



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.”

Standing Items to be Brought to JPA:

Agenda Item 3: Metro Wastewater (General) (Lisa Celeya)

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

Agenda Item 5: Metro Wastewater Financial (Adam Jones)

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.