Black & Veatch Corporation for construction management services

Presenter(s) Name: Parita Ammerlahn**Presenter(s) Title:** Assistant Deputy Director (City of San Diego E&CP Department)**Requested Action:****Black & Veatch Corporation**

City of San Diego requests authorization award a contract to Black & Veatch Corporation for construction management services to support the SPS1 Improvements & Modernization project and forward item to Metro JPA/Metro Commission for approval.

The total contract amount is \$6,715,158.00. The Metro JPA amount is \$2,216,002.14, which is 33% of the total expenditure of the contract over four years.

Recommendations:

Approve the agreement

Metro TAC:	Approve the subject item and forward to Metro JPA/Metro Commission for approval.
IROC:	N/A
Prior Actions: (Committee/Commission, Date, Result)	N/A

Fiscal Impact:

Is this projected budgeted?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Cost breakdown between Metro & Muni:	Funding will be distributed as follows: FY 2026 = \$1,643,862 (100% Metro Sewer CIP, 0% Muni) Metro JPA 33% = \$542,474.46 FY 2027 = \$2,175,907 (100% Metro Sewer CIP, 0% Muni) Metro JPA 33% = \$718,049.31 FY 2028 = \$1,997,884 (100% Metro Sewer CIP, 0% Muni) Metro JPA 33% = \$659,301.72 FY 2029 = \$897,505 (100% Metro Sewer CIP, 0% Muni) Metro JPA 33% = \$296,176.65

	Black & Veatch Corporation = \$6,715,158.00
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Fiscal impact to the Metro JPA:	Black & Veatch Corporation:33% of Metro costs is \$2,216,002.14
Capital Improvement Program:	
New Project?	Yes ____ No <u>X</u> N/A ____
Existing Project?	Yes <u>X</u> No ____ Upgrade/addition ____ Change ____ N/A ____
Previous TAC/JPA Action: TAC: Contract for Pump Station 1 Improvements and Modernization with J.R. Filanc Construction Company, Inc., Item 2, September 2024, approved JPA: Contract for Pump Station 1 Improvements and Modernization with J.R. Filanc Construction Company, Inc., Item 10, October 2024, approved	
Additional/Future Action: Present item to Metro JPA/Metro Commission for approval in August 2025.	
City Council Action: Anticipated for July 2025.	
Background: <i>Provide background information on the need for the project</i> <p>Pump Station 1 (PS1) is one of the largest and most critical pump stations within the City of San Diego's wastewater collection system, located within the Military Facility Planning Area, National City, and San Diego City Council District 8. PS1 has been in service since 1963 and collects sewage generated by the City of San Diego population, along with other participating agencies within the County of San Diego. Wastewater from the South Bay region is delivered to PS1 via the South Metro Interceptor, located at 3550 East Harbor Drive. Six vertical shaft-driven centrifugal pumps convey wastewater north to the City's Pump Station 2 and discharge an average of 75 million gallons per day. PS1 must reliably operate 24 hours per day and 7 days per week to prevent potential hazards, such as spills into the Sweetwater River, which have previously occurred.</p> <p>On June 14, 2023, the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region (WQCB) issued Cease-and-Desist Order (CDO) No. R9-2023-0016, which mandates significant upgrades to PS1 by December 31, 2028. The City initiated a capital improvement project (CIP) to comply with the CDO, including full replacement of several components (bar screen, pipe supports and straps, pump supports, pumps, shafts, and motors) to ensure long-term functionality of this critical Metro System facility. Facility enhancements not included in the CDO such as electrical and instrumentation upgrades, additional monitoring systems, replacements of facility piping and valving, safety enhancements, replacement of sluice gates and motors, concrete repairs, operational improvements, and other work within the pump station were added to the CIP. These additional enhancements improve the resiliency and reliability of the facility.</p> <p>The total estimated project cost is \$111,282,580. Design build contract, K-24-2220-DB2-3-C, was awarded to J.R. Filanc Construction Company Inc. on October 28, 2024, in an amount not to exceed \$93,282,580.00. \$18,000,000 is estimated in soft costs for the duration of the project.</p>	

Discussion: *Provide information on decisions made to advance the project*

This Agreement is necessary to support the delivery of this critical infrastructure project that requires specialized expertise not currently available in-house. PS-1 is the second-largest wastewater pumping station operated by the City. The station contains six large pumps, of which five must be operational at any given time, with one serving as a backup. The construction and commissioning work must be performed and coordinated while maintaining the facility's operations. The scope of work under this contract includes technical engineering support, project management assistance, environmental compliance, and construction oversight—services essential for ensuring the timely and cost-effective delivery of capital improvement projects. The consultant's support under this contract will allow the City to maintain project schedules, ensure compliance with local and state regulations, and uphold the quality and safety standards expected for public works.

Bid Results: *If bidding was done provide bidding format and results*

On January 14, 2025, The City advertised a Request for Proposal (RFP) for the selection of a professional consultant to provide construction management services for the project. Seven proposals were received and deemed responsive. On March 25, 2025, and March 26, 2025, the City held interviews to determine the most qualified consultant for the accompanying scope of work. The City identified Black & Veatch Corporation as the most qualified to provide construction management services for this project.

Construction Management Contract with Black & Veatch Corporation to Provide Construction Management Services for the Pump Station 1 Improvements and Modernization Project

Engineering & Capital Projects Department

Metro JPA/Commission
August 7, 2025



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Engineering & Capital Projects

Background

- PS1 is the City's second largest wastewater pump station. Placed in operation in 1963.
- PS1 is fitted with six vertical shaft-driven centrifugal pumps. 150 MGD original design capacity.
- PS1 is also used as a disposal facility for private liquid waste haulers and the City's Wastewater Collection Division sewer vector trucks.
- PS1 pumps to PS 2 which then pumps to Point Loma WWTP



Diesel Generator Engines



Pump Motor – 6 Motors, Pump Control Room to Right, Removable



Pump Room

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Location Map

PS1 is located at 3550 East Harbor Drive, between 8th Street (in National City, California) and 32nd Street Naval Station.

Council District 8



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Cease-and-Desist Order

- This project is under a Cease-and-Desist Order (No. R9-**2023**-0016) by the CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD SAN DIEGO REGION requiring completion by December 31, 2028.
 - 8 Corrective measures that are all completed by the PUD O&M staff
 - 24 items to be completed by this CIP contract by December 31, 2028
 - Recertify Sewer System Management Plan in 2024, to memorialize procedures related to Sanitary Sewer Overflow
 - City to provide semi-annual report on progress of design-build contract



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Major Scope Components



Mechanical Screen



Motor



Pump



Pump Gallery/ Cone Valves



Gate Valve



Control Panel

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Selection of Black & Veatch

- On October 28, 2024, the City awarded a Design Build Contract for the Pump Station 1 Improvements and Modernization project to J.R. Filanc Construction Company Inc, in an amount not to exceed \$93,282,580.
- On January 14, 2025, the City advertised a Request for Proposal (RFP) for the selection of a professional consultant to provide construction management services for the project
- Seven proposals were received and deemed responsive
- On March 25, 2025, and March 26, 2025, the City held interviews to determine the most qualified consultant for the accompanying scope of work
- The City identified Black & Veatch Corporation as the most qualified to provide construction management services for this project

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Black & Veatch Scope of Services

- Owner-Advisor Services
 - Technical SMEs
 - Reviews of design submittals, QA/QC plan, constructability, RFIs
 - Cost Estimating
 - Partnering
- Project Controls
 - Schedule Analysis and Forecasting
 - Invoice Reviews
- Contract Compliance/Administration
 - Correspondence Management
 - Submittal Reviews
 - PCO preparation and review
 - Risk Register
- Full-time inspection
- Safety and Security Monitoring
- Start-up/Commissioning



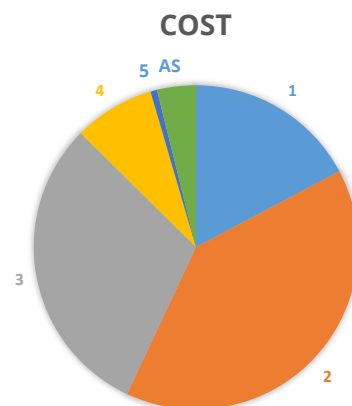
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Contract Breakdown

Task No.	Description	Cost
1	Owner Advisor Services	\$1,158,686
2	Construction Management Services	\$2,666,921
3	Construction Quality Assurance	\$2,044,328
4	Start-Up	\$542,409
5	Closeout	\$42,277
AS	Additional Services	\$260,538
	TOTAL	\$6,715,158



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Metro Sewer CIP				
	Construction Cost	Soft Cost	Total	Budget Status
FY 2025	\$15,282,580	\$3,000,000	\$18,282,580	Budgeted/Funded
FY 2026	\$33,000,000	\$6,000,000	\$39,000,000	Budgeted/Unfunded
FY 2027	\$17,000,000	\$6,000,000	\$23,000,000	Budgeted/Unfunded
FY 2028	\$28,000,000	\$3,000,000	\$31,000,000	Budgeted/Unfunded
Total	\$93,282,580	\$18,000,000	\$111,282,580	

Metro JPA (33%)				
	Construction Cost	Soft Cost	Total	Budget Status
FY 2025	\$5,043,251	\$990,000	\$6,033,251	Budgeted/Funded
FY 2026	\$10,890,000	\$1,980,000	\$12,870,000	Budgeted/Unfunded
FY 2027	\$5,610,000	\$1,980,000	\$7,590,000	Budgeted/Unfunded
FY 2028	\$9,240,000	\$990,000	\$10,230,000	Budgeted/Unfunded
Total	\$30,783,251	\$5,940,000	\$36,723,251	

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Metro Sewer CIP		
	Total Costs	Budget Status
FY 2026	\$1,643,862	Budgeted/Funded
FY 2027	\$2,175,907	Budgeted/Unfunded
FY 2028	\$1,997,884	Budgeted/Unfunded
FY 2029	\$897,505	Budgeted/Unfunded
Total	\$6,715,158.00	

Metro JPA (33%)		
	Total Costs	Budget Status
FY 2026	\$542,474.46	Budgeted/Funded
FY 2027	\$718,049.31	Budgeted/Unfunded
FY 2028	\$659,301.72	Budgeted/Unfunded
FY 2029	\$296,176.65	Budgeted/Unfunded
Total	\$2,216,002.14	

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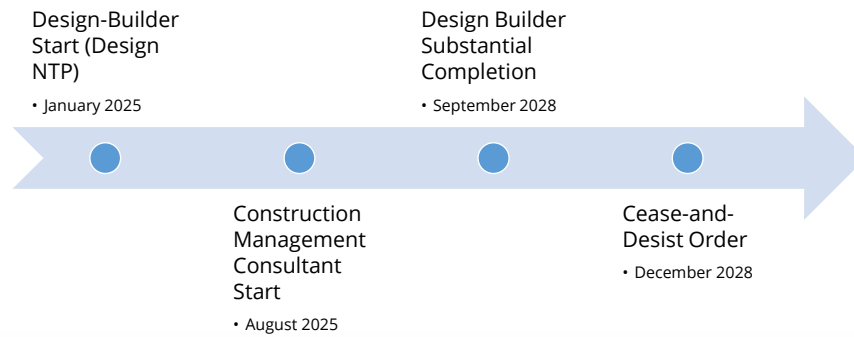
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Schedule

- This timeline outlines the key steps and regulatory deadlines for the project.



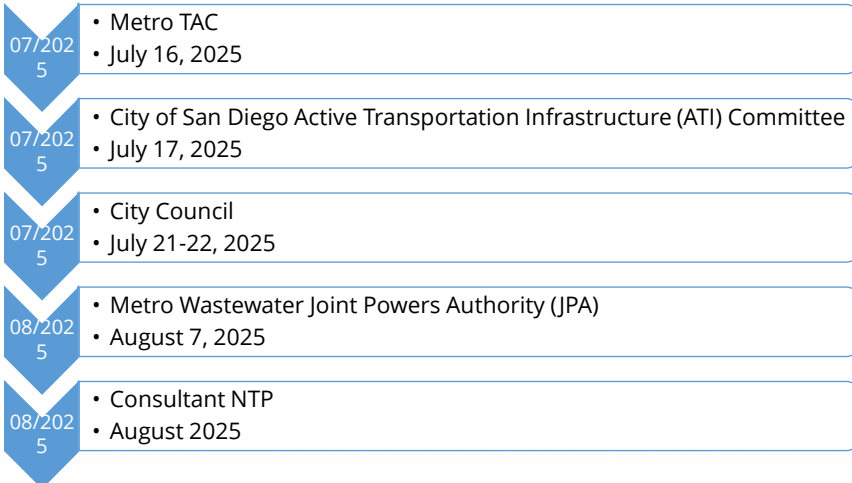
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Next Steps:



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Monthly Executive Director's Report May 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 May, the Executive Director and Executive Team 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. SARA Implementation Progress

Steady and coordinated progress continues on the implementation of the Second Amended and Restated Agreement (SARA). Throughout May, the Executive Team continued its one-on-one meetings with Participating Agencies (PAs) and their legal counsel to address questions and gather feedback on the draft Second Amended and Restated Agreement (SARA). In addition to these individual sessions, two attorney workshops, a hybrid TAC meeting, and a meeting of the Pure Water AdHoc Committee were held. These collaborative efforts have resulted in meaningful refinements to the SARA document, including the addition of new language to clarify and improve the draft.

A comprehensive redline incorporating all comments and revisions received through May 28th was prepared and reviewed with the Pure Water AdHoc Committee on May 29th. This red line was subsequently distributed to TAC members for further discussion at an upcoming special workshop scheduled for June 11th. While many agencies have already provided input, the Executive Team is still awaiting comments from a few members before finalizing the red line for transmittal to the City of San Diego.

2. PA Outreach and Feedback: FY 2026 JPA Budget Process

The FY 2026 Budget process is nearing completion, with the draft budget scheduled for review and potential approval by the JPA Board at its June meeting. The proposed budget reflects a modest increase of \$7,602—less than 1% over the FY 2025 Adopted Budget—and includes no new programs for the upcoming year. The budget, and supporting contracts, has already been reviewed and approved by the Finance Committee in March and by Metro TAC in May. A copy of the draft budget is provided as Attachment A.

3. I&I Committee

To accommodate the SARA discussions the I&I Committee did not meet in May, and their next regular meeting will not be until July 17 from 2-3 PM.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Metro TAC:

Special SARA Workshop

June 11, 2025
9-11 AM Via Zoom

Regular Meeting

June 18, 2025
11-1 Hybrid – MOC Conference Room 2E

Metro JPA/Commission:

Regular Meeting

June 5, 2025
Noon-2 PM MOC Auditorium

Regular Meeting

July 10, 2025
Noon-2 PM MOC Auditorium
(Note: Date adjusted for holiday)

ATTACHMENT A

**FY 2026 METRO WASTEWATER JPA
DRAFT OPERATING BUDGET**



METRO WASTEWATER JPA

FY 2026 DRAFT OPERATING BUDGET

JUNE 5, 2025

Metro Wastewater JPA Mission Statement (2025)

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Thank You to the City of San Diego for Pictures of the Pure Water Program Phase 1 Projects.

Cover: North City Water Reclamation Plant EQ Basin: Falsework erection for rooftop. Columns and stringers are installed; nearing completion of joists and sheeting installation. January 2025



TO: Metro Wastewater JPA Directors
FROM: Karyn L. Keze, Executive Director
DATE: June 5, 2025
RE: Agenda Item No. 7: FY 2026 JPA OPERATING BUDGET

Over the past five years, the Metro Wastewater JPA has evolved from an observer to an active participant in regional wastewater—and, at times, water—issues affecting the San Diego Metro System. Prior to FY 2020, the JPA’s technical role focused primarily on reviewing Metro costs through the annual Exhibit E audit. That began to change with the first Amended and Restated Agreement (ARA) negotiations, when engineering consultants were engaged to support capital and operations cost reviews for Pure Water Phase 1.

As a result, JPA engineering and financial consultants helped secure more accurate and equitable cost allocations for Pure Water Phase 1 construction, resulting in over \$190 million (16%) in project costs being shifted from the Metro System to the City’s water utility. This adjustment directly reduced the financial burden on the Participating Agencies. To support this expanded technical oversight, the JPA Operating Budget increased accordingly.

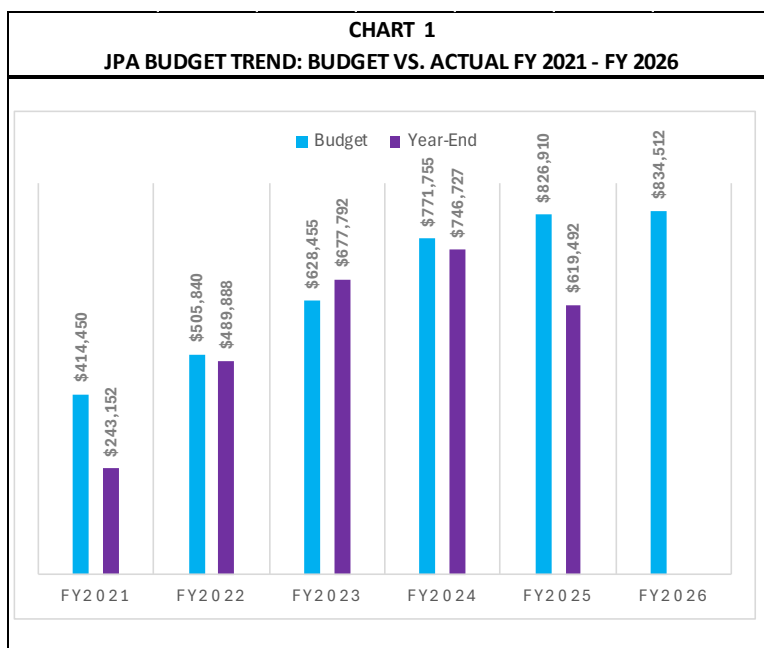
With the beginning of drafting of the Second ARA (SARA) in April 2021, JPA consultants began partnering with City of San Diego PUD staff in creating a new operating agreement. This collaboration led to increased input and eventual drafting of SARA language and the creation of the new Metro billing system, the Functional Allocated Billing (FAB) system which were released in draft format for review and the start of the implementation process in March 2025 to the Metro TAC and April 2025 JPA/Commission Directors.

Today, JPA consultants are also engaged in planning for key infrastructure rehabilitation projects (Pump Station 1 (PS1), Pump Station 2 (PS2), and Pt. Loma), as well as Pure Water Phase 2, supporting compliance with Regional Board Executive Orders tied to sewer spills, and co-managing a region-wide Inflow and Infiltration (I&I) Study with PUD staff.

With SARA and FAB now drafted, the consultants’ role is shifting to implementation. As part of this transition, and following the retirement of NV5’s Scott Tulloch, the FY 2026

Operating Budget reflects a \$30,000 reduction in engineering services. This helps offset the \$23,630 cost of the bi-annual audit (covering FY 2024 and FY 2025), which is due this fiscal year.

Chart 1 summarizes the trend in the JPA’s Operating Expenditures from FY 2021 to present, showing both budget and actuals for FY 2021 – FY 2024, FY 2025’s budget and projected actuals, and FY 2026’s draft Operating Budget amounts.



ORGANIZATIONAL AND STRATEGIC PLANNING PROGRESS

Over the past two years, the Metro Wastewater JPA has taken key steps to formalize its internal operations and strengthen its capacity to manage regional responsibilities.

In FY 2024, the JPA formed a Reorganization AdHoc Committee, which resulted in the development of the agency’s first formal organizational structure. This included clarifying the roles of consultants, designating a central point of administrative coordination, and establishing the position of Executive Director. These changes provided the JPA with a defined framework for internal management and decision-making. **(See Attachment 1: Organizational Chart.)**

In FY 2025, a Strategic Planning AdHoc Committee was created to develop a set of Strategic Goals and Objectives to guide the agency’s work over the next five years. These priorities reflect the JPA’s evolving responsibilities and expanded technical role in regional wastewater planning. The FY 2026 Operating Budget aligns with this

direction, and a formal Strategic Plan will be developed during FY 2026 incorporating these Goals and Objectives. **(See Attachment 2.)**

Also in FY 2025, the Board established a Succession Planning AdHoc Committee to continue the review of the JPA's current structure and staffing model. The committee's work will begin in July 2025, in anticipation of the June 30, 2026, expiration of all major consultant contracts. This review will help the JPA evaluate future staffing needs and determine the most effective structure to support its ongoing responsibilities.

Together, these efforts have provided the JPA with a more consistent structure for planning, coordination, and communication as it moves into the implementation phase of SARA, FAB, and other regional initiatives.

FY 2025 MILESTONES

FY 2025 was a year of key progress in governance, financial management, and planning. These accomplishments created a strong foundation for the JPA's future work and increased responsibilities. Highlights of the year include:

1. **Released the draft SARA** to the Metro TAC in March and to the JPA Board in April, formally launching the review and implementation process for the Second Amended and Restated Agreement.
2. **Finalized the draft Functional Allocated Billing (FAB) methodology**, presented to TAC in April and the JPA Board in May. Stantec is preparing the final report, which will guide future Metro cost allocations for the participating agencies.
3. **Engaged an independent Treasurer and CPA for the first time**, strengthening financial oversight and enabling the development of the JPA's first *Policies and Procedures Manual*. The manual was approved by the Finance Committee in March 2025; formal release is deferred to August 2025 to maintain focus on SARA. The draft is available for review in the "News" section of the JPA website at www.metrojpa.org.
4. **Adopted updated Strategic Goals and Objectives** to guide the JPA's direction over the next five years. These will form the basis of a formal Strategic Plan to be finalized in FY 2026.
5. **Approved the JPA's first Investment Policy**, authorizing participation in the State's Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF) to improve interest earnings on reserves and strengthen long-term financial stewardship.
6. **Partnered with the City of San Diego to establish the Regional I&I Committee**, chaired by JPA Engineering Staff. This committee coordinates efforts to address inflow and infiltration issues across the Metro System.

LOOKING AHEAD TO FY 2026

In FY 2026, the JPA will begin putting that work into practice—supporting SARA and FAB implementation, contributing to major project planning, and helping coordinate regional efforts. Priorities for the coming year include:

- **Implementing SARA and the FAB methodology** in coordination with the City of San Diego as part of the transition to the new agreement and billing system.
- **Facilitating and advancing regional inflow and infiltration efforts** through continued leadership and participation in the Regional I&I Committee.
- **Participating in and providing input into the planning and design of major Metro facilities**, including rehabilitation projects at PS1 and PS2 and Pure Water Phase 2.
- **Launching the work of the Succession Planning AdHoc Committee** to assess future staffing and consultant needs in anticipation of the June 30, 2026, expiration of all major consultant contracts.

These steps will ensure the JPA continues to serve as a knowledgeable and engaged partner with the City of San Diego in managing and planning the region's wastewater system.

METRO WASTEWATER JPA FY 2025 OPERATING BUDGET FY 2026 OPERATING BUDGET OVERVIEW

INTRODUCTION

The JPA's FY2026 Operating Budget has been established to meet the adopted strategic planning framework. A summary of the proposed FY 2026 Operating Budget is presented in **Table 1**.

TABLE 1 FY 2026 PROPOSED OPERATING BUDGET		
Administration & Finance	\$ 322,800	39%
General & Administrative Expens	\$ 15,632	2%
Professional Services	\$ 496,080	59%
TOTAL	\$ 834,512	100%

The detailed FY 2026 Operating Budget, along with a comparison to prior-year actuals, is provided in **Attachments 3 and 4**. Most core expenses remain unchanged. Some costs have been updated based on contract reviews and adjustments to scopes of work. A few new or increased costs are included to meet current operational needs and planned activities in FY 2026.

SECTION ONE: CONTRACT REVIEW AND FY 2026 PROGRAM EXPENSE UPDATES

The FY 2026 Operating Budget reflects a slight increase of \$7,602 or 1% overall increase from FY 2025 as shown in **Table 2**. **Table 2** shows not only the approved FY 2025 Operating Budget but also the projected forecast for year-ending June 30, 2025. A full line-item detail of the projected FY 2025 budget versus actual expenses is included as **Attachment 3**.

TABLE 2 FY 2025 VS. FY 2026 PROPOSED OPERATING BUDGET						
	FY 2025 Budget			FY 2026 Budget		
	Approved	Forecast	Difference	Proposed	Difference	
Administration & Finance	\$ 295,700	\$ 293,978	\$ (1,722)	\$ 322,800	\$ 27,100	9%
General & Administrative Expenses	\$ 13,485	\$ 14,365	\$ 880	\$ 15,632	\$ 2,147	16%
Professional Services	\$ 517,725	\$ 311,149	\$(206,576)	\$ 496,080	\$(21,645)	-4%
TOTAL	\$ 826,910	\$ 619,492	\$(207,418)	\$ 834,512	\$ 7,602	1%

The majority of the FY 2026 Operating Budget remains consistent with prior years, reflecting stable contract structures and limited program changes. Some line items reflect slight increases or decreases based on existing contract terms, including standard COLA adjustments to consulting agreements. The full FY 2026 Operating Budget is included in **Attachment 4**, which also summarizes the JPA's projected cash position as of June 30, 2025. Based on current projections, the JPA is expected to end the fiscal year with a positive cash balance of \$499,968, the first such positive position in several years. This amount will fully fund both the FY 2026 Operating and Contingency Reserves, with a remaining unallocated balance of \$17,604.

The updated or new program elements included in the FY 2026 Operating Budget are summarized in **Table 3** and described in more detail following the Table.

TABLE 3 CHANGES: FY 2026 OPERATING BUDGET					
Expense:	FY 2026 Budget	Difference from FY 2025 Budget		Variances in Line Items Compared to the FY 2025 budget	
Audit Fees	\$ 23,630	\$ 23,630	100%	Two-year Audit FY 2024 and 2025	
JPA/TAC meeting expenses	\$ 6,600	\$ 600	9%	Increased number of meetings/attendees	
Per Diem - Board	\$ 55,600	\$ 27,100	49%	More frequent meetings & COLA	
Printing, Postage, Supplies	\$ 800	\$ 300	38%	Increase based on actual expense	
Engineering - NV5	\$ -	\$ (30,000)		Decrease following SARA draft completion	
Strategic Planning	\$ -	\$ (15,275)		Contract completed in FY 2025	
Telephone, Internet, Software	\$ 4,000	\$ 1,000	25%	Software contracts prices have increased.	
Website Maintenance & Hosting	\$ 3,782	\$ 247	7%	Year-Four of Contract	
TOTAL	\$ 94,412	\$ 7,602			

- Audit Fees:**

FY 2026 includes the biannual financial audit covering FY 2024 and FY 2025, as required by law. The audit contract and scope of work with CLA was approved by the Board in February 2025, with a budget of \$23,630, the same amount as previous audits.

- **Board Per Diem:**

In accordance with Resolution 2025-2, the Board meeting per diem will increase by 5% to \$175 and the mileage allowance may increase in January 2026 based on federal guidelines. FY 2025 also introduced per diem eligibility for Board Alternates attending meetings and estimates for these are included in the FY 2026 budget. The per diem budget increases from \$28,500 to \$55,600 to accommodate these changes and provide support for the Succession Planning and Pure Water AdHoc Committees.

- **Miscellaneous Operating Expenses:**

Modest increases are reflected in several operating expense accounts, including JPA/TAC meeting expenses, printing, postage and supplies, and communications (telephone, internet, and software). The Granicus website maintenance and hosting contract, now in its fourth and final year, reflects a planned increase based on contract terms.

All major consulting contracts—including Dexter Wilson Engineering, The Keze Group, the Board Secretary, and Treasurer—are in the final year of four-year agreements. No changes to contract scopes or ceilings are proposed for FY 2026. General Counsel services provided by Snell and Wilmer, will continue under existing budget projections. With the retirement of Scott Tulloch and the completion of the draft SARA document, the NV5 contract has concluded and is no longer included in the FY 2026 budget.

SECTION TWO: FY 2026 BUDGET REVENUES

The Operating Budget has four sources of income/revenues as shown in **Table 4**: they are the annual Membership Dues charged to each JPA member for the operations of the JPA, use of prior year reserves, if any, to offset the current years' operating budget, reimbursements from the City of San Diego, and interest income:

TABLE 4 INCOME: FY 2026 OPERATING BUDGET				
Income:	FY 2026 Budget	Difference from FY 2025 Budget		Variances in Line Items Compared to the FY 2025 budget
Membership Dues	\$ 790,855	\$ -	0%	Interest offsets 1% budget increase
Use of Reserves	\$ -	\$ -	0%	No reserves are needed in FY 2026
City of San Diego	\$ 27,000	\$ (8,355)	-31%	Decrease due to Facilitation Contract ending
Interest Income	\$ 16,657	\$ 15,957	96%	Increase due to reserve funds in LAIF
	\$ 834,512	\$ 7,602	1%	

The JPA's FY 2026 revenues are shown in **Table 4** and include the following sources:

1. Membership Dues

The Participating Agencies fund the balance of the Operating Budget after accounting for all other revenue sources. Cost allocations are based on prior year flows and sewage strengths as determined in the City of San Diego's annual Metro budget and are reconciled through the Exhibit E audit process. For FY 2026, Membership Dues are budgeted at \$790,855, unchanged from FY 2025. This amount represents the total Operating Budget of \$834,512 less projected revenues from City of San Diego offsets and interest income as discussed in Items 2 – 4 following.

2. Use of Reserves

In past years, excess operating reserves were used to offset costs. No use of reserves is projected for FY 2026.

3. City of San Diego Contributions

The City continues to offset 50% of the Board Secretary cost. In prior years, the City also covered 70% of the Pure Water Facilitator contract. With the completion of the draft SARA, that contract and its associated revenue have been removed. This adjustment has no net impact on the FY 2026 budget.

4. Interest Income

FY 2026 will be the first year the JPA invests available funds in the Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF). Interest revenue has been budgeted conservatively but is projected to be sufficient to fully offset the \$7,602 increase in the FY 2026 budget.

Table 5 shows the distribution of Membership Dues by agency. No additional contributions to reserves are required this year. A table showing Agency billings for the last three years is included as **Attachment 5**.

TABLE 5
FY 2026 BUDGET FUNDING

	PROPOSED FY 2026 BILLING**			
Agency	Per Cent	Amount		
	Agency Billing %	Total Budget Billing	Difference FY2025 Base	
Chula Vista	30.57%	\$ 241,795	\$ (19,461)	-7.4%
Coronado	2.31%	\$ 18,232	\$ (2,638)	-12.6%
County of SD*	17.40%	\$ 137,631	\$ 3,059	2.3%
Del Mar	0.02%	\$ 170	\$ (42)	-19.7%
El Cajon	16.25%	\$ 128,518	\$ 14,421	12.6%
Imperial Beach	3.92%	\$ 31,010	\$ 245	0.8%
La Mesa	6.75%	\$ 53,410	\$ (3,110)	-5.5%
Lemon Grove	2.31%	\$ 18,268	\$ (7,082)	-27.9%
National City	7.50%	\$ 59,289	\$ (1,126)	-1.9%
Otay Water District	0.55%	\$ 4,380	\$ (721)	-14.1%
Padre Dam MWD	8.40%	\$ 66,432	\$ 16,806	33.9%
Poway	4.01%	\$ 31,722	\$ (352)	-1.1%
Total	100%	\$ 790,855		

* County of SD includes East Otay Mesa, Lakeside/Alpine, Spring Valley and Wintergardens

**Based on 4/25 San Diego Adjustments to FY 2026 Budget Estimate

Differences in agency allocations between FY 2025 and FY 2026 are mainly due to how Phase 1 Pure Water costs (Exhibit G) and individual flow and strength data affect the budget. Exhibit G allocates Phase 1 capital costs based on each agency's projected 2050 use of the Metro System and is a fixed percentage of project costs per agency.

In FY 2025, ECAWP JPA members were assigned a smaller share of the \$7.7 million in Phase 1 costs due to the Exhibit G percentages, resulting in a lower overall budget allocation for them for Metro and the JPA. However, in FY 2026, the Exhibit G allocation flips from an expense to a revenue offset. Because ECAWP JPA members are responsible for a smaller share of Phase 1 capital costs, they receive a smaller portion of this offset

(\$6.7 million) resulting in a higher net Metro budget share and, in turn, a higher JPA allocation.

SECTION THREE: FY 2026 OPERATING BUDGET PROCESS

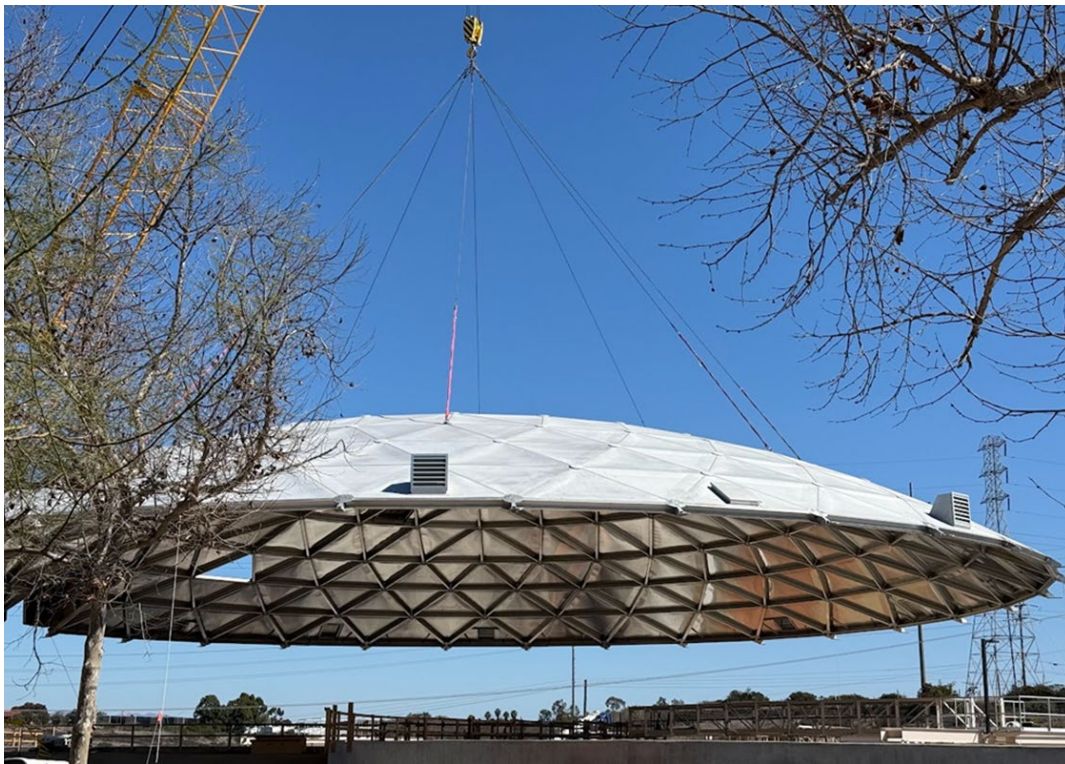
The FY 2026 Operating Budget and the contracts it contains have been reviewed twice by the Finance Committee, considering the line-item budget, current financial position, and reserve levels. They unanimously approved the budget to be moved forward to the TAC and the full Board of Directors for their review and potential approval at their March 2025 meeting.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

1. Staff recommend that the Metro TAC and JPA Board of Directors approve the following:
 - a. The proposed **FY 2026 JPA Operating Budget**.
 - b. Issuance of **Membership Dues totaling \$790,855** to JPA member agencies, as detailed in Table 5.
2. Alternatively, the TAC and Board may **discuss and provide directions** to staff regarding modifications to the proposed budget or dues allocations or take other action as appropriate.

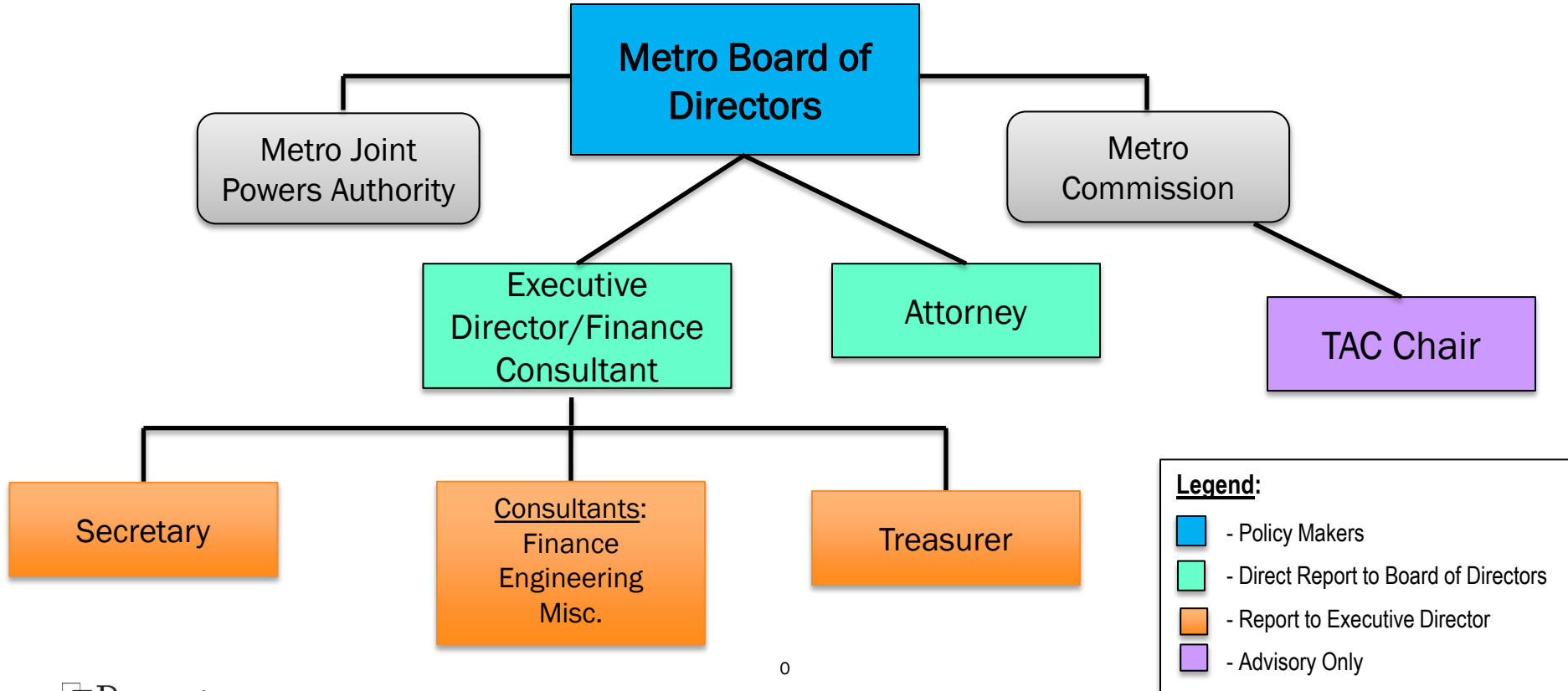
ATTACHMENT 1

Metro Wastewater JPA Adopted Organizational Chart



North City Water Reclamation Plant Expansion – January 2025 Update
Secondary Clarifier Cover Installation - February 2025

Attachment 1: Metro Adopted Organizational Chart (2024)



ATTACHMENT 2

Metro Wastewater JPA 2025 Mission Statement and Strategic Goals & Objectives



North City Water Reclamation Plant Expansion – February 2025 Update
Effluent Pump Station: Work ongoing for 8"/10" UWHP.

Metro JPA 2025 Mission Statement and Strategic Goals & Objectives

Mission Statement

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Strategic Goal 1 - Oversee METRO System Management and Operations: The METRO JPA and METRO TAC must continue their oversight (i.e., monitor, review, audit, value-engineer, negotiate, etc.) of the City of San Diego’s management and operation of the METRO System on behalf of the Participating Agencies’ ratepayers.

Strategic Objective 1 - Oversee Service and Billing: City of San Diego Public Utilities Department to ensure that services provided to METRO member agencies are efficiently delivered.

Strategic Objective 2 - Oversee Costs and Rates: Oversee the City of San Diego’s METRO wastewater programs, including Pure Water, sewer fees, and recycled water rates to protect the interests of METRO member agencies.

Strategic Objective 3 - Oversee Capital Improvements and Maintenance Operations: Oversee the City of San Diego’s METRO wastewater system capital improvement program (CIP) and maintenance operations, to protect the environment and the investment of METRO member agencies.

<p>Strategic Objective 4 – Continue Audit Process: Maintain the integrity of the annual audit of the City of San Diego to ensure that only METRO wastewater costs are billed to METRO member agencies.</p>
<p>Strategic Objective 5 - Monitor Billing Equity Framework - Conduct continual review of the billing system, including the progress of new procedures that determine flow and strength allocations to the Participating Agencies. Conduct a review of the flow metering monitoring system, sampling locations, and cost allocation and audit perimeters a minimum of every five years to be consistent with section 3.5.3 of the Amended Restated Agreement.</p>
<p>Strategic Objective 6 – Support Second Amended Restated Agreement (SARA) and Revised Billing Structure (FAB): Advocate for and support the Participating Agencies (PA’s)’s review and approval of the Second Amended Restated Agreement (SARA). Support the successful implementation of the new SARA billing structure (e.g., Functional Allocated Billing (FAB), Industrial Waste Program payments, Administrative Agreement, etc.) contained in the SARA.</p>
<p>Strategic Objective 7 - Monitor and Mitigate Infiltration and Inflow (I&I): Work with the City of San Diego and Participating Agencies to reduce infiltration and inflow (I&I) and Sanitary Sewer Overflows (SSOs). These are becoming more frequent due to conditions of aging infrastructure, as well as increased frequency of storm severity. Participate in a Regional I&I study that will identify ways to reduce I&I and implement recommendations from I&I study as appropriate.</p>
<p>Strategic Objective 8 - Monitor Industrial Waste Provisions: There is extensive language in SARA about monitoring industrial waste and pretreatment requirements. The Metro JPA staff will monitor the fees for industrial users on behalf of the City and Participating Agencies. The financial burden will be retained for the most part by industrial users, but a general benefit to all other users will be recognized in the billing structure. An example of a specific general benefit is that monitoring industrial waste and pretreatment prevents chemicals from being discharged into the sewer system that would upset biological processes in the Metro system needed for proper treatment and disposal.</p>

<p>Strategic Goal 2: Oversight of the City of San Diego’s Water Reuse Planning (Pure Water San Diego) - As the City of San Diego expands the scope of its wastewater operations to include the Pure Water San Diego program, the scope of oversight provided by the METRO JPA and the METRO TAC expands.</p>
<p>Strategic Objective 1 - Oversee and Support OPRA II Legislation: Support the City of San Diego’s efforts to obtain legislation (OPRA II) to allow for secondary equivalency for the Pt. Loma Wastewater Treatment Plant. Obtaining this change in legislation will avoid unnecessary expenses and upgrades to the Pt Loma treatment plant. The Metro JPA staff will maintain ongoing technical, financial and regulatory analyses of the permit process and provide comments to the City of San Diego, METRO Commission and METRO JPA as needed.</p>
<p>Strategic Objective 2 - Oversee Permit Planning for Pt. Loma Treatment Plant: Maintain ongoing technical, financial and regulatory analyses and provide comments to the City of San Diego, METRO Commission and METRO JPA as needed.</p>
<p>Strategic Objective 3 - Oversee Recycled Water Pricing Study: Maintain ongoing technical, financial and regulatory analyses and provide comments to the City of San Diego, METRO Commission and METRO JPA as needed.</p>
<p>Strategic Objective 4 - Monitor Potable Reuse Regulatory Development: Regulations have been adopted for both indirect and direct potable reuse. Metro JPA will continue to monitor, participate and advocate where appropriate for regulatory adoption that is environmentally safe and the most cost-effective.</p>
<p>Strategic Objective 5 - Oversee Pure Water Program, Phase 2, and any Associated Projects: Maintain ongoing technical, financial and regulatory analyses as the location and composition of each facility is determined. As Phase 2 costs are developed, ensure that an appropriate allocation methodology of costs will be established. The Metro JPA supports the City of San Diego in reaching their regulatory purification requirements through value engineering and pursuit of the most cost-effective alternatives. This could include Direct Potable Reuse (DPR) and inclusion of independent purification projects within the service area.</p>

Strategic Objective 6 - Monitor Efforts to Regulate Newly-identified Chemicals and Pollutants - Metro JPA will monitor, participate and advocate for appropriate regulations regarding wastewater pollutants and chemicals, such as PFAS. Metro JPA will collaborate with the City of San Diego to develop the best strategies to minimize potential costs while maintaining appropriate environmental responsibility.

Strategic Objective 7 - Support the City's Consideration and Analysis of Possible New Sewage and Other Inflow Sources: Monitor and support the City of San Diego's consideration and analysis of new sources, such as sewage and stormwater, as these opportunities develop.

Strategic Goal 3: - Develop and Maintain Key Partnerships: Effectively partner with the City of San Diego and key stakeholders, working together to ensure fair rates for participating agencies, regionally balanced decisions, and the best possible management for all multi-jurisdiction-use facilities.

Strategic Objective 1 - Commit to Partnering and Professionalism: Work effectively with the City of San Diego and other stakeholders aspiring to high standards of professionalism and a commitment to collaboration.

Strategic Objective 2 - Participate in Committees and Projects: Work collaboratively on projects and committees such as the Financial Implementation Group (FIG) and the Infiltration and Inflow (I&I) study.

ATTACHMENT 3

Metro Wastewater JPA FY 2025 Budget Versus Actuals



North City Water Reclamation Plant Expansion – February 2025 Update
NCPWF Influent Pump Station: Installing Wall Rebar.

ATTACHMENT 3
FY 2025 PROJECTED BUDGET VERSUS ACTUALS

	Actual Through 2/28/2025	Estimate Remaining Months	Forecast Through 6/30/25	Approved Annual Budget	Forecast over /(under) Budget	
					\$	%
Income						
Membership Dues	\$ 790,855	\$ -	\$ 790,855	\$ 790,855	\$ -	0%
Use of Reserves	\$ -	-	-	-	-	
City of San Diego	\$ 13,155	\$ 13,520	26,675	35,355	(8,681)	-25%
Interest Income	2,606	1,100	3,706	700	3,006	429%
Total Income	\$ 806,615	\$ 14,620	\$ 821,235	\$ 826,910	\$ (5,675)	-1%
Expense						
Admin - Board Secretary	\$ 13,621	\$ 20,000	\$ 33,621	\$ 49,200	\$ (15,579)	-32%
Bank Charges	24	12	36	200	(164)	-82%
Financial Services				-		
Audit Fees	6,560	-	6,560	-	6,560	
Executive Director - The Keze Group	110,734	57,266	168,000	168,000	-	0%
Treasurer - El Cajon	24,808	25,192	50,000	50,000	-	0%
JPA/TAC meeting expenses	3,140	2,860	6,000	6,000	-	0%
Miscellaneous	1,047	-	1,047	250	797	319%
Per Diem - Board	27,157	15,200	42,357	28,500	13,857	49%
Printing, Postage, Supplies	458	42	500	500	-	0%
Professional Services						
Engineering - Dexter Wilson	92,745	58,443	151,188	200,000	(48,813)	-24%
Engineering - NV5	2,040	700	2,740	30,000	(27,260)	-91%
Legal - 2nd ARA/PW	14,533	53,467	68,000	150,000	(82,000)	-55%
Legal - General	29,339	25,600	54,939	60,000	(5,061)	-8%
Legal - Spill	6,473	6,000	12,473	30,000	(17,527)	-58%
Paul Redvers Brown	-	-	-	12,450	(12,450)	
Strategic Planning	15,250		15,250	15,275	(25)	0%
Communications	-	-	-	20,000	(20,000)	
Telephone, Internet, Software	987	2,013	3,000	3,000	-	0%
Website Maintenance & Hosting	-	3,782	3,782	3,535	247	7%
Total Expense	\$ 348,915	\$ 270,577	\$ 619,492	\$ 826,910	\$ (207,418)	-25%
Net Income (Loss)	\$ 457,700	\$ (255,957)	\$ 201,743	\$ -	\$ 201,743	

ATTACHMENT 4

Metro Wastewater JPA FY 2026 Proposed Operating Budget



Morena Pump Station and Screening Facilities – January 25, 2025

ATTACHMENT 4

FY 2026 PROPOSED OPERATING BUDGET

	FY 2026 Proposed Annual Budget	Difference from FY '25 Forecast	Difference from FY '25 Budget		Variances in Line Items Compared to the FY 2025 budget
			\$	%	
Income					
Membership Dues	\$ 790,855	\$ -	\$ -	0%	Interest offsets 1% budget increase
Use of Reserves		-	-		No reserves are needed in FY 2026
City of San Diego	27,000	326	(8,355)	-31%	Decrease due to Facilitation Contract ending
Interest Income	16,657	12,951	15,957	96%	Increase due to reserve funds in LAIF
Total Income	\$ 834,512	\$ 13,277	\$ 7,602	1%	
Expense					
Admin - Board Secretary	\$ 49,200	15,579	\$ -	0%	Year-Four of Contract
Bank Charges	200	164	-	0%	Rebudgeted
Financial Services					
Audit Fees	23,630	17,070	23,630	100%	Two- year Audit 2024 and 2025
Executive Director - The Keze Group	168,000	-	-	0%	Year-Four of Contract
Treasurer	50,000	-	-	0%	Transition to private consulting from PA support
JPA/TAC meeting expenses	6,600	600	600	9%	Increased number of meetings/attendees
Miscellaneous	250	(797)	-	0%	Rebudgeted
Per Diem - Board	55,600	13,243	27,100	49%	More frequent meetings and COLA adjustments
Printing, Postage, Supplies	800	300	300	38%	Increase based on actual expense forecast
Professional Services					
Engineering - Dexter Wilson	200,000	48,813	-	0%	Year-Four of Contract
Engineering - NV5	-	(2,740)	(30,000)		Decrease following SARA draft completion
Legal - S&W (2nd ARA/PW)	150,000	82,000	-	0%	Rebudgeted
Legal - S&W (General)	60,000	5,061	-	0%	Rebudgeted
Legal - S&W (Spill)	30,000	17,527	-	0%	Rebudgeted
Consensus Support	12,450	12,450	-	0%	Decrease following SARA draft completion
Strategic Planning	-	(15,250)	(15,275)		Contract completed in FY 2025
IT & Communications	20,000	20,000	-	0%	Placeholder for potential website update, etc.
Telephone, Internet, Software	4,000	1,000	1,000	25%	Software contracts prices have increased.
Website Maintenance & Hosting	3,782	(0)	247	7%	Year-Four of Contract
Total Expense	\$ 834,512	\$ 215,020	\$ 7,602	1%	

Fund Balance at 6/30/24	\$ 298,225
Projected Net Income FY 25	\$ 201,743
Projected 6/30/25 Fund Balance	\$ 499,968
Months Operating Expenses FY'25	\$ 275,637
3 Months Contingency Reserve FY'25	\$ 206,728
Amount over Required Reserves	17,604

ATTACHMENT 5

Metro Wastewater JPA FY 2026 Budget Funding



Morena Pump Station Electrical Building Conduit Placement – January 2025

ATTACHMENT 5
FY 2026 BUDGET FUNDING

	ACTUAL FY 2024 BILLING		ACTUAL FY 2025 BILLING				PROPOSED FY 2026 BILLING**			
Agency	Per Cent	Amount	Per Cent	Base Amount	Reserve	Amount	Per Cent	Amount		
	Agency Billing %	Total Agency Billing	Agency Billing %	Total Base Budget Billing	Contribution Per Agency	Total FY 2025 + Reserve	Agency Billing %	Total Budget Billing	Difference FY2025 Base	
Chula Vista	31.84%	\$ 231,650	33.03%	\$ 261,255	\$ 65,314	\$ 326,569	30.57%	\$ 241,795	\$ (19,461)	-7.4%
Coronado	2.70%	\$ 19,644	2.64%	\$ 20,870	\$ 5,218	\$ 26,088	2.31%	\$ 18,232	\$ (2,638)	-12.6%
County of SD*	15.99%	\$ 116,334	17.02%	\$ 134,572	\$ 33,643	\$ 168,215	17.40%	\$ 137,631	\$ 3,059	2.3%
Del Mar	0.02%	\$ 146	0.03%	\$ 212	\$ 53	\$ 264	0.02%	\$ 170	\$ (42)	-19.7%
El Cajon	14.46%	\$ 105,203	14.43%	\$ 114,097	\$ 28,524	\$ 142,621	16.25%	\$ 128,518	\$ 14,421	12.6%
Imperial Beach	3.67%	\$ 26,701	3.89%	\$ 30,765	\$ 7,691	\$ 38,456	3.92%	\$ 31,010	\$ 245	0.8%
La Mesa	7.89%	\$ 57,403	7.15%	\$ 56,520	\$ 14,130	\$ 70,649	6.75%	\$ 53,410	\$ (3,110)	-5.5%
Lemon Grove	3.32%	\$ 24,154	3.21%	\$ 25,350	\$ 6,338	\$ 31,688	2.31%	\$ 18,268	\$ (7,082)	-27.9%
National City	8.39%	\$ 61,041	7.64%	\$ 60,414	\$ 15,104	\$ 75,518	7.50%	\$ 59,289	\$ (1,126)	-1.9%
Otay Water District	0.55%	\$ 4,001	0.65%	\$ 5,101	\$ 1,275	\$ 6,376	0.55%	\$ 4,380	\$ (721)	-14.1%
Padre Dam MWD	7.01%	\$ 51,001	6.27%	\$ 49,625	\$ 12,406	\$ 62,032	8.40%	\$ 66,432	\$ 16,806	33.9%
Poway	4.16%	\$ 30,266	4.06%	\$ 32,073	\$ 8,018	\$ 40,092	4.01%	\$ 31,722	\$ (352)	-1.1%
Total	100%	\$ 727,545	100%	790,855	\$ 197,714	\$ 988,569	100%	\$ 790,855		

* County of SD includes East Otay Mesa, Lakeside/Alpine, Spring Valley and Wintergardens

**Based on 4/25 San Diego Adjustments to FY 2026 Budget Estimate



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



Monthly Metro TAC Chair Report June 2025

A summary of action items, presentations, discussions and updates heard at the regularly scheduled Metro Technical Advisory Committee held on June 18, 2025.

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 continued to go 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 July and a new, red-lined document will be distributed for City and PA review.

Standing Items to be Brought to JPA as Needed:

Agenda Item 2: Metro Wastewater (General) (Lisa Celeya)

Agenda Item 3: Metro Wastewater Financial (Adam Jones)

Agenda Item 4: Pure Water Program Update (Doug Owen/Ben Kuhnel)

Agenda Item 6: JPA Executive Director (Karyn Keze)

Agenda Item 7: Metro Commission/JPA Board Meeting Recap (Blake Behringer)



Monthly Metro TAC Chair Report July 2025

A summary of action items, presentations, discussions and updates heard at the regularly scheduled Metro Technical Advisory Committee held on July 16, 2025.

Action:

Agenda Item 2: Consideration and Possible Action to Recommend to the Metro JPA/Commission Approval of City of San Diego Pump Station 1 Improvements and Modernization – Authorization to Award a CM Contract with Black & Veatch for Construction Management Services

- City staff presented a proposed contract with Black & Veatch for \$36,723,251 (Metro portion) over 4 years for construction management at Pump Station 1. They explained it was necessary to meet the Cease-and-Desist Order from the Regional Board for the station. They emphasized the project was moving quickly and construction management services were necessary in order to keep the project schedule. TAC asked for a few clarifications on the City's process of awarding, budgeting, and funding process. They also asked that for the City Council meeting that it be noted TAC approved this item, but it would not be seen by the JPA prior to the Council meeting due to the urgency in moving forward with this project so that the Regional Board's completion date could be met. TAC unanimously approved the item.

Discussion:

Agenda Item 6: PA's Regional Water Quality Board Review of SSMP's Section 8

- El Cajon and the County of San Diego let the other TAC members know recent feedback they had gotten from the Regional Boards in regard to their Sewer System Management Plans (SSMPs) and how they addressed climate change and natural disasters. TAC engaged in a very productive discussion which should help the other PAs who have not yet submitted their SSMPs to better address the areas of concern.

Agenda Item 7: Administrative Agreement No. 1: Agreement Between City of San Diego and Participating Agencies in the Metropolitan Sewerage System for Unified Management of Industrial Waste Discharge Pretreatment and Enhanced Source Control Programs

- Without City of San Diego staff present, Adriana Ochoa went through Administrative Agreement No. 1 and answered questions from the TAC members. A very productive

conversation was had, and TAC will continue to discuss the document as the City of San Diego provides feedback on the most recent redline.

Discussion/Vote:

Agenda Item 8: SARA Continued Review

- After discussion of the current status of SARA and the most recent redline, TAC made the following motion unanimously “The TAC committee has reviewed all but the latest compiled redlines from the Participating Agencies and any potential changes by the City of San Diego and is ready for the JPA and legal counsel to review the draft SARA and Administrative Agreement No. 1 and begin discussion on the policy elements of SARA. The TAC reserves the right to make further comments depending on the final reviews.”

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Agenda Item 9: JPA Executive Director (Karyn Keze)

Agenda Item 10: Metro Commission/JPA Board Meeting Recap (Blake Behringer)

Metro Meetings:

Recent Meetings

- **I&I Metro TAC Subcommittee:**
 - **Date:** July 17, 2025
 - **Format:** Zoom only.

Upcoming Meetings

- **Metro JPA:**
 - **Date:** August 7, 2025
 - **Format:** In person.
- **Metro TAC:**
 - **Date:** August 20, 2025
 - **Format:** Zoom only.
- **I&I Metro TAC Subcommittee:**
 - **Date:** August 6, 2025
 - **Format:** Zoom only.