



## Monthly Metro TAC Chair Report April 2026

A summary of action items, presentations, discussions, and updates heard at the regularly scheduled Metro Technical Advisory Committee held on April 15, 2026.

### **Action:**

**Agenda Item 2:** Consideration and Possible Action to Recommend Approval to the Metro Wastewater JPA of Pump Station 2 Design Contract Amendment

- City staff presented on the proposed amendment. They provided background on Pump Station 2 and explained the contract needed to be extended due to updated project phasing. The scope is being expanded to include the results of additional assessments and investigation performed leading to more improvements to the stations. It will also include an estimate for construction support services. The additional cost to the PAs is \$757,000 and was included in the FY26 budget.
- TAC requested clarification as to why the additional scope was not included in the original scope; staff explained that the need for this work could not be identified until the initial investigation was completed. TAC also requested a review of the configuration of the station wet wells. Metro Engineering staff let TAC know that they were included in some of the timing decisions and wet well investigations results. TAC unanimously recommended the amendment.

**Agenda Item 3:** Consideration and Possible Action to Recommend Approval to the Metro Wastewater JPA of As-Needed Jetting & Pipe Cleaning at Wastewater Treatment Facilities

- City provided background on why it jets/cleans facilities and pipelines at treatment plants to meet requirements. The project was competitively bid and they are recommending awarding to the lowest responsible bidder out of three bids. The Metro cost would be no more than \$1,465,578.97 per year.

- TAC clarified that the cost ceiling would be held for the extension years. They also requested the bid results for reference for their own agencies. TAC unanimously recommended the contract.

**Agenda Item 4a-d:** Consideration and Possible Action to Recommend to the Metro Wastewater JPA/Metro Commission Approval of the Following Scopes of Work Relating to FY 2027

- The Executive Director and TAC Chair presented the scope of work for the four contract renewals: the Keze Group, LLC, Dexter Wilson Engineering, Inc., Rodney Greek, CPA, and Lori Anne Peoples. The Succession Planning Ad Hoc and Finance Committee recommended/approved these scopes through a detailed review process.
- TAC clarified that the Ad Hoc Committee conducted an extensive review to determine whether any consultant contracts should be competitively solicited and, based on that review, recommended retaining the existing consultants. TAC praised all consultants and unanimously approved all of the scopes.

**Agenda Item 5:** Consideration and Possible Action to Recommend to the Metro Wastewater JPA/Metro Commission Approval of FY 2027 Draft Metro Wastewater JPA Budget

The Executive Director presented the budget for FY 2027. The discussion began with a review of the FY 2026 year-end projections, followed by the FY 2027 proposed budget, which reflects an approximate 4% increase. Key drivers include the addition of a standalone Executive Director position, and potential increases related to the introduction of new programs such as liability insurance and external agency memberships such as CSDA and CASA. FY 2027 PA membership dues will remain unchanged, with reserves proposed to cover the difference. The allocation of dues among the PAs was also reviewed as a reminder.

- TAC asked for some slide updates for the JPA meetings to match the budget document. They also asked why the attorney's contract wasn't reviewed and it was explained that it is a different process since the attorney serves at the pleasure of the JPA Board. They also asked when the FY21-23 audit would be completed and if it would impact the budget distribution. It is not expected to be completed in time for this budget, but would be taken into account for future budgets. The budget was unanimously approved.

**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: 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:**

**Recent Meetings**

- **Metro JPA:**
  - **Date:** April 2, 2026
  
- **I&I Metro TAC Subcommittee:**
  - **Date:** February 26, 2026

**Upcoming Meetings**

- **Metro JPA:**
  - **Date:** May 7, 2026
  - **Format:** In person.
  
- **Metro TAC:**
  - **Date:** May 20, 2026
  - **Format:** Zoom only.
  
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