



Monthly Metro TAC Chair Report January 2026

A summary of action items, presentations, discussions, and updates heard at the regularly scheduled Metro Technical Advisory Committee held on January 21, 2026.

Action:

Agenda Item 2: Consideration and Possible Action to Approve the Metro Wastewater JPA Quarterly Treasurer's Report FY 2026 - Quarter 2 - Ending December 31, 2025

- Metro staff walked TAC through the Quarterly Treasurer's Report. There were no questions and it was unanimously recommended to the JPA.

Agenda Item 4: Consideration and Possible Action to Recommend Approval to the Metro JPA/Commission of City of San Diego Metro Wastewater System Functional Design Based Billing Framework Report

- Stantec presented a summary of the FAB system as a reminder of previous presentations given in light of preparation of the final report.
- TAC noted and asked for clarification on updated numbers since the last presentations. They asked for continued communication on implementation as it relates to SARA. TAC also asked for clarifications on how fixed and incremental peak costs could change overtime based on Exhibit B changes. The report was unanimously recommended to the JPA.

Agenda Item 5: Consideration and Possible Action to Recommend Approval to the Metro JPA/Commission the Third Amendment to Sole Source Agreement with Geosyntec Consultants, Inc. to provide Technical Consultant Services for NPDES General Permit for Storm Water Discharges Associated with Industrial Activities, Consent Decree Support.

- City staff presented the third amendment to sole source agreement with Geosyntec Consultants. This amendment will extend the contract years to correspond with a consent decree. This will allow for the completion of projects at PLWTP and NCWRP. The additional expense is \$492,350, 33% of which the Metro JPA is responsible for.

- TAC asked why this amendment is larger. It was explained that an 8% rate increase was requested by Geosyntec (their first rate increase to date), but the majority of the cost difference is due to the increased work expected to off-ramp the projects. It was clarified that this is still a not-to-exceed contract. TAC recommended more details be added to describe this be included in the JPA presentation. It was recommended to the JPA with one dissenting vote.

Information:

Agenda Item 3: Review of January 1, 2026, Storm Events

- City staff presented preliminary information on the flows seen during the New Year's storm event. The storm was larger than forecasted and hit the eastern and central portions of the County hardest. All six pumps were available and used at Pump Station 1. Seven of eight pumps were available at Pumps Station 2 and all seven were used. A peak flow management strategy using storage capacity at NCWRP and SBWRP was implemented. There was a considerable unanticipated delta between Pump Station 2 effluent and Point Loma influent that is still being investigated. There was a small release of treated effluent at Point Loma, but preliminary analysis indicates no significant environmental impact. Lessons learned are being incorporated into more cohesive and effective communications and response plans for the myriads of interconnected assets. Preliminary flows from each PA were presented. The East Mission Gorge PS construction bypass was used to divert peak flows from the Mission Gorge Trunk Sewer and no spills were identified.
- TAC asked how Pure Water Phase 1 would affect storm management. They also requested follow up on the Pump Station 2 and Point Loma delta and how the flows compared to SARA Exhibit B.

Standing Items to be Brought to JPA:

Agenda Item 6: Metro Wastewater (General) (Doug Campbell presented for Lisa Celeya)

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

Agenda Item 8: Metro Wastewater Financial (Adam Jones)

Agenda Item 9: SARA Update Report (Blake Behringer/Karyn Keze)

Agenda Item 10: JPA Executive Director (Karyn Keze)

Agenda Item 11: Metro Commission/JPA Board Meeting Recap (Blake Behringer)

Metro Meetings:

Upcoming Meetings

- **Metro JPA:**
 - **Date:** February 5, 2026
 - **Format:** In person.
- **Metro TAC:**
 - **Date:** February 18, 2026
 - **Format:** Zoom only.
- **I&I Metro TAC Subcommittee:**
 - **Date:** January 29, 2026
 - **Format:** Teams only.