



METRO TAC AGENDA
(Technical Advisory Committee to Metro JPA/Commission)

TO: MetroTAC Representatives

CC: Metro JPA Directors (for information only)

DATE: August 20, 2025

TIME: 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

LOCATION: Metro TAC is holding its August meeting via Zoom. An e-mail containing information on how to participate in the meeting will be distributed to the Metro TAC members e-mail list consisting of the appointed Primary and Alternate for the Participating Agency and approved San Diego City Staff. Please remember, MetroTAC is NOT a public meeting so please do not distribute the meeting link.

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1. **ACTION:** Review and Approve MetroTAC Action Minutes for the Meeting of July 17, 2025 (**Attachment**)
 2. **ACTION:** Consideration and Possible Action to Recommend to the Metro JPA/Commission Approval of the Metro Wastewater JPA Policies & Procedures Manual. (Rod Greek) (**Attachment**) (Approved at the March 24, 2025 Metro JPA Finance Committee)
 3. **ACTION:** Consideration and Possible Action to Recommend to the Metro JPA/Commission Approval of a Second Amendment with Evoqua Water Technologies, LLC to purchase Calcium Nitrate Double Salt Solution (Bioxide) (Margaret Llagas/Charles Gastil) (**Attachment**)
 4. **ACTION:** Consideration and Possible Action to Recommend to the Metro JPA/Commission, Approval of a Contract Change Order with Cass Arrieta for Design and Construction Services to Support the Point Loma Wastewater Treatment Plant Storm Damage Repair Emergency Project. (Jong Choi) (**Attachment**)

5. **PRESENTATION:** Point Loma Wastewater Treatment Plant- Monitoring Erosion and Evaluating Gatchell Road Access Options (Tim Carroll) (**Attachment**)
6. **UPDATE:** Metro Wastewater (General) (Standing Item) (Lisa Celeya)
7. **UPDATE:** Pure Water Program Update (Standing Item) (Doug Owen/Ben Kuhnel)
8. **UPDATE:** Metro Wastewater Financial (Standing Item) (Adam Jones)
9. **UPDATE:** JPA Executive Director (Standing Item) (Karyn Keze) (**Attachment**)
10. **UPDATE:** Metro Commission/JPA Board Meeting Recap (Standing Item) (Blake Behringer)
11. Review of Items to be Brought Forward to the Regular Metro Commission/Metro JPA Meeting (**September 4, 2025**)
12. Other Business of Metro TAC
13. Adjournment (**To the next Regular Meeting September 17, 2025**)

Metro TAC 2025 Meeting Schedule

January 15	May 21	September 17
February 19	June 18	October 15
March 19	July 16	November 19
April 16	August 20	December 17



Metro TAC

(Technical Advisory Committee to Metro JPA/Commission)

ACTION MINUTES

DATE OF MEETING: July 16, 2025

TIME: 11:00 AM

LOCATION: ZOOM Meeting

Metro TAC Chair Behringer called the meeting to order at 11:04 a.m.

MEETING ATTENDANCE:

Members Present

Michael Benozza, Chula Vista
Patrick Moneda, Chula Vista
Leon Firsht, Coronado
Joe Bride, Del Mar (absent)
Juan Larios, Imperial Beach
Blake Behringer, El Cajon, Metro TAC Chair
Joe Kuhn, La Mesa, Metro TAC Vice Chair
Izzy Murguia, Lemon Grove
Carmen Kasner, National City
Beth Gentry, Otay WD
Peejay Tubongbanua, Padre Dam MWD
Troy DePriest, Poway
Sumedh Bahl, County of San Diego

San Diego City Staff/Consultants

Lisa Celaya, City of San Diego
Doug Campbell, City of San Diego
Adam Jones, City of San Diego
Edgar Patino, City of San Diego
Parita Ammerlahn, City of San Diego
Keli Baho, City of San Diego
Margaret Llasas, City of San Diego
Elif Cetin, City of San Diego
Joy Newman, City of San Diego
Dominick Dowds, City of San Diego

Doug Owen, Stantec/City of San Diego
Ben Stewart, Stantec/City of San Diego

JPA Staff/Consultants Present

Karyn Keze, JPA Executive Director, Keze Group
Adriana Ochoa, General Counsel
Kathleen Noel, Dexter Wilson Engineering
Dexter Wilson, Dexter Wilson Engineering
Lee Ann Jones-Santos, Metro JPA Treasurer (absent)
Lori Anne Peoples, Board Secretary

1. **ACTION: Review and Approve MetroTAC Action Minutes for the Meeting of June 18, 2025**

Sumedh Bahl noted a typo in Item 3, third paragraph which read Recycled Wayer and should be Water.

ACTION: Motion by Carmen Kasner seconded by Vice Chair Joe Kuhn, the minutes be approved as corrected. Motion carried unanimously.

2. **ACTION: Consideration and Possible Action to Recommend Approval to the Metro JPA/Commission of 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, City of San Diego provided a brief verbal overview of her presentation included in the agenda package. She noted that their request was for approval of a construction management contract with Black & Veatch for the Pump Station 1 Project. The B&V Contract total is \$6.7 million. The total JPA cost, which is approximately 33% of the contract, would be \$2.2 million.

Lisa Celaya stated that this item was being expedited to meet a Cease-and-Desist Order issued by the Regional Board in 2023 with a completion deadline of December 2028. The team plans to take it to the city's ATI Committee and City Council in July and then to the JPA meeting in August. She apologized for having to take this item out of order from the norm of TAC to JPA to San Diego Council. Additionally, she thanked Dexter Wilson for being a valuable resource for the city as they are going through this process.

ACTION: Motion by Leon Firshst seconded by Beth Gentry, to approve the recommended action to go forward to the Metro JPA/Commission for their approval in August. Motion carried unanimously.

3. **UPDATE: Metro Wastewater**

Lisa Celaya, City of San Diego provided several updates noting that Orelia DeBraul had left her position in the department for that of the Public Works Director for the City of Solana Beach; Tim Carroll had been promoted to Deputy Director of Wastewater Treatment and Tom Rosales has returned from retirement to fill Tims' old position of Chief Plant Operator. Further staff are in the process of rate setting for water and sewer. The External Affairs Team held a one-day workshop entitled "Public Utilities Division 101" for their Council and staff offices and will be doing a Pump Station 2/NTC Lab walk through. A reoccurring statement from the participants was that they "did not realize" what all was required to move water in and out of the city systems.

4. **UPDATE: Pure Water Program**

Doug Campbell introduced the item reporting on the progress of the Pure Water Program noting that they were over 82% complete at the North City Pure Water Facility and about 75% overall. Things were progressing well. Additionally, they have received comments on half of their operations plan.

Doug Owen, Stantec, shared updates on upcoming conferences which will tour the project and a collaboration with Alesmith for a purified water tasting event. They are still working with Stone Brewery.

He then provided photos along with construction updates which were included in the agenda package.

5. UPDATE: Metro Wastewater Financial

Adam Jones, City of San Diego, provided the following updates:

- FY 2025 ended on June 30; staff are confirming whether final figures are \$3M under or over budget estimates.
- The City has recently had to utilize its short-term financing mechanism due to delays in SRF (State Revolving Fund) disbursements for the Pure Water Project.
- The City Auditor presented the MGO audit contract to Council; it passed first reading and will proceed to second reading. Mr. Jones hopes to have MGO begin work prior to the second reading to complete audits on time.
- On Tuesday/Wednesday, the city released its final cost-of-service study for water, wastewater, and recycled water.
 - Recycled water percentage increase is lower than originally estimated; City staff have discussed cost-of-service adjustments with JPA staff.
 - Next steps: Lisa and Adam will appear before the Environmental Committee seeking approval to set a Public Hearing, followed by City Council consideration.
 - Proposed rate changes would take effect January 2026.
- Work is underway on the next 5-Year Water and Wastewater Outlook to set Council expectations for costs effective FY 2027 through FY 2031. This is normally present to Council in November of each year.
- Construction bids are now aligning more closely with estimates; City hopes this trend continues.
- At the start of the new fiscal year, the last of the sewer bond funds will be fully spent; a new bond issuance is anticipated in the first half of calendar year 2026.

6. DISCUSSION: PA's Regional Water Quality Board Review of SSMP's Section 8

Metro TAC Chair Behringer stated he had requested this item be placed on the agenda as the County and El Cajon had received feedback from the Regional Water Quality Control Board saying they did not look at their Sewer System Management Plans (SSMP's) in its entirety on how climate change and natural disasters were addressed. The information was in the report, just not in that section specifically. Blake met with the Rep who provided clarification that they needed to be specific on the points. Knowing other PAs will have to submit these as well, he wanted to bring this to everyone's attention.

San Diego City Staff was asked to leave the meeting at this point.

7. **PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION: Administrative Agreement No. 1: Agreement/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**

General Counsel Ochoa went through Administrative Agreement No. 1 with TAC members. The agreement has also been sent to the City of San Diego. Additionally, she is also working on incorporating the last of the PAs comments into a consolidated redline which will also be sent to the City of San Diego. Ms. Ochoa stated she planned to have another Attorney forum to discuss the Administrative Agreement and the consolidated redline.

Metro TAC Chair, Behringer, and Executive Director Keze thanked General Counsel Ochoa for doing an excellent job and all her hard work.

8. **DISCUSSION/VOTE: SARA Continued Review**

Metro TAC Chair Behringer stated he felt that there would not be anything specifically different on the JPA level decision at this point and did not know that this needed to come back to TAC. The attorneys are reviewing and commenting as is San Diego so he feels that this should now move forward to the JPA to start their review. Anything that comes up from San Diego's review of Administrative Agreement No. 1 or the consolidated SARA redline that needs TAC review will be brought back.

Executive Director Keze noted that what has currently been reviewed by TAC is ready for the JPA/Commission members to start reviewing and discussing.

General discussion ensued.

ACTION: Motion by Joe Kuhn, seconded by Carmen Kasner:

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.

Motion carried unanimously.

Executive Director Keze thanked the TAC members for all their hard work in getting to this point and taking this action.

9. **UPDATE: JPA Executive Director (Standing Item)**

Executive Director Keze noted that her report was included in the agenda package and advised that staff had finished the JPA Draft Treasurer's Report for last year and we are approximately 30% under budget making all reserves fully funded prior to the start of the new year.

10. **UPDATE: Metro JPA/Commission Board Meeting Recap (Standing Item)**

The JPA did not hold a meeting in July.

11. **Review of Items to be Brought Forward to the Regular Metro Commission/Metro JPA Meeting (August 7, 2025)**

Metro TAC Chair Behringer stated that items 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, and 9 would move forward.

12. **Other Business of Metro TAC**

None.

13. **Adjournment (To the next Regular Meeting August 20, 2025)**

There being no further business, Chair Behringer adjourned the meeting at 2:17 p.m.



Metro Wastewater Joint Powers Authority

Proactively Addressing Regional Wastewater Issues for the Public Benefit

FINANCIAL POLICIES MANUAL



Metro Wastewater JPA
Metro TAC Meeting
August 20, 2025



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Metro Wastewater Joint Powers Authority

Proactively Addressing Regional Wastewater Issues for the Public Benefit

- Financial Policies Manual first presented to this the Finance Committee in January 2025
 - Committee requested a redline copy for easier review
 - Redline captures:
 - Edits made prior to the January meeting as well as from requests made during the January meeting
 - Updated Resolutions 2025-01 Establishing a Reserve Fund & 2025-02 Establishing Compensation for Directors
 - (both approved Feb 6, 2025)
 - Added Procedure 3 – Banking Authorization Procedure
 - Policy 5 – Investment Policy was approved by the full Commission on May 1, 2025.
 - Title of the Manual changed to Policies and Procedures Manual.

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- One stop shop for all financial policies & procedures
 - Replaces existing policies & procedures (14.1 through 14.8)
 - With minor edits to some
 - Eliminates draft section of 14.1 Protocol 1 (Debt Service & Operating Reserve Calculation)
 - 2 new Policies, 2 new Procedures, 2 revised Resolutions
 - Investment Policy & Purchasing Policy
 - Year-end Closing Procedures & Banking Authorization Procedure
 - 2025-01 (Reserve Fund) & 2025-02 (Director Compensation)
 - Major revisions to Policy 3 to allow for electronic payment processing

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- X. RESOLUTION 2025-01 Establishing a Reserve Fund
- XI. RESOLUTION 2025-02 Establishing Compensation for Directors
- XII. PROTOCOL 1 – Debt Service and Operating Reserve Calculation (City of San Diego)

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- Policy 1 – Records Retention (14.2)
 - Removed items unrelated to JPA operations
 - Reduced schedule from 33 pages to now only 14 pages
 - Employee items, Utility operational items, election items
- Policy 2 – Social Media (14.3)
 - References to employees updated
- Policy 3 – Manual & Electronic Payment/Transfer Policy (14.4)
 - Major additions to incorporate electronic payments/transfers as an option.
 - Section 5 includes previous policy guidelines with modifications to incorporate what is actually happening.

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- Policy 4 – Meetings Meal Policy (14.8)
 - Added Purpose and Objective
 - Eliminated Fiscal Year specific information & incorporated more generic guidelines for how to budget for these expenses.
- Policy 5 – 2025 Investment Policy – Approved May 1, 2025
 - Safety; Liquidity; Yield
 - LAIF; County of San Diego Treasury; Money Market Funds
- Policy 6 – Purchasing Policy
 - Transparent; Fair; Cost Effective; Accountable
 - Section 4 – Authority & Responsibility
 - Section 5 – Delineates various contracting level requirements

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- Procedure 1 – Guidelines for Staff in closed sessions (14.5)
- Procedure 2 – Fiscal Year End Closing Procedures
 - New Procedures to ensure smooth close-out of each fiscal year.
- Resolution 2023-2 Establishing Compensation for Directors (14.7)
- Resolution 2025-01 Establishing a Reserve Fund (14.6)
- Resolution 2025-02 Establishing Compensation for Directors (14.7)
- Protocol 1 – Debt Service & Operating Reserve Calculation
(City of San Diego)
 - Removed Draft document sections

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- Requested Action:
 - Approve
 - Forward to the Metro JPA Commission for Adoption.

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Metro Wastewater JPA



POLICIES and PROCEDURES MANUAL



The Joint Powers Authority Proactively Addressing Regional Wastewater Issues

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Metro Wastewater JPA Policy No. 1

Records Retention Policy

The Joint Powers Authority Proactively Addressing Regional Wastewater Issues

Chula Vista • Coronado • Del Mar • El Cajon • Imperial Beach • La Mesa • Lemon Grove Sanitation District
National City • Otay Water District • Poway • Padre Dam Municipal Water District
County of San Diego, representing East Otay, Lakeside/Alpine, Spring Valley & Winter Gardens Sanitation Districts

METRO WASTEWATER JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY RECORDS RETENTION AND DESTRUCTION POLICY

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to provide guidelines regarding the retention or destruction of records of the Metro Wastewater Joint Powers Authority (the "JPA"); provide for the identification, maintenance, safeguarding and destruction of records in the normal course of business; ensure prompt and accurate retrieval of records; and ensure compliance with legal and regulatory requirements.

II. AUTHORIZATION

Staff is hereby authorized to destroy records in accordance with this policy and the records retention and destruction schedule set forth in Attachment "A", which shall comply with the records retention guidelines provided by the California Secretary of State, as may be updated from time to time.

III. PROCEDURE

- A. The Board Secretary shall be responsible for the administration of this policy and shall oversee compliance with the provisions of this policy and with the Records Retention Schedule, set forth in Attachment "A."
- B. The Board Secretary reviews documents to confirm that each document to be destroyed is: (1) not required to be permanently retained, or (2) has been retained for the legally required period of time. The Board Secretary also confirms that any applicable reproduction requirements (i.e., microfilming, etc.) for each document are complete.
- C. The Board Secretary completes and signs a "Request for Destruction of Obsolete Records" form, listing the date and description of each document to be destroyed.
- D. The Board Secretary submits the form to the Chair, who reviews and signs the form and then returns the signed form to the Board Secretary.
- E. After receiving the signed form from the Chair, the Board Secretary oversees the destruction of the documents, indicates the method of destruction on the form, signs the form and returns the original signed form to the Chair.
- F. The Board Secretary will retain all original signed forms requesting destruction of records for a minimum period of two (2) years.

IV. GENERAL GUIDELINES

A. The following general guidelines apply to all JPA records.

1. The Board Members of the JPA, by majority vote, may authorize the destruction of any **duplicate** records, if they are no longer needed. (Gov. Code § 60200.)
2. Pursuant to the resolution adopted by the Board Members of the JPA, except where a record is expressly required to be preserved according to State law, the JPA may approve the destruction of any original document without retaining a copy of the document as long as the retention and destruction of the document complies with the retention schedule as set forth in this policy (Gov. Code § 60201.)
3. In addition to the retention period required under this policy, the JPA shall retain original administrative, legal, fiscal and/or historical records with continued value (i.e., records for long-term transactions and/or special projects) until all matters pertaining to such records are completely resolved or the time for appeals has expired. (Gov. Code § 14755, subd. (a); Gov. Code 34090.)
4. Pursuant to Government Code section 60201, the JPA shall not destroy any of the following records:
 - (a) Records relating to the formation, change of organization, or reorganization of the JPA;
 - (b) Ordinances and resolutions, unless they have been repealed or have become invalid or otherwise unenforceable for five years;
 - (c) Minutes of any meeting of the JPA;
 - (d) Records relating to any pending claim, litigation, any settlement or other disposition of litigation within the past two years;
 - (e) Records that are the subject of any pending request for records under the California Public Records Act, whether or not the record is exempt from disclosure, until the request has been granted or two (2) years after the request has been denied by the JPA;
 - (f) Records relating to any pending construction that the JPA has not accepted or for which a stop notice claim may be legally presented;
 - (g) Records relating to any non discharged debt of the JPA;
 - (h) Records relating to the title to real property in which the JPA has an interest;
 - (i) Records relating to any non discharged contract to which the JPA is a party;
 - (j) Records that have not fulfilled the administrative, fiscal, or

- legal purpose for which they were created or received;
- (k) Unaccepted bids or proposals, which are less than two (2) years old, for the construction or installation of any building, structure or other public work;
- (l) Records less than seven (7) years old that specify the amount of compensation or expense reimbursement paid to JPA members, officers, or independent contractors

V. SPECIFIC GUIDELINES

A. Accounting Records

1. Accounting Records include, but are not limited to, the following:

(a) Source Documents

- Invoices
- Warrants
- Vouchers
- Requisitions/Purchase Orders (attached to invoices)
- Cash Receipts
- Claims (attached to warrants in place of invoices)
- Bank Statements
- Bank Deposits
- Checks
- Bills
- Various accounting authorizations taken from JPA minutes, resolutions or contracts

(b) Journals

- Cash Receipts
- Accounts Receivable or Payable Register
- Check or Warrant Register
- General Journal

(c) Ledgers

- Expenditure
- Revenue
- Accounts Payable or Receivable Ledger
- Assets/Depreciation
- Warrants payable
- General ledger

(d) Trial Balance

(e) Adjusting Entries

(f) Statements (Interim or Certified - Individual or All Fund)

- Balance Sheet
- Analysis of Changes in Available Fund Balance
- Cash Receipts and Disbursements
- Inventory of Fixed Assets (Purchasing)

(g) Journal Entries

(h) Reversing Entries

(i) Other

- Inventory Records (Purchasing)
- Capital Asset Records (Purchasing)
- Depreciation Schedule
- Cost Accounting Records

2. General ledgers must be permanently retained. (Sec. of State Local Gov't. Records Mgmt. Guidelines.)
3. In general, the JPA should retain original source documents that are detailed in a register, journal, ledger or statement **until audited plus four (4) years**. Certain source documents may be retained for a shorter period of time. Refer to the records retention schedule for specific accounting documents.
4. The JPA may destroy rough drafts, notes, working papers (except audit), cards, listings, nonpermanent indices, and papers used for controlling work or transitory files at any time.
5. In addition to any required legal retention period, the JPA shall not authorize the destruction of any record subject to audit until it has been determined that the audit has been performed. (Gov. Code § 14755, subd. (b); Gov. Code § 34090.)

B. JPA Records

1. The JPA shall retain original records of the minutes of meetings of the JPA **indefinitely**. (Gov. Code §§ 34090; 60201.)
2. The JPA shall retain original resolutions adopted by the Board **indefinitely**. (Gov. Code § 60201.)

C. Statements and Reports Filed Pursuant to the Political Reform Act.

1. Filing officers shall retain original campaign statements and reports for **seven (7) years**. (Gov. Code § 81009 (c), (e).)

2. Filing officers shall retain copies of statements or reports for **four (4) years**. The officer does not have to keep more than one copy of a statement or report. (Gov. Code § 81009 (f).)

D. Contracts

1. The JPA shall retain original contracts for **four (4) years** after the end of the contracts. (Code of Civ. Proc. § 337.)
2. The JPA shall retain contracts with any person or entity who develops real property or furnishes the design, specifications, surveying, planning, supervision, testing, or observation of construction or improvement to real property for **ten (10) years** after the completion of the construction or improvement. (Code of Civ. Proc. § 337.15.)

E. Video Monitoring, Telephone and Radio Communications; Other Video and Audio Recordings

1. If the JPA keeps another record, such as written minutes, of an event that is recorded on video tape (e.g., JPA meetings), the JPA must keep the video tape recording of the event for **at least 90 days** after the occurrence of the event. **After 90 days**, the video tape may be destroyed or erased, upon approval by the JPA. (Gov. Code § 34090.7.)
2. When an audio tape recording of a meeting (e.g., JPA) is made solely to facilitate the preparation of minutes for that meeting, the tape recording may be destroyed or erased after it is no longer required and after the minutes for that meeting have been approved. (Gov. Code § 34090; 64 Ops.Atty.Gen. 317.)
3. Other audio or video tape recordings which are not related to the conduct of the public's business (e.g., educational or promotional videos) are not considered to be official JPA records and may be destroyed after they are no longer required, upon approval by the JPA. (Gov. Code §§ 6252, subd. (e); 34090.)

VI. ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION

Electronic mail generates correspondence and other documentation which are public records in need of protection/retention in accordance with the California Public Records Act (Gov. Code §§ 6250-6276.48). Electronic communication also includes any messages sent through a Mobile Phone or other electronic device that end up as e-mail to or from any JPA member (collectively, "e-mail"). The JPA's e-mail system should not be used to store or maintain documents, including, but not limited to, official JPA records.

It is the responsibility of the individual member to determine if e-mail is an JPA record

which must be retained in accordance with the JPA's Records Retention and Destruction Policy. Generally, an e-mail message and any attachments regardless of format may be considered an official JPA record if it: (1) is created or received in connection with official JPA business; (2) documents the formulation and implementation of JPA policies and decisions; or (3) initiates, authorizes or completes a transaction of official JPA business.

Preliminary drafts, notes or interagency or intra-agency memoranda which are not retained by the JPA in the ordinary course of business are generally not considered to be official JPA records subject to disclosure. JPA members are encouraged to delete documents which are not otherwise required to be kept by law or whose preservation is not necessary or convenient to the discharge of your duties or the conduct of the JPA's business. Examples of e-mail messages that are not generally considered official JPA records may include: (1) personal messages and announcements not related to official JPA business; (2) messages with attached copies or extracts of documents distributed for convenience or reference (with the original documents being preserved according to the JPA's Records Retention and Destruction Policy); and (3) messages that are essentially cover notes or distribution slips. The JPA's General Counsel can assist you in determining whether an e-mail message is required to be retained and/or is necessary or convenient to the discharge of your duties or the conduct of the JPA's business.

Any e-mail message, including any attachments regardless of format, that can be considered an official JPA record must be preserved in accordance with the retention periods specified in the JPA's Records Retention and Destruction Policy. Generally, the JPA member who sends an e-mail that qualifies as an official JPA record should be the person responsible for preserving that e-mail, but persons responsible for a particular program or project file shall also be responsible for preserving all e-mail they send or receive related to that program or project. JPA members may print and file hard copies of e-mail messages that must be preserved. Members may also save e-mail messages electronically, in electronic folders separate from their regular e-mail inboxes. However, e-mail messages must not be stored in a JPA member's regular inbox, since the JPA's automatic maintenance system will periodically delete e-mails from all inboxes. Many types of e-mail can also be stored electronically as a Word document. The JPA's Information Technology staff can assist members with setting up electronic folders or other methods of electronically archiving e-mail messages. However, all e-mail messages that are retained electronically must be easy to retrieve, view and print out, if necessary.

For projects that involve two or more members, any e-mails pertaining to a specific project should be retained in that project's central file(s). Members should work with Information Technology staff on the best method for central storage of e-mails on a project to make sure the e-mails remain easily accessible to everyone.

In addition, any e-mail messages that relate to a claim or a potential claim against the JPA, must be preserved. Likewise, any e-mail messages that may relate to a lawsuit filed against the JPA, even if a subpoena or court order for such e-mail messages has not yet been issued, must be preserved. Under newly enacted federal rules regarding electronic discovery, any information stored electronically, including e-mail messages, must be produced for a requesting party. A court can impose severe penalties if e-mail messages

relevant to a lawsuit are deliberately destroyed when it is known, or should have reasonably been anticipated, that a claim or lawsuit could be filed against the JPA. There are no penalties if electronic information is “lost” through “the routine operation of an electronic information system” (i.e., automatic deletion after a period of time; automatic overwriting of backup tapes, etc.). (Rule 37(f) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.)

However, the JPA has a duty to preserve any relevant data when there is even a hint of possible litigation. Therefore, when JPA members become aware of a potential claim, an actual claim, or a lawsuit against the JPA, they must preserve any e-mail messages and attachments that have any information relevant to that matter. The JPA’s General Counsel can provide you with guidance on these issues.

VII. RECORDS RETENTION SCHEDULE

The “Records Retention Schedule” is attached to this policy as Attachment “A” and is incorporated herein by reference. This policy and the Records Retention Schedule shall comply with the records retention guidelines provided by the California Secretary of State and may be updated from time to time.

ATTACHMENT “A”
RECORDS RETENTION SCHEDULE

[Attached]

RECORDS RETENTION SCHEDULE FOR METRO WASTEWATER JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY

Destruction of any record must be authorized by the legislative body. (Gov Code §§ 60200 - 60204.)

Type of Record	Category	Description or Example of Record	Legal Authority	Minimum Legal Retention Period
Accounts Payable	Finance	Journals, statements, asset inventories, account postings with supporting documents, vouchers	CCP 337 26 CFR 31.6001-1(e)(2); Sec. of State Guidelines recommendation	Until audited + 4 years
Accounts Payable	Finance	Invoices, reports, investments, purchase orders	CCP 337 26 CFR 31.6001-1(e)(2); Sec. of State Guidelines recommendation	Until audited + 4 years
Accounts Receivable	Finance	Checks received, reports, investments, receipt books	CCP 337 26 CFR 31.6001-1(e)(2); Sec. of State Guidelines recommendation	Until audited + 4 years
Affidavits of Publication / Posting	Administration	Legal notices for public hearings, publication of ordinances, etc.	GC 34090	2 years

Legal Authority Abbreviations

CCP	Code of Civil Procedure (California)	GC	Government Code (California)	LC	Labor Code (California)
CCR	California Code of Regulations	H&S	Health & Safety Code	PC	Penal Code (California)
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Type of Record	Category	Description or Example of Record	Legal Authority	Minimum Legal Retention Period
Agenda / Agenda Packets	Administration	Agendas and packets should be imaged immediately. A paper copy should be maintained for one year only.	GC 34090 GC 34090.5	2 years
Agenda reports (staff reports)	Administration	Paper copies of agenda packets should be maintained for 1 year as complete packets. Originals should be imaged immediately for permanent retention. The filmed record may serve as the permanent record.	GC 34090 GC 34090.5	2 years
Agreements	Administration	Original contracts and agreements and back-up materials, including leases	CCP 337 CCP 337.2	4 years after termination/ completion
Annual Financial Report	Finance	Independent auditor analysis	GC 34090	Until audited + 2 years

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Articles of Incorporation	Administration		GC 34090 GC 60201	Permanent
Audit Reports	Finance	Financial services; internal and/or external reports; independent auditor analysis	GC 34090 Sec. of State Local Gov't. Records Retention Guidelines	Permanent [May be revised at a later time by Sec. of State or County officials]
Audit Hearing or Review	Finance	Documentation created and or received in connection with an audit hearing or review	GC 34090	2 years
Bank Account Reconciliations	Finance	Bank statements, , receipts, certificates of deposit, etc.	26 CFR 31.6001-1(e)(2)	4 years (Sec. of State Guidelines – recommended retention: until audited + 5 years)

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Bids, Accepted	Development	Includes plan and specifications; notices/affidavits.	GC 34090 CCP 337, 337.1	4 years
Bids, Unaccepted	Development	Unaccepted bid packages only	GC 34090 GC 60201	2 years
Billing records	Finance	Utility bill stubs – submitted with payment	GC 34090	Current + 2 years
Brochures/ Publications	Administration	Retain selected documents only for historic value.	GC 34090	2 years
Budget, Annual	Finance	Adjustments, journal entries, account transfers	GC 34090	Until audited + 2 years
California State Tax Records	Finance	Forms filed annually; quarterly and year-end reports	R&TC 19530 R&TC 19704	6 years
Checks	Finance	Includes originals of canceled and voided checks	GC 34090; CCP 337 Sec. of State Local Gov't. Records Mgmt. Guidelines	Until audited +5 years

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Type of Record	Category	Description or Example of Record	Legal Authority	Minimum Legal Retention Period
Citizen Feedback	Administration	General correspondence.	GC 34090	2 years
Claims Against the JPA	Administration	Paid/Denied	GC 34090; GC 25105.5	Until settled + 5 years (May be microfilmed after 3 years)
Complaints/Requests	Administration	Various files, not related to specific lawsuits involving the District and not otherwise specifically covered by the retention schedule.	GC 34090	2 years
Annual Comprehensive Financial Reports (ACFR)	Finance	Finance	GC 34090; CCP 337	Until audited + 4 years
Contracts	Administration	Original contracts and agreements and back-up materials.	CCP 337	4 years after termination/ completion
Correspondence	Administration	General correspondence, including letters and e-mail; Various files, not otherwise specifically covered by the retention schedule.	GC 34090	2 years
Deposits, Receipts	Finance	Receipts for deposited checks, coins, currency	GC 34090 CCP 337	Until audited + 4 years

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Type of Record	Category	Description or Example of Record	Legal Authority	Minimum Legal Retention Period
Economic Interest Statements - Form 700 (copies) (elected officials)	Administration	Copies of original statements of elected officials forwarded to Fair Political Practices Commission.	GC 81009(f), (g)	4 years (can image after 2 years)
Economic Interest Statements - Form 700 (originals) - non-elected	Administration	Originals of statements of designated JPA members and professional consultants assigned to designated roles.	GC 81009(e), (g)	7 years (can image after 2 years)
Ethics Training Records (AB 1234; effective 1/1/06)	Administration	Records required to be kept under Gov. Code section 53235.2 (effective 1/1/06). Records must show dates that local officials satisfied the training requirements and the entity that provided the training	GC 53235.2	5 years after receipt of training
Federal Tax Records	Finance	May include Forms 1096, 1099, W-4 and W-2	29 USC 436 26 CFR 31.6001.1-4 26 CFR 31.6001-1(e) 29 CFR 516.5-516.6	5 years after file date
Fixed Assets Inventory	Finance	Reflects purchase date, cost, account number	GC 34090	Until audited + 2 years

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Type of Record	Category	Description or Example of Record	Legal Authority	Minimum Legal Retention Period
Fixed Assets Surplus Property	Finance	Auction; disposal – Listing of property; sealed bid sales of equipment	GC 34090 CCP 337	Until audited + 4 years
Forms	Administration	Administrative - blank	GC 34090	Until Superseded
Fund Transfers	Finance	Internal; bank transfers & wires	GC 34090	Until audited + 2 years
General Ledgers	Finance	All annual financial summaries-- all agencies	GC 34090 CCP 337 Sec. of State Local Gov't. Records Retention Guidelines	Permanent [May be revised at a later time by Sec. of State or County officials]
Gifts/Bequests	Finance	Receipts or other documentation	GC 34090	Until completed + 2 years
Grants Community Development Block Grant (CDBG); Urban Development; other Federal and State grants	Development	Grants documents and all supporting documents: applications, reports, contracts, project files, proposals, statements, sub-recipient dockets, environmental review, grant documents, inventory, consolidated plan, etc.	GC 34090 24 CFR 570.502 24 CFR 85.42	Until completed + 4 years

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Type of Record	Category	Description or Example of Record	Legal Authority	Minimum Legal Retention Period
Information Services, Internet/World Wide Web	Administration	Management policies and supporting documentation	GC 34090	Until superseded + 2 years
Information Systems, Inventory	Administration	Hardware/software inventory logs; systems manuals	GC 34090	Until superseded + 2 years
Information Systems, Network Information Systems (LAN/WAN)	Administration	Configuration maps and plans	GC 34090	2 years
Information Systems, Program Files and Directories	Administration		GC 34090	2 years
Information Systems, Tapes	Administration	System generation	GC 34090	2 years
Insurance	Finance	Personnel related	GC 34090	Current + 2 years
Insurance, Joint Powers Agreement	Finance	Accreditation, MOU, agreements and agendas	GC 34090	Current + 2 years

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Type of Record	Category	Description or Example of Record	Legal Authority	Minimum Legal Retention Period
Insurance Certificates	Finance	Liability, performance bonds, property: Insurance certificates filed separately from contracts, includes insurance filed by licensees.	GC 34090	Current + 2 years
Insurance, Liability/Property	Finance	May include liability, property, Certificates of Participation, deferred, use of facilities	GC 34090	Current + 2 years
Insurance, Risk Management Reports	Finance	Federal OSHA Forms; Loss Analysis Report; Safety Reports; Actuarial Studies	29 CFR 1904.44 GC 34090	5 years (Federal) 2 years (State)
Investment Reports, Transactions	Finance	Summary of transactions, inventory and earnings report	GC 34090 CCP 337 Sec. of State Local Gov't. Records Retention Guidelines	Permanent
Invoices	Finance	Copies sent for fees owed, billing, related documents	GC 34090	Until audited + 2 years

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Type of Record	Category	Description or Example of Record	Legal Authority	Minimum Legal Retention Period
Legal Notices/Affidavits of Publication	Administration		GC 34090	2 years
Legal Opinions	Administration	Confidential – not for public disclosure (attorney-client privilege)	GC 34090	Until superseded + 2 years
Litigation	Administration	Case files	GC 34090	Until settled or adjudicated + 2 years
Local Appointments List (“Maddy List”)	Administration	List of all regular and ongoing boards, commissions, and committees appointed by the legislative body – pursuant to the Maddy Local Appointive List Act	GC 54970 et seq. GC 60201 et seq.	Until superseded (new list prepared each year by Dec. 31 st)
Maintenance Manuals	Administration	Equipment service/maintenance	GC 34090	Current + 2 years
Maintenance/Repair Records	Administration	Equipment	GC 34090	2 years
Marketing, Promotional	Administration	Brochures, announcements, etc.	GC 34090	2 years

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Type of Record	Category	Description or Example of Record	Legal Authority	Minimum Legal Retention Period
Minutes	Administration	Minutes of District Board meetings. Documents are to be imaged immediately. Paper records are to be maintained permanently by the Board.	GC 34090, 60201	Permanent
Newsletter, JPA	Administration	May wish to retain permanently for historic reference.	GC 34090	2 years
Notices – Public Meetings	Administration	Special Meetings	GC 34090	2 years
Oaths of Office	Administration	Elected and public officials – Board Members	GC 34090 29 USC 1113	Current plus 6 years
Petitions	Administration	Submitted to legislative bodies	GC 34090	Current + 2 years
Policies, Administrative	Administration	All policies and procedures, directives rendered by the District not assigned a resolution number	GC 34090	Current + 2 years
Policies, JPA Board	Administration	Original policies adopted by the District Board	GC 34090	Current + 2 years
Political Support/Opposition, Requests & Responses	Administration	Related to legislation.	GC 34090	2 years

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Type of Record	Category	Description or Example of Record	Legal Authority	Minimum Legal Retention Period
Press Releases	Administration	Related to District actions/activities.	GC 34090	2 years
Procedure Manuals	Administration	Administrative.	GC 34090	Current + 2 years
Property, Abandonment	Development	Buildings, condemnation, demolition	GC 34090	Permanent
Property Acquisition/ Disposition	Development	District owned. Supporting documents regarding sale, purchase, exchange, lease or rental of property by District	CCP 337.15	10 years
Public Records Request	Administration	Requests from the public to inspect or copy public documents	GC 34090	2 years
Purchasing RFQ's, RFP's	Finance	Requests for Qualifications; Requests for Proposals regarding goods and services	GC 34090	Current + 2 years
Purchasing, Requisitions, Purchase Orders	Finance	Original Documents	GC 34090 CCP 337	Until audited + 4 years

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Recordings - audiotaped	Administration	Taped recordings of Board meetings - for preparation of Board meeting minutes	GC 34090 64 Ops.Atty.Gen 317	Until no longer required for preparation of minutes (after minutes are approved)
Recordings, videotaped – meetings of legislative bodies	Administration	Tapes of public meetings made by or at the direction of the District (e.g., Board meetings)	GC 54953.5	30 days
Recordings, videotaped	Administration	Other than videotapes of public meetings; Considered duplicate records if another record of the same event is kept (i.e., written minutes)	GC 53161	90 days after event is recorded
Records Management Disposition Certification	Administration	Documentation of final disposition of records	GC 34090	Permanent
Records Retention Schedules	Administration		GC 34090	Current + 2 years
Resolutions	Administration	Vital records - originals may never be destroyed. Image immediately.	GC 34090	Permanent
Returned Checks	Finance	Finance-NSF (not District checks)	GC 34090	2 years after audit

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State Controller	Finance	Annual reports.	GC 34090	2 years
State Tax Records	Finance	Filed annually; quarterly	Refer to Federal Tax Records	5 years after file date
Stop Payments	Finance	Finance - bank statements	GC 34090	2 years
Unemployment Insurance Records	Finance		IRC 3301-3311	4 years
Vouchers - Payments	Finance	Account postings with supporting documents	GC 34090 CCP 337	Until audited + 4 years
Warrant Register/Check Register	Finance	Record of checks issued; approved by legislative body (copy is normally retained as part of agenda packet information)	GC 34090	Until audited + 2 years

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Metro Wastewater JPA Policy No. 2

Social Media Policy

The Joint Powers Authority Proactively Addressing Regional Wastewater Issues

Chula Vista • Coronado • Del Mar • El Cajon • Imperial Beach • La Mesa • Lemon Grove Sanitation District
National City • Otay Water District • Poway • Padre Dam Municipal Water District
County of San Diego, representing East Otay, Lakeside/Alpine, Spring Valley & Winter Gardens Sanitation Districts

PURPOSE

This Social Media Policy ("Policy") establishes guidelines for the establishment and use by the Metro Wastewater Joint Powers Authority ("JPA") through its authorized employees and/or contractors of social media sites. The purpose of using Metro JPA social media sites is to disseminate information from the JPA, about the JPA, to members of the public.

The goal of the JPA's use of social media sites is to serve as an online information source focused on JPA issues, projects, news, and events. The JPA's social media activities will act as one-way communication, and will not serve as a public forum.

The JPA has an overriding interest and expectation in deciding what is "spoken" on behalf of the JPA on JPA social media sites. Therefore, all postings should be in accordance with the guidelines set below.

DEFINITIONS

1. "Social media sites" means content created by individuals, using accessible, expandable, and upgradable publishing technologies, through and on the Internet. Examples of social media include, but are not limited to, Facebook, Twitter, Biogs, RSS, YouTube, LinkedIn, and Flickr.
2. "Board" means the appointed members of the Board of the Metro JPA.
3. "Employees" means authorized employees of the JPA member agencies, as the JPA has no employees of its own, and activities and services of the JPA are performed by the Board, authorized employees of the JPA member agencies and/or JPA contractors.
4. "JPA social media sites" means social media sites which the JPA establishes and maintains, and over which it has control over all postings, except for advertisements or hyperlinks by the social media site's owners, vendors, or partners. JPA social media sites shall supplement, and not replace, the JPA's required notices and standard methods of communication.
5. "Posts" or "posting" means information, articles, pictures, videos, or any other form of communication posted on a JPA social media site.
6. "Comments" include information, articles, pictures, videos, or any other form of communicative content posted on a JPA social media site.

POLICY

1. The JPA's official website at <https://www.metrojpa.org> (or any other domain owned operated or maintained by the JPA) will remain the JPA's primary means of internet communication.

2. JPA social media sites should make clear that they are maintained by the JPA and that they follow the JPA's Social Media Policy.
3. Each JPA social media site shall include an introductory statement which clearly specifies the purpose and topical scope of the social network site. Where possible, social media sites should link back to the official JPA website for forms, documents and other information.
4. The JPA shall use social media sites as regularly as possible and in conjunction with other established JPA communication tools.
5. JPA social media sites shall comply with usage rules and regulations required by the site provider, including privacy policies.
6. JPA social media sites shall be managed consistent with the Brown Act, the Political Reform Act, and the California Elections Code. Board Members shall not respond to any published postings, or use any JPA sponsored social media site to respond to, blog or engage in serial meetings, or otherwise discuss, deliberate, or express opinions on any issue within the subject matter jurisdiction of the JPA, or for any political purpose. Board members must keep their social media presence separate from the JPA and other Board members' sites. Posts from JPA social media sites not pertaining to the subject matter jurisdiction of the body may be shared on their personal social media sites but no comments from Board officials are permitted on JPA owned, maintained, or operated social media sites.
7. All JPA social media sites shall adhere to applicable local, state, and federal laws regulations and policies. This includes adherence to established laws and policies regarding copyright, records retention, First Amendment, privacy laws, nondiscrimination and harassment laws, acceptable use of JPA owned or controlled digital equipment, internet access, and information security policies established by the JPA.
8. JPA social media sites are subject to the California Public Records Act. Any content maintained in a social media format that is related to JPA business, including a list of subscribers, posted communication, and communication submitted for posting, may be a public record subject to public disclosure.
9. Board Members and/or contractors representing the JPA via JPA social media sites must conduct themselves at all times as a representative of the JPA and in accordance with all JPA policies.
10. All JPA social media sites shall utilize authorized JPA contact information for account set-up, monitoring, and access. The use of personal email accounts or phone numbers by any employee and/or contractors are not allowed for the purpose of setting-up, monitoring, or accessing a JPA social media site. Board Members should use the official email and contact information of their employing member agency.

11. JPA social media sites may contain content, including but not limited to, advertisements or hyperlinks over which the JPA has no control. The JPA does not endorse any hyperlink or advertisement placed on JPA social media sites by the social media site's owners, vendors, or partners.
12. If a social media site allows the administrator to limit the type of advertising that will appear on the JPA's page, this feature should be enabled.
13. The Board reserves the right to change, modify, or amend all or part of this policy at any time.
14. The JPA reserves the right to terminate any JPA social media site at any time without notice.

PROCEDURE

1. The establishment and use of social media sites are subject to approval by the Board. Upon approval, JPA social media sites shall bear the name and/or official logo of the JPA. The Board has the authority to establish and/or terminate social media accounts and pages.
2. The Board Secretary shall maintain a list of all JPA social media sites, including login and password information, to allow for the immediate alteration or removal of content that is inappropriate or inconsistent with JPA policy.
3. The Executive Director or Board Secretary, as designated by the Board, will monitor content on JPA social media sites to ensure adherence to both the JPA's Social Media Policy and the interest and goals of the JPA.
4. JPA social media sites shall be established using only an authorized e-mail address of a JPA member agency.
5. Board Members and/or contractors representing the JPA on social media sites shall conduct themselves at all times as a professional representative of the JPA and shall comply with all JPA policies.
6. Board Members and/or contractors authorized to post to the JPA's social media sites shall not share personal information about himself or herself, or any other employee or contractor.
7. JPA social media sites shall clearly state that such sites are maintained by the JPA and that the sites comply with the JPA's Social Media Policy. Where possible, this Policy shall be displayed to users on each social media site or made available by hyperlink.
8. JPA social media passwords shall not be shared with anyone not authorized to moderate the site.

9. Any Board Member and/or contractor who violates this Policy shall be denied access to all JPA social media sites and may be subject to additional punitive action.

GENERAL CONDITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS

1. All messages posted on social media website accounts on behalf of the JPA must:
 - Present the JPA in a positive light
 - Contain information that is freely available to the public and not confidential as defined by any JPA policy or local, state or federal law
 - Refrain from including personal information, with the exception of employees and/or contractors whose job duties include being a public contact
 - Comply with local, state and federal laws
2. When posting on behalf of the JPA to social media sites, Board Members and/or contractors shall only "endorse, like, follow or pin" (depending on the method of endorsement utilized by the social media application) the following: civic affiliated or other government related organizations, events sponsored/approved by the JPA and non-profit organizations that are partners with the JPA.
3. When posting on behalf of the JPA to social media sites, Board Members and/or contractors shall NOT "endorse, like, follow or pin": any political groups or figures, political campaign pages, businesses or any pages unrelated to the business of the JPA.
4. JPA social networking content and comments containing any of the following forms of content shall be deleted or hidden:
 - Comments not topically related to JPA business
 - Profane language or content
 - Content that promotes, fosters or perpetuates discrimination on the basis of sex (including pregnancy, childbirth, breastfeeding or related medical conditions), race, religion (including religious dress and grooming practices), color, gender (including gender identity and gender expression), national origin (including language use restrictions and possession of a driver's license issued under Vehicle Code section 12801.9), ancestry, physical or mental disability, medical condition, genetic information, marital status, registered domestic partner status, age, sexual orientation, military and veteran status or any other basis protected by federal, state or local law or ordinance or regulation.
 - Sexual content or links to sexual content, including nudity
 - Solicitations of commerce
 - Conduct or encouragement of illegal activity

- Information that may tend to compromise the safety or security of the public or public systems
- Content that violates a legal ownership interest of any other party
- Potentially libelous comments
- Private or personal information published without consent
- Personal attacks, insults or threatening language (Users may use the site to express their dissatisfaction with a JPA program, event or customer service experience. This type of post is acceptable as long as it is not considered offensive material as previously provided)
- Commercial promotions or spam
- Hyperlinks to material that is not directly related to the discussion
- Repetitive posts copied and pasted by multiple users
- Information affiliated with or promoting political campaigns
- Images which may result in copyright infringement

End of Policy



Metro Wastewater JPA Policy No. 3

Manual and Electronic Payment/Transfers Policy

The Joint Powers Authority Proactively Addressing Regional Wastewater Issues

Chula Vista • Coronado • Del Mar • El Cajon • Imperial Beach • La Mesa • Lemon Grove Sanitation District
National City • Otay Water District • Poway • Padre Dam Municipal Water District
County of San Diego, representing East Otay, Lakeside/Alpine, Spring Valley & Winter Gardens Sanitation Districts

POLICY 3: METRO WASTEWATER JPA MANUAL AND ELECTRONIC PAYMENT/FUNDS TRANSFER POLICY & PROCEDURES

Adopted March XX, 2025

1. PURPOSE: The METRO WASTEWATER JPA makes payments to vendors and Board members either by manual processing or by electronic funds transfer and also receives funds from various parties as a routine business practice. All such payments must be properly authorized and executed to reduce the risk of erroneous or fraudulent transactions.

2. REFERENCES: Cal. Code Regs. Tit. 18, § 1707 and Regulation E of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System pursuant to the Electronic Fund Transfer Act – authorizes local government use of EFT and prescribed accounting procedures for EFT transaction processing.

3. DEFINITIONS:

Agents of Metro Wastewater JPA:

Executive Director

Financial Consultant

Engineering Consultant

Board Secretary

Assistant Treasurer

Treasurer – Required Certification Designation - CPA

Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT): Refers to the disbursement from a bank account by means of wire, direct deposit, ACH, or other electronic means, either within a single financial institution or across multiple institutions, through computer-based systems. Wire transfers and ACH payments are examples of EFTs. This form of disbursement is authorized by RCW 39.58.750.

Automated Clearing House (ACH): A nationwide payment and collection system that provides for electronic distribution and settlement of funds. Although the term Electronic Fund Transfer (EFT) is technically more inclusive than the term ACH, the term EFT is often used synonymously with ACH and Wire Transfer. Wire transfers execute directly between two accounts, as opposed to a clearinghouse, so they process more quickly, but they are more expensive.

Wire Transfer: This is an electronic transfer of funds from one bank account to another initiated directly with the payee's bank. This type of transfer utilizes a system operated by the Federal Reserve Banks and is more costly compared to transactions involving checks or ACH.

National Automated Clearing House Association: NACHA is the steward of the electronic system that connects all U.S. bank accounts and facilitates the movement of money among them.

Banking Information: Information from the payee or their bank regarding their account. This information includes bank name, account name, account number, routing number, bank contact information and any other information necessary to transmit funds.

4. GENERAL GUIDELINES: The METRO WASTEWATER JPA currently utilizes an entirely manual process for receipts and payments. The JPA also may utilize EFTs for receipt of intergovernmental payments, grant payments, and other revenues where practical, and the transmittal of vendor payments, credit card processing fees, banking fees, and other disbursements where practical or required.

All EFTs are subject to applicable Purchasing Policies and all other policies and procedures in relation to the purchase of goods and/or services.

Except as noted above, wire transfers should only be used in payment of an obligation of the JPA when the situation requires immediate funds to settle a transaction or no other method is available. If a more inexpensive mechanism can be used to effect payment of the obligation (i.e., ACH or paper check), the Assistant Treasurer/Treasurer shall reserve the right to effect payment with the more inexpensive mechanism. Exceptions to this must be preapproved by the Executive Director.

This policy will be reviewed on a biennial basis for accuracy and process verification as part of the budget process. The JPA Executive Director is authorized to recommend administrative changes to this policy intermittently with Board approval, provided such changes are consistent with state and federal requirements.

5. MANUAL INVOICE AND PAYMENT PROCESSING PROCEDURES:

a. The Financial Consultant shall email JPA member's per diems, and vendors must email invoices, to the Assistant Treasurer/Treasurer by 10th of the month.

b. Assistant Treasurer/Treasurer's Review:

- i. Review (unique invoice, current amount due)
- ii. Prepare summary (Vendor, Amount), attach supporting documentation, send to Finance Consultant for review and approval.

c. Finance Consultant/Executive Director Review and Approval:

- i. Financial Consultant/Executive Director reviews summary invoices, compares against budget, and delivers approved signed summary via e-mail to Assistant Treasurer/Treasurer who will process checks for payment, including first wet signature by Assistant Treasurer/Treasurer.

- d. Assistant Treasurer/Treasurer prepares check summary and e-mails all secondary signatories regarding check summary and availability to sign.
- e. Assistant Treasurer/Treasurer takes or sends approved check summary, addressed and stamped envelopes, and checks to secondary signatory for wet signatures. Second signatory may be either the Metro JPA Chair, Finance Committee Chair, or Metro JPA Vice-Chair, based on availability. Secondary signer mails checks to vendors and delivers signed check summary back to Assistant Treasurer/Treasurer by month end, or Assistant Treasurer/Treasurer mails checks to vendors after secondary signatory signs and retains signed check summary.
- f. Assistant Treasurer/Treasurer maintains signed check summary for audit records.

NOTE: Concept is that check summary should have three layers of signed approvals on it: Assistant Treasurer/Treasurer's, Financial Consultant/Executive Director, and second signatories, and be maintained for auditor records if needed.

6. INTERNAL CONTROL REQUIREMENTS FOR ELECTRONIC PAYMENTS: To protect EFT transactions from internal and external threats, the following controls will be adhered to:

- a. Implementation of bank offered security measures to prevent unauthorized individuals from initiating or modifying a transfer, i.e., ACH Filters.
- b. Each user initiating or approving bank transactions must have a separate bank User IDs.
- c. Each user must either initiate or authorize electronic transactions, but not both for the same transaction.
- d. Use of pre-established templates for specific transaction types and specific accounts may be authorized in advance by the Assistant Treasurer/Treasurer, however, new templates must be initiated by one user and authorized by the Executive Director.
- e. The process of creating, securing, sending, and authenticating direct deposit transmittal files to prevent unauthorized modification or submission is documented below.
- f. Changes to board member or vendor banking information for direct deposit must be processed in writing using the Direct Deposit Authorization Form, under no circumstances will account changes be authorized by telephone or email.

g. Changes to vendor ACH accounts must be processed in writing, under no circumstances will account changes be authorized by telephone or email. Upon receipt, staff will independently verify changes with the vendor by phone.

7. TYPES OF PAYMENTS WHICH MAY BE MADE BY EFT:

Vendor Payments: In its normal course of business, the METRO WASTEWATER JPA may remit the following types of payments via ACH: vendor payments, Credit Card Merchant Service Fees, and bank card payments.

Wire Transfers: Transfer for investment purchases, bond proceeds, interest payments, and maturities may be processed by wire between the JPA and custodial account and between the JPA and the Local Government Investment Pool (LAIF – Local Agency Investment Fund). The Assistant Treasurer/Treasurer is the only position authorized to initiate wire transfers. Wire transfers may be used for vendor payments on an emergency basis or when no other payment method is available – these transactions must be approved by both the Executive Director and Board Chair/Auditor.

8. TRAINING: To ensure consistent compliance with procedures, Board members and agents of the JPA tasked with processing, reconciling and recordkeeping will train in proper procedures and internal controls prior to conducting these functions.

9. RECORD-KEEPING:

a. Transaction records will include:

- i. Unique Identifying number of the EFT payment (i.e., invoice number, date of payment, or bank transaction number).
- ii. Time and date of disbursement.
- iii. Payee name and address.
- iv. Amount of disbursement.
- v. Purpose of disbursement.
- vi. Accounting system expenditure/expense account number.
- vii. Disbursing bank's unique transaction identification number, if available.
- viii. Receiving bank or financial institution's identification number.

b. Documentation must be maintained of authorizations by payees who have thereby agreed to monies added to their accounts electronically.

10. PROCEDURES FOR ELECTRONIC PAYMENT PROCESSING:

a. Origination of ACH File:

i. ACH File Database: The METRO WASTEWATER JPA creates ACH files from Quickbooks, which are downloaded in proper ACH format.

ii. Transmission: Several options are available to transmit the file to the ACH originating bank, either through a gateway provider, or directly to the bank. The METRO WASTEWATER JPA generates and transmits board member payments, reimbursements, vendor and supplier payment files via California Bank & Trust.

iii. Retention: ACH and EFT date files are recommended to be maintained until audited plus four years. (The Local Government Records Program (LoCal) is tasked by Government Code section 12236; 26 CFR 31.6001-1(e)(2); Sec. of State Guidelines recommendation).

b. Authorizations:

i. All board members and vendors must complete and sign a Direct Deposit Authorization Form. This form is provided by and submitted to the JPA Assistant Treasurer/Treasurer along with the banking institution's contact information including phone number and address. The board member or vendor must provide either a deposit slip for a Savings Account or a voided check for a Checking Account. In lieu of a deposit slip or voided check, the board member or vendor may provide documentation from the board member or vendor's financial institution indicating the transit-routing number and the account number.

ii. The authorization form shall provide the individual or company with the ability to change bank account information. Board members and vendors should notify the Assistant Treasurer/Treasurer immediately but no later than seven working days prior to the effective date. Exceptions may be granted up to 4 working days prior to the payment date for closed or compromised accounts.

iii. All requests to revoke direct deposit authorization must be in writing.

iv. Retention of authorization forms and any requests for revocation of authorization will be maintained until superseded and released from all audits.

v. The METRO WASTEWATER JPA does not allow telephone or email-initiated entries or changes to authorizations.

vi. Direct deposit requestors are responsible for ensuring the accuracy of the bank details provided. The JPA is not liable for any errors resulting from incorrect information.

vii. The Assistant Treasurer/Treasurer will keep private banking information confidential and will take appropriate measures to ensure compliance with data privacy regulations.

viii. Direct deposit recipients will be directed to carefully review their remittance advices and any related documentation (e.g., direct deposit notifications) subsequent to each payment and promptly report any errors. The Assistant Treasurer/Treasurer will review any such notifications and work with the recipient to identify and resolve any errors in a timely manner.

ix. CHANGES TO DIRECT DEPOSIT INFORMATION

1. Notification Requirement: Direct deposit recipients must notify the Treasurer of any changes to their banking information, or their request to terminate direct deposit, at least two weeks prior to the desired change to ensure it is processed for the next payment cycle.
2. Temporary Suspension: If there is an issue with the direct deposit (e.g., incorrect bank details), Direct deposit recipients will receive their payment by alternative means (paper check) until the issue is resolved.
3. Cessation of Direct Deposit: Upon suspension or revocation of direct deposit, recipients will receive their payment via paper check until a subsequent request to reinstate direct deposit is processed.

c. Transaction Advice:

- i. AP vendors being paid by ACH or Wire will be advised of the payment via email.

d. Cancellation of Transactions:

- i. If it is learned that a board member, supplier or vendor does not have a right to a payment, or the payment amount is in excess of the amount due to the board member, supplier or vendor, then the payment is to be cancelled. Actions to take will depend upon where the payment is in the timeline of the transaction.

- If the ACH file has not been transmitted to California Bank & Trust but the payment process has been finalized, staff will void the batch to remove the incorrect payment.
- If the ACH file has not been transmitted to California Bank & Trust and the ACH process has begun, staff will remove the incorrect payment prior to finalizing the batch.

- If the ACH file has already been transmitted to California Bank & Trust, staff would complete a California Bank & Trust ACH Service Request for Item Delete/Reversal and fax to California Bank & Trust.

e. Cut-off Times:

- i. The following cut-off times are established for ACH file transmissions: The ACH file auto-generated at the conclusion of the AP process should be scheduled to transmit two (2) banking days prior to issue/check date.

f. Funding Outbound ACH Transactions

- i. Funding of ACH files is deemed to be a critical function that must be performed accurately and in a timely manner, in order to avoid the overdrawing of bank accounts.
- ii. The settlement bank account which accommodates the funding of outbound ACH transactions for AP transactions is the JPA's General Bank Account held at California Bank & Trust.
- iv. Funding of ACH/EFT transactions must occur the day before the ACH funding is sent.

g. Reporting of Inbound EFT Transactions:

- i. The settlement bank accounts which accommodate the receipt of inbound ACH transactions are the JPA's General Checking Account held at California Bank & Trust.

h. Returns

- i. In the case of outbound transactions for board member and vendor payments, an ACH Returns account is not utilized. Instead, the returns will be credited to the settlement bank account at California Bank & Trust from which the funds were originally disbursed.
- ii. Returned items are monitored as part of the daily process. Any returned items are forwarded to the Assistant Treasurer/Treasurer, to be researched and either voided or reissued as appropriate. A second qualified reviewer will review all such returns and their related disposition.

* * * End of Policy * * *



Metro Wastewater JPA Policy No. 4

Meetings Meal Policy

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POLICY 4: MEETINGS MEAL POLICY

Adopted January 28, 2025

1. PURPOSE

This Policy is intended to provide guidelines for the prudent provision of meals for authorized meetings of the Metro Wastewater JPA.

2. OBJECTIVE

To authorize the provision of meals to required attendees of Metro Wastewater JPA meetings.

3. POLICY

Light Breakfasts and Lunches will be provided for all in-person meetings of the Metro Wastewater JPA/Commission (JPA), Finance Committee, and Metro TAC meetings. Meetings are as follows:

- Light lunches for JPA Board of Directors meetings inclusive of the Directors, MetroTAC representatives, JPA Executive Team staff, presenting San Diego staff and consultants.
- Light lunches for all in-person meetings of the MetroTAC representatives inclusive of TAC representatives, JPA Executive Team staff and presenting San Diego staff and consultants.
- Continental breakfasts for all in-person Finance Committee meetings for Committee Members and attending JPA Executive Team and San Diego Support staff.

For each fiscal year, the number of lunches (e.g., sandwiches, light dessert, and drinks) will be budgeted based on the number of projected meetings to be held during that fiscal year for each JPA or TAC meeting. The meals will be distributed on a first come first serve basis.

* * * End of Policy * * *



Metro Wastewater JPA Policy No. 5

Investment Policy

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POLICY 5: METRO WASTEWATER JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY INVESTMENT POLICY AND GUIDELINES

Adopted May 01, 2025

1. PURPOSE

This Statement is intended to provide guidelines for the prudent investment of Metro Wastewater Joint Powers Authority's (JPA) temporary idle cash and outline the policies for maximizing the efficiency of the JPA cash management system. The investment goal is to enhance the economic condition of JPA while ensuring the safety of funds invested.

2. OBJECTIVE

The JPA cash management system is designed to accurately monitor and forecast expenditures and revenues, thus enabling JPA to invest funds to the fullest extent possible. JPA attempts to obtain the highest yield on its investments consistent with the criteria established for safety and liquidity.

3. POLICY

JPA Treasurer is responsible for investing the surplus funds in JPA Treasury in accordance with the California Government Code, Sections 53600 et seq. and 53635 et seq. JPA makes investments in accordance with California Government Code Section 53600.3, which states "all governing bodies of local agencies or persons authorized to make investment decisions on behalf of those local agencies investing public funds pursuant to this chapter are trustees and therefore fiduciaries subject to the prudent investor standard. When investing, reinvesting, purchasing, acquiring, exchanging, selling, or managing public funds, a trustee shall act with care, skill, prudence, and diligence under the circumstances then prevailing, including, but not limited to, the general economic conditions and the anticipated needs of the agency, that a prudent person acting in a like capacity and familiarity with those matters would use in the conduct of funds of a like character and with like aims, to safeguard the principal and maintain the liquidity needs of the agency. Within the limitations of this section and considering individual investments as part of an overall strategy, investments may be acquired as authorized by law."

The three principal factors of safety, liquidity and yield are to be taken into consideration when making investment decisions.

- A) Safety. Safety and the minimizing of risk associated with investing refer to attempts to reduce the potential for loss of principal, interest or a combination of the two. JPA invests only in those instruments that are considered very safe.
- B) Liquidity. Liquidity refers to the ability to convert an investment to cash promptly with a minimum risk of losing some portion of principal or interest. A portion of the portfolio should be maintained in liquid short-term securities which can be converted to cash, if necessary, to meet disbursement requirements.
- C) Yield. Yield is the average annual return on an investment based on the interest rate, price, and length of time to maturity. JPA attempts to obtain the highest yield possible, provided that the basic criteria of safety and liquidity have been met.

4. INVESTMENT INSTRUMENTS

JPA may invest in the following instruments under the guidelines as provided herein:

- A) Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF). Investment of funds in the California LAIF which allows the State Treasurer to invest through the Pooled Money Investment Account. Maximum investment is subject to state regulation.
- B) County of San Diego County Treasury. Investment of funds in the Treasury of the County of San Diego that allows the County Treasurer to invest through the Pooled Money Investment Account.
- C) Money Market Fund. Investment of funds in the Money Market Fund which allows investment in short-term dollar-denominated securities that are issued by diversified management companies and registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission under the Investment Company Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. Sec. 80a-1 et seq.) in accordance with Government Code Section 53601(l)(2) and subject to the criteria and restrictions set forth in Government Code Section 53601(l)(4) and (5).

5. SAFEKEEPING

All investments of JPA shall have the Metro Wastewater Joint Powers Authority as registered owner or shall be kept in the custody of JPA or by a qualified safekeeping institution.

6. INVESTMENT REPORTS

- A) JPA Treasurer shall submit investment reports quarterly within 30 days of the end of the quarter to the JPA's Board of Directors containing the following information:
- Financial institution
 - Type of investment
 - Amount of deposit
 - Rate of interest
- B) JPA Treasurer shall report monthly transaction reports to the JPA's Board of Directors if any investment transactions have been initiated on behalf of the JPA. This does not include any interest transactions occurring in the normal course of business.
- C) JPA Treasurer shall annually render a Statement of Investment Policy to the Board of Directors.

7. INVESTMENT OF BOND FUNDS

In accordance with Government Code Section 53601, monies held by a trustee or fiscal agent and pledged to the payment or security of bonds, may be invested in accordance with the statutory provisions governing the issuance of those bonds, ordinance, resolution, or indenture of trust.

* * * End of Policy * * *



Metro Wastewater JPA Policy 6

Purchasing Policy

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POLICY 6: METRO WASTEWATER JPA PURCHASING POLICY

1. Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to establish guidelines for the procurement of goods and services to ensure fiscal responsibility, compliance with applicable laws, and the acquisition of quality products and services at the best possible prices.

2. Scope

This policy applies to all purchases made by the JPA, including supplies, equipment, services, and construction contracts.

3. General Principles

- **Transparency:** All purchasing activities should be conducted in a transparent manner.
- **Fair Competition:** Ensure fair and open competition among suppliers.
- **Cost-Effectiveness:** Aim to obtain the best value for money.
- **Accountability:** Maintain clear records and documentation for all purchases.
- **Agents of the JPA:**
 - **Executive Director,**
 - **Financial Consultant**
 - **Engineering Consultant**
 - **Board Secretary**
 - **Assistant Treasurer**
 - **Treasurer**

4. Procurement Authority and Responsibilities

- **Board of Directors:** Approves the annual budget and any single expenditure over \$10,000.
- **Executive Director:** Has the authority to approve purchases up to \$10,000, with the concurrence of the Board of Directors Chairman.

5. Purchasing Procedures

5.1 Purchases up to \$5,000 per annum

- **Procedure:** Obtain at least one verbal or written quote.
- **Approval:** Executive Director can approve these purchases with concurrence of Board of Directors Chair
- **Documentation:** Maintain a record of the quote and the rationale for the selection for a time period consistent with the records retention schedule.

5.2 Purchases between \$5,001 and \$10,000 per annum

- **Procedure:** Try to obtain at least three written quotes.
- **Approval:** Executive Director can approve these purchases with concurrence of Board of Directors Chair
- **Documentation:** Record all quotes and the decision-making process for a time period consistent with the records retention schedule.

5.3 Purchases between \$10,001 and \$50,000 per annum

- **Procedure:** Either issue a formal Request for Proposals (RFP) with a goal of obtaining at least three proposals, or, if sole source professional services is justified, document the rationale for selecting a single vendor.
- **Approval:** Requires approval from the Board of Directors.
- **Documentation:** Maintain comprehensive records of the RFP, proposals, evaluation process, or sole source justification for a time period consistent with the records retention schedule.

5.4 Purchases over \$50,000 per annum

- **Procedure:** If a majority of the Board is satisfied with the performance of an agent of the JPA, a negotiation may proceed as a sole source agreement. If not, issue a formal Request for Proposals (RFP) and with a goal of obtaining at least three proposals. If three proposals are not received by the deadline, the Executive Director may waive this requirement. The submittal deadline shall not be less than 30 days following the date of release of the RFP.
- **Approval:** Requires approval from the Board of Directors.
- **Documentation:** Maintain comprehensive records of the RFP, proposals, and evaluation process for a time period consistent with the records retention schedule.

6. Emergency Purchases

In cases of emergency where immediate purchase is necessary to protect the health, safety, or welfare of the public or to address urgent operational needs, the Executive Director or their designee may authorize such purchases not to exceed \$10,000 with concurrence of the Board of Directors Chair. Emergency purchases must be reported to the Board of Directors at the next regular meeting.

7. Ethical Considerations

All individuals involved in the purchasing process must adhere to the highest standards of ethical conduct, avoiding conflicts of interest and ensuring impartiality in decision-making.

8. Documentation and Record Keeping

Maintain detailed records of all purchasing activities, including quotes, bids, purchase orders, contracts, and approvals. These records should be retained for a time period consistent with the records retention schedule.

9. Review and Amendments

This policy should be reviewed biennially by the Board of Directors and amended as necessary to ensure it remains effective and compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

10. Compliance

Failure to comply with this policy may result in disciplinary action, up to and including termination of contract.

* * * End of Policy * * *



Metro Wastewater JPA Procedure No. 1

Guidelines for Staff in Closed Session

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Guidelines for Staff in Closed Sessions

The chart below is meant to be helpful guidance regarding who is and is not permitted in a closed session under the guidance of California Attorney General (“AG”) Opinion No. 21-1102, published May 26, 2022, regarding staff attendance at closed sessions held under the Ralph M. Brown Act. These guidelines are subject to revision as the law changes. In the event of a change in law; the most current law will control.

Who May Attend Closed Session

- Members of the legislative body.
- Individuals authorized by statute to attend (i.e., legal counsel, real estate negotiator).
- Individuals who are “essential” to the agency’s ability to conduct the closed session business (such as the Executive Director, Executive Staff, or a percipient factual witness; must be “more than a mere potential benefit”).
- Designated clerk, officer, or employee to take notes and record closed session (must be the same single person designated by the Metro JPA Board for each closed session).

Who May Not Attend Closed Session

- Members of the public; non-essential staff or consultants
- Members of Metro TAC (unless deemed “essential” for the purposes of that closed session).
- Individual staff members of the legislative body members, or the participating agency (unless deemed “essential”), even for purposes of taking notes, administering the meeting, or providing the members with relevant information.
- An Alternate Board Member of the legislative body who is not serving in place of an absent member.
- Anyone else not expressly designated as essential to the closed session.



Metro Wastewater JPA Procedure No. 2

Fiscal Year End Closing Procedures

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PROCEDURE 2: METRO WASTEWATER JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY FISCAL YEAR END CLOSING PROCEDURES

Adopted March XX, 2025

1. PURPOSE

This Procedure document is intended to provide guidelines for the comprehensive process of properly preparing to close the Fiscal Year-End accounting records for Metro Wastewater Joint Powers Authority's (JPA). This is to ensure the JPA is prepared to provide accurate accounting records to the independent auditor.

2. OBJECTIVE

The fiscal year-end close process is required to prepare the general ledger accounts for financial statement presentation and for the start of the next accounting process. The closing process consists of steps to transfer income statement accounts to balance sheet accounts. Since income statement accounts record current year activity, they must be zeroed out or closed in preparation of the next accounting period. This process begins after June 30, The JPA's fiscal year-end close date. The process continues until the financial statement audit field work begins. At the end of the fiscal close, the income statement accounts are closed into net position for the beginning of the next accounting period.

3. PROCEDURES

1. Each May, list all critical activities that are part of the year-end closing process (e.g. reconcile all accounts, evaluate your assets and liabilities etc.)
 - a. Send reminder to agencies to pay any amounts due prior to June 30,
 - b. Send reminder to independent contractors and vendors to provide any invoices for work completed in June or prior, no later than July 20th, so the amounts may be properly accrued onto the books of the JPA.
2. Gather Relevant Financial Documents:
 - a. Bank statements,
 - b. Statements from credit cards, etc,
 - c. Inventory counts (if any),
 - d. Copy of last year's financial statements and general ledger.

3. Reconcile Bank Statements:
 - a. Compare each transaction in your bank statements with the corresponding entry in your general ledger. Then check for discrepancies between them.
4. Review Accounts Payable and Receivable:
 - a. Review outstanding bills and invoices, as well as vendor and customer payments, and confirm they're accurately recorded in the correct fiscal year and represent the amounts owed. Receivables are recorded revenue earned, but not yet received and Payables are accrued for expenses incurred, but not yet paid.
5. Review Your Assets:
 - a. Definition of Capital Asset: Useful Life > 1 Year and Cost > \$5,000.00
 - b. Ensure your financial statements reflect the true value of your assets on the balance sheet and the appropriate expenses on the income statement.
 - c. Calculate the Depreciation Expense for Each Asset.
 - d. Estimate the useful life of the asset, estimate a salvage value and deduct the salvage value from the asset's cost to find the amount that needs to be depreciated over the lifetime of the asset.
 - e. Divide that number by the useful life to find the amount of depreciation to be recognized for that asset in each accounting year.
6. Prepare Your Income Statement:
 - a. An income statement (also known as a Profit and Loss Statement) provides a summary of the JPA's revenues, expenses, and change in net position (or net loss) during the fiscal year.
7. Prepare Your Balance Sheet:
 - a. A balance sheet offers a summary of the JPA's assets, liabilities, and Net Position, grouped into current and non-current items.
8. Gather All Necessary Tax Documents:
 - a. Gather all necessary tax documents, such as W-2s, 1099s, and other relevant tax forms.
 - b. Make sure they are complete and accurate.
9. Check All JPA member Expense Reports:
 - a. Gather all expense reports submitted for reimbursement during the year.
 - b. Ensure you have documentation for each report, including receipts and supporting documentation.
10. Reconcile Credit Card Statements
11. Review Contracts and Agreements:
 - a. Collect all contracts, agreements, and legal documents for any financial commitments the JPA executed during the year, such as relationships with vendors, clients, suppliers, partners, landlords, and other contracts.

- b. Identify any financial obligations from the contracts, then record relevant information (such as contract values, payment schedules, and billing cycles) in your records.
- 12. Assess the Need for Bad Debt Write-Offs
- 13. Create updated accounts receivable aging report and review it to identify overdue invoices and aging balances.
 - a. Analyze the payment history of the accounts to assess how likely customers are to pay.
 - b. Estimate the portion of accounts receivable that is unlikely to be collected based on your assessment.
- 14. Review and Adjust Accounts:
 - a. Review individual transactions in each general ledger account and verify that transactions are correctly recorded, classified, and summarized according to the chart of accounts. Reconcile them with supporting documentation (bank statements, invoices, receipts, and other financial records).
- 15. Prepare Cash Flow Statement
 - a. Summarize the cash inflows and outflows from operating, investing and financing activities during the fiscal year.
- 16. Document Year-End Review:
 - a. Maintain thorough documentation of your year-end accounting review process. This will be valuable for audits and future reference.
- 17. Set Goals for the Next Fiscal Year:
 - a. Assess how the year end close process went this year, identify opportunities for improvement and set goals for next year's financial close process, including which steps you'll want to complete early.

* * * End of Procedure * * *



Metro Wastewater JPA Procedure No. 3

Banking Authorization Procedures

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STAFF REPORT

TO: Board of Directors
Metro Wastewater Joint Powers Authority

DATE: February 6, 2025

FROM: Adriana Ochoa, General Counsel

AGENDA ITEM NO. 10^h: Changes to Authorized Banking Signatories

BACKGROUND & DISCUSSION

In order for checks written from Metro Wastewater Authority JPA's ("Metro") bank account to be processed, two authorized signatures are required: one from the Metro Treasurer, and a second signature from an authorized signatory. On January 6, 2025, Metro Wastewater Joint Powers Authority's Treasurer visited California Bank & Trust to review Metro's account information. While reviewing the account information, the Treasurer learned that former directors John Peasley and John Mullin are still authorized to write checks from the account and that only one current director (the Board Chair) is authorized to write checks from the account.

To change the authorized signatories for Metro's account, the California Bank & Trust Client Information Form (Attachment 1) must be completed and returned in person to any California Bank & Trust bank. Metro must also submit a copy of its bylaws related to banking and the minute meetings approving the change in authorized signatories, both of which can be submitted via email.

THEREFORE, COUNSEL RECOMMENDS THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS TAKE THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS:

1. Remove former directors John Peasley and John Mullin as authorized signatories on Metro's account with California Bank & Trust.
2. Authorize the current Metro Board Chair, Vice Chair, Second Vice Chair, Finance Committee Chair, and Treasurer or Assistant Treasurer as signatories on Metro's account with California Bank & Trust for all banking purposes.
3. Authorize Jerry Jones, Peter De Hoff, and Jose Preciado as authorized signatories on Metro's account with California Bank & Trust for all banking purposes.

4. Discuss and take other action as appropriate.

Attachment 1: California Bank & Trust Client Information Form

PASSED AND APPROVED at a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Metro Wastewater Authority, held this 6th day of February, 2025.

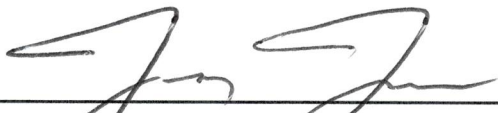
AYES: INZUNZA, PURVIS, WORDEN, KENDRICK, MCKAY, BABER, JONES,
YAMANE, DEHOFF, ANDERSON, ROBAK, SWANSON

NOES: NONE

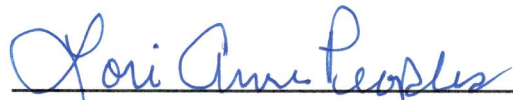
ABSTAIN: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ATTEST:



Jerry Jones, Board Chair
Metro Wastewater Joint Powers Authority



Lori Anne Peoples, Board Secretary
Metro Wastewater Joint Powers Authority

ATTACHMENT 1



CALIFORNIA BANK
TRUST

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Ph. (619)440-0411 Fax. (855)830-0635

CLIENT INFORMATION FORM

Full Legal Name: _____

Residential Address (No PO Box): _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip Code:** _____

Mailing Address (if different from above) _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip Code:** _____

Primary Phone: _____ **Secondary Phone:** _____

Social Security #: _____ **Date of Birth:** _____

Name of Employer: _____

Occupation / Position (if retired, your previous occupation): _____

Email address: _____

Primary ID (CIRCLE ONE): Driver's License, State ID, Passport, and ID #: _____

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Would you like more information on our Home Equity Credit Lines? Yes / No

To identify you over the phone please create an account password: _____

If you will be creating a Brand NEW User ID for our Online Banking service, please create your Username: _____

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Metro Wastewater JPA Resolution 2025-01

Establishing a Reserve Fund Policy

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RESOLUTION NO. 2025-01

RESOLUTION OF THE METRO WASTEWATER JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS ESTABLISHING A RESERVE FUND POLICY

WHEREAS, a key element of prudent financial planning is to ensure that sufficient funding is available for current and future operating, capital, and/or debt service needs;

WHEREAS, the Metro Wastewater Joint Powers Authority ("**Metro**") Board of Directors endeavors at all times to have sufficient funds available to meet its financial obligations; and

WHEREAS, fiscal responsibility requires anticipating the likelihood of and preparing for unforeseen events; therefore, this Reserve Fund Policy outlines specific accounts to meet these planned and unforeseen obligations;

WHEREAS, the Metro organization has created an Executive Director position in order to have a primary report that will be responsible for the oversight, management and monitoring of Metro's budgets, among other matters;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. General Provisions

The Metro Board of Directors (Board) desires to designate specific fund accounts and maintain minimum fund balances consistent with amounts determined to be in the best interest of Metro and intended to ensure Metro has sufficient funds to meet current and future financial needs.

Metro hereby establishes and will maintain the following reserve components:

- a) Operating Reserves Fund
- b) Contingency Reserves Fund

Fund balances will be reviewed on an annual basis by both the Metro Finance Committee for recommendation to the Board, and the Metro Board of Directors, in order to evaluate reconciliation of the fund balances and assess the financial capacity to accomplish identified activities and objectives.

The target balance established for each reserve component represents the baseline financial condition that is acceptable to Metro from a risk management and financial planning perspective. Maintaining funds at appropriate levels is an ongoing business process that consists of a periodic assessment of revenues and expenditure levels.

2. **Reserve Components**

a) **Operating Reserve Fund**: The Operating Reserve Fund is designated by the Board to maintain working capital for current operations to ensure continuity of operations during short-term fluctuations in cash flow due to slow or delayed payment by Metro Participating Agencies, demand volatility, unanticipated costs, or other factors. Metro's Executive Director and Treasurer are hereby authorized to use funds from the Operating Reserve Fund for expenditures that are Designated Expenses/Uses as set forth below.

Any request by staff to use funds from the Operating Reserve that shall bring the reserve below the minimum fund balance set forth below must be approved by the Board of Directors and accompanied by a staff report explaining the need for the expenditure(s).

Source of Funds:

- Prior year ending balance carried forward
- Allocation of funds by Board action
- Net operating income

Designation of Expenses/Uses:

- Funding requirements due to short term revenue and expenditure imbalance (for example, increases in consultant costs)
- Intra-fiscal year cash flow timing without Board approval, so long as the fund balance is not impaired by fiscal year-end

Target Balance:

- The Operating Reserve target balance shall be in the amount of four (4) months average expenditures based on the current fiscal year's operating budget; with a minimum fund balance of one (1) month of average expenditures.

b) **Contingency Reserve Fund**: The Board of Directors endeavors to budget for all anticipated expenditures, but emergencies and unforeseen circumstances can occur during the course of the year. The Contingency Reserve Fund is intended to provide funding for expenditures that must be undertaken to address emergencies or unforeseen circumstances (such as responding to a spill event).

Any request by staff to use Contingency Reserve Funds is subject to prior approval by the Board of Directors at the next regular meeting, and accompanied by a staff report explaining the need for the expenditure(s). In instances where funds must be disbursed immediately, the Board hereby delegates to the Executive Director, or if the Executive Director is unavailable, to the Treasurer, authority to evaluate and approve expenditures from the Contingency Reserve Fund, subject to a second approval by the Metro Auditor or a separate authorized signer identified the Invoice Payment Policy. The Executive Director shall thereafter present a report regarding the

expenditure for ratification at the following regular Board meeting.

Source of Funds:

- Prior year ending balance carried forward
- Allocation of funds by Board action
- Net operating income

Designation of Expenses/Uses:

- Emergencies/Unforeseen events

Target Balance:

- The Contingency Reserve target balance shall be in the amount of three (3) months average expenditures based on the current fiscal year's operating budget.

3. Delegation of Authority

The Metro Board of Directors has sole authority to amend or revise this Reserve Policy. Management responsibility for the Reserve Policy is hereby delegated to the Board Chair, who through approval of this Policy has established written procedures for the management of Metro's reserves.

4. Replacement and Supersession

The previous Reserve Fund Policy is hereby rescinded, and this Resolution 2025-01 Establishing a Reserve Fund Policy replaces and supersedes it in its entirety.

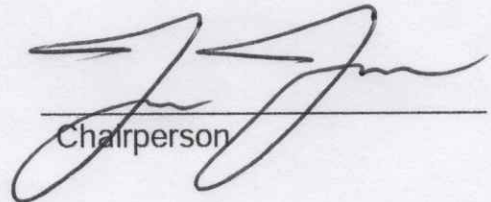
PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the Metro Wastewater Joint Powers Authority at a meeting thereof held on the 6th day of, February, 2025.

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

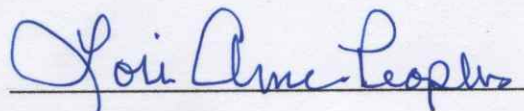
NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None


Chairperson

ATTEST:


Board Secretary



Metro Wastewater JPA Resolution 2025-02

Establishing Compensation to Directors

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RESOLUTION 2025-02

A RESOLUTION OF THE METRO WASTEWATER JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS ESTABLISHING COMPENSATION OF DIRECTORS

WHEREAS, the Metro Wastewater Joint Powers Authority ("**Metro**") is a public agency formed pursuant to joint powers agreements pursuant to Government Code sections 6500 *et seq.*, and governed by the Metro Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, the Metro Board of Directors desires to establish reasonable compensation for all Metro Board Directors, excluding Advisory Directors, from time to time by resolution of the Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, compensation for Directors' attendance at Metro Board meetings was last revised in June 2023 via Resolution 2023-02;

WHEREAS, the Metro Board of Directors desires to modify Resolution 2023-02 in order to establish reasonable compensation for duly appointed Metro Alternate Directors;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. General Provisions. The Metro Board of Directors shall establish compensation every five years for all Metro Directors, excluding Advisory Directors, beginning with Fiscal Year 2023-2024 through the end of Fiscal Year 2027-2028 (the "**Period**"). If the Metro Board of Directors does not adopt a new resolution establishing future compensation before the end of the Period, compensation shall remain at the same amount established in the 2027-2028 Fiscal Year until a new resolution establishing compensation is subsequently adopted.

2. Per Diem Established. Beginning Fiscal Year 2023-2024, Metro Directors (or duly-appointed Alternates that attend meetings in a primary Director's absence) shall be paid compensation in the amount of \$158.00 ("**Per Diem**") for attendance at Metro meetings, including attendance at meetings of an advisory body of Metro, such as standing or ad hoc subcommittees, orientations, trainings, tours, or for each day's service rendered as a Metro Director by request of the Chair or Board. For each subsequent Fiscal Year thereafter during the remainder of the Period, the Per Diem amount shall increase at an annual rate of 5.00%, as established below.

Fiscal Year	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028
Stipend (\$)	\$150.00	\$158.00	\$166.00	\$175.00	\$184.00	\$194.00
Increase (%)	0.00%	5.00%	5.00%	5.00%	5.00%	5.00%

3. Attendance at Multiple Meetings. Where a Director attends multiple but distinct Metro meetings (including advisory body meetings) in the same day, the Director shall be compensated Per Diem for each meeting attended, so long as each meeting's

duration lasts at least fifteen (15) minutes or longer.

4. Compensation for Duly Appointed Alternates. Duly appointed Alternate Directors shall receive Per Diem and mileage reimbursement for attendance at orientations, trainings, preparation meetings or briefings, tours, and meetings of the Metro Board of Directors (even if the primary Director is present). It is a benefit to the Metro Board of Directors that Alternate Directors observe and monitor the discussions of the Metro Board so that s/he can step in as an informed member of the Board if or when s/he is required to attend in a voting capacity, and in order to ensure responsible succession planning for the organization.

5. Finance Committee Alternate. If the Metro Board's duly appointed alternate member of the Finance Committee attends a Finance Committee meeting in a non-voting capacity (meaning all primary Finance Committee members are present), the alternate may nonetheless receive a Per Diem for his or her attendance at that meeting, in order to encourage the alternate's attendance at Finance Committee meetings. It is a benefit to both the Finance Committee and the Metro Board of Directors that the Finance Committee alternate observe and track the discussions held at Finance Committee meetings so that s/he can step in as an informed member of the Finance Committee if or when s/he is required to attend in a voting capacity.

6. Limit on Number of Meetings. No Board Director or Alternate Director shall be paid more than six (6) Per Diems per month, except for the Board Chair, who may be paid for no more than ten (10) Per Diems per month. All Per Diem requests must be submitted to the Metro Treasurer within sixty (60) days of the day for which a Per Diem is requested.

7. No Overlapping Compensation. Directors to whom Metro would pay a Per Diem pursuant to this resolution shall not receive a Per Diem if they are otherwise eligible to receive compensation, including Per Diem, from their respective agencies for attendance at Metro meetings or for service rendered as a Metro Director by request of the Chair or Board.

8. Supersession. This Resolution 2025-02 hereby supersedes Resolution 2023-02 in its entirety and Resolution 2023-02 is now set aside and declared void.

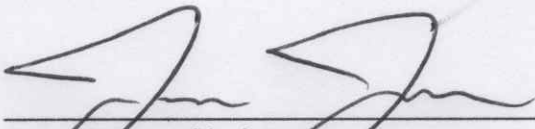
PASSED AND ADOPTED at a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Metro Wastewater Authority, held this 6th day of February, 2025.

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

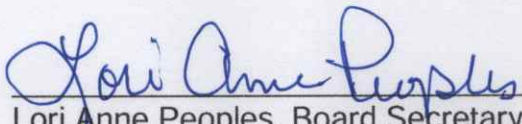
NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

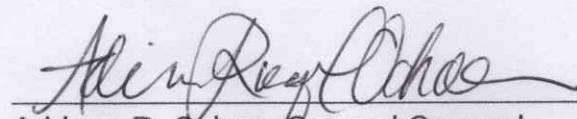
ABSENT: None


Jerry Jones, Chairman
Metro Wastewater Joint Powers Authority

ATTEST:


Lori Anne Peoples, Board Secretary
Metro Wastewater Joint Powers Authority

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Adriana R. Ochoa, General Counsel
Metro Wastewater Joint Powers Authority

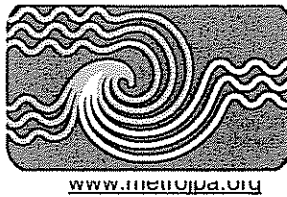


Metro Wastewater JPA Protocol No. 1

Debt Service Coverage and Operations Reserve Calculations

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April 19, 2010

Rod Greek
Public Utilities Deputy Director
City of San Diego, Metropolitan Wastewater
9192 Topaz Way
San Diego, CA 92123

Re: Administrative Protocol on Allocation of Operating Reserves and Debt Service
Coverage to Participating Agencies

Dear Mr. Greek:

This letter is intended to memorialize the attached Administrative Protocol on Allocation of Operating Reserves and Debt Service Coverage to Participating Agencies ("Protocol") negotiated between the City of San Diego and Metro TAC/ Metro JPA/ Metro Commission, on behalf of the Participating Agencies under the Regional Wastewater Disposal Agreement. Your signature will indicate acceptance of the Protocol on behalf of the City.

By countersigning this letter, the City of San Diego and Metro TAC/ Metro JPA/ Metro Commission acknowledge and agree to the terms and conditions contained in the attached Protocol.

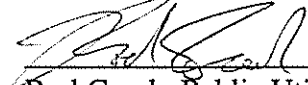
Sincerely,

 4/21/10
for the Metro TAC/ Metro JPA/ Metro Commission

Enclosure

The Protocol is accepted by the City of San Diego pursuant to the terms and conditions set forth in the attachment hereto:

Date: 4/19/10


Rod Greek, Public Utilities Deputy Director

The Protocol is accepted by Metro TAC/ Metro JPA/ Metro Commission on behalf of the Participating Agencies pursuant to the terms and conditions set forth in the attachment hereto:

Date: 5/6/10



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Administrative Protocol on Allocation of Operating Reserves and Debt Service Coverage to Participating Agencies

BACKGROUND:

In early 2008 the MetroTAC formed a working group in response to the City of San Diego's request for \$20 million in funding in FYE 2009 from the Participating Agencies ("PAs") for operating reserves and debt service coverage. The working group continued to meet with City of San Diego staff regarding the establishment of a mutually agreed upon protocol through early February 2010. A summary of the City of San Diego's 2008 proposal and the negotiated 2010 protocol is included as Attachment A.

At its regular meeting of February 17, 2010, the MetroTAC approved the following recommendations to move to the Finance Committee of the Metro Wastewater JPA and thereafter to the Metro Commission/ Metro Wastewater JPA for discussion and action:

- Proceed with PAs funding a 1.2 debt service ratio coverage
- Proceed with PAs funding a 45 day operating reserves
- The PAs will fund no other reserves
- FY07 and FY08 refund monies will be used to fund the operating reserves
- Interest accrual on operating reserves and undesignated accounts will start with FY10 (beginning on July 1, 2009)

The Finance Committee of the Metro Wastewater JPA, at its February 24, 2010 meeting, took action to recommend approval of the above, by the Metro Commission/ Metro Wastewater JPA. At its March 4, 2010 meeting, the Metro Commission/ Metro Wastewater JPA, comprised of representatives of the PAs, approved the components of the negotiated policy, with the understanding that any such policy would serve as an administrative protocol regarding the allocation of debt service coverage to the PAs and funding of operating reserves by the PAs.

PROTOCOL REGARDING PA FUNDING OF OPERATING RESERVES:

Background:

Operating reserves are established to provide funding for unforeseen events that might occur during the course of the fiscal year such as unforeseen major maintenance or capital projects. The PAs performed a survey of other regional wholesale agencies and determined that agencies such as the San Diego County Water Authority maintain a 45 day operating reserves. Although the City of San Diego's current policy is to increase operating reserves for its retail customers from 45 to 70 days, the City realizes that if a major maintenance incident should occur it can immediately request payment from the PAs per the Regional Wastewater Disposal Agreement. The City of San Diego's retail customer's rates cannot be immediately increased due to Proposition 218 requirements for noticing and public hearings.

Protocol:

Attachment B is a summary of the funding strategy showing each PAs 2007 and 2008 refunds based on recent City Metro Wastewater Exhibit E audits. The refunds will be used to fund the PAs 45 day operating reserves contribution. In the majority of cases most PAs will see a refund even after they have

fully funded their portion of the operating reserves. PAs that do not have adequate refunds will be billed for their portion of the reserve in the next quarterly 2010 billing. The operating reserves for each fiscal year will be established based on 45 days of operating revenues as determined by the following formula:

Fiscal Year Estimated Operating Expenses (not including CIP and debt service)

365 days X 45 days

The number of days included in the calculation cannot be changed without prior consent of the PAs.

The operating reserves will be maintained by the City of San Diego and interest will accrue on a monthly basis based on actual interest rates on the City's investments. This interest revenue will be added to the PAs undesignated fund balance for that fiscal year. As part of each year's Exhibit E audit the actual required operating reserves and interest earned on it will be determined and audited by the City of San Diego's external auditors and PA representatives. A summary of the operating reserves balance and interest earned for each PA will be included as a footnote or attachment to the City Metro Wastewater Exhibit E Audit.

PROTOCOL REGARDING ALLOCATION OF DEBT SERVICE COVERAGE TO PAs

Background:

A 1.2 debt service coverage ratio is a requirement for all of the outstanding Metro parity debt. A cash flow prepared by the City of San Diego shows (Attachment C) that if the PAs are billed at the current level (\$65 million annually to cover the PAs portion of operations, pay-go capital, and debt service expense) for the next three to five years that this requirement can be achieved without additional contributions by the PAs. This provides the PAs a stable projected annual Metro contribution for the next three to five years.

Protocol:

The PAs will maintain through annual contributions and use of PA undesignated fund balance a positive cash flow not to exceed 1.2 times the PA share of the required annual debt service on Metro Debt. The debt service coverage ratio of 1.2 cannot be changed without prior consent of the PAs.

The undesignated fund balance will be maintained by the City of San Diego and interest will accrue on a monthly basis based on actual interest rates on the City's investments. This interest revenue will be added to the PAs undesignated fund balance for that fiscal year.

As part of each year's Exhibit E audit the actual required reserve coverage and interest earned on the undesignated fund balance will be determined and audited by the City of San Diego's external auditors and PA representatives. A summary of the debt service coverage requirement and portion of interest earned on the undesignated fund balance for each PA will be included as a footnote or attachment to the City Metro Wastewater Exhibit E Audit.

If the cash flow in any year does not provide the required 1.2 debt service coverage the PAs will be billed the additional required revenue including interest.

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Schedule of Participating Agency Contributions to Operations Reserve and Debt Service Coverage Cash flow FY 2007-2011
Prepared on: February 23, 2010

HOW TO READ CASH FLOW SPREADSHEET:

Blue font = data inputted directly into spreadsheet

Green font = data imported from another spreadsheet in workbook

Black font = Calculation; see legend to determine calculation

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Line #	Cash flow Component	Legend	Foot-note #	AUDITED		PROJECTED							
				FY07	FY08	FY09	FY10	FY11	FY12	FY13	FY14	FY15	
1	Current Projected Revenue Stream	Input		\$54,007,596	\$63,231,038	\$57,249,960	\$64,487,408	\$65,000,000	\$65,000,000	\$65,000,000	\$65,000,000	\$65,000,000	\$65,000,000
2	Annual Refund After Exhibit E Audit	Input					(8,209,431)	(1,500,000)	(3,000,000)	(2,500,000)	(2,100,000)	(1,800,000)	(1,800,000)
3	Transfer (to)/from Operating Reserve	Line 21-Prior Year					(4,281,432)	(42,814)	(43,242)	(43,675)	(44,112)	(44,553)	(44,553)
4	Undesignated Fund Balance Interest	Line 17 X Interest Rate	(1)				79,990	258,156	225,608	113,282	62,579	58,899	58,899
5	Operating Reserve Interest	Calculated Off-Line	(2)				164,514	166,159	167,821	169,499	171,194	172,906	172,906
6	Gross PA System Revenue	Sum(Line1:Line5)		\$54,007,596	\$63,231,038	\$57,249,960	\$52,241,049	\$63,881,500	\$62,350,187	\$62,739,106	\$63,089,661	\$63,387,252	\$63,387,252
7	Less:												
8	PA Estimated Total Operating Expenses	Prior year X 1.01	(3)	\$32,304,298	\$37,150,042	\$34,727,170	\$34,727,170	\$35,074,442	\$35,425,186	\$35,779,438	\$36,137,232	\$36,498,605	\$36,498,605
9													
10	Net PA System Revenue	Line 6 - Line 8		\$21,703,298	\$26,080,996	\$22,522,790	\$17,513,879	\$28,807,059	\$26,925,001	\$26,959,668	\$26,952,429	\$26,888,647	\$26,888,647
11													
12	PA Annual Debt Service Payment	Calculated Off-Line		\$20,373,393	\$19,850,051	\$20,441,069	\$24,049,989	\$24,043,880	\$22,479,039	\$22,478,266	\$22,478,075	\$22,478,730	\$22,478,730
13	CIP Pay Go – 20% of Projected CIP	Input	(4)	(4,417,502)	(512,512)	-	1,318,048	5,610,210	7,369,218	5,800,940	4,570,129	4,655,009	4,655,009
14	Total CIP and Debt Service	Line 12 + 13		15,955,891	19,337,539	20,441,069	25,368,037	29,654,090	29,848,257	28,279,206	27,048,204	27,133,739	27,133,739
15													
16	Net Income after CIP and Debt Service	Line 10 - 14		\$5,747,407	\$6,743,457	\$2,081,721	(\$7,854,157)	(\$847,032)	(\$2,923,257)	(\$1,319,537)	(\$95,775)	(\$245,092)	(\$245,092)
17	PA Undesignated Fund Balance	Line 16 + Prior Year		\$5,747,407	\$12,490,864	\$14,572,585	\$6,718,428	\$5,871,396	\$2,948,139	\$1,628,602	\$1,532,827	\$1,287,735	\$1,287,735
18													
19	Calculated Debt Service Ratio	Line 10/Line 12	(5)				0.73	1.20	1.20	1.20	1.20	1.20	1.20
20													
21	Operating Reserve (45 days)	(Line 8/365 days) X 45 days					\$4,281,432	\$4,324,246	\$4,367,489	\$4,411,164	\$4,455,275	\$4,499,828	\$4,499,828

Footnotes:

Footnotes:

- (1) average of current year ending balance + prior year ending balance times 3.2%
- (2) average monthly balance times LAIF rate (first year calculated at half year interest)
- (3) FY09 based on average of FY07 & FY08 then 1% inflation
- (4) 20% of projected Metro CIP
- (5) Minimum coverage requirement 1.2 time annual Metro debt service

FY10 Operating Reserve Calc:

PA Operating Expenses:	\$34,727,170
divided by:	365
Equals:	\$95,143
Times:	45
45 day Operating Reserve:	\$4,281,432

FY10 Operating Reserve Interest Calc:

PA Operating Expenses:	\$4,281,432
Times ave monthly LAIF interest Rate:	0.038425 (range from 3.18% to 4.53% per month)
FY10 Estimated interest Earned:	\$164,514

FY07-FY08 Operating Reserve Rate Stabilization
Based on 2008 Flows
FINAL

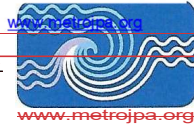
Agency	EXHIBIT E AUDIT ADJUSTMENTS			2008 FLOWS & LOADS		
	FY 2007	FY 2008	TOTAL	2008 FLOWS & LOADS	OPERATING RESERVE	NET
CHULA VISTA	(\$1,837,010)	(\$2,100,751)	(\$3,937,761)	28.083%	\$1,202,374	(\$2,735,387)
CORONADO	(\$189,910)	(\$366,858)	(\$556,768)	3.356%	\$143,693	(\$413,075)
DEL MAR	(\$87,785)	(\$103,913)	(\$191,698)	1.029%	\$44,061	(\$147,637)
EL CAJON	(\$290,369)	\$66,888	(\$223,481)	15.270%	\$653,789	\$430,308
IMPERIAL BEACH	(\$132,300)	(\$130,153)	(\$262,453)	3.652%	\$156,373	(\$106,080)
LA MESA	(\$99,793)	(\$40,190)	(\$139,983)	8.842%	\$378,561	\$238,578
LAKESIDE/ALPINE	(\$293,313)	(\$243,206)	(\$536,519)	5.357%	\$229,368	(\$307,151)
LEMON GROVE	(\$147,034)	(\$195,043)	(\$342,077)	3.611%	\$154,615	(\$187,462)
NATIONAL CITY	(\$637,379)	(\$947,043)	(\$1,584,422)	7.572%	\$324,211	(\$1,260,211)
OTAY	\$123,792	(\$138,545)	(\$14,753)	0.459%	\$19,668	\$4,915
PADRE DAM	(\$789,976)	(\$1,752,218)	(\$2,542,194)	5.198%	\$222,537	(\$2,319,657)
POWAY	(\$683,251)	\$130,168	(\$553,083)	5.770%	\$247,021	(\$306,062)
SPRING VALLEY	(\$611,093)	(\$667,539)	(\$1,278,632)	10.316%	\$441,691	(\$836,941)
WINTERGARDENS	(\$71,984)	(\$56,162)	(\$128,146)	1.482%	\$63,470	(\$64,676)
TOTAL	(\$5,747,405)	(\$6,544,565)	(\$12,291,970)	100%	\$4,281,432	\$ (8,010,538.00)

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Records Retention Policy

THE JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY PROACTIVELY ADDRESSING REGIONAL WASTEWATER ISSUES.

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METRO WASTEWATER JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY RECORDS RETENTION AND DESTRUCTION POLICY

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to provide guidelines regarding the retention or destruction of records of the Metro Wastewater Joint Powers Authority (the "JPA"); provide for the identification, maintenance, safeguarding and destruction of records in the normal course of business; ensure prompt and accurate retrieval of records; and ensure compliance with legal and regulatory requirements.

II. AUTHORIZATION

Staff is hereby authorized to destroy records in accordance with this policy and the records retention and destruction schedule set forth in Attachment "A", which shall comply with the records retention guidelines provided by the California Secretary of State, as may be updated from time to time.

III. PROCEDURE

- A. The Board Secretary shall be responsible for the administration of this policy and shall oversee compliance with the provisions of this policy and with the Records Retention Schedule, set forth in Attachment "A."
- B. The Board Secretary reviews documents to confirm that each document to be destroyed is: (1) not required to be permanently retained, or (2) has been retained for the legally required period of time. The Board Secretary also confirms that any applicable reproduction requirements (i.e., microfilming, etc.) for each document are complete.
- C. The Board Secretary completes and signs a "Request for Destruction of Obsolete Records" form, listing the date and description of each document to be destroyed.
- D. The Board Secretary submits the form to the Chair, who reviews and signs the form and then returns the signed form to the Board Secretary.
- E. After receiving the signed form from the Chair, the Board Secretary oversees the destruction of the documents, indicates the method of destruction on the form, signs the form and returns the original signed form to the Chair.
- F. The Chair will retain all original signed forms requesting destruction of records for a minimum period of two (2) years.

IV. GENERAL GUIDELINES

- A. The following general guidelines apply to all JPA records.
1. The Board Members of the JPA, by majority vote, may authorize the destruction of any **duplicate** records, if they are no longer needed. (Gov. Code § 60200.)
 2. Pursuant to the resolution adopted by the Board Members of the JPA, except where a record is expressly required to be preserved according to State law, the JPA may approve the destruction of any original document without retaining a copy of the document as long as the retention and destruction of the document complies with the retention schedule as set forth in this policy (Gov. Code § 60201.)
 3. In addition to the retention period required under this policy, the JPA shall retain original administrative, legal, fiscal and/or historical records with continued value (i.e., records for long-term transactions and/or special projects) until all matters pertaining to such records are completely resolved or the time for appeals has expired. (Gov. Code § 14755, subd. (a); Gov. Code 34090.)
 4. Pursuant to Government Code section 60201, the JPA shall not destroy any of the following records:
 - (a) Records relating to the formation, change of organization, or reorganization of the JPA;
 - (b) Ordinances and resolutions, unless they have been repealed or have become invalid or otherwise unenforceable for five years;
 - (c) Minutes of any meeting of the JPA;
 - (d) Records relating to any pending claim, litigation, any settlement or other disposition of litigation within the past two years;
 - (e) Records that are the subject of any pending request for records under the California Public Records Act, whether or not the record is exempt from disclosure, until the request has been granted or two (2) years after the request has been denied by the JPA;
 - (f) Records relating to any pending construction that the JPA has not accepted or for which a stop notice claim may be legally presented;
 - (g) Records relating to any ~~nondischarged~~~~non discharged~~ debt of the JPA;
 - (h) Records relating to the title to real property in which the JPA has an interest;
 - (i) Records relating to any ~~nondischarged~~~~non discharged~~ contract to which the JPA is a party;
 - (j) Records that have not fulfilled the administrative, fiscal, or legal purpose for which they were created or received;

- (k) Unaccepted bids or proposals, which are less than two (2) years old, for the construction or installation of any building, structure or other public work;
- (l) Records less than seven (7) years old that specify the amount of compensation or expense reimbursement paid to JPA employees, officers, or independent contractors

V. SPECIFIC GUIDELINES

A. Accounting Records

1. Accounting Records include, but are not limited to, the following:

(a) Source Documents

- Invoices
- Warrants
- Vouchers
- Requisitions/Purchase Orders (attached to invoices)
- Cash Receipts
- Claims (attached to warrants in place of invoices)
- Bank Statements
- Bank Deposits
- Checks
- Bills
- Various accounting authorizations taken from JPA minutes, resolutions or contracts

(b) Journals

- Cash Receipts
- Accounts Receivable or Payable Register
- Check or Warrant Register
- General Journal
- ~~Payroll Journal~~

(c) Ledgers

- Expenditure
- Revenue
- Accounts Payable or Receivable Ledger
- Assets/Depreciation
- Warrants payable
- ~~Construction~~
- General ledger

(d) Trial Balance

(e) Adjusting Entries

(f) Statements (Interim or Certified - Individual or All Fund)

- Balance Sheet
- Analysis of Changes in Available Fund Balance
- Cash Receipts and Disbursements
- Inventory of Fixed Assets (Purchasing)

(g) Journal Entries

(h) Reversing Entries

(i) Payroll and personnel records include but are not limited to the following:

- Accident reports, injury claims and settlements
- ~~Applications, changes or terminations of employees~~
- ~~Earnings records and summaries~~
- ~~Fidelity bonds~~
- ~~Garnishments~~
- ~~Insurance records of employees~~
- ~~Job descriptions~~
- ~~Medical histories~~
- ~~Retirements~~
- ~~Time cards~~

(j) Other

- Inventory Records (Purchasing)
- Capital Asset Records (Purchasing)
- Depreciation Schedule
- Cost Accounting Records

2. General ledgers must be permanently retained. (Sec. of State Local Gov't. Records Mgmt. Guidelines.) .
3. In general, the JPA should retain original source documents that are detailed in a register, journal, ledger or statement **until audited plus fivefour (4) (5) years**. Certain source documents may be retained for a shorter period of time. Refer to the records retention schedule for specific accounting documents.
4. The JPA may destroy rough drafts, notes, working papers (except audit), cards, listings, nonpermanent indices, and papers used for controlling work or transitory files at any time.
5. In addition to any required legal retention period, the JPA shall not authorize the destruction of any record subject to audit until it has been determined that the audit has been performed. (Gov. Code § 14755, subd. (b); Gov. Code § 34090.)

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~~B. Long-Term Debt Records~~

- ~~1. The JPA may destroy the original records of proceedings for the authorization of long-term debt, bonds, warrants, loans, etc. after issuance or execution, if it retains imaged copies (i.e., microfilm, microfiche, digital copies, etc.). (Gov. Code § 60203.)~~
- ~~2. The JPA may destroy the original records of the terms and conditions of bonds, warrants and other long-term agreements after final payment, if it retains imaged copies (i.e., microfilm, microfiche, digital copies, etc.).~~
- ~~3. The JPA may destroy paid bonds, warrant certificates and interest coupons after **two (2) years** if detailed payment records are retained for ~~ten (10) years~~.~~
- ~~4. The JPA may not destroy any documents relating to any nondischarged debt. (Gov. Code § 60201, subd. (d)(7).)~~

C.B. JPA Records

1. The JPA shall retain original records of the minutes of meetings of the JPA **indefinitely**. (Gov. Code §§ 34090; 60201.)
2. The JPA shall retain original resolutions adopted by the Board **indefinitely**. (Gov. Code § 60201.)

D.C. Statements and Reports Filed Pursuant to the Political Reform Act.

1. Filing officers shall retain original campaign statements and reports for **seven (7) years**. (Gov. Code § 81009 (c), (e).)
2. Filing officers shall retain copies of statements or reports for **four (4) years**. The officer does not have to keep more than one copy of a statement or report. (Gov. Code § 81009 (f).)

E.D. Contracts

1. The JPA shall retain original contracts for **four (4) years** after the end of the contracts. (Code of Civ. Proc. § 337.)
2. The JPA shall retain contracts with any person or entity who develops real property or furnishes the design, specifications, surveying, planning, supervision, testing, or observation of construction or improvement to real property for **ten (10) years** after the completion of the construction or improvement. (Code of Civ. Proc. § 337.15.)

~~F. Property Records.~~

~~The JPA shall retain original property records, such as title documents, indefinitely, or until the property is transferred or otherwise no longer owned by the JPA. (Gov. Code §§ 34090, 60201.)~~

~~G. Payroll and Personnel Records.~~

1. ~~Payroll and personnel records include, but are not limited to, the following:~~

- ~~(a) Accident reports, injury claims and settlements~~
- ~~(b) Medical histories~~
- ~~(c) Injury frequency charts~~
- ~~(d) Applications, changes and terminations of employees~~
- ~~(e) Insurance records of employees~~
- ~~(f) Time cards~~
- ~~(g) Job descriptions~~
- ~~(h) Performance or rating documents~~
- ~~(i) Earning records and summaries~~

~~Records specifying amounts of compensation or expense reimbursement paid to JPA employees, officers, or independent contractors must be retained for seven (7) years after date of payment. (Gov. Code § 60201)~~

2. ~~The JPA shall retain personnel files for three (3) years after an individual's employment terminates. (29 CFR 1627.3.)~~
3. ~~The JPA shall retain medical records of employees for thirty (30) years beyond the length of employment. Medical records shall include health insurance claims, records of exposure to hazardous substances, first aid records for one-time treatment, observation of minor injuries, records relating to medical leave taken by employees, etc. However, for employees who are employed by the JPA for less than one year, the JPA does not need to retain the employee's medical records if the JPA provides the employee with such records upon termination of employment. (29 CFR 1910.1020; 8 Cal. Code Regs. § 3204.)~~
4. ~~The JPA may destroy fidelity bonds two (2) years after termination and garnishments three (3) years after termination.~~
5. ~~The JPA shall retain payroll records containing the name, address, date of birth, sex, job classification, hours worked, and regular and overtime wages for each employee for three (3) years beyond the length of employment and seven (7) years from date of payment. (29 C.F.R. Part 516.5; Labor Code §§ 1174, 1197.5; Gov. Code § 60201.) Payroll~~

registers listing labor costs by employee and program must be kept permanently. (Sec. of State Local Gov't. Records Mgmt. Guidelines.)

6. The JPA shall retain basic time and earning cards or sheets on which are entered daily starting and stopping time of individual employees for ~~six (6) years.~~ (29 C.F.R. Part 516.6; 8 Cal. Code Regs. §§ 11000-11150; Labor Code § 1174; Sec. of State Local Gov't. Records Mgmt. Guidelines.)
7. ~~The JPA shall retain employment applications and employment referral records and files for two (2) years after such records or files are created. (Gov. Code § 12946; 29 C.F.R. 1627.3.)~~
8. The JPA shall retain records regarding the race, sex, and national origin of each applicant and for the job for which such applicant applied for ~~two (2) years~~ from the date of the making of the record or the date of the personnel action involved, whichever occurs later. The JPA may either retain the original documents used to identify applicants, or keep statistical summaries of the collected information. (2 Cal. Code Regs. § 7287.0.)
9. The JPA shall retain any records pertaining to any payments, loans, promises or agreements by the JPA to any labor organization or representative of a labor organization for ~~five (5) years.~~ (29 U.S.C. § 436.)

H. Construction and Engineering Records.

1. The JPA shall retain certain original construction records, such as bids, correspondence, and change orders, for ~~four (4) years~~ after project completion, ~~unless the records pertain to a project which includes a guarantee or grant in which event they shall be retained for the life of the guarantee or grant plus four (4) years.~~ The JPA shall retain as-built plans for any public facility or works as long as the facility exists.
2. The JPA may destroy unaccepted bids or proposals for public works after ~~two (2) years.~~ (Gov. Code § 60201.)
3. The JPA shall retain supporting documents on capital improvement projects, including bidders lists, specifications, reports, plans, work orders, schedules, etc., for ~~ten (10) years after project completion.~~ (Code of Civ. Proc. § 337.15.)

I. Exposure/Safety Records and Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS).

1. The JPA shall retain employee exposure records and exposure assessment records for at least ~~thirty (30) years.~~ Such records should reveal the identity of the toxic substance or harmful physical agent and where and when such substance or agent was used. (8 Cal. Code Regs. § 3204.)

- ~~2. The JPA may destroy the material safety data sheet (MSDS) for a hazardous substance after the JPA stops using the hazardous substance provided it keeps a record of the substance (chemical name if known) and when and where it was used for **thirty (30) years** (8 Cal. Code Regs. § 3204(d)(1)(B)(2).)~~

J.E. Video Monitoring, Telephone and Radio Communications; Other Video and Audio Recordings

- ~~1. The JPA shall retain recordings of **routine video monitoring** (e.g., building security taping systems) for at least **one (1) year**. After the one year retention period, the JPA may destroy the video recording upon approval by the JPA. (Gov. Code § 34090.6.)~~
- ~~2. Upon authorization of the JPA, recordings of telephone and radio communications maintained by the JPA may be destroyed after **100 days**. (Gov. Code § 34090.6.)~~
- 3.1. If the JPA keeps another record, such as written minutes, of an event that is recorded on video tape (e.g., JPA meetings), the JPA must keep the video tape recording of the event for **at least 90 days** after the occurrence of the event. **After 90 days**, the video tape may be destroyed or erased, upon approval by the JPA. (Gov. Code § 34090.7.)
- 4.2. When an audio tape recording of a meeting (e.g., JPA) is made solely to facilitate the preparation of minutes for that meeting, the tape recording may be destroyed or erased after it is no longer required and after the minutes for that meeting have been approved. (Gov. Code § 34090; 64 Ops.Atty.Gen. 317.)
- 5.3. Other audio or video tape recordings which are not related to the conduct of the public's business (e.g., educational or promotional videos) are not considered to be official JPA records and may be destroyed after they are no longer required, upon approval by the JPA. (Gov. Code §§ 6252, subd. (e); 34090.)

VI. ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION

Electronic mail generates correspondence and other documentation which are public records in need of protection/retention in accordance with the California Public Records Act (Gov. Code §§ 6250-6276.48). Electronic communication also includes any messages sent through a Blackberry or other electronic device that end up as e-mail to or from any JPA ~~employee-member~~ (collectively, "e-mail"). The JPA's e-mail system should not be used to store or maintain documents, including, but not limited to, official JPA records.

It is the responsibility of individual ~~employees-member~~ to determine if e-mail is an JPA record which must be retained in accordance with the JPA's Records Retention and Destruction Policy.

Generally, an e-mail message and any attachments regardless of format may be considered an official JPA record if it: (1) is created or received in connection with official JPA business; (2) documents the formulation and implementation of JPA policies and decisions; or (3) initiates, authorizes or completes a transaction of official JPA business.

Preliminary drafts, notes or interagency or intra-agency memoranda which are not retained by the JPA in the ordinary course of business are generally not considered to be official JPA records subject to disclosure. Employees are encouraged to delete documents which are not otherwise required to be kept by law or whose preservation is not necessary or convenient to the discharge of your duties or the conduct of the JPA's business. Examples of e-mail messages that are not generally considered official JPA records may include: (1) personal messages and announcements not related to official JPA business; (2) messages with attached copies or extracts of documents distributed for convenience or reference (with the original documents being preserved according to the JPA's Records Retention and Destruction Policy); and (3) messages that are essentially cover notes or distribution slips. The JPA's General Counsel can assist you in determining whether an e-mail message is required to be retained and/or is necessary or convenient to the discharge of your duties or the conduct of the JPA's business.

Any e-mail message, including any attachments regardless of format, that can be considered an official JPA record must be preserved in accordance with the retention periods specified in the JPA's Records Retention and Destruction Policy. Generally, the JPA ~~employee-member~~ who sends an e-mail that qualifies as an official JPA record should be the person responsible for preserving that e-mail, but persons responsible for a particular program or project file shall also be responsible for preserving all e-mail they send or receive related to that program or project. JPA ~~employees-members~~ may print and file hard copies of e-mail messages that must be preserved. ~~Employees-Members~~ may also save e-mail messages electronically, in electronic folders separate from their regular e-mail inboxes. However, e-mail messages must not be stored in an employee's regular inbox, since the JPA's automatic maintenance system will periodically delete e-mails from all inboxes. Many types of e-mail can also be stored electronically as a Word document. The JPA's Information Technology staff can assist ~~employees-members~~ with setting up electronic folders or other methods of electronically archiving e-mail messages. However, all e-mail messages that are retained electronically must be easy to retrieve, view and print out, if necessary.

For projects that involve two or more ~~employeesmembers~~, any e-mails pertaining to a specific project should be retained in that project's central file(s). ~~Employees-Members~~ should work with Information Technology staff on the best method for central storage of e-mails on a project to make sure the e-mails remain easily accessible to everyone.

In addition, any e-mail messages that relate to a claim or a potential claim against the JPA, must be preserved. Likewise, any e-mail messages that may relate to a lawsuit filed against the JPA, even if a subpoena or court order for such e-mail messages has not yet been issued, must be preserved. Under newly enacted federal rules regarding electronic discovery, any information stored electronically, including e-mail messages, must be produced for a requesting party. A court can impose severe penalties if e-mail messages relevant to a lawsuit are deliberately destroyed when it is known, or should have reasonably been anticipated, that a claim or lawsuit could be filed against the JPA. There are no penalties if electronic information is "lost" through "the route operation of an electronic information system" (i.e., automatic deletion after a period

of time; automatic overwriting of backup tapes, etc.). (Rule 37(f) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.)

However, the JPA has a duty to preserve any relevant data when there is even a hint of possible litigation. Therefore, when JPA ~~employees-members~~ become aware of a potential claim, an actual claim, or a lawsuit against the JPA, they must preserve any e-mail messages and attachments that have any information relevant to that matter. The JPA's General Counsel can provide you with guidance on these issues.

VII. RECORDS RETENTION SCHEDULE

The "Records Retention Schedule" is attached to this policy as Attachment "A" and is incorporated herein by reference. This policy and the Records Retention Schedule shall comply with the records retention guidelines provided by the California Secretary of State and may be updated from time to time.

ATTACHMENT “A”
RECORDS RETENTION SCHEDULE

[Attached]

RECORDS RETENTION SCHEDULE FOR METRO WASTEWATER JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY

Destruction of any record must be authorized by the legislative body. (Gov. Code §§ 60200 - 60204.)

Type of Record	Category	Description or Example of Record	Legal Authority	Minimum Legal Retention Period
Accident/Illness Reports	Administration	Not a public record; For Employee Medical Records & Employee Exposure Records regarding exposure to toxic substances or harmful physical agents --includes Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS) Does NOT include: health insurance claims; first aid records of one-time treatments for minor injuries; records of employees who worked less than one (1) year if records are given to employee upon termination	GC 6254(e) 8 CCR 3204(d)(1)(A)(B)	Length of employment plus 30 years
Accidents/Damage to District Property	Administration	Risk management administration	GC 34090 CCP 337.15	10 years

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Type of Record	Category	Description or Example of Record	Legal Authority	Minimum Legal Retention Period
Accounts Payable	Finance	Journals, statements, asset inventories, account postings with supporting documents, vouchers	CCP 337 26 CFR 31.6001-1(e)(2); Sec. of State Guidelines recommendation	Until audited + 4 years
Accounts Payable	Finance	Invoices, reports, investments, purchase orders	CCP 337 26 CFR 31.6001-1(e)(2); Sec. of State Guidelines recommendation	Until audited + 4 years
Accounts Receivable	Finance	Checks received, reports, investments, receipt books	CCP 337 26 CFR 31.6001-1(e)(2); Sec. of State Guidelines recommendation	Until audited + 4 years
Affidavits of Publication / Posting	Administration	Legal notices for public hearings, publication of ordinances, etc.	GC 34090	2 years

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Agenda / Agenda Packets	Administration	Agendas and packets should be imaged immediately. A paper copy should be maintained for one year only.	GC 34090 GC 34090.5	2 years
Agenda reports (staff reports)	Administration	Paper copies of agenda packets should be maintained for 1 year as complete packets. Originals should be imaged immediately for permanent retention. The filmed record may serve as the permanent record.	GC 34090 GC 34090.5	2 years
Agreements	Administration	Original contracts and agreements and back-up materials, including leases	CCP 337 CCP 337.2	4 years after termination/ completion
Annexations / Reorganizations	Development	Notices, Resolutions, Certificates of Completion	GC 34090 GC 60201(d)(1)	Permanent
Annual Financial Report	Finance	Independent auditor analysis	GC 34090	Until audited + 2 years
Appraisals	Development	For real property owned by District — Not a public record until real-estate transaction is complete	GC 34090- GC 6254(h)	2 years

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Articles of Incorporation	Administration		GC 34090 GC 60201	Permanent
Audit Reports	Finance	Financial services; internal and/or external reports; independent auditor analysis	GC 34090 Sec. of State Local Gov't. Records Retention Guidelines	Permanent [May be revised at a later time by Sec. of State or County officials]
Audit Hearing or Review	Finance	Documentation created and or received in connection with an audit hearing or review	GC 34090	2 years
Backflow Test Reports	Public Works	Reports of testing and maintenance—water supply	17 CCR § 7605	3 years
Bank Account Reconciliations	Finance	Bank statements, , receipts, certificates of deposit, etc.	26 CFR 31.6001-1(e)(2)	4 years (Sec. of State Guidelines – recommended retention: until audited + 5 years)
Benchmark Data	Development	Horizontal, vertical & control	GC 34090	2 years

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Bids, Accepted	Development	Includes plan and specifications; notices/affidavits.	GC 34090 CCP 337, 337.1	4 years
Bids, Unaccepted	Development	Unaccepted bid packages only	GC 34090 GC 60201	2 years
Billing records	Finance	Utility bill stubs – submitted with payment	GC 34090	Current + 2 years
Bonds	Finance	Authorization/public hearing records/prospectus/proposals/certificates/notices (transcripts)/registers/statements.	GC 34090	Permanent
Bonds—Employee	Finance	Personnel fidelity bonds	GC 34090	Current + 2 years
Bonds—Paid/Cancelled	Finance	Paid or cancelled bonds; warrant certificates; interest coupons	GC 34090 GC 53921	2 years
Bonds—Unsold	Finance	Unsold Bonds	GC 34090 GC 43900 et seq.	2 years
Bonds—Final	Finance	Final bond documentation; monthly statement of transactions; supporting documents	GC 34090 CCP 337.5	10 years
Bonds, Development	Finance	Housing; Industrial Development	CCP 337.5	10 years

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Bonds, Surety	Finance	Documentation created and/or received in connection with the performance of work/services for the District	CCP 337	4 years
Brochures/ Publications	Administration	Retain selected documents only for historic value.	GC 34090	2 years
Budget, Annual	Finance	Adjustments, journal entries, account transfers	GC 34090	Until audited + 2 years
Cal-OSHA	Administration	Personnel Logs, Supplementary Record, Annual Summary (Federal & State Cal-OSHA)	LC 6410; 8 CCR 14307	5 years
California State Tax Records	Finance	Forms filed annually; quarterly and year-end reports	R&TC 19530 R&TC 19704	6 years
Capital Improvements, Construction	Public Works	Records on planning, design, construction, conversion or modification of local government-owned facilities, structures and systems	GC 34090; H&S 19850; See. of State Local Gov't Records Mgmt. Guidelines	Permanent

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Checks	Finance	Includes originals of payroll, canceled and voided checks	GC 34090 CCP 337 Sec. of State Local Gov't. Records Mgmt. Guidelines	Until audited +5 years
Citizen Feedback	Administration	General correspondence.	GC 34090	2 years
Claims Against the District JPA	Administration	Paid/Denied	GC 34090; GC 25105.5	Until settled + 5 years (May be microfilmed after 3 years)
Collective Bargaining Agreements	Administration		29 CFR 516.5	Current + 3 years
Complaints/Requests	Administration	Various files, not related to specific lawsuits involving the District and not otherwise specifically covered by the retention schedule.	GC 34090	2 years
Annual Comprehensive Financial Reports (CAFR CFR)	Finance	Finance	GC 34090; CCP 337	Until audited + 4 years
Contracts	Administration	Original contracts and agreements and back-up materials.	CCP 337	4 years after termination/ completion

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Correspondence	Administration	General correspondence, including letters and e-mail; Various files, not otherwise specifically covered by the retention schedule.	GC 34090	2 years
Deeds, Real Property	Development	File with recorded documents; originals may not be destroyed.	GC 34090- GC 60201(d)	Permanent
Deferred Compensation Reports	Finance	Finance—pension/retirement funds	29 CFR 516.5 29 CFR 1627.3	3 years
Demographic/ Statistical Data	Administration		GC 34090	Current + 2 years
Deposits, Receipts	Finance	Receipts for deposited checks, coins, currency	GC 34090 CCP 337	Until audited + 4 years
DMV Driver Information Reports	Administration	Personnel—Not a public record.	GC 34090- GC 6254(e)	Until superseded
Easements, Real Property	Development	File with recorded documents; originals may not be destroyed.	GC 34090	Permanent

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Economic Interest Statements - Form 700 (copies) (elected officials)	Administration	Copies of original statements of elected officials forwarded to Fair Political Practices Commission.	GC 81009(f), (g)	4 years (can image after 2 years)
Economic Interest Statements - Form 700 (originals) - non-elected	Administration	Originals of statements of designated employees	GC 81009(e), (g)	7 years (can image after 2 years)
Election—Administrative Documents	Administration	Not ballot cards or absentee voter lists/applications.	GC 34090	2 years
Election—Affidavit Index	Administration	Voter registration index	EC 17001	5 years
Election—Ballots and Related Documents	Administration	STATE & LOCAL ELECTIONS: All ballot cards (voted, spoiled, canceled) arranged by precinct, unused absentee ballots, ballot receipts, absent voter identification envelopes, absentee voter applications. May be destroyed subject to any pending contest.	EC 17302, 17306, 17505	6 months
Election—Ballots and identification envelope—Federal offices	Administration	For elections to Federal office (President, Vice President, US Senator, US Representative)	EC 17301	22 months

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Election – Ballots – Prop. 218 – (Assessment Districts)	Administration	Ballots – Property related fees – (assessment ballot proceeding) – [Ballots are disclosable public records during and after tabulation]	GC 53753(e)(2)	2 years
Election – Canvass	Administration	Notifications and Publication of Election Records used to compile final election results, including tally sheets, voting machine tabulation, detailed breakdown of results, special election results	EC 17304	6 months
Election – Certificates of Election	Administration	Certificates of election; original reports and statements	GC 81009(a)(d)	Termination + 4 years
Election – Election Official's Package of Documents	Administration	Package of 2 tally sheets, copy of index, challenge lists, assisted voters list. Public record – all voters may inspect after commencement of official canvass of voters	EC 17304	6 months
Election – Nomination Documents – successful	Administration	All nomination documents and signatures in lieu of filing petitions	EC 17100	during term and 4 years after

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Election—Nomination—Documents—unsuccessful	Administration		GC 81009(b)	5-years
Election Petitions—Initiative/Recall/Ref-Charter Amendments	Administration	Not a public record—documents resulting in an election—retention is from election certification.	EC 17200, 17400 GC 6253.5; EC 17400; GC 34458-60	8 months
Election Petitions—No election	Administration	Not a public record. Not resulting in an election. Retention is from final examination.	EC 17200, 17400 GC 6253.5	8 months
Election—Precinct Records	Administration	From date of election: Precinct official material; declaration of intention; precinct board member applications; orders appointing members of precinct boards and designating polling places includes notice of appointment of office and record of service	EC 17503	5 months

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Election – Roster of Voters	Administration	From date of election; initiative; referendum recall; general municipal election; Charter Amendments	EC 17300	5 years
Election – Voter Affidavits	Administration	Affidavits of registration (including cancelled affidavits); voter registration index	EC 17000, 17001	5 years
Election – Voter Registration Signature Copy	Administration	Fire, special or school district	EC 17000	5 years
Employee Bonds	Administration	Personnel fidelity bonds	GC 34090	While employed + 2 years
Employee Files	Administration	Personnel – Not a public record.	GC 12946 GC 6254(e)	While current + 2 years
Employee Information, General	Administration	Name, address, date of birth, occupation	GC 12946 29 CFR 1627.3 LC 1174	3 years
Employee Information, Payment	Administration	Rate of pay and weekly compensation earned	GC 60201	7 years

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Employee Information -- CEIR	Administration	Personnel--California Employer Information Report (for employers of 100 or more employees)	2 CCR 7287(a); 2 CCR 7287(e)(2) GC 12946	2 years
Employee Information--Applicant Identification Records	Administration	Personnel--Data regarding race, sex, national origin of applicants	2 CCR 7287(b), (e)(2)	Current + 2 years
Employee, Medical & Exposure Records (toxic substances or harmful physical agents)	Administration	Medical records are part of personnel file -- not a public record. Includes medical records made or maintained by a physician, nurse, or other health care personnel, or technician pertaining to employees exposed to toxic substances or harmful physical agents. Does <u>not</u> include first aid records of one time treatment made on site by a non-physician or observation of minor scratches, cuts, burns, splinters, etc., which do not involve medical treatment, loss of	GC 6254(e) 29 CFR 1910.1020 8 CCR 3204 (d)(1)(A)(B)	Length of employment + 30 years

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		consciousness, restriction of work or motion, or transfer to another job. (For employees of less than 1 year, no need to retain medical records regarding exposure to toxic substances/harmful physical agents if they are returned to employee upon termination)		
Employee, Non-safety	Administration	Non-safety employee records may include: Release Authorizations; Certifications; Reassignments; outside employment; commendations, disciplinary actions; terminations; Oaths of Office; evaluations pre-employee-medicals; fingerprints; identification cards (ID's)	29 CFR 1627.3 GC 12946	Length of employment + 3 years

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Employee Programs	Administration	Includes EAP and Recognition	GC 34090 GC 12946	Current + 2 years
Employee, Recruitment	Administration	Alternate lists/logs, ethnicity disclosures, examination materials, examination answer sheets, job bulletins	GC 12946 GC 34090 29 CFR 1602.31 29 CFR 1627.3	Current + 2 years
Employee, Reports	Administration	Employee statistics, benefit activity, liability loss	GC 34090	Current + 2 years
Employee, Safety	Administration	Police, fire, emergency employees may include: Release authorizations; certifications; reassignments; outside employment; commendations; disciplinary actions; terminations; Oaths of Office; evaluations pre-employment medical evaluations	29 CFR 1627.3 29 CFR 1602.31 29 CFR 516.6 et. seq. 45 CFR 1068.6(a) GC 34090 GC 12946	Current + 3 years
Employee Rights – General	Administration		GC 12946 29 CFR 1602.14	Length of employment + 2 years

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Employment Applications – Not Hired	Administration	Applications submitted for existing or anticipated job openings, including any records pertaining to failure or refusal to hire applicant	GC 34090 GC 12946	2 years
Employment Eligibility Verification (I-9 Forms)	Administration	Federal Immigration and Nationality Act; Immigration Reform/Control Act 1986	8 USC 1324a (b)(3) Pub. Law 99-603	3 years after date of hire, or 1 year after date of termination, whichever is later
Employment – Surveys and Studies	Administration	Includes classification, wage rates	GC 12946 GC 34090 29 CFR 516.6	2 years
Employment – Training Records, Non-Safety	Administration	Volunteer program training – class training materials, internships	GC 34090 GC 12946	Length of employment + 2 years
Employment – Personnel (by name)	Administration	Paperwork documenting internal and external training	GC 34090 GC 12946	Length of employment + 2 years
Employment – Public Safety	Administration	Certification/designations	GC 34090 GC 12946	Length of employment + 2 years

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Employment—Vehicle Mileage Reimbursement Rates	Administration	Annual mileage reimbursement rates	GC 34090	Until superseded
Environmental Quality—Air Quality (AQMD)	Development	Participants/voucher logs, Total Daily Mileage Survey (TDM); various local authorities; Commute Alternative	CCP 338(k); GC 34090	3 years
Environmental Quality—Asbestos	Development	Documents, abatement projects, public buildings	GC 34090	Permanent
Environmental Quality—California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)	Development	Exemptions, Environmental Impact Report, Mitigation monitoring, negative declaration, notices of completion and determination, comments, statements of overriding considerations	GC 34090 CEQA Guidelines	Permanent
Environmental Quality—Congestion Management	Development	Ride sharing, trip management	GC 34090	Completion + 2 years
Environmental Quality—Environmental Review	Development	Correspondence, consultants, issues, conservation	GC 34090	Completion + 2 years

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Environmental Quality Pest Control	Development	Pesticide applications, inspections and sampling documents	GC 34090	Completion + 2 years
Environmental Quality Soil	Development	Analysis, construction recommendations	GC 34090	Completion + 2 years
Environmental Quality Soil Reports	Development	Final Reports	GC 34090	Permanent
ERISA Records	Administration	Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 —plan reports, certified information filed	29 USC 1027	6 years
ERISA Records	Administration	Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 —records of benefits due	29 USC 1059	Indefinitely
Ethics Training Records (AB 1234; effective 1/1/06)	Administration	Records required to be kept under Gov. Code section 53235.2 (effective 1/1/06). Records must show dates that local officials satisfied the training requirements and the entity that provided the training	GC 53235.2	5 years after receipt of training

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Family and Medical Leave Act (Federal)	Administration	Records of leave taken, District policies relating to leave, notices, communications relating to taking leave	29 CFR 825.500 GC 12946	While employed +3 years (Federal) or 2 years (State)
Federal Tax Records	Finance	May include Forms 1096, 1099, W-4 and W-2	29 USC 436 26 CFR 31.6001.1-4 26 CFR 31.6001-1(e) 29 CFR 516.5-516.6	5 years after file date
Fire Protection District Administration	Public Safety	Administrative documents.	GC 34090	2 years
Fire Safety Administration	Public Safety	General orders, policies & procedures	GC 34090	Until superseded + 2 years
Fixed Assets Inventory	Finance	Reflects purchase date, cost, account number	GC 34090	Until audited + 2 years

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Fixed Assets Surplus Property	Finance	Auction; disposal – Listing of property; sealed bid sales of equipment	GC 34090 CCP 337	Until audited + 4 years
Fixed Assets Vehicle Ownership & Title	Finance	Title transfers when vehicle is sold.	VC 9900 et. seq.	Until sold
Forms	Administration	Administrative - blank		Until Superseded
Fund Transfers	Finance	Internal; bank transfers & wires	GC 34090	Until audited + 2 years
General Ledgers	Finance	All annual financial summaries--all agencies	GC 34090 CCP 337 Sec. of State Local Gov't. Records Retention Guidelines	Permanent [May be revised at a later time by Sec. of State or County officials]
Gifts/Bequests	Finance	Receipts or other documentation	GC 34090	Until completed + 2 years

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Grants Community Development Block Grant (CDBG); Urban Development; other Federal and State grants	Development	Grants documents and all supporting documents: applications, reports, contracts, project files, proposals, statements, sub-recipient dockets, environmental review, grant documents, inventory, consolidated plan, etc.	GC 34090 24 CFR 570.502 24 CFR 85.42	Until completed + 4 years
Hazardous Materials— Hazardous Waste Disposal	Public Safety	Documents regarding handling and disposal of hazardous waste [Permanent retention of environmentally sensitive materials is recommended]	CAL OSHA;	While current + 10 years
Hazardous Materials— Permits, Hazardous Materials Storage	Public Safety	[Permanent retention of environmentally sensitive materials is recommended]	GC 34090	While current + 2 years
Hazardous Materials— Exposure Records, etc.	Public Safety	Employee exposure records; name/identity of chemical substance used; when & where chemical substance was used	§ CCR 3204(d) et. seq.	30 years

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Hazardous Materials – Underground Storage Tank	Public Safety	Compliance: Documents regarding: storage, location, installation, removal, remediation, maintenance and repair	GC 34090	Permanent
Improvements (lighting, underground utility) – supporting documents	Public Works	Supporting documents – bonds, taxes, construction	GC 34090 Sec. of State Local Gov't. Records Mgmt. Guidelines	Permanent
Information Services, Internet/World Wide Web	Administration	Management policies and supporting documentation	GC 34090	Until superseded + 2 years
Information Systems, Inventory	Administration	Hardware/software inventory logs; systems manuals	GC 34090	Until superseded + 2 years
Information Systems, Network Information Systems (LAN/WAN)	Administration	Configuration maps and plans	GC 34090	2 years

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Information Systems, Program Files and Directories	Administration		GC 34090	2 years
Information Systems, Tapes	Administration	System generation	GC 34090	2 years
Insurance	Finance	Personnel related	GC 34090	Current + 2 years
Insurance, Joint Powers Agreement	Finance	Accreditation, MOU, agreements and agendas	GC 34090	Current + 2 years
Insurance Certificates	Finance	Liability, performance bonds, employee bonds, property: Insurance certificates filed separately from contracts, includes insurance filed by licensees.	GC 34090	Current + 2 years
Insurance, Liability/Property	Finance	May include liability, property, Certificates of Participation, deferred, use of facilities	GC 34090	Current + 2 years

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Insurance, Risk Management Reports	Finance	Federal OSHA Forms; Loss Analysis Report; Safety Reports; Actuarial Studies	29 CFR 1904.44 GC 34090	5 years (Federal) 2 years (State)
Investment Reports, Transactions	Finance	Summary of transactions, inventory and earnings report	GC 34090 CCP 337 Sec. of State Local Gov't. Records Retention Guidelines	Permanent
Invoices	Finance	Copies sent for fees owed, billing, related documents	GC 34090	Until audited + 2 years
Legal Notices/Affidavits of Publication	Administration		GC 34090	2 years
Legal Opinions	Administration	Confidential – not for public disclosure (attorney-client privilege)	GC 34090	Until superseded + 2 years
Litigation	Administration	Case files	GC 34090	Until settled or adjudicated + 2 years

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Local Appointments List (“Maddy List”)	Administration	List of all regular and ongoing boards, commissions, and committees appointed by the legislative body – pursuant to the Maddy Local Appointive List Act	GC 54970 et seq. GC 60201 et seq.	Until superseded (new list prepared each year by Dec. 31 st)
Maintenance Manuals	Administration	Equipment service/maintenance	GC 34090	Current + 2 years
Maintenance/Repair Records	Administration	Equipment	GC 34090	2 years
Marketing, Promotional	Administration	Brochures, announcements, etc.	GC 34090	2 years
Meter Operations	Public Works	Reader reports; orders; tests; maintenance reports	GC 34090	2 years
Meter Reading	Public Works	Reports and rebate reports	GC 34090	Current + 2 years
Minutes	Administration	Minutes of District Board meetings. Documents are to be imaged immediately. Paper records are to be maintained permanently by the Board.	GC 34090, 60201	Permanent

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Newsletter, District JPA	Administration	May wish to retain permanently for historic reference.	GC 34090	2 years
Notices – Public Meetings	Administration	Special Meetings	GC 34090	2 years
Oaths of Office	Administration	Elected and public officials – Board Members	GC 34090 29 USC 1113	Current plus 6 years
OSHA	Administration	OSHA Log 200, Supplementary Record, Annual Summary (Federal & State Cal OSHA)	LC 6410; 8 CCR 14307 29 CFR 1904.2–1904.6	5 years
OSHA (Accident/Illness Reports)	Administration	Personnel – Employee Exposure Records & Employee Medical Records Not a public record	LC 6410; 8 CCR 14307; 8 CCR 3204; GC 6254(e)	Duration of employment plus 30 years
Paramedic Services	Public Safety	Documents other than original contracts.	GC 34090	2 years
Payroll – Federal/State Reports	Finance	Annual W-2's, W-4's, Form 1099s, etc.; quarterly and year-end reports	GC 60201	7 years

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Payroll Deduction/ Authorizations	Finance	Finance	29 CFR 516.6(e) GC 60201	While Current + 7 years
Payroll, registers	Finance	Finance	29 CFR 516.5(a)- LC 1174(d) GC 60201	7 years
Payroll, registers	Finance	Labor costs by employee and program	Sec. of State Local Gov't Records Mgmt. Guidelines	Permanent
Payroll records, terminated employees	Finance	Finance files	29 CFR 516.5 GC 60201	7 years from date of last entry
Payroll, time cards/sheets	Finance	Employee	29 C.F.R. Part 516.6; 8 Cal. Code Regs. §§ 11000-11150; Labor Code § 1174; Sec. of State Local Gov't. Records Mgmt. Guidelines	6 years
Payroll Wage Rates / Job Classifications	Finance	Employee records	GC 60201	While current + 7 years

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Type of Record	Category	Description or Example of Record	Legal Authority	Minimum Legal Retention Period
PERS – Employee Benefits	Administration	Retirement Plan	29 USC 1027	6 years
Personnel Records	Administration	Other records (not payroll) containing name, address, date of birth, occupation, etc., including records relating to promotion, demotion, transfer, lay-off, termination	29 CFR 1627.3	3 years
Personnel Rules and Regulations	Administration	Including employee handbook	GC 34090	Current + 2 years
Petitions	Administration	Submitted to legislative bodies	GC 34090	Current + 2 years
Policies, Administrative	Administration	All policies and procedures, directives rendered by the District not assigned a resolution number	GC 34090	Current + 2 years
Policies, District JPA Board	Administration	Original policies adopted by the District Board	GC 34090	Current + 2 years
Political Support/Opposition, Requests & Responses	Administration	Related to legislation.	GC 34090	2 years

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Type of Record	Category	Description or Example of Record	Legal Authority	Minimum Legal Retention Period
Press Releases	Administration	Related to District actions/activities.	GC 34090	2 years
Procedure Manuals	Administration	Administrative.	GC 34090	Current + 2 years
Property, Abandonment	Development	Buildings, condemnation, demolition	GC 34090	Permanent
Property Acquisition/ Disposition	Development	District owned. Supporting documents regarding sale, purchase, exchange, lease or rental of property by District	CCP 337.15	10 years
Public Records Request	Administration	Requests from the public to inspect or copy public documents	GC 34090	2 years
Purchasing RFQ's, RFP's	Finance	Requests for Qualifications; Requests for Proposals regarding goods and services	GC 34090	Current + 2 years
Purchasing, Requisitions, Purchase Orders	Finance	Original Documents	GC 34090 CCP 337	Until audited + 4 years

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Recordings - audiotaped	Administration	Taped recordings of Board meetings - for preparation of Board meeting minutes	GC 34090 64 Ops.Atty.Gen 317	Until no longer required for preparation of minutes (after minutes are approved)
Recordings – routine video monitoring, telephone, and radio communications	Administration	Routine daily taping/recording of telephone communications & radio communications; routine video monitoring including in-car video systems, jail observation/monitoring systems, building security systems	GC 53160	Videos – 1 year; Phone & Radio communications – 100 days (destruction must have be approved by legislative body)
Recordings, videotaped – meetings of legislative bodies	Administration	Tapes of public meetings made by or at the direction of the District (e.g., Board meetings)	GC 54953.5	30 days
Recordings, videotaped	Administration	Other than videotapes of public meetings; Considered duplicate records if another record of the same event is kept (i.e., written minutes)	GC 53161	90 days after event is recorded
Records Management Disposition Certification	Administration	Documentation of final disposition of records	GC 34090	Permanent

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Type of Record	Category	Description or Example of Record	Legal Authority	Minimum Legal Retention Period
Records Retention Schedules	Administration		GC 34090	Current + 2 years
Recruitments and Selection	Administration	Records relating to hiring, promotion, selection for training	29 CFR 1627.3	3 years
Resolutions	Administration	Vital records - originals may never be destroyed. Image immediately.	GC 34090	Permanent
Returned Checks	Finance	Finance-NSF (not District checks)	GC 34090	2 years after audit
Salary Surveys	Finance	Surveys of other agencies	GC 34090	2 years
State Controller	Finance	Annual reports.	GC 34090	2 years
State Tax Records	Finance	Filed annually; quarterly	Refer to Federal Tax Records	5 years after file date
Stop Payments	Finance	Finance - bank statements	GC 34090	2 years
Taxes, Special	Finance	Special tax levied by a local agency on a per parcel basis	CCP 338(m)	Until audited + 3 years

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Underground Utility— supporting documents	Public Works	Supporting documents for improvements, lighting—bonds, taxes, construction	GC 34090 Sec. of State Local Gov't. Records Mgmt. Guidelines	Permanent
Unemployment Insurance Records	Finance		IRC 3301-3311	4 years
Utility Services— Applications	Public Works	Applications for utility connections, disconnects, registers, service	GC 34090	Completion + 2 years
Utility Services— Billing Records	Public Works	Customer name, service address, meter reading, usage, payments, applications/cancellations	GC 34090	Until audited + 2 years
Utility Services— Journals, Utility Billing	Public Works	Billing including monthly activity	GC 34090	Until audited + 2 years
Utility Services— Meter Reading, Reports	Public Works		GC 34090	Current + 2 years

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Type of Record	Category	Description or Example of Record	Legal Authority	Minimum Legal Retention Period
Utility Services-- Utility Rebates, Reports	Public Works		GC 34090	Current + 2 years
Vouchers - Payments	Finance	Account postings with supporting documents	GC 34090 CCP 337	Until audited + 4 years
Warrant Register/Check Register	Finance	Record of checks issued; approved by legislative body (copy is normally retained as part of agenda packet information)	GC 34090	Until audited + 2 years
Workers Compensation Files	Finance	Work injury claims (including denied claims); claim files, reports, etc.	8 CCR 10102 8 CCR 15400.2	Until settled + 5 years

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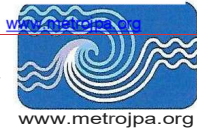
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Metro Wastewater JPA Policy No. 2 **REDLINE**

Social Media Policy

THE JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY PROACTIVELY ADDRESSING REGIONAL WASTEWATER ISSUES.

Chula Vista • Coronado • Del Mar • El Cajon • Imperial Beach • La Mesa • Lemon Grove Sanitation District
National City • Otay Water District • Poway • Padre Dam Municipal Water District
San Diego County Sanitation Districts

PURPOSE

This Social Media Policy ("Policy") establishes guidelines for the establishment and use by the Metro Wastewater Joint Powers Authority ("JPA") through its authorized employees and/or contractors of social media sites. The purpose of using Metro JPA social media sites is to disseminate information from the JPA, about the JPA, to members of the public.

The goal of the JPA's use of social media sites is to serve as an online information source focused on JPA issues, projects, news, and events. The JPA's social media activities will act as one-way communication, and will not serve as a public forum.

The JPA has an overriding interest and expectation in deciding what is "spoken" on behalf of the JPA on JPA social media sites. Therefore, all postings should be in accordance with the guidelines set below.

DEFINITIONS

1. "Social media sites" means content created by individuals, using accessible, expandable, and upgradable publishing technologies, through and on the Internet. Examples of social media include, but are not limited to, Facebook, Twitter, Blogs, RSS, YouTube, LinkedIn, and Flickr.
2. "Board" means the appointed members of the Board of the Metro JPA.
3. "Employees" means authorized employees of the JPA member agencies, as the JPA has no employees of its own, and activities and services of the JPA are performed by the Board, authorized employees of the JPA member agencies and/or JPA contractors.
4. "JPA social media sites" means social media sites which the JPA establishes and maintains, and over which it has control over all postings, except for advertisements or hyperlinks by the social media site's owners, vendors, or partners. JPA social media sites shall supplement, and not replace, the JPA's required notices and standard methods of communication.
5. "Posts" or "posting" means information, articles, pictures, videos, or any other form of communication posted on a JPA social media site.
6. "Comments" include information, articles, pictures, videos, or any other form of communicative content posted on a JPA social media site.

POLICY

1. The JPA's official website at <https://www.metrojpa.org> (or any other domain owned operated or maintained by the JPA) will remain the JPA's primary means of internet communication.

2. JPA social media sites should make clear that they are maintained by the JPA and that they follow the JPA's Social Media Policy.
3. Each JPA social media site shall include an introductory statement which clearly specifies the purpose and topical scope of the social network site. Where possible, social media sites should link back to the official JPA website for forms, documents and other information.
4. The JPA shall use social media sites as regularly as possible and in conjunction with other established JPA communication tools.
5. JPA social media sites shall comply with usage rules and regulations required by the site provider, including privacy policies.
6. JPA social media sites shall be managed consistent with the Brown Act, the Political Reform Act, and the California Elections Code. Board Members shall not respond to any published postings, or use any JPA sponsored social media site to respond to, blog or engage in serial meetings, or otherwise discuss, deliberate, or express opinions on any issue within the subject matter jurisdiction of the JPA, or for any political purpose. Board members must keep their social media presence separate from the JPA and other Board members' sites. Posts from JPA social media sites not pertaining to the subject matter jurisdiction of the body may be shared on their personal social media sites but no comments from Board officials are permitted on JPA owned, maintained, or operated social media sites.
7. All JPA social media sites shall adhere to applicable local, state, and federal laws regulations and policies. This includes adherence to established laws and policies regarding copyright, records retention, First Amendment, privacy laws, nondiscrimination and harassment laws, acceptable use of JPA owned or controlled digital equipment, internet access, and information security policies established by the JPA.
8. JPA social media sites are subject to the California Public Records Act. Any content maintained in a social media format that is related to JPA business, including a list of subscribers, posted communication, and communication submitted for posting, may be a public record subject to public disclosure.
9. ~~Employees-Board Members~~ and/or contractors representing the JPA via JPA social media sites must conduct themselves at all times as a representative of the JPA and in accordance with all JPA policies.
10. All JPA social media sites shall utilize authorized JPA contact information for account set-up, monitoring, and access. The use of personal email accounts or phone numbers by any employee and/or contractors are not allowed for the purpose of setting-up, monitoring, or accessing a JPA social media site. ~~Employees-Board Members~~ should use the official email and contact information of their employing member agency.

11. JPA social media sites may contain content, including but not limited to, advertisements or hyperlinks over which the JPA has no control. The JPA does not endorse any hyperlink or advertisement placed on JPA social media sites by the social media site's owners, vendors, or partners.
12. If a social media site allows the administrator to limit the type of advertising that will appear on the JPA's page, this feature should be enabled.
13. The Board reserves the right to change, modify, or amend all or part of this policy at any time.
14. The JPA reserves the right to terminate any JPA social media site at any time without notice.

PROCEDURE

1. The establishment and use of social media sites are subject to approval by the Board. Upon approval, JPA social media sites shall bear the name and/or official logo of the JPA. The Board has the authority to establish and/or terminate social media accounts and pages.
2. The Board Secretary shall maintain a list of all JPA social media sites, including login and password information, to allow for the immediate alteration or removal of content that is inappropriate or inconsistent with JPA policy.
3. ~~A coordinator~~The Executive Director or Board Secretary, as designated by the Board, will monitor content on JPA social media sites to ensure adherence to both the JPA's Social Media Policy and the interest and goals of the JPA.
4. JPA social media sites shall be established using only an authorized e-mail address of a JPA member agency.
5. ~~Employees-Board Members~~ and/or contractors representing the JPA on social media sites shall conduct themselves at all times as a professional representative of the JPA and shall comply with all JPA policies.
6. ~~Employees-Board Members~~ and/or contractors authorized to post to the JPA's social media sites shall not share personal information about himself or herself, or any other employee or contractor.
7. JPA social media sites shall clearly state that such sites are maintained by the JPA and that the sites comply with the JPA's Social Media Policy. Where possible, this Policy shall be displayed to users on each social media site or made available by hyperlink.
8. JPA social media passwords shall not be shared with anyone not authorized to moderate the site.

9. Any ~~employee-Board Member~~ and/or contractor who violates this Policy shall be denied access to all JPA social media sites and may be subject to additional punitive action.

GENERAL CONDITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS

1. All messages posted on social media website accounts on behalf of the JPA must:
 - Present the JPA in a positive light
 - Contain information that is freely available to the public and not confidential as defined by any JPA policy or local, state or federal law
 - Refrain from including personal information, with the exception of employees and/or contractors whose job duties include being a public contact
 - Comply with local, state and federal laws
2. When posting on behalf of the JPA to social media sites, ~~employees-Board Members~~ and/or contractors shall only "endorse, like, follow or pin" (depending on the method of endorsement utilized by the social media application) the following: civic affiliated or other government related organizations, events sponsored/approved by the JPA and non-profit organizations that are partners with the JPA.
3. When posting on behalf of the JPA to social media sites, ~~employees-Board Members~~ and/or contractors shall NOT "endorse, like, follow or pin": any political groups or figures, political campaign pages, businesses or any pages unrelated to the business of the JPA.
4. JPA social networking content and comments containing any of the following forms of content shall be deleted or hidden:
 - Comments not topically related to JPA business
 - Profane language or content
 - Content that promotes, fosters or perpetuates discrimination on the basis of sex (including pregnancy, childbirth, breastfeeding or related medical conditions), race, religion (including religious dress and grooming practices), color, gender (including gender identity and gender expression), national origin (including language use restrictions and possession of a driver's license issued under Vehicle Code section 12801.9), ancestry, physical or mental disability, medical condition, genetic information, marital status, registered domestic partner status, age, sexual orientation, military and veteran status or any other basis protected by federal, state or local law or ordinance or regulation.
 - Sexual content or links to sexual content, including nudity
 - Solicitations of commerce
 - Conduct or encouragement of illegal activity

- Information that may tend to compromise the safety or security of the public or public systems
- Content that violates a legal ownership interest of any other party
- Potentially libelous comments
- Private or personal information published without consent
- Personal attacks, insults or threatening language (Users may use the site to express their dissatisfaction with a JPA program, event or customer service experience. This type of post is acceptable as long as it is not considered offensive material as previously provided)
- Commercial promotions or spam
- Hyperlinks to material that is not directly related to the discussion
- Repetitive posts copied and pasted by multiple users
- Information affiliated with or promoting political campaigns
- Images which may result in copyright infringement

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Metro Wastewater JPA Policy No. 3

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Manual and Electronic Payment/Transfers Policy

The Joint Powers Authority Proactively Addressing Regional Wastewater Issues

Chula Vista • Coronado • Del Mar • El Cajon • Imperial Beach • La Mesa • Lemon Grove Sanitation
District National JPA • Otay Water District • Poway • Padre Dam Municipal Water District
County of San Diego, representing East Otay, Lakeside/Alpine,
Spring Valley & Winter Gardens Sanitation Districts

POLICY 3: METRO WASTEWATER JPA MANUAL AND ELECTRONIC PAYMENT/FUNDS TRANSFER POLICY & PROCEDURES

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1. PURPOSE: The METRO WASTEWATER JPA makes payments to vendors and Board members either by manual processing or by electronic funds transfer and also receives funds from various parties as a routine business practice. All such payments must be properly authorized and executed to reduce the risk of erroneous or fraudulent transactions.

2. REFERENCES: Cal. Code Regs. Tit. 18, § 1707 and Regulation E of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System pursuant to the Electronic Fund Transfer Act – authorizes local government use of EFT and prescribed accounting procedures for EFT transaction processing.

3. DEFINITIONS:

Agents of Metro Wastewater JPA:

Executive Director
Financial Consultant
Engineering Consultant
Board Secretary
Senior Accountant Assistant Treasurer,
Treasurer – Required Certification Designation - CPA

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Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT): Refers to the disbursement from a bank account by means of wire, direct deposit, ACH, or other electronic means, either within a single financial institution or across multiple institutions, through computer-based systems. Wire transfers and ACH payments are examples of EFTs. This form of disbursement is authorized by RCW 39.58.750.

Automated Clearing House (ACH): A nationwide payment and collection system that provides for electronic distribution and settlement of funds. Although the term Electronic Fund Transfer (EFT) is technically more inclusive than the term ACH, the term EFT is often used synonymously with ACH and Wire Transfer. Wire transfers execute directly between two accounts, as opposed to a clearinghouse, so they process more quickly, but they are more expensive.

Wire Transfer: This is an electronic transfer of funds from one bank account to another initiated directly with the payee's bank. This type of transfer utilizes a

system operated by the Federal Reserve Banks and is more costly compared to transactions involving checks or ACH.

National Automated Clearing House Association: NACHA is the steward of the electronic system that connects all U.S. bank accounts and facilitates the movement of money among them.

Banking Information: Information from the payee or their bank regarding their account. This information includes bank name, account name, account number, routing number, bank contact information and any other information necessary to transmit funds.

4. GENERAL GUIDELINES: The METRO WASTEWATER JPA currently utilizes an entirely manual process for receipts and payments. The JPA also may utilize EFTs for receipt of intergovernmental payments, grant payments, and other revenues where practical, and the transmittal of vendor payments, credit card processing fees, banking fees, and other disbursements where practical or required.

All EFTs are subject to applicable Purchasing Policies and all other policies and procedures in relation to the purchase of goods and/or services.

Except as noted above, wire transfers should only be used in payment of an obligation of the JPA when the situation requires immediate funds to settle a transaction or no other method is available. If a more inexpensive mechanism can be used to effect payment of the obligation (i.e., ACH or paper check), the Senior Accountant/Treasurer shall reserve the right to effect payment with the more inexpensive mechanism. Exceptions to this must be preapproved by the Executive Director.

This policy will be reviewed on a biennial basis for accuracy and process verification as part of the budget process. The JPA Executive Director is authorized to recommend administrative changes to this policy intermittently with Board approval, provided such changes are consistent with state and federal requirements.

5. MANUAL INVOICE AND PAYMENT PROCESSING PROCEDURES:

a. The ~~Financial Consultant~~ shall email JPA member's per diems, and vendors must email invoices, to the Senior Accountant/Treasurer by 10th of the month.

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b. ~~Senior Accountant~~ ~~Assistant Treasurer~~ Treasurer's Review:

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i. Review (unique invoice, current amount due)

ii. Prepare summary (Vendor, Amount), attach supporting documentation, send to Finance Consultant for review and approval.

c. Finance Consultant/Executive Director Review and Approval:

i. Financial Consultant/Executive Director reviews summary invoices, compares against budget, and delivers approved signed summary via e-mail to ~~Senior Accountant~~Assistant Treasurer/Treasurer who will process checks for payment, including first wet signature by ~~Senior Accountant~~Assistant Treasurer/Treasurer.

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d. ~~Senior Accountant~~Assistant Treasurer/Treasurer prepares check summary and e-mails all secondary signatories regarding check summary and availability to sign.

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e. ~~Senior Accountant~~Assistant Treasurer/Treasurer takes or sends approved check summary, addressed and stamped envelopes, and checks to secondary signatory for wet signatures. Second signatory may be either the Metro JPA Chair, Finance Committee Chair, or Metro JPA Vice-Chair, based on availability. Secondary signer mails checks to vendors and delivers signed check summary back to ~~Senior Accountant~~Assistant Treasurer/Treasurer by month end, or ~~Senior Accountant~~Assistant Treasurer/Treasurer mails checks to vendors after secondary signatory signs and retains signed check summary.

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f. ~~Senior Accountant~~Assistant Treasurer/Treasurer maintains signed check summary for audit records.

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NOTE: Concept is that check summary should have three layers of signed approvals on it: ~~Senior Accountant~~Assistant Treasurer/Treasurer's, Financial Consultant/Executive Director, and second signatories, and be maintained for auditor records if needed.

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6. INTERNAL CONTROL REQUIREMENTS FOR ELECTRONIC PAYMENTS: To protect EFT transactions from internal and external threats, the following controls will be adhered to:

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- a. Implementation of bank offered security measures to prevent unauthorized individuals from initiating or modifying a transfer, i.e., ACH Filters.
- b. Each user initiating or approving bank transactions must have a separate bank User IDs.
- c. Each user must either initiate or authorize electronic transactions, but not both for the same transaction.
- d. Use of pre-established templates for specific transaction types and specific accounts may be authorized in advance by the Senior Accountant/Treasurer, however, new templates must be initiated by one user and authorized by the Executive Director.
- e. The process of creating, securing, sending, and authenticating direct deposit transmittal files to prevent unauthorized modification or submission is documented below.

fg. Changes to board member or vendor banking information for direct deposit must be processed in writing using the Direct Deposit Authorization Form, under no circumstances will account changes be authorized by telephone or email.

gh. Changes to vendor ACH accounts must be processed in writing, under no circumstances will account changes be authorized by telephone or email. Upon receipt, staff will independently verify changes with the vendor by phone.

7. TYPES OF PAYMENTS WHICH MAY BE MADE BY EFT:

Vendor Payments: In its normal course of business, the METRO WASTEWATER JPA may remit the following types of payments via ACH: vendor payments, Credit Card Merchant Service Fees, and bank card payments.

Wire Transfers: Transfer for investment purchases, bond proceeds, interest payments, and maturities may be processed by wire between the JPA and custodial account and between the JPA and the Local Government Investment Pool (LAIF – Local Agency Investment Fund). The Senior Accountant/Treasurer is the only position authorized to initiate wire transfers. Wire transfers may be used for vendor payments on an emergency basis or when no other payment method is available – these transactions must be approved by both the Executive Director and Board Chair/Auditor.

8. TRAINING: To ensure consistent compliance with procedures, Board members and agents of the JPA tasked with processing, reconciling and recordkeeping will train in proper procedures and internal controls prior to conducting these functions.

9. RECORD-KEEPING:

a. Transaction records will include:

- i. Unique Identifying number of the EFT payment (i.e., invoice number, date of payment, or bank transaction number).
- ii. Time and date of disbursement.
- iii. Payee name and address.
- iv. Amount of disbursement.
- v. Purpose of disbursement.
- vi. Accounting system expenditure/expense account number.
- vii. Disbursing bank's unique transaction identification number, if available.
- viii. Receiving bank or financial institution's identification number.

b. Documentation must be maintained of authorizations by payees who have thereby agreed to monies added to their accounts electronically.

10. PROCEDURES FOR ELECTRONIC PAYMENT PROCESSING:

a. Origination of ACH File:

- i. ACH File Database: The METRO WASTEWATER JPA creates ACH files from Quickbooks, which are downloaded in proper ACH format.
- ii. Transmission: Several options are available to transmit the file to the ACH originating bank, either through a gateway provider, or directly to the bank. The METRO WASTEWATER JPA generates and transmits board member payments, reimbursements, vendor and supplier payment files via California Bank & Trust.
- iii. Retention: ACH and EFT date files are recommended to be maintained until audited plus four years. (The Local Government Records Program (LoCal) is tasked by Government Code section 12236; 26 CFR 31.6001-1(e)(2); Sec. of State Guidelines recommendation).

b. Authorizations:

- i. All board members and vendors must complete and sign a Direct Deposit Authorization Form. This form is provided by and submitted to the JPA Senior Accountant/Treasurer along with the banking institution's contact information including phone number and address. The board member or vendor must provide either a deposit slip for a Savings Account or a voided check for a Checking Account. In lieu of a deposit slip or voided check, the board member or vendor may provide documentation from the board member or vendor's financial institution indicating the transit-routing number and the account number.
- ii. The authorization form shall provide the individual or company with the ability to change bank account information. Board members and vendors should notify the Senior Accountant/Treasurer immediately but no later than seven working days prior to the effective date. Exceptions may be granted up to 4 working days prior to the payment date for closed or compromised accounts.
- iii. All requests to revoke direct deposit authorization must be in writing.
- iv. Retention of authorization forms and any requests for revocation of authorization will be maintained until superseded and released from all audits.
- v. The METRO WASTEWATER JPA does not allow telephone or email-initiated entries or changes to authorizations.

vi. Direct deposit requestors are responsible for ensuring the accuracy of the bank details provided. The JPA is not liable for any errors resulting from incorrect information.

vii. The Senior Accountant/Treasurer will keep private banking information confidential and will take appropriate measures to ensure compliance with data privacy regulations.

viii. Direct deposit recipients will be directed to carefully review their remittance advices and any related documentation (e.g., direct deposit notifications) subsequent to each payment and promptly report any errors. The Senior Accountant/Treasurer will review any such notifications and work with the recipient to identify and resolve any errors in a timely manner.

ix. CHANGES TO DIRECT DEPOSIT INFORMATION

1. Notification Requirement: Direct deposit recipients must notify the Treasurer of any changes to their banking information, or their request to terminate direct deposit, at least two weeks prior to the desired change to ensure it is processed for the next payment cycle.
2. Temporary Suspension: If there is an issue with the direct deposit (e.g., incorrect bank details), Direct deposit recipients will receive their payment by alternative means (paper check) until the issue is resolved.
3. Cessation of Direct Deposit: Upon suspension or revocation of direct deposit, recipients will receive their payment via paper check until a subsequent request to reinstate direct deposit is processed.

c. Transaction Advice:

- i. AP vendors being paid by ACH or Wire will be advised of the payment via email.

d. Cancellation of Transactions:

i. If it is learned that a board member, supplier or vendor does not have a right to a payment, or the payment amount is in excess of the amount due to the board member, supplier or vendor, then the payment is to be cancelled. Actions to take will depend upon where the payment is in the timeline of the transaction.

- If the ACH file has not been transmitted to California Bank & Trust but the payment process has been finalized, staff will void the batch to remove the incorrect payment.

- If the ACH file has not been transmitted to California Bank & Trust and the ACH process has begun, staff will remove the incorrect payment prior to finalizing the batch.
- If the ACH file has already been transmitted to California Bank & Trust, staff would complete a California Bank & Trust ACH Service Request for Item Delete/Reversal and fax to California Bank & Trust.

e. Cut-off Times:

- i. The following cut-off times are established for ACH file transmissions: The ACH file auto-generated at the conclusion of the AP process should be scheduled to transmit two (2) banking days prior to issue/check date.

f. Funding Outbound ACH Transactions

- i. Funding of ACH files is deemed to be a critical function that must be performed accurately and in a timely manner, in order to avoid the overdrawing of bank accounts.
- ii. The settlement bank account which accommodates the funding of outbound ACH transactions for AP transactions is the JPA's General Bank Account held at California Bank & Trust.
- iv. Funding of ACH/EFT transactions must occur the day before the ACH funding is sent.

g. Reporting of Inbound EFT Transactions:

- i. The settlement bank accounts which accommodate the receipt of inbound ACH transactions are the JPA's General Checking Account held at California Bank & Trust.

h. Returns

- i. In the case of outbound transactions for board member and vendor payments, an ACH Returns account is not utilized. Instead, the returns will be credited to the settlement bank account at California Bank & Trust from which the funds were originally disbursed.
- ii. Returned items are monitored as part of the daily process. Any returned items are forwarded to the Senior Accountant/Treasurer, to be researched and either voided or reissued as appropriate. A second qualified reviewer will review all such returns and their related disposition.

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Meetings Meal Policy

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POLICY 4: MEETINGS MEAL POLICY

Adopted ~~January 28~~ March XX, 2025

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1. PURPOSE

This Policy is intended to provide guidelines for the prudent provision of meals for authorized meetings of the Metro Wastewater JPA.

2. OBJECTIVE

To authorize the provision of meals to required attendees of Metro Wastewater JPA meetings.

3. POLICY

Light Breakfasts and Lunches will be provided for all in-person meetings of the Metro Wastewater JPA/Commission (JPA), Finance Committee, and Metro TAC meetings. Meetings are as follows:

- Light lunches for JPA Board of Directors meetings inclusive of the Directors, MetroTAC representatives, JPA Executive Team staff, presenting San Diego staff and consultants.
- Light lunches for all in-person meetings of the MetroTAC representatives inclusive of TAC representatives, JPA Executive Team staff and presenting San Diego staff and consultants.
- Continental breakfasts for all in-person Finance Committee meetings for Committee Members and attending JPA Executive Team and San Diego Support staff.

For each fiscal year, the number of lunches (e.g., sandwiches, light dessert, and drinks) will be budgeted based on the number of projected meetings to be held during that fiscal year for each JPA or TAC meeting. The meals will be distributed on a first come first serve basis.

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Investment Policy

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POLICY 5: METRO WASTEWATER JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY INVESTMENT POLICY AND GUIDELINES

Adopted March ~~XX~~, 2025

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1. PURPOSE

This Statement is intended to provide guidelines for the prudent investment of Metro Wastewater Joint Powers Authority's (JPA) temporary idle cash and outline the policies for maximizing the efficiency of the JPA cash management system. The investment goal is to enhance the economic condition of JPA while ensuring the safety of funds invested.

2. OBJECTIVE

The JPA cash management system is designed to accurately monitor and forecast expenditures and revenues, thus enabling JPA to invest funds to the fullest extent possible. JPA attempts to obtain the highest yield on its investments consistent with the criteria established for safety and liquidity.

3. POLICY

JPA Treasurer is responsible for investing the surplus funds in JPA Treasury in accordance with the California Government Code, Sections 53600 et seq. and 53635 et seq. JPA makes investments in accordance with California Government Code Section 53600.3, which states "all governing bodies of local agencies or persons authorized to make investment decisions on behalf of those local agencies investing public funds pursuant to this chapter are trustees and therefore fiduciaries subject to the prudent investor standard. When investing, reinvesting, purchasing, acquiring, exchanging, selling, or managing public funds, a trustee shall act with care, skill, prudence, and diligence under the circumstances then prevailing, including, but not limited to, the general economic conditions and the anticipated needs of the agency, that a prudent person acting in a like capacity and familiarity with those matters would use in the conduct of funds of a like

character and with like aims, to safeguard the principal and maintain the liquidity needs of the agency. Within the limitations of this section and considering individual investments as part of an overall strategy, investments may be acquired as authorized by law.”

The three principal factors of safety, liquidity and yield are to be taken into consideration when making investment decisions.

- A) Safety. Safety and the minimizing of risk associated with investing refer to attempts to reduce the potential for loss of principal, interest or a combination of the two. JPA invests only in those instruments that are considered very safe.
- B) Liquidity. Liquidity refers to the ability to convert an investment to cash promptly with a minimum risk of losing some portion of principal or interest. A portion of the portfolio should be maintained in liquid short-term securities which can be converted to cash, if necessary, to meet disbursement requirements.
- C) Yield. Yield is the average annual return on an investment based on the interest rate, price, and length of time to maturity. JPA attempts to obtain the highest yield possible, provided that the basic criteria of safety and liquidity have been met.

4. INVESTMENT INSTRUMENTS

JPA may invest in the following instruments under the guidelines as provided herein:

- A) Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF). Investment of funds in the California LAIF which allows the State Treasurer to invest through the Pooled Money Investment Account. Maximum investment is subject to state regulation.
- B) County of San Diego County Treasury. Investment of funds in the Treasury of the County of San Diego that allows the County Treasurer to invest through the Pooled Money Investment Account.
- C) Money Market Fund. Investment of funds in the Money Market Fund which allows investment in short-term dollar-denominated securities that are issued by diversified management companies and registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission under the Investment Company Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. Sec. 80a-1 et seq.) in accordance with Government Code Section 53601(l)(2) and subject to the criteria and restrictions set forth in Government Code Section 53601(l)(4) and (5).

5. SAFEKEEPING

All investments of JPA shall have the Metro Wastewater Joint Powers Authority as registered owner or shall be kept in the custody of JPA or by a qualified safekeeping institution.

6. INVESTMENT REPORTS

A) JPA Treasurer shall submit investment reports quarterly within 30 days of the end of the quarter to the JPA's Board of Directors containing the following information:

- Financial institution
- Type of investment
- Amount of deposit
- Rate of interest

B) JPA Treasurer shall report monthly transaction reports to the JPA's Board of Directors if any investment transactions have been initiated on behalf of the JPA. This does not include any interest transactions occurring in the normal course of business.

C) JPA Treasurer shall annually render a Statement of Investment Policy to the Board of Directors.

7. INVESTMENT OF BOND FUNDS

In accordance with Government Code Section 53601, monies held by a trustee or fiscal agent and pledged to the payment or security of bonds, may be invested in accordance with the statutory provisions governing the issuance of those bonds, ordinance, resolution, or indenture of trust.

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Purchasing Policy

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POLICY 6: METRO WASTEWATER JPA PURCHASING POLICY

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1. Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to establish guidelines for the procurement of goods and services to ensure fiscal responsibility, compliance with applicable laws, and the acquisition of quality products and services at the best possible prices.

2. Scope

This policy applies to all purchases made by the JPA, including supplies, equipment, services, and construction contracts.

3. General Principles

- **Transparency:** All purchasing activities should be conducted in a transparent manner.
- **Fair Competition:** Ensure fair and open competition among suppliers.
- **Cost-Effectiveness:** Aim to obtain the best value for money.
- **Accountability:** Maintain clear records and documentation for all purchases.
- **Agents of the JPA:**
 - **Executive Director,**
 - **Financial Consultant**
 - **Engineering Consultant**
 - **Board Secretary**
 - ~~Senior Accountant~~ **Assistant Treasurer**
 - **Treasurer**

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4. Procurement Authority and Responsibilities

- **Board of Directors:** Approves the annual budget and any single expenditure over \$10,000.
- **Executive Director:** Has the authority to approve purchases up to \$10,000, with the concurrence of the Board of Directors Chairman.

5. Purchasing Procedures

5.1 Purchases up to \$5,000 per annum

- **Procedure:** Obtain at least one verbal or written quote.
- **Approval:** Executive Director can approve these purchases with concurrence of Board of Directors Chair
- **Documentation:** Maintain a record of the quote and the rationale for the selection for a time period consistent with the records retention schedule.

5.2 Purchases between \$5,001 and \$10,000 per annum

- **Procedure:** Try to obtain at least three written quotes.
- **Approval:** Executive Director can approve these purchases with concurrence of Board of Directors Chair
- **Documentation:** Record all quotes and the decision-making process for a time period consistent with the records retention schedule.

5.3 Purchases between \$10,001 and \$50,000 per annum

- **Procedure:** Either issue a formal Request for Proposals (RFP) with a goal of obtaining at least three proposals, or, if sole source professional services is justified, document the rationale for selecting a single vendor.
- **Approval:** Requires approval from the Board of Directors.
- **Documentation:** Maintain comprehensive records of the RFP, proposals, evaluation process, or sole source justification for a time period consistent with the records retention schedule.

5.4 Purchases over \$50,000 per annum

- **Procedure:** If a majority of the Board is satisfied with the performance of an agent of the JPA, a negotiation may proceed as a sole source agreement. If not, issue a formal Request for Proposals (RFP) and with a goal of obtaining at least three proposals. If three proposals are not received by the deadline, the Executive Director may waive this requirement. The submittal deadline shall not be less than 30 days following the date of release of the RFP.
- **Approval:** Requires approval from the Board of Directors.
- **Documentation:** Maintain comprehensive records of the RFP, proposals, and evaluation process for a time period consistent with the records retention schedule.

6. Emergency Purchases

In cases of emergency where immediate purchase is necessary to protect the health, safety, or welfare of the public or to address urgent operational needs, the Executive Director or their designee may authorize such purchases not to exceed \$10,000 with concurrence of the Board of Directors Chair. Emergency purchases must be reported to the Board of Directors at the next regular meeting.

7. Ethical Considerations

All individuals involved in the purchasing process must adhere to the highest standards of ethical conduct, avoiding conflicts of interest and ensuring impartiality in decision-making.

8. Documentation and Record Keeping

Maintain detailed records of all purchasing activities, including quotes, bids, purchase orders, contracts, and approvals. These records should be retained for a time period consistent with the records retention schedule.

9. Review and Amendments

This policy should be reviewed biennially by the Board of Directors and amended as necessary to ensure it remains effective and compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

10. Compliance

Failure to comply with this policy may result in disciplinary action, up to and including termination of contract.

*** End of Policy ***



Metro Wastewater JPA Procedure No. 1

Redline Guidelines for Staff in Closed Session

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Guidelines for Staff in Closed Sessions

The chart below is meant to be helpful guidance regarding who is and is not permitted in a closed session under the guidance of California Attorney General (“AG”) Opinion No. 21-1102, published May 26, 2022, regarding staff attendance at closed sessions held under the Ralph M. Brown Act. These guidelines are subject to revision as the law changes. In the event of a change in law; the most current law will control.

Who May Attend Closed Session

- Members of the legislative body.
- Individuals authorized by statute to attend (i.e., legal counsel, real estate negotiator).
- Individuals who are “essential” to the agency’s ability to conduct the closed session business (such as the Executive Director, Executive Staff, or a percipient factual witness; must be “more than a mere potential benefit”).
- Designated clerk, officer, or employee to take notes and record closed session (must be the same single person designated by the Metro JPA Board for each closed session).

Who May Not Attend Closed Session

- Members of the public; non-essential staff or consultants
- Members of Metro TAC (unless deemed “essential” for the purposes of that closed session).
- Individual staff members of the legislative body members, or the participating agency (unless deemed “essential”), even for purposes of taking notes, administering the meeting, or providing the members with relevant information.
- An Alternate Board Member of the legislative body who is not serving in place of an absent member.
- Anyone else not expressly designated as essential to the closed session.

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Fiscal Year End Closing Procedures

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PROCEDURE 2: METRO WASTEWATER JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY FISCAL YEAR END CLOSING PROCEDURES

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Adopted March XX, 2025

1. PURPOSE

This Procedure document is intended to provide guidelines for the comprehensive process of properly preparing to close the Fiscal Year-End accounting records for Metro Wastewater Joint Powers Authority's (JPA). This is to ensure the JPA is prepared to provide accurate accounting records to the independent auditor.

2. OBJECTIVE

The fiscal year-end close process is required to prepare the general ledger accounts for financial statement presentation and for the start of the next accounting process. The closing process consists of steps to transfer income statement accounts to balance sheet accounts. Since income statement accounts record current year activity, they must be zeroed out or closed in preparation of the next accounting period. This process begins after June 30, The JPA's fiscal year-end close date. The process continues until the financial statement audit field work begins. At the end of the fiscal close, the income statement accounts are closed into net position for the beginning of the next accounting period.

3. PROCEDURES

1. Each May, list all critical activities that are part of the year-end closing process (e.g. reconcile all accounts, evaluate your assets and liabilities etc.)
 - a. Send reminder to agencies to pay any amounts due prior to June 30,
 - b. Send reminder to independent contractors and vendors to provide any invoices for work completed in June or prior, no later than July 20th, so the amounts may be properly accrued onto the books of the JPA.
2. Gather Relevant Financial Documents:

- a. Bank statements,
 - b. Statements from credit cards, etc,
 - c. Inventory counts (if any),
 - d. Copy of last year's financial statements and general ledger.
3. Reconcile Bank Statements:
- a. Compare each transaction in your bank statements with the corresponding entry in your general ledger. Then check for discrepancies between them.
4. Review Accounts Payable and Receivable:
- a. Review outstanding bills and invoices, as well as vendor and customer payments, and confirm they're accurately recorded in the correct fiscal year and represent the amounts owed. Receivables are recorded revenue earned, but not yet received and Payables are accrued for expenses incurred, but not yet paid.
5. Review Your Assets:
- a. Definition of Capital Asset: Useful Life > 1 Year and Cost > \$5,000.00
 - b. Ensure your financial statements reflect the true value of your assets on the balance sheet and the appropriate expenses on the income statement.
 - c. Calculate the Depreciation Expense for Each Asset.
 - d. Estimate the useful life of the asset, estimate a salvage value and deduct the salvage value from the asset's cost to find the amount that needs to be depreciated over the lifetime of the asset.
 - e. Divide that number by the useful life to find the amount of depreciation to be recognized for that asset in each accounting year.
6. Prepare Your Income Statement:
- a. An income statement (also known as a Profit and Loss Statement) provides a summary of the JPA's revenues, expenses, and change in net position (or net loss) during the fiscal year.
7. Prepare Your Balance Sheet:
- a. A balance sheet offers a summary of the JPA's assets, liabilities, and Net Position, grouped into current and non-current items.
8. Gather All Necessary Tax Documents:
- a. Gather all necessary tax documents, such as W-2s, 1099s, and other relevant tax forms.
 - b. Make sure they are complete and accurate.
9. Check All JPA member Expense Reports:
- a. Gather all expense reports submitted for reimbursement during the year.
 - b. Ensure you have documentation for each report, including receipts and supporting documentation.
10. Reconcile Credit Card Statements
11. Review Contracts and Agreements:
- a. Collect all contracts, agreements, and legal documents for any financial commitments the JPA executed during the year, such as

relationships with vendors, clients, suppliers, partners, landlords, and other contracts.

- b. Identify any financial obligations from the contracts, then record relevant information (such as contract values, payment schedules, and billing cycles) in your records.

12. Assess the Need for Bad Debt Write-Offs

13. Create updated accounts receivable aging report and review it to identify overdue invoices and aging balances.

- a. Analyze the payment history of the accounts to assess how likely customers are to pay.
- b. Estimate the portion of accounts receivable that is unlikely to be collected based on your assessment.

14. Review and Adjust Accounts:

- a. Review individual transactions in each general ledger account and verify that transactions are correctly recorded, classified, and summarized according to the chart of accounts. Reconcile them with supporting documentation (bank statements, invoices, receipts, and other financial records).

15. Prepare Cash Flow Statement

- a. Summarize the cash inflows and outflows from operating, investing and financing activities during the fiscal year.

16. Document Year-End Review:

- a. Maintain thorough documentation of your year-end accounting review process. This will be valuable for audits and future reference.

17. Set Goals for the Next Fiscal Year:

- a. Assess how the year end close process went this year, identify opportunities for improvement and set goals for next year's financial close process, including which steps you'll want to complete early.

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Banking Authorization Procedure

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Metro Wastewater Joint Powers Authority

STAFF REPORT

TO: Board of Directors
Metro Wastewater Joint Powers Authority

DATE: February 6, 2025

FROM: Adriana Ochoa, General Counsel

AGENDA ITEM NO. 10^h: Changes to Authorized Banking Signatories

BACKGROUND & DISCUSSION

In order for checks written from Metro Wastewater Authority JPA's ("Metro") bank account to be processed, two authorized signatures are required: one from the Metro Treasurer, and a second signature from an authorized signatory. On January 6, 2025, Metro Wastewater Joint Powers Authority's Treasurer visited California Bank & Trust to review Metro's account information. While reviewing the account information, the Treasurer learned that former directors John Peasley and John Mullin are still authorized to write checks from the account and that only one current director (the Board Chair) is authorized to write checks from the account.

To change the authorized signatories for Metro's account, the California Bank & Trust Client Information Form (Attachment 1) must be completed and returned in person to any California Bank & Trust bank. Metro must also submit a copy of its bylaws related to banking and the minute meetings approving the change in authorized signatories, both of which can be submitted via email.

THEREFORE, COUNSEL RECOMMENDS THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS TAKE THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS:

1. Remove former directors John Peasley and John Mullin as authorized signatories on Metro's account with California Bank & Trust.
2. Authorize the current Metro Board Chair, Vice Chair, Second Vice Chair, Finance Committee Chair, and Treasurer or Assistant Treasurer as signatories on Metro's account with California Bank & Trust for all banking purposes.
3. Authorize Jerry Jones, Peter De Hoff, and Jose Preciado as authorized signatories on Metro's account with California Bank & Trust for all banking purposes.

4. Discuss and take other action as appropriate.

Attachment 1: California Bank & Trust Client Information Form

PASSED AND APPROVED at a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Metro Wastewater Authority, held this 6th day of February, 2025.

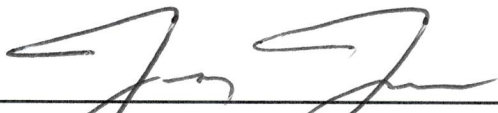
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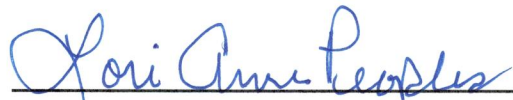
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ABSENT: NONE

ATTEST:



Jerry Jones, Board Chair
Metro Wastewater Joint Powers Authority



Lori Anne Peoples, Board Secretary
Metro Wastewater Joint Powers Authority

ATTACHMENT 1



CALIFORNIA BANK
TRUST

1024 Graves Ave, El Cajon, Ca 92021
Ph. (619)440-0411 Fax. (855)830-0635

CLIENT INFORMATION FORM

Full Legal Name: _____

Residential Address (No PO Box): _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip Code:** _____

Mailing Address (if different from above) _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip Code:** _____

Primary Phone: _____ **Secondary Phone:** _____

Social Security #: _____ **Date of Birth:** _____

Name of Employer: _____

Occupation / Position (if retired, your previous occupation): _____

Email address: _____

Primary ID (CIRCLE ONE): Driver's License, State ID, Passport, and ID #: _____

Issuing State/Country: _____ **Issue date:** _____ **Exp date:** _____

Would you like more information on our Checking Account Overdraft Protection Lines? Yes / No

Would you like more information on our AmaZing® Credit Card offers? Yes / No

Would you like more information on our Home Equity Credit Lines? Yes / No

To identify you over the phone please create an account password: _____

If you will be creating a Brand NEW User ID for our Online Banking service, please create your Username: _____

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Establishing a Reserve Fund Policy

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RESOLUTION NO. 2024-2

**RESOLUTION OF THE METRO WASTEWATER JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS ESTABLISHING A RESERVE FUND POLICY**

WHEREAS, a key element of prudent financial planning is to ensure that sufficient funding is available for current and future operating, capital, and/or debt service needs;

WHEREAS, the Metro Wastewater Joint Powers Authority (“Metro”) Board of Directors endeavors at all times to have sufficient funds available to meet its financial obligations; and

WHEREAS, fiscal responsibility requires anticipating the likelihood of and preparing for unforeseen events; therefore, this Reserve Fund Policy outlines specific accounts to meet these planned and unforeseen obligations;

WHEREAS, the Metro organization has created an Executive Director position in order to have a primary report that will be responsible for the oversight, management and monitoring of Metro’s budgets, among other matters;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. General Provisions

The Metro Board of Directors (Board) desires to designate specific fund accounts and maintain minimum fund balances consistent with amounts determined to be in the best interest of Metro and intended to ensure Metro has sufficient funds to meet current and future financial needs.

Metro hereby establishes and will maintain the following reserve components:

- a) Operating Reserves Fund
- b) Contingency Reserves Fund

Fund balances will be reviewed on an annual basis by both the Metro Finance Committee for recommendation to the Board, and the Metro Board of Directors, in order to evaluate reconciliation of the fund balances and assess the financial capacity to accomplish identified activities and objectives.

The target balance established for each reserve component represents the baseline financial condition that is acceptable to Metro from a risk management and financial planning perspective. Maintaining funds at appropriate levels is an ongoing business process that consists of a periodic assessment of revenues and expenditure levels.

2. Reserve Components

- a) **Operating Reserve Fund**: The Operating Reserve Fund is designated by the Board

to maintain working capital for current operations to ensure continuity of operations during short-term fluctuations in cash flow due to slow or delayed payment by Metro Participating Agencies, demand volatility, unanticipated costs, or other factors. Metro's ~~Administrative Executive Director Coordinator~~ and Treasurer are hereby authorized to use funds from the Operating Reserve Fund for expenditures that are Designated Expenses/Uses as set forth below.

Any request by staff to use funds from the Operating Reserve that shall bring the reserve below the minimum fund balance set forth below must be approved by the Board of Directors and accompanied by a staff report explaining the need for the expenditure(s).

Source of Funds:

- Prior year ending balance carried forward
- Allocation of funds by Board action
- Net operating income

Designation of Expenses/Uses:

- Funding requirements due to short term revenue and expenditure imbalance (for example, increases in consultant costs)
- Intra-fiscal year cash flow timing without Board approval, so long as the fund balance is not impaired by fiscal year-end

Target Balance:

- The Operating Reserve target balance shall be in the amount of four (4) months average expenditures based on the current fiscal year's operating budget; with a minimum fund balance of one (1) month of average expenditures.

b) Contingency Reserve Fund: The Board of Directors endeavors to budget for all anticipated expenditures, but emergencies and unforeseen circumstances can occur during the course of the year. The Contingency Reserve Fund is intended to provide funding for expenditures that must be undertaken to address emergencies or unforeseen circumstances (such as responding to a spill event).

Any request by staff to use Contingency Reserve Funds is subject to prior approval by the Board of Directors at the next regular meeting, and accompanied by a staff report explaining the need for the expenditure(s). In instances where funds must be disbursed immediately, the Board hereby delegates to the ~~TAC Chair~~Executive Director, or if the ~~TAC Chair~~Executive Director is unavailable, to the ~~TAC Vice-Chair~~Board ChairTreasurer, authority to evaluate and approve expenditures from the Contingency Reserve Fund, subject to a second approval by the Metro Auditor or a separate authorized signer ~~under~~identified the Invoice Payment Policy. The ~~TAC Chair~~Executive Director shall thereafter present a report regarding the expenditure for ratification at the following regular Board meeting.

Source of Funds:

- Prior year ending balance carried forward
- Allocation of funds by Board action
- Net operating income

Designation of Expenses/Uses:

- Emergencies/Unforeseen events

Target Balance:

- The Contingency Reserve target balance shall be in the amount of three (3) months average expenditures based on the current fiscal year's operating budget.

3. Delegation of Authority

The Metro Board of Directors has sole authority to amend or revise this Reserve Policy. Management responsibility for the Reserve Policy is hereby delegated to the Board Chair, who through approval of this Policy has established written procedures for the management of Metro's reserves.

4. Replacement and Supersession:

The previous Reserve Fund Policy is hereby rescinded, and this Resolution 2024-02 Establishing a Reserve Fund Policy replaces and supersedes it in its entirety.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the Metro Wastewater Joint Powers Authority at a meeting thereof held on the ____ day of _____, June, 20243.

Chairperson

ATTEST:

Board Secretary

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Metro Wastewater JPA Resolution 2025-02

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Establishing Compensation for Directors

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RESOLUTION 2025-02

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A RESOLUTION OF THE METRO WASTEWATER JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS ESTABLISHING COMPENSATION OF DIRECTORS

WHEREAS, the Metro Wastewater Joint Powers Authority ("**Metro**") is a public agency formed pursuant to joint powers agreements pursuant to Government Code sections 6500 *et seq.*, and governed by the Metro Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, the Metro Board of Directors desires to establish reasonable compensation for all Metro Board Directors ~~of the Metro~~, excluding Advisory Directors, from time to time by resolution of the Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, compensation for Directors' attendance at Metro Board meetings ~~has not been changed since at least 2008; was last revised in June 2023 via Resolution 2023-02;~~

WHEREAS, the Metro Board of Directors desires to modify Resolution 2023-02 in order to establish reasonable compensation for duly appointed Metro Alternate Directors;

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED-RESOLVED THAT:

1. General Provisions. The Metro Board of Directors shall establish compensation every five years for all Metro Directors, excluding Advisory Directors, beginning with Fiscal Year 2023-2024 through the end of Fiscal Year 2027-2028 (the "**Period**"). If the Metro Board of Directors does not adopt a new resolution establishing future compensation before the end of the Period, compensation shall remain at the same amount established in the 2027-2028 Fiscal Year until a new resolution establishing compensation is subsequently adopted.

2. Per Diem Established. Beginning Fiscal Year 2023-2024, ~~the~~ Metro Directors (or duly-appointed ~~a~~ Alternates that attend meetings in a primary Director's absence) shall be paid compensation in the amount of \$158.00 ("**Per Diem**") for attendance at Metro meetings, including attendance at meetings of an advisory body of Metro, such as standing or ad hoc subcommittees, orientations, trainings, tours, or for each day's service rendered as a Metro Director by request of the Chair or Board. For each subsequent Fiscal Year thereafter during the remainder of the Period, the Per Diem amount shall increase at an annual rate of 5.00%, as established below.

Fiscal Year	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028
Ended						
Stipend (\$)	\$150.00	\$158.00	\$166.00	\$175.00	\$184.00	\$194.00
Increase (%)	0.00%	5.00%	5.00%	5.00%	5.00%	5.00%

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3. Attendance at Multiple Meetings. Where a Director attends multiple but

distinct Metro meetings (including advisory body meetings) in the same day, the Director shall be compensated Per Diem for each meeting attended, so long as each meeting's duration lasts at least fifteen (15) minutes or longer.

4. Compensation for Duly Appointed Alternates. Duly –appointed Alternate Directors shall receive Per Diem and mileage reimbursement for attendance at orientations, trainings, preparation meetings or briefings, tours, and meetings of the Metro Board of Directors (even if the primary Director is present). It is a benefit to the Metro Board of Directors that Alternate Directors observe and monitor the discussions of the Metro Board so that s/he can step in as an informed member of the Board if or when s/he is required to attend in a voting capacity, and in order to ensure responsible succession planning for the organization.

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4.5. Finance Committee Alternate. If the Metro Board's duly appointed alternate member of the Finance Committee attends a Finance Committee meeting in a non-voting capacity (meaning all primary Finance Committee members are present), the alternate may nonetheless receive a Per Diem for his or her attendance at that meeting, in order to encourage the alternate's attendance at Finance Committee meetings. It is a benefit to both the Finance Committee and the Metro Board of Directors that the Finance Committee alternate observe and track the discussions held at Finance Committee meetings so that s/he can step in as an informed member of the Finance Committee if or when s/he is required to attend in a voting capacity.

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5.6. Limit on Number of Meetings. No Board Director or ~~alternate~~ Alternate Director shall be paid more than six (6) Per Diems per month, except for the Board Chair, who may be paid for no more than ten (10) Per Diems per month. All Per Diem requests must be submitted to the Metro Treasurer within sixty (60) days of the day for which a Per Diem is requested.

7. No Overlapping Compensation. Directors to whom Metro would pay a Per Diem pursuant to this resolution shall not receive a Per Diem if they are otherwise eligible to receive compensation, including ~~P~~er ~~D~~iem, from their respective agencies for attendance at Metro meetings or for service rendered as a Metro Director by request of the Chair or Board.

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6.8. Supersession. This Resolution 2025-02 hereby supersedes Resolution 2023-02 in its entirety and Resolution 2023-02 is now set aside and declared void.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Metro Wastewater Authority, held this 6th day of February, 2025.

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

ATTEST:

Jerry Jones, Board Chair
Metro Wastewater Joint Powers Authority

Lori Anne Peoples, Board Secretary
Metro Wastewater Joint Powers Authority

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Adriana R. Ochoa, General Counsel
Metro Wastewater Joint Powers Authority

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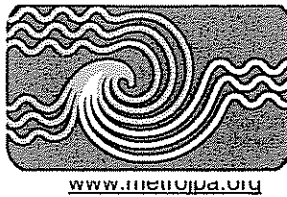


Metro Wastewater JPA Protocol No. 1

Redline Debt Service Coverage and Operations Reserve Calculations

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April 19, 2010

Rod Greek
Public Utilities Deputy Director
City of San Diego, Metropolitan Wastewater
9192 Topaz Way
San Diego, CA 92123

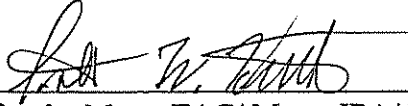
Re: Administrative Protocol on Allocation of Operating Reserves and Debt Service
Coverage to Participating Agencies

Dear Mr. Greek:

This letter is intended to memorialize the attached Administrative Protocol on Allocation of Operating Reserves and Debt Service Coverage to Participating Agencies ("Protocol") negotiated between the City of San Diego and Metro TAC/ Metro JPA/ Metro Commission, on behalf of the Participating Agencies under the Regional Wastewater Disposal Agreement. Your signature will indicate acceptance of the Protocol on behalf of the City.

By countersigning this letter, the City of San Diego and Metro TAC/ Metro JPA/ Metro Commission acknowledge and agree to the terms and conditions contained in the attached Protocol.

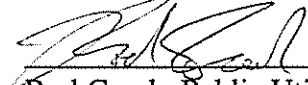
Sincerely,

 4/21/10
for the Metro TAC/ Metro JPA/ Metro Commission

Enclosure

The Protocol is accepted by the City of San Diego pursuant to the terms and conditions set forth in the attachment hereto:

Date: 4/19/10


Rod Greek, Public Utilities Deputy Director

The Protocol is accepted by Metro TAC/ Metro JPA/ Metro Commission on behalf of the Participating Agencies pursuant to the terms and conditions set forth in the attachment hereto:

Date: 5/6/10



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Administrative Protocol on Allocation of Operating Reserves and Debt Service Coverage to Participating Agencies

BACKGROUND:

In early 2008 the MetroTAC formed a working group in response to the City of San Diego's request for \$20 million in funding in FYE 2009 from the Participating Agencies ("PAs") for operating reserves and debt service coverage. The working group continued to meet with City of San Diego staff regarding the establishment of a mutually agreed upon protocol through early February 2010. A summary of the City of San Diego's 2008 proposal and the negotiated 2010 protocol is included as Attachment A.

At its regular meeting of February 17, 2010, the MetroTAC approved the following recommendations to move to the Finance Committee of the Metro Wastewater JPA and thereafter to the Metro Commission/ Metro Wastewater JPA for discussion and action:

- Proceed with PAs funding a 1.2 debt service ratio coverage
- Proceed with PAs funding a 45 day operating reserves
- The PAs will fund no other reserves
- FY07 and FY08 refund monies will be used to fund the operating reserves
- Interest accrual on operating reserves and undesignated accounts will start with FY10 (beginning on July 1, 2009)

The Finance Committee of the Metro Wastewater JPA, at its February 24, 2010 meeting, took action to recommend approval of the above, by the Metro Commission/ Metro Wastewater JPA. At its March 4, 2010 meeting, the Metro Commission/ Metro Wastewater JPA, comprised of representatives of the PAs, approved the components of the negotiated policy, with the understanding that any such policy would serve as an administrative protocol regarding the allocation of debt service coverage to the PAs and funding of operating reserves by the PAs.

PROTOCOL REGARDING PA FUNDING OF OPERATING RESERVES:

Background:

Operating reserves are established to provide funding for unforeseen events that might occur during the course of the fiscal year such as unforeseen major maintenance or capital projects. The PAs performed a survey of other regional wholesale agencies and determined that agencies such as the San Diego County Water Authority maintain a 45 day operating reserves. Although the City of San Diego's current policy is to increase operating reserves for its retail customers from 45 to 70 days, the City realizes that if a major maintenance incident should occur it can immediately request payment from the PAs per the Regional Wastewater Disposal Agreement. The City of San Diego's retail customer's rates cannot be immediately increased due to Proposition 218 requirements for noticing and public hearings.

Protocol:

Attachment B is a summary of the funding strategy showing each PAs 2007 and 2008 refunds based on recent City Metro Wastewater Exhibit E audits. The refunds will be used to fund the PAs 45 day operating reserves contribution. In the majority of cases most PAs will see a refund even after they have

fully funded their portion of the operating reserves. PAs that do not have adequate refunds will be billed for their portion of the reserve in the next quarterly 2010 billing. The operating reserves for each fiscal year will be established based on 45 days of operating revenues as determined by the following formula:

Fiscal Year Estimated Operating Expenses (not including CIP and debt service)

365 days X 45 days

The number of days included in the calculation cannot be changed without prior consent of the PAs.

The operating reserves will be maintained by the City of San Diego and interest will accrue on a monthly basis based on actual interest rates on the City's investments. This interest revenue will be added to the PAs undesignated fund balance for that fiscal year. As part of each year's Exhibit E audit the actual required operating reserves and interest earned on it will be determined and audited by the City of San Diego's external auditors and PA representatives. A summary of the operating reserves balance and interest earned for each PA will be included as a footnote or attachment to the City Metro Wastewater Exhibit E Audit.

PROTOCOL REGARDING ALLOCATION OF DEBT SERVICE COVERAGE TO PAs

Background:

A 1.2 debt service coverage ratio is a requirement for all of the outstanding Metro parity debt. A cash flow prepared by the City of San Diego shows (Attachment C) that if the PAs are billed at the current level (\$65 million annually to cover the PAs portion of operations, pay-go capital, and debt service expense) for the next three to five years that this requirement can be achieved without additional contributions by the PAs. This provides the PAs a stable projected annual Metro contribution for the next three to five years.

Protocol:

The PAs will maintain through annual contributions and use of PA undesignated fund balance a positive cash flow not to exceed 1.2 times the PA share of the required annual debt service on Metro Debt. The debt service coverage ratio of 1.2 cannot be changed without prior consent of the PAs.

The undesignated fund balance will be maintained by the City of San Diego and interest will accrue on a monthly basis based on actual interest rates on the City's investments. This interest revenue will be added to the PAs undesignated fund balance for that fiscal year.

As part of each year's Exhibit E audit the actual required reserve coverage and interest earned on the undesignated fund balance will be determined and audited by the City of San Diego's external auditors and PA representatives. A summary of the debt service coverage requirement and portion of interest earned on the undesignated fund balance for each PA will be included as a footnote or attachment to the City Metro Wastewater Exhibit E Audit.

If the cash flow in any year does not provide the required 1.2 debt service coverage the PAs will be billed the additional required revenue including interest.

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Schedule of Participating Agency Contributions to Operations Reserve and Debt Service Coverage Cash flow FY 2007-2011
Prepared on: February 23, 2010

HOW TO READ CASH FLOW SPREADSHEET:

Blue font = data inputted directly into spreadsheet

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Line #	Cash flow Component	Legend	Foot-note #	AUDITED		FY09	FY10	FY11	PROJECTED	FY13	FY14	FY15
				FY07	FY08				FY12			
1	Current Projected Revenue Stream	Input		\$54,007,596	\$63,231,038	\$57,249,960	\$64,487,408	\$65,000,000	\$65,000,000	\$65,000,000	\$65,000,000	\$65,000,000
2	Annual Refund After Exhibit E Audit	Input					(8,209,431)	(1,500,000)	(3,000,000)	(2,500,000)	(2,100,000)	(1,800,000)
3	Transfer (to)/from Operating Reserve	Line 21-Prior Year					(4,281,432)	(42,814)	(43,242)	(43,675)	(44,112)	(44,553)
4	Undesignated Fund Balance Interest	Line 17 X Interest Rate	(1)				79,990	258,156	225,608	113,282	62,579	58,899
5	Operating Reserve Interest	Calculated Off-Line	(2)				164,514	166,159	167,821	169,499	171,194	172,906
6	Gross PA System Revenue	Sum(Line1:Line5)		\$54,007,596	\$63,231,038	\$57,249,960	\$52,241,049	\$63,881,500	\$62,350,187	\$62,739,106	\$63,089,661	\$63,387,252
7	Less:											
8	PA Estimated Total Operating Expenses	Prior year X 1.01	(3)	\$32,304,298	\$37,150,042	\$34,727,170	\$34,727,170	\$35,074,442	\$35,425,186	\$35,779,438	\$36,137,232	\$36,498,605
9												
10	Net PA System Revenue	Line 6 - Line 8		\$21,703,298	\$26,080,996	\$22,522,790	\$17,513,879	\$28,807,059	\$26,925,001	\$26,959,668	\$26,952,429	\$26,888,647
11												
12	PA Annual Debt Service Payment	Calculated Off-Line		\$20,373,393	\$19,850,051	\$20,441,069	\$24,049,989	\$24,043,880	\$22,479,039	\$22,478,266	\$22,478,075	\$22,478,730
13	CIP Pay Go – 20% of Projected CIP	Input	(4)	(4,417,502)	(512,512)	-	1,318,048	5,610,210	7,369,218	5,800,940	4,570,129	4,655,009
14	Total CIP and Debt Service	Line 12 + 13		15,955,891	19,337,539	20,441,069	25,368,037	29,654,090	29,848,257	28,279,206	27,048,204	27,133,739
15												
16	Net Income after CIP and Debt Service	Line 10 - 14		\$5,747,407	\$6,743,457	\$2,081,721	(\$7,854,157)	(\$847,032)	(\$2,923,257)	(\$1,319,537)	(\$95,775)	(\$245,092)
17	PA Undesignated Fund Balance	Line 16 + Prior Year		\$5,747,407	\$12,490,864	\$14,572,585	\$6,718,428	\$5,871,396	\$2,948,139	\$1,628,602	\$1,532,827	\$1,287,735
18												
19	Calculated Debt Service Ratio	Line 10/Line 12	(5)				0.73	1.20	1.20	1.20	1.20	1.20
20												
21	Operating Reserve (45 days)	(Line 8/365 days) X 45 days					\$4,281,432	\$4,324,246	\$4,367,489	\$4,411,164	\$4,455,275	\$4,499,828

Footnotes:

Footnotes:

- (1) average of current year ending balance + prior year ending balance times 3.2%
- (2) average monthly balance times LAIF rate (first year calculated at half year interest)
- (3) FY09 based on average of FY07 & FY08 then 1% inflation
- (4) 20% of projected Metro CIP
- (5) Minimum coverage requirement 1.2 time annual Metro debt service

FY10 Operating Reserve Calc:

PA Operating Expenses:	\$34,727,170
divided by:	365
Equals:	\$95,143
Times:	45
45 day Operating Reserve:	\$4,281,432

FY10 Operating Reserve Interest Calc:

PA Operating Expenses:	\$4,281,432
Times ave monthly LAIF interest Rate:	0.038425 (range from 3.18% to 4.53% per month)
FY10 Estimated interest Earned:	\$164,514

FY07-FY08 Operating Reserve Rate Stabilization
Based on 2008 Flows
FINAL

Agency	EXHIBIT E AUDIT ADJUSTMENTS			2008 FLOWS & LOADS		
	FY 2007	FY 2008	TOTAL	2008 FLOWS & LOADS	OPERATING RESERVE	NET
CHULA VISTA	(\$1,837,010)	(\$2,100,751)	(\$3,937,761)	28.083%	\$1,202,374	(\$2,735,387)
CORONADO	(\$189,910)	(\$366,858)	(\$556,768)	3.356%	\$143,693	(\$413,075)
DEL MAR	(\$87,785)	(\$103,913)	(\$191,698)	1.029%	\$44,061	(\$147,637)
EL CAJON	(\$290,369)	\$66,888	(\$223,481)	15.270%	\$653,789	\$430,308
IMPERIAL BEACH	(\$132,300)	(\$130,153)	(\$262,453)	3.652%	\$156,373	(\$106,080)
LA MESA	(\$99,793)	(\$40,190)	(\$139,983)	8.842%	\$378,561	\$238,578
LAKESIDE/ALPINE	(\$293,313)	(\$243,206)	(\$536,519)	5.357%	\$229,368	(\$307,151)
LEMON GROVE	(\$147,034)	(\$195,043)	(\$342,077)	3.611%	\$154,615	(\$187,462)
NATIONAL CITY	(\$637,379)	(\$947,043)	(\$1,584,422)	7.572%	\$324,211	(\$1,260,211)
OTAY	\$123,792	(\$138,545)	(\$14,753)	0.459%	\$19,668	\$4,915
PADRE DAM	(\$789,976)	(\$1,752,218)	(\$2,542,194)	5.198%	\$222,537	(\$2,319,657)
POWAY	(\$683,251)	\$130,168	(\$553,083)	5.770%	\$247,021	(\$306,062)
SPRING VALLEY	(\$611,093)	(\$667,539)	(\$1,278,632)	10.316%	\$441,691	(\$836,941)
WINTERGARDENS	(\$71,984)	(\$56,162)	(\$128,146)	1.482%	\$63,470	(\$64,676)
TOTAL	(\$5,747,405)	(\$6,544,565)	(\$12,291,970)	100%	\$4,281,432	\$ (8,010,538.00)

METRO JPA/TAC
Staff Report
Date: 8-8-25

Project Title:

Calcium Nitrate Double Salt Solution (Bioxide)

Presenter(s) Name:

Margaret Llagas and Charles Gastil

Presenter(s) Title:

Deputy Director and Senior Civil Engineer

Requested Action:

Second Amendment to the Contract with Evoqua Water Technologies, LLC to purchase, distribute, and monitor Calcium Nitrate Double Salt Solution (Bioxide) for odor control at multiple wastewater collection facilities.

Recommendations:

Metro TAC:

IROC:

Prior Actions:
(Committee/Commission,
Date, Result)

Fiscal Impact:

Is this projected budgeted? Yes ☒ No ☐

Cost breakdown between Metro & Muni: Metro: \$2.6M over 5 years
Muni: \$1.3M over 5 years

Fiscal impact to the Metro JPA: \$858,000 over 5 years

Capital Improvement Program:

New Project? Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A ☒

Existing Project? Yes ☒ No ☐ Upgrade/addition ☐ Change ☐

Previous TAC/JPA Action:

Additional/Future Action:

City Council Action:

An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor, or his designee, to extend by five years an existing sole source contract with Evoqua Water Technologies, LLC to purchase, distribute, and monitor Calcium Nitrate Double Salt Solution (Bioxide) for wastewater collection facilities, as required, and to increase the contract amount by \$3,900,000 for the total not to exceed amount of \$6,850,000.

Background: *Provide background information on the need for the project*

On June 26, 2020, the Public Utilities Department (PUD), Wastewater Collections Division, entered into a five-year Sole Source (SS)# 4162 Agreement with Evoqua Water Technologies, LLC (Evoqua) to provide Calcium Nitrate Double Salt Solution (Bioxide), including distribution and monitoring services, for

chemical odor control in wastewater collection systems for a total not to exceed \$2,750,000.00 and a unit price of \$2.42 per gallon.

PUD is requesting an extension of this contract to purchase, distribute, and monitor Bioxide, as required, for PUD wastewater collection facilities at the: Emerald Gravity Line (a part of East Mission Bay Trunk Sewer), Pump Station 73, Pump Station 84, Pump Station 85, and Pump Station 87. East Mission Bay Trunk Sewer is a Metro Sewer Utility Fund facility and Pump Stations 73, 84, 85, and 87 are Muni Sewer Revenue Fund facilities.

Bioxide is essential for PUD to meet Air Pollution Control District regulatory requirements for odor control in wastewater conveyance infrastructure. Evoqua is the sole provider of Bioxide and the only authorized service provider for Bioxide products and chemical feed systems. In addition, the Bioxide process used by PUD is embedded in the wastewater treatment system.

In accordance with contract terms, the unit cost increased from \$2.42 to \$2.54 per gallon in August 2021, a 5% increase. The price increase was effective from October 22, 2021, to October 21, 2022.

On October 20, 2022, Evoqua notified PUD of a Bioxide unit price increase from \$2.54 to \$4.48 per gallon. Evoqua submitted documentation demonstrating that the price increase was due to an increase in chemical costs from their supplier, a rise in the cost of diesel fuel, and to a rise in wages for truck drivers which was made to retain drivers. On February 17, 2023, the First Amendment to the SS# 4162 Agreement was executed to increase the Agreement not to exceed amount by \$200,000.00 for a new not-to-exceed amount of \$2,950,000 and to allow a unit price increase to \$4.48 per gallon.

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

The five-year SS# 4162 Agreement will expire on October 21, 2025. PUD requests approval to extend the Agreement for another five years and to increase the contract amount by \$3,900,000. The contract amendment sets the unit price at \$4.70 per gallon for the upcoming five year period, a 5% increase on the previous cost.

Post-amendment contract will be not to exceed \$6,850,000, including \$2,283,333 from Fund 700000, Muni Sewer Revenue Fund and \$4,566,667 from Fund 700001, Metro Sewer Utility Fund. The share of the total contract amount attributable to the Metro Participating Agencies will be not to exceed \$1,507,000.

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

N/A - Sole source



Authorization to Amend a Contract for Calcium Nitrate Double Salt Solution (Bioxide)



August 2025

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Requested Action

Authorize the Mayor to execute a Second Amendment to the existing sole source contract with Evoqua Water Technologies, LLC to purchase Calcium Nitrate Double Salt Solution (Bioxide) for wastewater collection facilities and to monitor and maintain the Bioxide tanks and feed equipment.

Increase the contract amount by \$3,900,000, to a total value not to exceed \$6,850,000.

Extend contract by five years.

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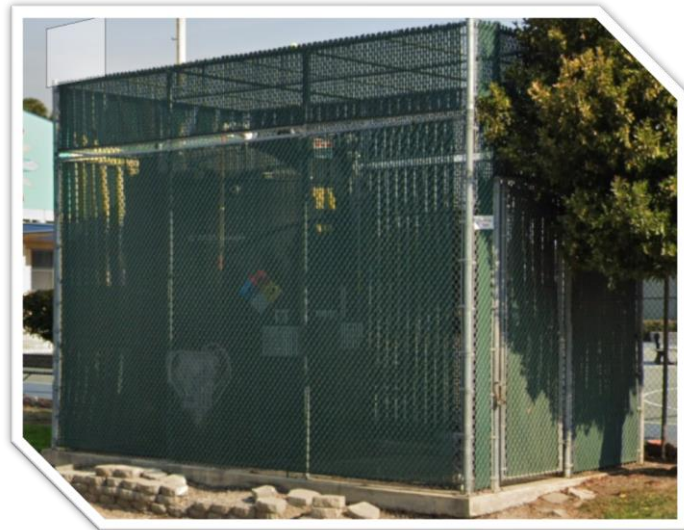
Introduction to Bioxide in Wastewater Treatment

Bioxide is a calcium nitrate solution used in wastewater treatment to control odors. It supports biological processes that reduce hydrogen sulfide (H₂S) formation.

Public Utilities uses Bioxide in four pump stations and one pipeline as part of its commitment to being a good neighbor. This helps reduce odors and minimize impacts on the surrounding community.



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Locations

- Pump Station 73
- Pump Station 84
- Pump Station 85
- Pump Station 87
- East Mission Bay Trunk Sewer



Contract History

- In 2020, PUD entered a 5-year Sole Source Agreement (SS #4162) with Evoqua for Bioxide odor control, not to exceed \$2.75M at \$2.42/gal. The Agreement expires October 21, 2025.
- In 2022, Evoqua raised the unit price to \$4.48/gal.
- In 2023, a \$200K amendment was approved, increasing the total to not to exceed \$2.95M.
- PUD requests a 5-year extension and \$3.9M increase, for a new total not to exceed \$6.85M.

Estimated Budget

Bioxide Solution Annual Use

Site	Est. Qty. (Gallons)	Unit Price (Per Gallon)	Extended Price (Est. Qty. x Unit Price)
SPS 87	10,000	\$4.70	\$47,000.00
SPS 85	3,000	\$4.70	\$14,100.00
SPS 84	24,000	\$4.70	\$112,800.00
SPS 73	13,000	\$4.70	\$61,100.00
East Mission Bay Trunk Sewer	100,000	\$4.70	\$470,000.00

Estimated five (5) Year Total Contract Value: NTE \$3,900,000.00



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Funding Split

- Muni: Up to \$1,300,000 over five years
 - Dosing at four pump stations
 - Metro: Up to \$2,600,000 over five years
 - Dosing into East Mission Bay Trunk Sewer
 - Impact to the JPA: \$858,000
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Requested Action

An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor, or his designee, to extend by five years an existing sole source contract with Evoqua Water Technologies, LLC to purchase Calcium Nitrate Double Salt Solution (Bioxide) for wastewater collection facilities and to monitor and maintain the Bioxide tanks and feed equipment, as required, and to increase the contract amount by \$3,900,000 for the total not to exceed amount of \$6,850,000.



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METRO JPA/TAC
Staff Report
Date: 8/20/2025

Project Title:

Point Loma Wastewater Treatment Plant Storm Damage Repair

Presenter(s) Name: Jong Choi

Presenter(s) Title: Senior Civil Engineer (City of San Diego Engineering & Capital Projects Department)

Requested Action:

City of San Diego requests a retroactive authorization award a construction change order to Cass Arrieta for design and construction services to support the Point Loma Wastewater Treatment Plant Storm Damage Repair Emergency Project.

The requested change order total is \$3,215,000 for a total not-to-exceed contract amount of \$4,715,000.00. The total Metro JPA amount is \$1,555,950.00, which is 33% of the total expenditure.

Recommendations:

Approve the Agreement Change Order #1

Metro TAC:	To request approval of the construction change order
IROC:	N/A
Prior Actions: (Committee/Commission, Date, Result)	N/A

Fiscal Impact:

Is this project budgeted?	Yes <u>X</u> No _____
Cost breakdown between Metro & Muni:	Total Project Cost: \$5,515,000 (100% Metro, 0% Muni) Metro JPA 33% = \$1,819,950 Construction Cost: \$4,715,000 (100% Metro, 0% Muni) Metro JPA 33% = \$1,555,950 Change Order Amount: \$3,215,000 (100% Metro, 0% Muni) Metro JPA 33% = \$1,060,950 Funding distribution per Fiscal Year: FY2024: \$797,887.70 (Metro JPA 33% = \$263,302.94) FY2025: \$4,717,112.30 (Metro JPA 33% = \$1,556,647.06)

Fiscal impact to the Metro JPA:	33% of Metro cost is \$1,819,950 for total project. 33% of Metro cost is \$1,555,950 for construction cost. 33% of Metro cost is \$1,060,950 for change order #1.
Capital Improvement Program:	
New Project?	Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A ☒
Existing Project?	Yes ☒ No ☐ Upgrade/addition ☐ Change ☐ N/A ☐
Previous TAC/JPA Action: N/A	
Additional/Future Action: Present item to Metro JPA/Metro Commission for approval in September 2025.	
City Council Action: City Council on July 2025	
Background: <i>Provide background information on the need for the project</i> The record rainfall on Monday, January 22, 2024, created a landslide and significant damage to the Point Loma Treatment Plant, the hillside above the plant, and the drainage system located throughout the hillside. The landslide occurred on the east side of Digester N1, damaging a portion of the stormwater brow ditch, metal fence and communication lines attached to the pre-cast retaining wall, the industrial waterline, and a 12-inch digested sludge force main attached to the wall. Due to the immediate threat that was posed to the facility, the emergency contractor, Cass Arrieta, mobilized to remove the debris that resulted from the landslide, and temporarily repaired the damaged storm drain system to mitigate potential for further slope failure from subsequent storms. As the initial cleanup and storm drain repair took place, a geotechnical study of the slope was initiated to determine the most appropriate permanent repairs. The result recommended the installation of soil nails and structural shotcrete on the failed section of the slope. Furthermore, it was discovered that the access road to the storm drain brow ditch at the top of the slope is failing and needs to be replaced. The original cost estimate was based on limited scope of work available to the City at the time, prior to the geotechnical investigation and completion of design, which are now complete. Change Order No.1 for \$3,215,000 is needed to complete the permanent repair that will address the slope stability at the site and protect Digester N1, which is a critical component of the treatment plant operation. This necessary work increased the total construction cost to a not-to exceed amount of \$4,715,000. The current total project cost estimate is \$5,515,000. This action is to request approval for the change order.	

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

The original contract amount of \$1,500,000 was utilized to clear debris and make temporary repairs to the site in anticipation of a subsequent storm. Change Order No.1 for \$3,215,000 is needed to complete the permanent repair to the existing storm drain system, and installation of soil nail shotcrete wall to stabilize the failed slope adjacent to the Digester N1.

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

The City maintains a rotation list of emergency contractors.

Due to the critical and urgent nature of the work, emergency was declared for this site, and Cass Arrieta was procured as the emergency contractor via sole source contract. The construction work will be paid on a time and materials basis. Thus, the construction costs shown are a not-to-exceed amount.

Engineering & Capital Projects
Department

PLWTP Storm Damage Repair Construction Change Order # 1

Metro TAC
August 20, 2025



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Point Loma Wastewater Treatment Plant Storm Damage Repair CCO #1
Engineering & Capital Projects Department

Requested Action:

- A retroactive authorization to award construction change order #1 to Cass Arrieta for design and construction services to support the Point Loma Wastewater Treatment Plant Storm Damage Repair Emergency Project.

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Project Overview:

- The record rainfall on January 22, 2024 created a landslide and significant damage to the hillside above the Point Loma Wastewater Treatment Plant and the drainage system located throughout the hillside.
- Due to the immediate threat that the failed storm drain system and failing slope posed to the facility, an emergency project was initiated to make immediate repairs.



Initial Project Scope:

- Not To Exceed Estimate: \$1,500,000
- Removal of debris that resulted from the landslide.
- Temporary repair the damaged storm drain system to mitigate potential for further slope failure for subsequent storms that followed.
- Temporary slope stabilization to prevent further soil erosion.





Additional Project Scope:

- After the storm events and short term remediation of the site, a geotechnical study was conducted and recommended the installation of soil nails and structural shotcrete to permanently repair the portion of the slope that failed as part of the emergency event and safeguard the adjacent facilities.
- The added scope also includes permanent repairs to the failed storm drain system throughout the slope, and reconstruction of the access road to the storm drain brow ditch on top of the slope.



Schedule and Budget

- Construction Currently at 70% Completion
- Construction Start February 2024
- Estimated Construction End June 2026
- Total Construction Cost: \$4,715,000
 - (including this change order)
- Original Contract - \$1,500,000
- CCO 1 - \$3,215,000
- Total Project Budget: \$5,515,000.00 (including construction and soft cost)



Thank You



Q&A

METRO JPA/TAC
Staff Report
Date: 8/14/2025

Project Title:

Point Loma Wastewater Treatment Plant- Monitoring Erosion and Evaluating Gatchell Road Access Options

Presenter(s) Name: Tim Carroll

Presenter(s) Title: Deputy Director (City of San Diego Public Utilities Department)

Requested Action:

Information Item Only.

Recommendations:

Information Update

Metro TAC:	N/A
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IROC:	N/A
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Prior Actions: (Committee/Commission, Date, Result)	N/A
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Fiscal Impact:

Is this project budgeted?	Yes ___	No ___	N/A <u>X</u>
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Cost breakdown between Metro & Muni:	N/A
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Fiscal impact to the Metro JPA:	N/A
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Capital Improvement Program:

New Project?	Yes ___	No ___	N/A <u>X</u>
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Existing Project?	Yes ___	No ___	Upgrade/addition ___	Change ___	N/A ___
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Previous TAC/JPA Action:

Previous Updates Given

Additional/Future Action:

Present Information Item to Metro JPA/Metro Commission in September 2025.

City Council Action:

N/A

Background:

This is an informational update on the ongoing coastal erosion monitoring at the Point Loma Wastewater Treatment Plant and updates on the Gatchell Rd Access Alternatives Evaluation. In March 2020, PUD's as-needed consultant, HDR began working on an evaluation of the coastal erosion occurring within the footprint of the PLWTP and the access road area immediately south of the facility. HDR completed their assessment findings in late September 2020 and in early November 2020 the evaluation of the coastal zone revealed that coastal erosion is creating potential risks associated with the loss of the access road over the next five (5) years. PUD worked closely with its neighboring stakeholders, the U.S. National Park Service (NPS) and the U.S. Naval Base Point Loma, to develop an erosion monitoring plan to identify procedures and protocols to analyze changes to the environment. In September 2021, the City Engineer declared an emergency, allowing additional investigation of the Point Loma Coastal Zone to be accelerated. HDR generated a monitoring plan, with a recommendation to install monitoring equipment and gather data for a period of twelve (12) months to analyze wind, wave, ocean water levels, rainfall, and seismic data to identify and characterize over time and various events, the trends that drive the cliff retreat processes at two locations where notable erosion has occurred, the South Cove and the "X" Cave. There have been two amendments to the original contract and the second amendment was executed on July 16, 2024, it expires June 30, 2026, which included on-going monitoring and the inclusion of Gatchell Rd access options up to 10% design. PUD is currently evaluating the scope of work for on-going monitoring beyond the current contract. HDR is currently working on four alternatives to 10% design which will be discussed in the presentation.

Discussion:

Staff is here to provide updates to the project as requested by committee members.

Bid Results:

N/A

Point Loma Wastewater Treatment Plant- Monitoring Erosion and Evaluating Gatchell Road Access Options



August 2025



Point Loma Wastewater Treatment Plant (PLWTP)

- PLWTP serves 2.3 million residents regionally (450-square mile area)
- Serves City and 12 Participating Agencies
- Built in 1963 with a dry weather treatment capacity of 240MGD
- Located on Point Loma on 40 acres of coastal bluff

PLWTP



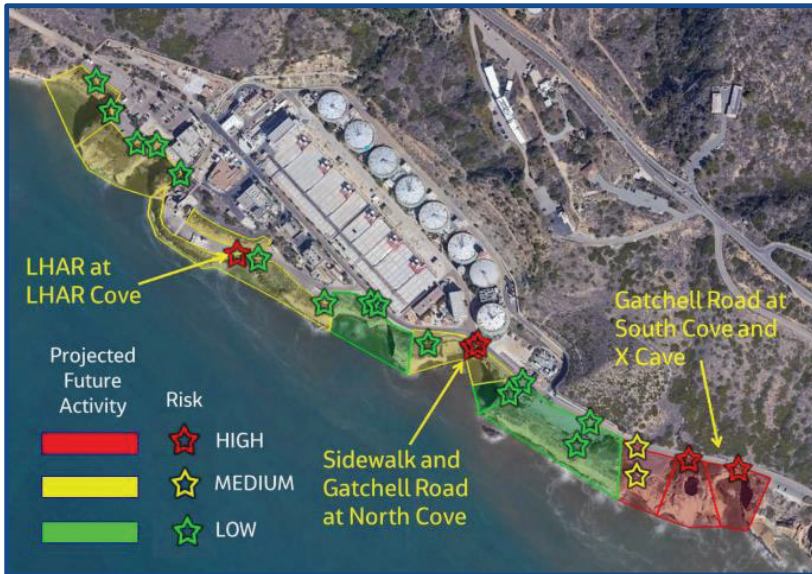
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Monitoring Program



Monitoring

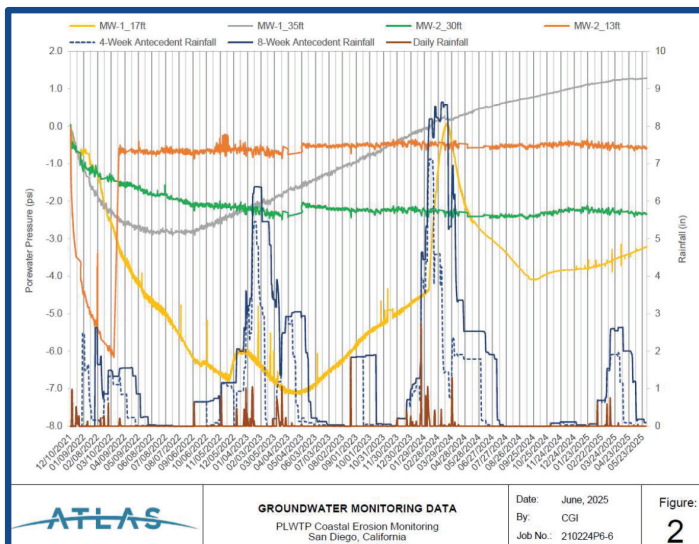
- Assessed Risk to Assets
- Ongoing Data Collection

Access



Gatchell Rd – Sole Access through National Park Service

Monitoring Program



- Ground penetrating radar
- Visual Road inspections & topographic surveys
- Monitoring of waves, rainfall, regional seismic events and local vibrations
- Monitoring of ground movement along Gatchell Road using a shape accelerometer array (SAA) and inclinometer
- Drone imagery survey to visually assess changes at South Cove, X Cave, and North Cove
- Drone LiDAR survey to quantify change at South Cove, X Cave, and North Cove
- Groundwater monitoring

Gatchell Rd at South Cove and X Cave

- Monitoring shows rapid erosion of the cliff top at South Cove.
- Observations at X Cave shows it extends inland towards the road.
- Drone survey reveals overhangs and widespread cracks in the cliff.
- Hazard remains due to ongoing erosion.



South Cove Drone Survey Timelapse

Monitoring Results 2025

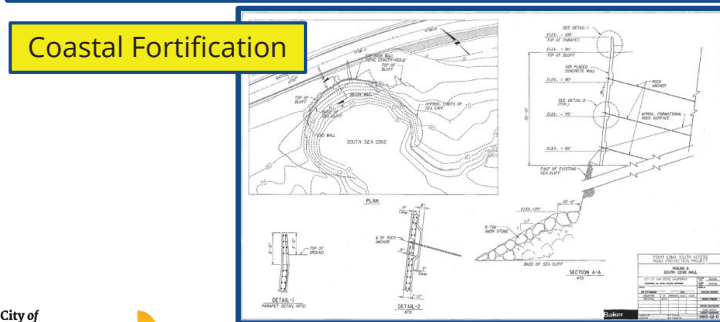
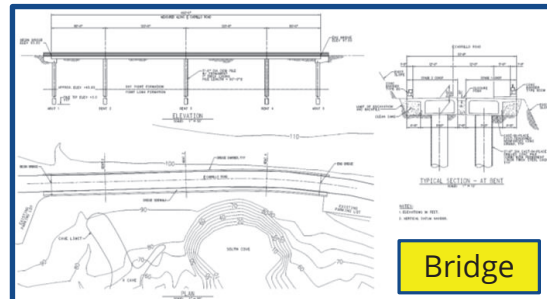
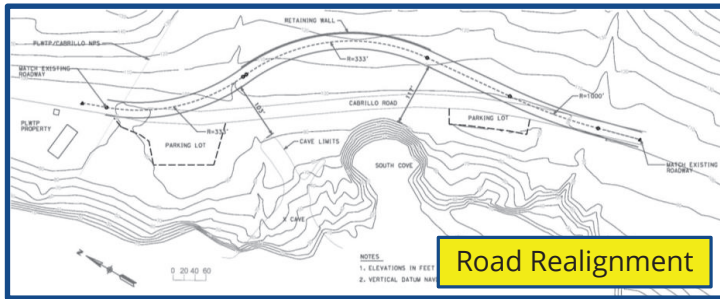
All monitoring systems are functioning as expected. The cliffs are retreating but the road remains safe to use.

- Ground penetrating radar surveys show weak spots/voids below the road.
- Road visual inspections and topographic survey show several features have changed over time.
- Monitoring of waves, rainfall, regional seismic events and local vibrations has not yet proven a link with cliff failures.
- The cumulative effect of these ongoing processes gradually compromises the structural integrity of both the cliffs and the road foundation, and can potentially lead to unexpected failures even under seemingly normal conditions.
- Monitoring of ground movement along Gatchell Road using a shape acceleration array (SAA) and inclinometer has not detected settlement or collapse.
- Drone imagery and LiDAR surveys shows widespread changes to the cliffs at South Cove and X Cave.
- Groundwater monitoring shows ground conditions are dry with no evidence for a relationship to rainfall.

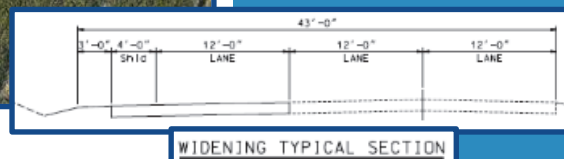
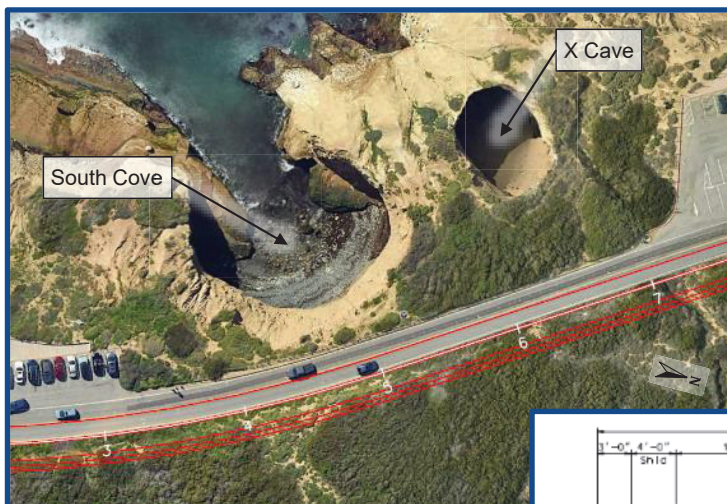
Next Steps

- Determine Future Monitoring Requirements of Coastal Bluff-
Current Contract Expires June 2026
- 10% Design for Long Term Access Options- Cost estimate,
environmental impacts and feasibility
- Emergency Access Planning
- Coordination with Federal Neighbors
 - National Park Service
 - Navy

Immediate Need to Investigate Long-Term Solutions to Access



ALTERNATIVE 1 – Gatchell Road Realignment (One lane, 12-ft offset)



- Widens Gatchell Road with an additional 12-ft lane and shoulder.
- Existing cliff-side lane to be closed.
- Road may still be subject to single event failure.
- Lower cost alternative.
- Less permanent environmental impacts.
- Wait and see approach.
- Short term solution, higher assumed risk.

ALTERNATIVE 1 -

Gatchell Road Realignment

(One lane, 12-ft offset)



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ALTERNATIVE 1 -

Gatchell Road Realignment

(One lane, 12-ft offset)



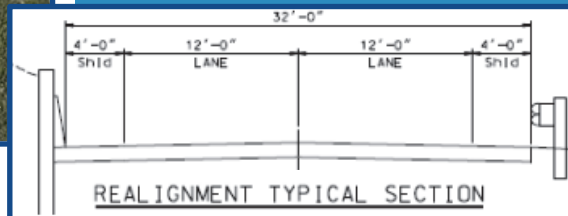
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ALTERNATIVE 2 - Gatchell Road Realignment (50-ft offset)



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- 50-ft realignment, measured from centerline to centerline at South Cove.
- Realignment exceeds 39-ft retreat by 2070, assuming 5.5 ft sea level rise.
- Road not subject to single event failure.
- More earthwork.
- Retaining walls.
- Long term solution, less assumed risk.
- Some of existing roadway could be restored.



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ALTERNATIVE 2 -

Gatchell Road Realignment (50-ft offset)



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ALTERNATIVE 2 -

Gatchell Road Realignment (50-ft offset)



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Gatchell Road Realignment (50-ft offset)



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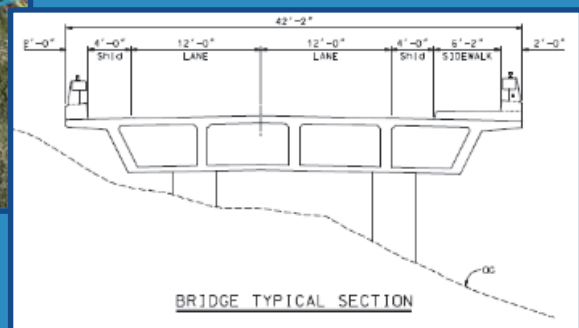


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ALTERNATIVE 3 - Gatchell Road Bridge (50-ft offset)



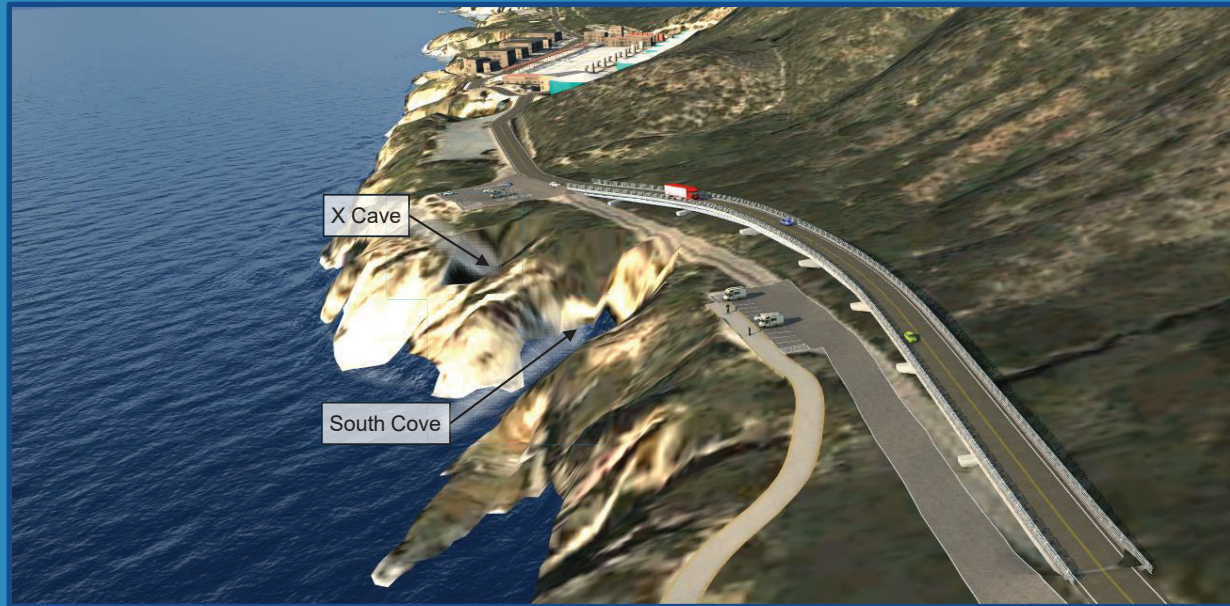
- Requires 50-ft road re-alignment and road profile raise.
- Realignment exceeds 39-ft retreat by 2070, assuming 5.5 ft sea level rise.
- 150-ft bridge spans.
- Long term solution, less assumed risk.
- Some of existing roadway could be restored.



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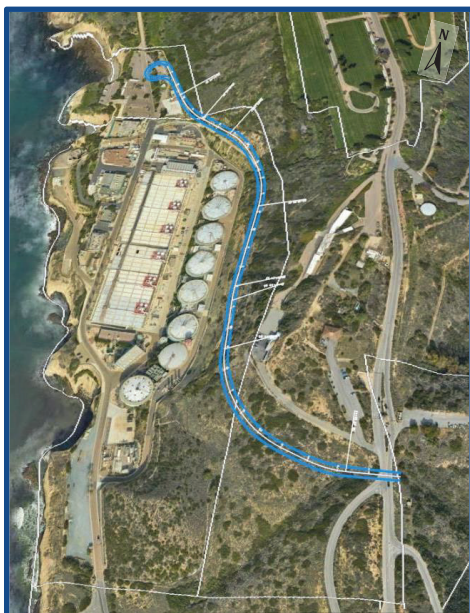
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Gatchell Road Bridge (50-ft offset)



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ALTERNATIVE 4 – Upslope

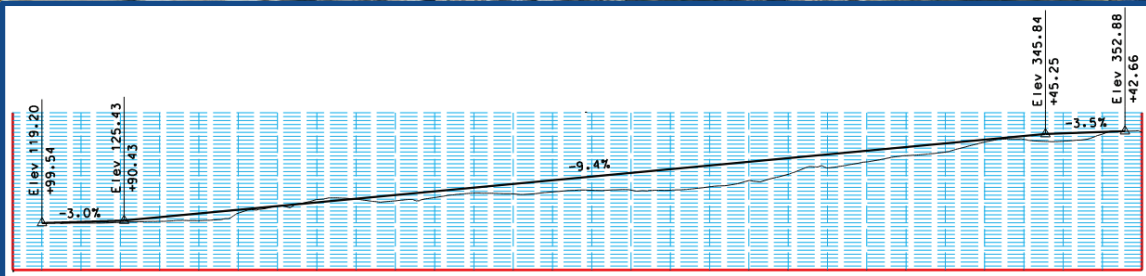


- New road from Cabrillo Road to PLWTP.
- Long term solution that would eliminate risk from coastal bluff retreat and failure.
- Likely to require viaduct structure and substantial grading.
- 10% road grade is acceptable for access roads, but not ideal for heavy loads.
- Alignment could avoid NPS property but would require land acquisition or easement from the US Navy.

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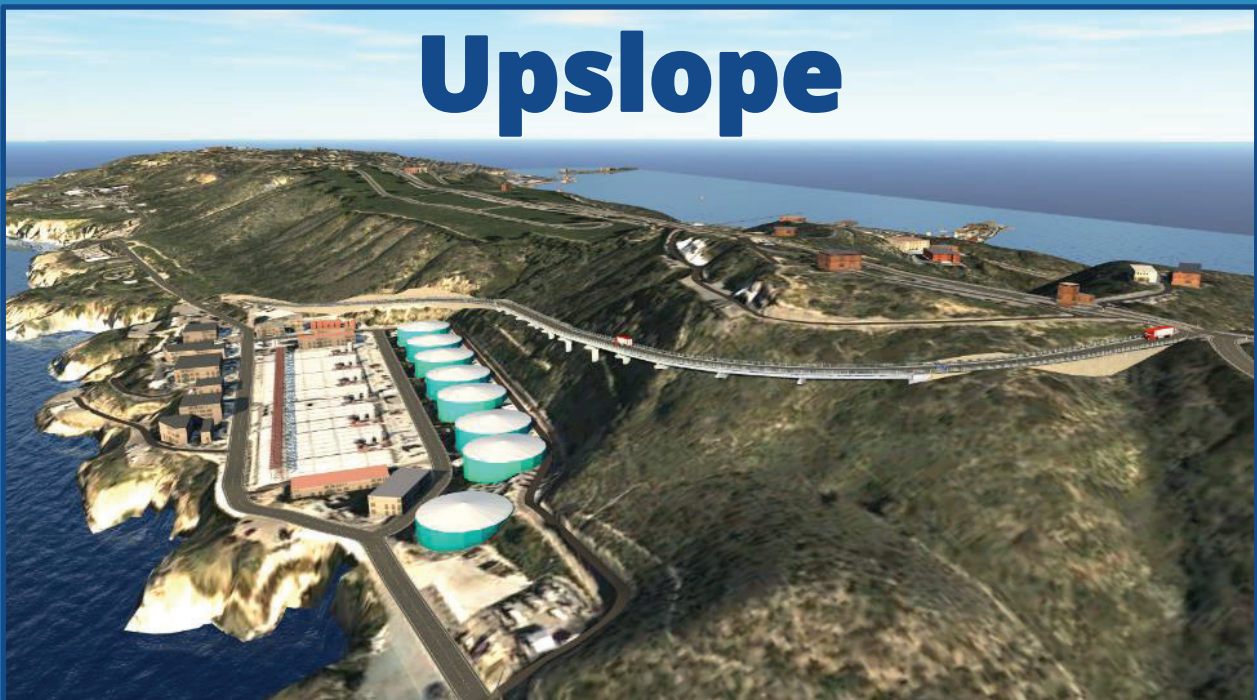
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Upslope

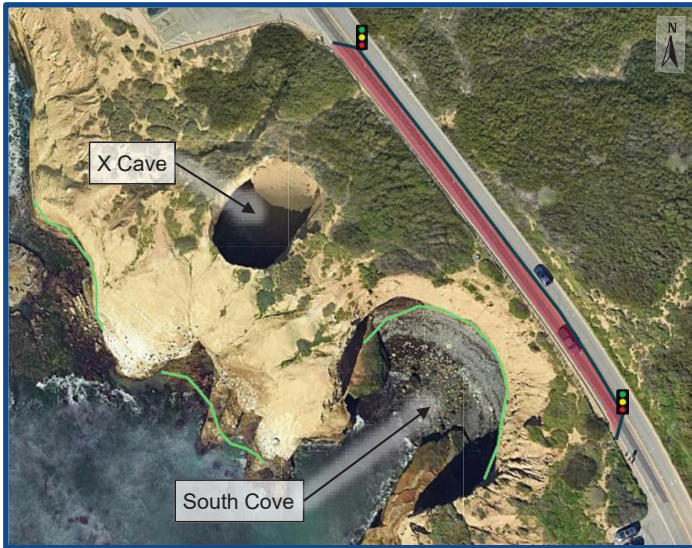


ALTERNATIVE 4 -

Upslope



No Action Alternative



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- No action taken to mitigate erosion or improve access.
- Road monitoring and daily access authorization to continue.
- Upon failure or signs of imminent failure, access improvements may be taken on an emergency basis and might include:
 - Engineered rock revetment to mitigate bluff toe erosion at X Cave and or South Cove.
 - Single lane closure.
 - Gatchell Road widening.

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Questions?





Monthly Executive Director's Report July 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.

The entire month of July was taken up by the Executive Director and Executive Team work on the implementation process for the draft Second Amended and Restated Agreement (SARA) and Administrative Agreement No 1. Version 10 of SARA was introduced at the March 19 TAC and April 3 JPA/Com Board meetings. To support this effort, the draft SARA Version 10, 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 Progress

As stated above, the draft SARA document was introduced to Metro TAC on March 19, 2025, and to the Metro JPA/Commission on April 3, 2025. Since that time, over 40 meetings have been conducted to review and refine the document, including:

- 20+ individual meetings with Participating Agencies (PAs)
- 5 Ad Hoc Committee meetings
- 4 attorney group meetings
- 5 regular TAC meetings (each 2–3 hours in length)

- 3 special TAC meetings
- 2 FAB workshops (one each for JPA/Commission and TAC)

These discussions culminated in several key milestones in July:

- Administrative Agreement No. 1, incorporating PA input, transmitted to the City of San Diego on July 11, 2025, for their review.
- A consolidated redline of all PA comments since March submitted to the City on July 18, 2025, for their review.
- A unanimous motion by TAC at their regular July Meeting:
“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.”

This extensive collaborative process reflects a high level of PA engagement and continues to move SARA toward finalization. A presentation reviewing the SARA key provisions and the process to date will be presented at the August Board Meeting to assist the Board in their continued review.

2. Update on Pure Water North City Tour Timing

We have postponed the tours of the Pure Water North City construction site until after the Board has completed its full review of the Second Amended and Restated Agreement (SARA) over the next few months. Given the potential for extended meetings in the coming months, the focus will remain on ensuring a thorough and thoughtful review process of SARA.

However please be assured that tours will be scheduled as a celebration once the SARA review is complete. Thank you for your understanding—and apologies for the delay!

3. I&I Committee

The I&I committee met on July 17th and discussed progress on action items from the previous meeting including gathering the necessary data to characterize each sewer meter basins and the City’s progress on a contract with ADS. A deadline of August 8th was set for all PA’s and the City to provide their meter basin data. This will facilitate ADS kicking off in late August/early September. The next meeting is planned for Augst 6th to check in on the status of these topics.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Metro TAC:

Regular Meeting

August 20, 2025

11-1 Via Zoom

Metro JPA/Commission:

Regular Meeting

August 7, 2025

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