



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

AGENDA

Thursday, November 6, 2025 - 12:00 p.m.

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

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

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

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

CONSENT CALENDAR

Items **5-7** will be enacted in one motion in accordance with the recommendation unless removed from the Consent Calendar by the Board of Directors, Staff or Public. If a member of the public wishes to remove an item, they should submit a "Request to Speak" form to the Board Secretary prior to the meeting. Items removed from the Consent Calendar will be considered in the original agenda order immediately following adoption of the Consent Calendar.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the Consent Calendar

5. **ACTION:** Consideration and Possible Action to Approve the Minutes of **October 2, 2025 (Attachment)**
6. **ACTION:** Receive and File Check Registry – Monthly Expense Report for the Month of **September, 2025 (Attachment)**
7. **ACTION:** Consideration and Possible Action to Approve the Meeting Calendar for 2026 **(Attachment)**

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

8. **ACTION:** Consideration and Possible Action to Approve the Metro Wastewater JPA Treasurer's Report Quarter 1 - Ending September 30, 2025 (Lee Ann Jones-Santos) **(Attachment)**
9. **ACTION:** Consideration and Possible Action to Reply to Padre Dam Letter Dated September 24, 2025 **(Attachment)**
10. **ACTION:** Consideration and Possible Action to Recommend to the Metro JPA/Commission Approval of an Eleventh Amended Joint Powers Agreement Confirming the Creation of an Agency known as Southern California Coastal Water Research Project (SCCWRP) (Peter Vroom, Ryan Kempster, Violet Renick) **(Attachment)**
11. **UPDATE:** Pure Water Program Update (Standing Item) (Doug Owen/Ben Kuhnel)
 - a. Quarterly Construction Update **(Attachment)**
12. **UPDATE:** Metro Wastewater (General) (Standing Item) (Lisa Celaya)
13. **UPDATE:** Metro Wastewater Financial (Standing Item) (Adam Jones)
14. **REPORT:** General Counsel (Standing Item) (Adriana Ochoa)
15. **REPORT:** Metro JPA Executive Director's Report September/October 2025 (Standing Item) (Karyn Keze) **(Attachment)**
16. **REPORT:** Metro TAC Chair's Report October 2025 (Standing Item) (Blake Behringer) **(Attachment)**
17. **METRO JPA DIRECTORS/COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS AND PROPOSED AGENDA ITEMS** for the Next Metro JPA/Commission Meeting **December 4, 2025**
18. **ADJOURNMENT**

In compliance with the AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT

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to the meeting to request reasonable modifications or accommodations consistent with the Americans with Disabilities Act and Metro JPA/Commission shall promptly work with you to resolve the matter in favor of accessibility.

Metro JPA 2025 Regular Meeting Schedule

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



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

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

October 2, 2025

Chair Jones called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m. A quorum of the Metro JPA/Commission was declared, and the following representatives were present:

1. ROLL CALL

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

Others present: Metro JPA General Counsel Adriana Ochoa – Snell & Wilmer Law; Metro JPA/Commission Board Secretary Lori Anne Peoples; None – City of Chula Vista; None – City of Coronado; Blake Behringer - City of El Cajon; Juan Larios – City of Imperial Beach; Joe – City of La Mesa; Jessyka Heredia and Izzy Murguia – Lemon Grove Sanitation District; Carmen Kasner – City of National City; Beth Gentry – Otay Water District; Peejay Tubongbauna – Padre Dam Municipal Water District; Troy DePriest – City of Poway; Lisa Celaya, Doug Campbell, Adam Jones, Edgar Patino, Doug Owen, Ben Kuhnel (hybrid) - City of San Diego Staff; Sumedh Bahl – County of San Diego; Metro JPA Staff: Karyn Keze, Executive Director, The Keze Group; Lee Ann Jones-Santos, Assistant Treasurer, Rodney Greek , CPA; and Dexter Wilson and Kathleen Noel, Wilson Engineering

Chair Jones spoke of the sudden passing of his beloved wife Cheryl, and thanked those who had known for their kindness, love, and support.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

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

3. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

4. **ACTION: APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

ACTION: Motion by Vice Chair De Hoff, seconded by Second Vice Chair Preciado, to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

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

5. **ACTION: Consideration and Possible Action to Approve the Minutes of September 4, 2025**

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

ACTION: Motion by Director Baber, seconded by Director Yamane to approve the Consent Calendar, Items 5 and 6. Motion carried as follows:

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

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

7. **ACTION: Consideration and Possible Action to Accept the Resignation of Director McKay from the Metro JPA Succession Planning Ad Hoc Committee and Appoint a New Committee Member**

Chair Jones deferred to Vice Chair De Hoff to make the nomination. Vice Chair De Hoff noted that Director McKay of Imperial Beach had suggested Director Purvis, of Coronado, be considered and Vice Chair De Hoff stated that he, himself, had also been considering her appointment and nominated her for the vacancy.

ACTION: Motion by Vice Chair De Hoff, seconded by Chair Jones, Director Purvis be appointed to serve on the Metro JPA Succession Planning Ad Hoc Committee. Motion carried as follows:

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

8. **ACTION: Consideration and Possible Action to Appoint Metro JPA Representative and Alternate to the Independent Rates Oversight Committee (IROC)**

Chair Jones provided a brief overview of the position, noting that it serves an important role in facilitating coordination with City of San Diego staff and offering valuable insight on behalf of the JPA. He further recommended appointing Vice Chair De Hoff as the Primary representative, emphasizing that his direct interaction with City staff has been extremely beneficial and a valuable resource in supporting his role as Chair.

ACTION: Motion by Chair Jones, seconded by Director Anderson, to appoint Vice Chair De Hoff as Primary representative for the JPA on IROC. Motion carried as follows:

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

Second, Vice Chair Preciado volunteered to be the Alternate.

ACTION: Motion by Chair Jones, seconded by Director Anderson, to appoint Second Vice Chair Preciado as Alternate representative for the JPA on IROC. Motion carried as follows:

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

9. **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: Consideration and Possible Action to Recommend the Participating Agencies Approval of the Second Amended and Restated Agreement (SARA)**

General Counsel Ochoa reported that she received the SARA redline back from the City of San Diego with only minor edits, including only one substantive change clarifying the statute of limitations to three years from bill receipt or one year after an audited bill. She has reviewed the redline twice, line by line, with the Pure Water AdHoc Committee, which unanimously recommended approval of the motions under Item 9.

ACTION: Motion by Director Baber, seconded by Director Preciado, the Metro Commission recommend to the Participating Agencies' approval of the draft SARA subject to non-substantive revisions and corrections, which non-substantive determinations shall be made by the Participating Agency's Attorney and City/General Manager. Motion carried as follows:

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

Director Baber thanked JPA staff, Chair Jones and the AdHoc committee, the former representative from Coronado, Metro TAC Chair and Vice Chair and San Diego City staff for their many hours of hard, diligent work over the past few years to bring this document to reality.

10. **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: Consideration and Possible Action to Recommend to the Participating Agencies Approval of the Administrative Agreement #1 to the Second Amended and Restated Agreement (SARA): 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 provided a summary of the purpose of Administrative Agreement #1 to the Second Amended and Restated Agreement (SARA)

ACTION: Motion by Director Baber, seconded by Director McKay, the Metro Commission recommend the Participating Agencies' approval of the draft Administrative Agreement #1 to (SARA) subject to non-substantive revisions and corrections, which non-substantive determinations shall be made by Participating Agency's Attorney and City/General Manager.

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

11. **PRESENTATION: Pure Water Unit Cost Analysis and Update on Phase 2 Planning Approach**

Lisa Celaya, City of San Diego, provided a brief verbal overview of his presentation included in the agenda package.

Director Baber left the dais at 1:15
Director Yamane left the dais at 1:29

12. **UPDATE: Metro Wastewater (General)**

No update.

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

Adam Jones, City of San Diego stated that they had spent the last of the current sewer bond issuance proceeds, and that his staff are collaborating with the auditor to finish the FY 2020 and FY 2021-2023 audits.

14. **UPDATE: General Counsel (Standing Item)**

No update.

15. **UPDATE: General Counsel (Standing Item)**

No report.

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

Executive Director Keze stated that her report was included in the agenda packet. She added that staff are currently evaluating alternative website providers in conjunction with the Succession Planning AdHoc and requested that the PAs review the current website and share any feedback, including features they like or would like to see improved in the redesign.

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

Metro TAC Chair Behringer stated that TAC did not meet in September, so he had no report.

18. **Metro JPA Directors/Commissioners Comments and Proposed Agenda Items for the Next Metro JPA/Commission Regular Meeting, November 6, 2025.**

Director Robak stated he would like the AdHoc to look at IT and Staff needs over the next 5 years.

Director Worden requested an updated SARA summary for the PAs to present to their officials.

General Counsel Ochoa stated that she had been asked to prepare a presentation outlining the who, what, when, and why, of SARA. She asked that agency staff contact the Executive Director to schedule any support they may need in preparing and presenting materials on SARA to their respective Councils/Boards.

Director Kendrick left at 1:53 p.m.

Director Anderson requested a one-page SARA summary. Ms. Keze noted that there is one already on the JPA website in the SARA folder, but that Ms. Ochoa will be reviewing and updating it as it is several months old.

Director Kendrick returned at 1:54 p.m.

19. **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Jones declared the meeting adjourned at 1:54 p.m.

Monthly Expense Report

MetroJPA

Invoices for September 2025 paid in October 2025

Prepared by

Treasurer@metrojpa.org

Prepared on

October 14, 2025

Expenses by Vendor Summary
MetroJPA
October 14, 2025

Vendor	Total
Dexter Wilson Engineering	10,912.50
Ditas Yamane	194.60
Donald Dwight Worden	175.00
Gary Kendrick	525.00
Jerrold L. Jones	719.60
Joel Anderson	199.50
Jose Preciado	700.00
Kelly Purvis	193.20
Keze Group LLC	16,560.00
Mark Robak	203.00
Mitchell D McKay	175.00
Mr Rodney Greek	22,885.96
Peter De Hoff	722.40
Snell and Wilmer Law	13,741.15
William Baber	525.00
Credit Card Expenses	491.92
TOTAL	\$68,923.83

Accrual Basis Tuesday, October 14, 2025 09:32 PM GMTZ

2026 Metro JPA/Comm and Metro TAC Meeting Calendar

METRO JPA/COMMISSION	METRO TAC
January 1, 2026 CANCELLED	January 21, 2026
February 5, 2026	February 18, 2026
March 5, 2026	March 16, 2026
April 2, 2026	April 15, 2026
May 7, 2026	May 20, 2026
June 4, 2026 & SANDIST (follows JPA)	June 17, 2026
July 2, 2026	July 15, 2026
August 6, 2026	August 19, 2026
September 3, 2026	September 16, 2026
October 1, 2026	October 21, 2026
November 5, 2026	November 18, 2026
December 3, 2026	December 16, 2026



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

****UNAUDITED****

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

Beginning Cash Balance at July 1, 2025	\$ 789,358
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Operating Results

Membership Dues & Interest Income	792,941
Expenses	<u>(153,425)</u>
Change in Net Position	639,516
Net change in Receivables & Payables	<u>(108,795)</u>

Cash provided by Operations	<u>530,721</u>
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Ending Cash Balance at September 30, 2025	<u><u>\$ 1,320,078</u></u>
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Funds with LAIF including Interest	<u><u>\$ 1,228,038</u></u>
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Funds in Checking and Savings Accounts	\$ 92,040
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<i>Check Ending Cash Balance</i>	<u>1,320,078</u>
	<u><u>\$ -</u></u>

Metro Wastewater JPA
Statement of Net Position

As of July 1, 2025 and September 30, 2025

Unaudited

	July 1, 2025	September 30, 2025	\$ Change
<u>ASSETS</u>			
Checking/Savings	\$ 789,358	\$ 1,320,078	\$ 530,721
Accounts Receivable	7,119	128,518	121,399
Total Assets	<u>\$ 796,477</u>	<u>\$ 1,448,596</u>	<u>\$ 652,120</u>
<u>LIABILITIES</u>			
Accounts Payable	\$ 56,320	\$ 68,924	\$ 12,604
Unearned Membership Billings	-	-	-
Total Liabilities	<u>\$ 56,320</u>	<u>\$ 68,924</u>	<u>\$ 12,604</u>
<u>NET POSITION</u>			
Net Position at Beginning of Period	\$ 247,595	\$ 740,157	\$ 492,562
Change in Net Position	492,562	639,516	146,954
Net Position at End of Period	<u>\$ 740,157</u>	<u>\$ 1,379,673</u>	<u>\$ 639,516</u>
<u>TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET POSITION</u>	<u>\$ 796,477</u>	<u>\$ 1,448,596</u>	<u>\$ 652,120</u>

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<i>Net Position at 09/30/2025</i>	\$ 1,379,673
<i>FY '26 Required Reserve (4 months of Op Exp)</i>	<u>278,171</u>
<i>Over (under) required reserve</i>	\$ 1,101,502
<i>Contingency Reserve (3 months)</i>	<u>197,714</u>
	<u>\$ 1,299,216</u>
Assets	\$ 1,448,596
Liabilities/Equity	\$ 1,448,596
Difference	\$ -

Total Reserves	475,885
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Metro Wastewater JPA
Statement of Operations
Budget vs. Actual
ending September 30, 2025
Unaudited

	Actual	Adjusted Budget	Over (Under) Budget	Annual Budget
Income				Month 3
Membership Dues	\$ 790,857	790,855	\$ 2	\$ 790,855
City of San Diego	-	6,750	(6,750)	\$ 27,000
Interest Income	2,084	4,164	(2,080)	16,657
Total Income	\$ 792,941	\$ 801,769	\$ (8,828)	\$ 834,512
Expense				
Administrative Assistant-LP		12,300	\$ (12,300)	\$ 49,200
Bank Charges	69	50	19	200
Contingency	-	-	-	-
Dues & Subscriptions	-	-	-	-
Financial Services		-		
Audit Fees	2,205	5,908	(3,703)	23,630
Financial Consulting Support (Auditor)	-	-	-	-
Financial - The Keze Group	49,095	42,000	7,095	168,000
Treasurer - CPA	22,886	12,500	10,386	50,000
JPA/TAC meeting expenses	1,358	1,650	(292)	6,600
Miscellaneous	-	892	(892)	250
Per Diem - Board	8,500	13,900	(5,400)	55,600
Printing, Postage, Supplies	95	200	(105)	800
Professional Services		-		
Engineering - Dexter Wilson	27,343	50,000	(22,658)	200,000
Engineering - NV5	-	-	-	-
Legal - (Pure Water/2nd ARA)	31,023	37,500	(6,477)	150,000
Legal - (General)	6,671	15,000	(8,329)	60,000
Legal - (SD Spill 2020 & 2023)	-	7,500	(7,500)	30,000
Paul Redvers Brown, Inc.	-	-	-	-
Strategic Planning	-	7,750	(7,750)	-
Consensus Support	-	10,863		12,450
IT & Communications	-	5,000	(5,000)	20,000
Telephone, Software & Internet	399	1,000	(601)	4,000
Website Architecture Update	-	-	-	-
Website Maintenance & Hosting	3,782	946	2,836	3,782
Total Expense	\$ 153,425	\$ 224,957	\$ (60,669)	\$ 834,512
Net Income (Loss)	\$ 639,516	\$ 576,812	\$ 51,841	\$ -

Metro Wastewater JPA
Statement of Cash Flows
ending September 30, 2025
Unaudited

CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

Cash Receipts from Member Agencies	\$ 669,458
Cash Paid to Vendors and Suppliers	(140,821)
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	<u>528,637</u>

CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES

Interest Earnings	<u>2,084</u>
Net Cash Provided by Investing Activities	<u>2,084</u>

NET CHANGE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS 530,721

Cash and Cash Equivalents - Beginning of Period	<u>789,358</u>
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS - END OF PERIOD	<u><u>\$ 1,320,078</u></u>

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

Operating Income	\$ 639,516
Change in Net Position	
Adjustments to Reconcile Operating Income to	
Increase in Accounts Receivable	(121,399)
Decrease in Accounts Payable	12,604
Interest Earnings	(2,084)
Total Adjustments	<u>(110,879)</u>
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	<u><u>\$ 528,637</u></u>



November 6, 2025

VIA EMAIL (kswanson@padre.org)

Kyle Swanson
CEO/General Manager
Padre Dam Municipal Water District

RE: Response to Padre Dam Municipal Water District Letter Dated September 24, 2025

Dear Mr. Swanson,

We appreciate Padre Dam Municipal Water District's continued engagement in the development of the Second Amended and Restated Regional Wastewater Disposal Agreement (SARA). However, after consultation with both Metro and City of San Diego staff, several points in Padre Dam's recent correspondence warrant clarification and response.

First, the process to develop the SARA and associated billing methodology has been deeply collaborative. An example of this process was the updating of the functional design parameter for all Metro treatment processes. The City of San Diego worked closely with an Ad Hoc committee established by the Metro JPA Chair, which included representation from the City of El Cajon, the largest contributor to the East County Joint Powers Authority (ECJPA). The result is a product shaped by multiple perspectives and negotiated in good faith over the course of four years.

Second, while we understand Padre Dam's interest in preserving the status quo of single-member veto, it is unrealistic and inconsistent with modern governance to expect that unanimous approval among all Participating Agencies (PAs) will continue to be a prerequisite for action. Requiring unanimity is not reflective of a democratic process in today's context and gives any single agency veto power over regional decisions, regardless of the broader consensus. The proposed two-thirds approval requirement remains a high threshold, one that is rarely seen in local or regional governance in our area and ensures that meaningful changes cannot occur without substantial agreement. Furthermore, Padre Dam's proposed alternative, *"that if the governing body of **one** or more PAs objects to a substantive change, then all PA representatives on the Metro JPA/Commission must approve"* is, in effect, the same as requiring unanimous consent. Such a provision would

preserve the very dynamic we are trying to move beyond and would undermine the collaborative decision-making framework envisioned in the updated agreement.

Third, we acknowledge the significant resources Padre Dam and its partners have invested in the East County Advanced Water Purification project. As proposed in the Second Amended and Restated Agreement, the billing model changes result in significant savings once ECAWP comes online as depicted below to account for this investment.

Estimated Annual Impacts of Change in Billing Methodology

A	B	C	D	C-B	D-B
AGENCY	Current ¹	Proposed ²		Current	Current
	2024	2024	Post-2027	vs. Proposed (2024)	vs. Post 2027
El Cajon	\$15,326,199	\$16,217,939	\$3,855,101	\$891,740	(\$11,471,098)
Lakeside/Alpine	\$6,104,562	\$5,988,431	\$354,126	(\$116,131)	(\$5,750,436)
Padre Dam	\$7,420,493	\$7,921,519	\$824,225	\$501,026	(\$6,596,268)
Wintergardens	\$1,922,541	\$1,857,225	\$152,321	(\$65,316)	(\$1,770,220)
TOTAL	\$30,773,795	\$31,985,114	\$5,185,773	\$1,211,319	(\$25,588,022)

¹Current Billing Methodology is referred to as Strength Based Billing

²Proposed Billing Methodology is referred to as Functional Allocation Billing

These savings were achieved through the incorporation of RSDP (Reject Stream from a Demineralization Process from an Advanced Water Purification Facility) into the billing system to reduce the cost of the RO residual discharge and the addition of the incremental peak charges to assure there is funding for maintenance and replacement of facilities to convey and treat peak wet weather flows. Both of these charges only apply to impacted facilities, so their scope is limited to reflect actual system usage.

However, even with that investment, the regional Metro system remains a critical component of our collective infrastructure. Having the system available for peak wet-weather events, unplanned outages, or planned maintenance of the ECAWP, is imperative to meeting our shared environmental stewardship responsibilities. Continued participation in and support of the Metro system ensures that all agencies can reliably manage wastewater under all conditions, protecting public health and the environment.

Finally, we note that this negotiation has taken place over more than four years and reflects numerous compromises from all parties. The tone of Padre Dam’s letter — specifically the assertion of its “sole discretion” to withhold approval — underscores the challenge of achieving consensus when a single agency insists on retaining veto power. Padre Dam’s proposed alternative, which would require unanimous consent whenever one or more agencies object, would effectively recreate the very barrier we are seeking to modernize.

Such a structure would perpetuate gridlock and place an undue burden on all other PAs striving to move forward collaboratively.

For these reasons, we believe the proposed governance and approval framework strikes an appropriate balance between protecting the interests of individual agencies and ensuring the region's ability to plan, fund, and manage its wastewater infrastructure responsibly and equitably for decades to come.

Respectfully,

Jerry Jones
Chair, Metro Wastewater Joint Powers
Authority/Metro Commission
City of Lemon Grove

Juan Guerreiro
Public Utilities Director
City of San Diego
Public Utilities Department

cc: Padre Dam Municipal Water District Board of Directors (via email:
apederson@padre.org)

METRO JPA/TAC**Staff Report****Date:**

Project Title: Eleventh amended Joint Powers Agreement confirming the creation of an agency known as Southern California Coastal Water Research Project (SCCWRP)

Presenter(s) Name: Violet Renick

Presenter(s) Title: Violet Renick – Assistant Deputy Public Utilities Director, Environmental Monitoring & Technical Services Division

Requested Action:

(1) An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor, or his designee, to execute the Eleventh Amended Joint Powers Agreement for the SCCWRP Authority of which the City is a founding member; and

(2) The Chief Financial Officer is authorized to expend an amount not to exceed \$3,185,000 from Fund 700001, Metro Sewer Utility Fund, contingent upon the adoption of the Annual Appropriation Ordinance for the applicable fiscal year, and contingent upon the Chief Financial Officer furnishing one or more certificates certifying that the funds necessary for expenditure are, or will be, on deposit with the City Treasurer.

Recommendations:

Approve

Metro TAC:	October 15, 2025
IROC:	November 6, 2025
Prior Actions: (Committee/Commission, Date, Result)	Presented to and approved by MetroTAC on October 15, 2025.

Fiscal Impact:

Is this projected budgeted?	Yes ☒ No ☐
Cost breakdown between Metro & Muni:	100% Metro (\$3,185,000)
Fiscal impact to the Metro JPA:	36% of cost to PAs (\$1,146,600)

Capital Improvement Program:

New Project?	Yes ☐	No ☐	N/A ☐
Existing Project?	Yes ☐	No ☐	Upgrade/addition ☐ Change ☐

Previous TAC/JPA Action:

Approved.

Additional/Future Action: Item will be heard at San Diego Council Environment Committee on November 13, 2025.

City Council Action: Item will be heard at San Diego Council Environment Committee on November 13, 2025.

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

The action requested here is for approval of the Eleventh Amendment of the Joint Powers Agreement for the Southern California Coastal Water Research Project (SCCWRP), which focuses on scientific research on wastewater disposal. The City is a founding member since the agency's formation in 1969.

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

The City of San Diego (City) is one of four southern California wastewater dischargers that created the Southern California Coastal Water Research Project (SCCWRP) in 1969. Since that time, SCCWRP has become an international leader in conducting scientific research directly related to management needs associated with wastewater discharges. The SCCWRP commission currently includes leadership from wastewater discharge agencies, federal and state regulatory agencies, and storm water agencies, thereby allowing frank and beneficial collaboration among both regulators and regulated agencies. The City's discharge permit and Clean Water Act waiver that allow the Point Loma Wastewater Treatment Plant (PLWTP) to operate at advanced primary treatment require the City to collect and synthesize regional data, and the data collected by SCCWRP's long-term monitoring program effectively and efficiently allow the City to meet critical regulatory reporting needs.

The San Diego Public Utilities Department is requesting approval of an Ordinance to allow continued funding for the Southern California Coastal Water Research Project. The SCCWRP Authority, a Joint Powers Authority (JPA), was created in 1969 to enhance the scientific foundation for management of southern California's ocean and associated coastal watershed resources. The study area extends from the coastline of the US/Mexico border to the Santa Barbara County line. By virtue of the Joint Powers Agreement, entered into by the signatories to the Agreement: the (1) City of Los Angeles; (2) Orange County Sanitation District; (3) City of San Diego; and the (4) County Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County agree to provide annual funding as full members, while the (1) Ventura County Watershed Protection District, (2) Los Angeles County Flood Control District, (3) County of Orange Public Works, and (4) County of San Diego Public Works provide annual funding as ¼ members for research conducted and coordinated by this agency. The current JPA will expire on June 30, 2026.

SCCWRP is currently governed by a fourteen (14) member Commission composed of representatives from six regulators:

- the US Environmental Protection Agency Region IX;
- State Water Resources Control Board Division of Water Quality;
- three (3) Regional Water Quality Control Boards representing the Los Angeles, Santa Ana, and San Diego Regions;
- Ocean Protection Council, California Natural Resources Agency;

four wastewater agencies:

- Bureau of Sanitation, City of Los Angeles;

- County Sanitation District Number 2 of Los Angeles;
- Orange County Sanitation District;
- City of San Diego;

and four stormwater agencies:

- Ventura County Watershed Protection District;
- Los Angeles County Flood Control District;
- County of Orange Public Works;
- County of San Diego Public Works

Currently, the SCCWRP Commissioner for the City of San Diego is the Deputy Chief Operating Officer over the Infrastructure Branch, which contains the Public Utilities, Stormwater, and Transportation Departments. An Alternate Commissioner is assigned by the Commissioner to act as their proxy when necessary.

This Eleventh Amendment to the Joint Powers Agreement will provide for the continuation of work with SCCWRP for another five years, beginning with fiscal year 2027. The City's National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permits that allow for wastewater discharge to the ocean mandate the City participate in this regional monitoring program in order to "maximize the efforts of all monitoring partners using a more cost-effective monitoring design and to best utilize the pooled scientific resources of the Southern California Bight." SCCWRP's regional monitoring program encompasses the entire southern California bight, and allows the City to place localized monitoring data from around the City's two ocean outfalls into a broader biogeographical context. This is critical for determining whether any environmental changes occurring near the point of wastewater discharge are due to treatment plant operations or part of natural changes occurring across the entire southern California region.

Funding provided to SCCWRP by the City is also used for specialized research projects to help wastewater dischargers better manage their facilities to prevent environmental degradation. Anticipated projects during the next funding cycle include:

- **Beach Water Quality Monitoring** - San Diego is consistently used as a national model for how beaches around the country are assessed, to ensure it is safe for swimmers to enter the water. SCCWRP's ongoing research will continue to help us by training our staff and equipping our labs to comply with City requirements on Pure Water, beach monitoring, and pollutant source tracking.
- **Regional Monitoring** - The City is required to monitor its discharge effects on the environment both immediately near our outfalls and regionally. SCCWRP facilitates our regional monitoring requirements, leveraging our efforts with more than 100 other regulated agencies in oceans and streams regionwide. This ensures quality, comparability, and effectiveness while saving the City hundreds of thousands of dollars each year.
- **Stormwater Pollution Control** - The City spends millions of dollars annually on Best Management Practices (BMPs), which are our primary mechanism for complying with stormwater regulations. SCCWRP houses EPA's National Center for Excellence for improving effectiveness of stormwater management. SCCWRP continuously helps us select the most appropriate technologies into which we invest. They also provide enhanced designs and optimized maintenance procedures to ensure the effectiveness of those investments.

SCCWRP has been able to leverage the City's research dollar-for-dollar costs nearly 20:1, and could possibly save hundreds of millions in the coming decade in improved infrastructure and avoiding wasted, ineffective capital expenditures.

- **Technical Assistance** - SCCWRP is one of the world leaders in microplastics and they supply the sampling and analytical services for which we would otherwise bear responsibility. When concern was expressed that City facilities contribute to antibiotic resistant bacteria in the ocean, SCCWRP helped us demonstrate that our facilities were actually reducing the problem.

The San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) issues NPDES permits that allow the Public Utilities Department to discharge treated wastewater to the Pacific Ocean. These permits also require the City to participate in the Southern California Bight Regional Monitoring Program, coordinated by SCCWRP. However, with approval from the San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board, the City could hire technical consultants, on a case-by-case basis, to accomplish this work. This alternative is not recommended, as it would result in loss of City input that results from the cooperative working relationship with the regulators and other dischargers that are part of SCCWRP, inefficiencies, and additional costs.

Execution of this agreement obligates the City for the first year of the five-year term. Withdrawal provisions are included within the agreement for years two, three, four, and five.

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



Southern California Coastal Water Research Project (SCCWRP)

11th Amendment to Joint Powers Agreement (JPA)

Violet M. Renick, Ph.D. (Assistant Deputy Public Utilities Director)
 Peter S. Vroom, Ph.D. (Deputy Public Utilities Director)
 Ryan M. Kempster, Ph.D. (Ocean Monitoring Program Manager)



November 2025

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Requested Action

Approval

Recommend to City Council to authorize Mayor to execute 11th Amended JPA with the Southern California Coastal Water Research Project (SCCWRP)

Prior Action

Presented to and approved by MetroTAC on October 15, 2025.

Funding

Authorize expenditure of \$3,185,000 from Public Utilities enterprise Metro fund for this agreement over five years (FY2027 – FY2031)

- \$2,038,400 (64%) from City of San Diego
- \$1,146,600 (36%) from Participating Agencies



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What is the Southern California Coastal Water Research Project (SCCWRP)?

- SCCWRP is a public agency that was created in 1969 by southern California's four largest wastewater dischargers to better understand the impact of wastewater discharge on the marine environment.
- SCCWRP develops and applies science to improve the management of aquatic systems in Southern California

SCCWRP Member Organizations

Wastewater (4)



Storm Water (4)



Regulators (6)



SCCWRP Commission

Governing Board of SCCWRP includes top executives from each of the member agencies

- City of San Diego Commissioner = Kris McFadden, Deputy Chief Operating Officer
- City of San Diego Alternate Commissioner = Juan Guerreiro, Public Utilities Director

Unique interface between science and management, as well as regulators and dischargers

Coordinates collaborative partnerships

Sponsors research studies and training events

Ensures SCCWRP's research is communicated to and acted upon by Southern California's environmental management community



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SCCWRP Purpose



Contribute to the scientific understanding of linkages among human activities, natural events, and the health of the Southern California coastal environment

Communicate this understanding to decision makers and other stakeholders

Help develop strategies for protecting the coastal environment for present and future generations



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Anticipated SCCWRP projects during next funding cycle



- Beach Water Quality Monitoring
- Regional Monitoring
- Stormwater Pollution Control
- Microplastics



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Participation with SCCWRP is a regulatory requirement

Public Utilities NPDES permits to discharge wastewater from the Point Loma and South Bay Ocean Outfalls mandate the City's participation with SCCWRP.

The Discharger is required to participate in the Southern California Bight Regional Monitoring Program coordinated by the Southern California Coastal Water Research Project (SCCWRP), or any other coordinator named by the San Diego Water Board, pursuant to Water Code sections 13267 and 13383, and 40 CFR section 122.48.

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ORDER NO. RS-2017-0007
NPDES NO. CA0107409

WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS AND
NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM PERMIT
FOR THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO
E.W. BLOOM POINT LOMA WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT
DISCHARGE TO THE PACIFIC OCEAN THROUGH THE POINT LOMA OCEAN OUTFALL

The following Discharger is subject to waste discharge requirements (WDRs) set forth in this Order/Permit:

Table 1. Discharger Information

Discharger	City of San Diego
Name of Facility	E.W. Bloom Point Loma Wastewater Treatment Plant
Facility Address	1902 Outchell Road San Diego, CA 92106 San Diego County

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region (San Diego Water Board) and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA), Region IX, and the have classified this discharge as a major discharge.

Table 2. Discharge Location

Discharge Point	Effluent Description	Discharge Point Latitude (North)	Discharge Point Longitude (West)	Receiving Water
001	Advanced primary treated wastewater	32° 39' 55" N	117° 19' 25" W	Pacific Ocean

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Benefits of SCCWRP Membership



- Support for regulatory permit monitoring requirements
- Access to and development of scientifically rigorous assessment approaches and measurement tools
- Research into emerging issues
- Forum for organized cooperation with the regulatory community
- Cost sharing and resource leverage
- Access to data from across southern California

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SCCWRP Agreement

Funding will increase incrementally over the five years of the 11th JPA as follows:

FY27	FY28	FY29	FY30	FY31
\$600,000	\$618,000	\$636,000	\$656,000	\$675,000

Total = \$3,185,000

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Questions?

- Dr. Peter Vroom: pvroom@saniego.gov
- Dr. Ryan Kempster: rkempster@saniego.gov
- Dr. Violet Renick (alternate): vmrenick@saniego.gov



									Total Contract (Including Change Orders)			30-Jun-25	
Construction Package	Contractor Intermediate Substantial Completion	Contractor Substantial Completion ⁽³⁾	Percent Complete (G = F / E)	Bid Award ⁽¹⁾ (A)	Change Orders ⁽²⁾ (B)	% Change Orders	Quarterly Water Change Orders	Quarterly WW Change Orders	Water (C)	Wastewater (D)	Total Contract (E = A + B)	Paid to Date ⁽²⁾ (F)	Construction Company
Early Sitework	July 27, 2021	July 27, 2021	100%	\$16,403,300	\$1,184,211	7%	\$0	\$0	\$4,546,855	\$13,040,656	\$17,587,511	\$17,587,511	Shimmick
NC Pure Water Facility & NC Pure Water Pump Station	October 15, 2025	May 21, 2026	83%	\$356,681,930	\$40,073,835	11%	\$3,837,873	\$0	\$396,755,765	\$0	\$396,755,765	\$330,073,166	Shimmick
Morena Wastewater Pump Station	January 8, 2026	August 6, 2026	81%	\$110,386,350	\$31,679,902	29%	\$0	\$763,680	\$58,674	\$142,007,578	\$142,066,252	\$115,421,384	Flat Iron West
Morena Northern Alignment & Tunnels	May 1, 2025	May 23, 2025	85%	\$95,243,645	\$18,038,900	19%	\$0	\$0	\$21,956,264	\$91,326,282	\$113,282,546	\$95,936,771	OHL USA, Inc
NC Pure Water Pipeline and Dechlorination Facility & Subaqueous Pipeline ⁽⁴⁾	October 14, 2024	March 6, 2026	68%	\$123,456,027	\$12,086,111	10%	\$5,866,572	\$0	\$135,542,138	\$0	\$135,542,138	\$92,483,863	W.A. Rasic Construction Company, Inc.
NCWRP Expansion & PWF Influent Conveyance	February 2, 2026	October 1, 2026	72%	\$255,138,000	\$25,639,232	10%	\$0	\$0	\$145,850,931	\$134,926,302	\$280,777,232	\$200,778,091	Kiewit Infrastructure West Co.
NC MBC Improvements	October 2, 2024	August 13, 2025	87%	\$40,086,690	\$6,098,975	15%	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$46,185,665	\$46,185,665	\$40,029,497	PCL Construction, Inc.
NCWRP EQ Basins	May 15, 2025	June 26, 2025	64%	\$11,886,000	\$441,637	4%	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$12,327,637	\$12,327,637	\$7,839,481	Kiewit Infrastructure West Co.
Morena Conveyance Southern & Middle	May 13, 2025	October 3, 2025	74%	\$129,753,895	\$7,023,749	5%	\$318,335	\$1,554,222	\$29,847,978	\$106,929,666	\$136,777,644	\$100,753,628	Sukut Construction, LLC
Miramar Reservoir Pump Station Improvements	October 21, 2024	November 19, 2024	84%	\$12,692,000	\$707,144	6%	\$189,888	\$0	\$13,399,144	\$0	\$13,399,144	\$11,285,842	Shimmick
Miramar Reservoir Automated In-Water Quality Monitoring System (AIWQMS)	October 15, 2026	October 15, 2026	54%	\$1,000,000	\$0	0%	\$0	\$0	\$1,000,000	\$0	\$1,000,000	\$538,435	Soundnine Inc.
Penasquitos Pump Station Oxygenation System	January 3, 2024	June 11, 2026	41%	\$4,391,767	\$0	0%	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$4,391,767	\$4,391,767	\$1,806,123	Blue Pacific Engineering & Construction
78%				\$1,157,119,604	\$142,973,698		\$10,212,667	\$2,317,902	\$748,957,749	\$551,135,553	\$1,300,093,302	\$1,014,533,793	

Total Approved Change Orders Excluding Scope Removal Change Orders⁴: \$163,711,638

- Bid Award values are entered when Notice-of-Intent to Award has been issued.
- Change order amounts through June 30, 2025. Paid to date through June 30, 2025 invoicing as of August 31, 2025.
- Projected Substantial Completion is based on the current construction contract date, inclusive of any time-related change orders.
- Deductive Change Order amounts cannot "refund" Pooled Contingency. North City Pure Water Pipeline had a deductive change order of \$20,737,940 resulting from de-scoping an asbestos-cement replacement group job.

Highlighted projects are necessary for partial flow commissioning.



Monthly Executive Director's Report September 2025 & October 2 Board Meeting

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.

September was a very busy month in the implementation process for the draft Second Amended and Restated Agreement (SARA) and Administrative Agreement No 1 (AA1) with multiple meetings with the City of San Diego staff, Padre Dam's attorney, and the Pure Water (SARA) AdHoc. This resulted in clean versions with all redlines accepted from the City of San Diego for both documents sent out to all TAC and JPA members on September 25th in the October Metro Wastewater JPA/Commission agenda.

For reference purposes, the final draft versions of SARA, AA1, and the SARA Exhibits as well as past reference materials including staff reports and presentations have been posted in the "News" section of the JPA website:

<https://www.metrojpa.org/home/showdocument?id=5002>

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>

Key Tasks and Updates:

1. SARA and Administrative Agreement No. 1 (AA1) Update

As noted above, the final draft of the Second Amended and Restated Agreement (SARA) and Administrative Agreement No. 1 (AA1) was distributed to all members in the October JPA/Commission agenda packet.

At their October 2nd meeting, the Metro JPA/Commission Board of Directors held an advisory vote on the draft SARA, resulting in an 11–1 outcome approving the following motion:

“That the Metro Commission recommend that the Participating Agencies approve the draft SARA, subject to non-substantive revisions and corrections, with such determinations to be made jointly by the Participating Agencies’ Attorney and the City/General Manager.”

Padre Dam Municipal Water District was the sole dissenting vote and submitted a letter outlining its concerns, which was included in the October agenda materials. Padre Dam’s primary objection pertains to the proposed change from the unanimous vote requirement under the 1998 Regional Agreement and the ARA to a two-third vote on financial matters under the new SARA.

The next step in the process is for each Participating Agency to present SARA and AA1 to its governing body for formal approval. Concurrently, discussions will continue with Padre Dam to determine whether a compromise can be reached regarding the voting provision.

During October, the Executive Team will provide an updated PowerPoint presentation, staff report, and final clean copies of both SARA and AA1 for Directors to use in presenting the agreements to their respective Councils or Boards. Executive Team members will be available to attend governing body meetings as requested and will continue to support the Participating Agencies by addressing any questions that may arise during the approval and **implementation process**.

2. JPA Policies and Procedures Manual

The draft Policies and Procedures Manual was approved at the September JPA/Commission Meeting. The final manual can be found at:

<https://www.metrojpa.org/Home/ShowDocument?id=4962>

3. I&I Committee

The City of San Diego provided the draft scope of work for Phase 1 of the I&I Study to the I&I Committee for review and comment, with feedback due by September 19. All Participating Agencies that have not yet submitted their meter basin data are requested to do so as soon as possible to facilitate ADS’s project kickoff. The next I&I Committee meeting will be scheduled once all necessary information has been received.

4. Treasury Activities and ACH Pilot Program

During September, the JPA Treasury staff was very active, preparing and providing the required financial documentation for Fiscal Years 2024 and 2025 to the JPA’s auditors in preparation for the biennial audit kickoff.

In addition, Treasury staff launched a pilot Automated Clearing House (ACH) payment project to refine and test the new electronic payment process. Over the next several months, monthly invoice and per diem payments will be issued via ACH to two Board Members and two vendors as part of this trial phase.

A report on the pilot results will be presented to the Finance Committee in January 2026 and the Board in February 2026 for review and approval to proceed with full implementation of ACH payments for all Board Member per diems and vendor disbursements. Initial indications show that the ACH process is more cost-effective than the existing manual check system, with measurable savings in staff time and expenses such as postage and envelopes. It is anticipated that the transition from manual checks to ACH payments will be fully completed this fiscal year.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Metro TAC:

Regular Meeting:
October 15, 2025
11-1 Via Zoom

Metro JPA/Commission:

Regular Meeting:
November 6, 2025
Noon-2 PM MOC Auditorium



Monthly Metro TAC Chair Report October 2025

A summary of action items, presentations, discussions and updates heard at the regularly scheduled Metro Technical Advisory Committee held on October 15, 2025.

Action:

Agenda Item 2: Consideration and Possible Action to Recommend to the Metro JPA/Commission Approval of an Eleventh Amended Joint Powers Agreement Confirming the Creation of an Agency known as SCCWRP.

- City of San Diego (City) staff presented the history of SCCWRP and the wastewater, storm water, and regulating agencies that are members. Its goal is to collaborate to protect the coast and support scientific research. This next phase plans to fund many projects including coastal monitoring and emerging issues such as microplastics. The cost to the PAs for this amendment is \$1,146,600 over five years.
- There were no questions from TAC and it was unanimously recommended.

Agenda Item 3a: Consideration and Possible Action to Recommend to the Metro JPA Amendment No. 4 to the Agreement with Jacobs-CH2M Hill Engineers, Inc. for As-Needed Construction Management Services – Conveyance Projects.

- City staff presented the proposed amendment needed to extend the contract to meet current construction conditions, special inspections, commissioning, and claims advisory. The additional cost to the PAs is estimated to be \$640,000 through December 2028.
- TAC clarified the source of the estimated Metro JPA split and the timeline along with some wording in the staff report. It was recommended unanimously.

Agenda Item 3b: Consideration and Possible Action to Recommend to the Metro JPA, Pure Water Program – Amendment No. 3 to the Agreement with Parsons-Black & Veatch Joint Venture for As-Needed Construction Manager – Treatment Plant and Facilities Projects.

- City staff presented the proposed amendment needed to extend the contract to meet the current construction schedule, specialty support, commissioning, and claims advisory. The additional cost to the PAs is estimated to be \$746,667 through December 2028.

- TAC clarified why covered tanks were needed and how some of the included projects affected the Metro JPA. It was recommended unanimously.

Agenda Item 3c: Consideration and Possible Action to Recommend to the Metro JPA, Pure Water Program – First Amendment to the agreement with PMWeb, Inc. to provide web-based project control system for Pure Water Program Phase 1

- City staff presented the amendment needed to match the schedule of Phase 1 construction. The estimated additional cost to the Metro JPA is \$85,774 through July 2029.
- TAC clarified this software is only for Pure Water and how long the data needs to be retained. It was recommended unanimously.

Update:

Agenda Item 3: Semi-Annual Pure Water Program Update

- Doug Campbell presented the latest Pure Water update including notice that the project is approximately 82% complete and planning to start producing water in mid to late 2026. The City continues to coordinate with regulators and prepare for operation and ramp up. The next steps are to continue with commissioning and completion of the major projects. The City continues to study the best path forward for Pure Water Phase 2.
- TAC asked the latest on the assessment of wastewater flows and water demands. The City is still studying this, but it's all being included in the Phase 2 study. TAC also wanted to know if full secondary at Point Loma is one of the options which the City confirmed. The City confirmed OPRA II has no firm timeline, but the NPDES permit should have an update at the end of the year.

Presentation:

Agenda Item 4: Pure Water Unit Cost Analysis and Update on Phase 2 Planning Approach

- City staff presented the latest analysis of unit costs and planning of Phase 2, including the projected water sales, unit costs for water and wastewater customers, and comparison to other projects and sources.
- TAC asked the City to clarify the wastewater unit cost NPV and the assumptions for Phase 2 costs.
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Standing Items to be Brought to JPA:

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

Agenda Item 7: Pure Water Program Update (Doug Owen/Ben Kuhnel)

Agenda Item 8: Metro Wastewater Financial (Adam Jones)

Agenda Item 9: JPA Executive Director (Karyn Keze)

Metro Meetings:

Upcoming Meetings

- **Metro JPA:**
 - **Date:** November 5, 2025
 - **Format:** In person.

- **Metro TAC:**
 - **Date:** November 19, 2025
 - **Format:** Zoom only.

- **I&I Metro TAC Subcommittee:**
 - **Date:** TBD
 - **Format:** MS Teams only.