



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

**Thursday, April 5, 2007  
12:00 p.m.**

**9192 Topaz Way (MOC II) Auditorium  
San Diego, California**

**AGENDA**

"The mission of the Metro Commission is to create an equitable partnership with the San Diego City Council on wastewater issues in the San Diego region that ensures fair rates for participating agencies, concern for the environment, and regionally balanced decisions through data analysis, collaboration among all stakeholders, and open dialogue."

Documentation  
Included

1. ROLL CALL
2. PUBLIC COMMENT
- X 3. **ACTION** - APPROVE MINUTES OF MARCH 1, 2007
4. METRO TAC UPDATE
5. **ACTION** - REGIONAL JOINT GOVERNANCE STUDY
6. FINANCE AD HOC COMMITTEE
  - Report on Activities
  - Reaffirm Membership to Finance Ad Hoc Committee

7. METRO WASTEWATER DEPARTMENT UPDATE
8. PROPOSED AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT METRO COMMISSION/WASTEWATER JPA MEETING (Strategic Planning Workshop, May 3, 2007, Dempsey Holder Safety Center, Imperial Beach)
9. METRO COMMISSIONERS' AND JPA BOARD MEMBERS' COMMENTS
10. ADJOURNMENT OF METRO COMMISSION AND JPA

\*Item 2 - This portion of the agenda provides an opportunity for members of the public to address the Commission and/or JPA items within the jurisdiction of the Commission and/or JPA that have not previously been before the Commission and/or JPA. Comments are limited to three (3) minutes per individual. **Note:** Any member of the Public may address the Commission and/or JPA on any Agenda Item. Please complete a Speaker's Slip in advance of the specific item being called. For alternative agenda format or disabled access to Metro Commission, please call M. Barrett at (619) 236-6585.

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**March 1, 2007  
Draft Minutes**

Chairman Abarbanel called the meeting to order at 12:03 p.m. A quorum of the Metro Wastewater JPA and Metro Commission was declared, and the following representatives were present:

**1. ROLL CALL**

<u>Agencies</u>	<u>Representatives</u>	X	<u>Alternate</u>
City of Chula Vista	Cheryl Cox	X	
City of Coronado	Al Ovrom	X	
City of Del Mar	Henry Abarbanel	X	
City of El Cajon	Mark Lewis	X	
City of Imperial Beach	Mayda Winter	X	
City of La Mesa	Ernie Ewin	X	
Lemon Grove Sanitation District	Jerry Jones	X	
City of National City	Luis Natividad	X	
City of Poway	Merrilee Boyack	X	
City of San Diego	Tim Bertch	X	
County of San Diego	Dianne Jacob		Daniel Brogadir
Otay Water District	Mark Robak	X	(Arrived 12:10)
Padre Dam MWD	Augie Scalzitti	X	
Metro TAC Chair	Scott Huth	X	
Public Utilities Advisory Commission	Chuck Spinks	X	

**2. PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

**3. APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE MEETING OF FEBRUARY 8, 2007**

Upon motion by Commissioner Natividad, seconded by Vice Chair Winter, with Lemon Grove Sanitation District abstaining, and the Otay Water District absent, the minutes for the meeting of February 8, 2007 were approved.

**4. METRO WASTEWATER DEPARTMENT UPDATE**

Dr. Timothy Bertch reported on the following:

- The City Council met Monday and approved the rate increases. No new changes were made to the Participating Agencies' contributions.
- Input from the Participating Agencies regarding the modified permit will be requested when the City's public education campaign begins.
- Regional Joint Governance strategies were presented to the City's Natural Resource & Culture Committee. Dr. Bertch will be working with Chairman Abarbanel to determine whether or not, even if the study recommends joint activity, San Diego has any inclination to move forward. Dr. Bertch asked for input from Commissioners.

(Note: Commissioner Robak arrived)

The following comments were provided:

- Chairman Abarbanel reported that the NR&C agreed they were interested in finding out more detail of the study, the cost, and how the cost would be split between the Participating Agencies and the City. They will review this item again at their April meeting to receive an update to these questions if the JPA decides to do the work.
- Commissioner Jones wants the Participating Agencies to have time to be able to present information to each of their councils. It needs to be determined if there is a constituency opposed to this before too much money is spent. He proposed that concerns or questions regarding weighted voting and financing, etc, be addressed at individual council/board meetings by another member of the JPA.
- Commissioner Boyack remarked that at this point we may not get anything more than a "maybe" from the City of San Diego on this item.
- Chairman Abarbanel stated there was real interest in a study, this is an exploratory phase in which we want to find out detailed benefits, and it will cost some money to find this out. The study is estimated to cost approximately \$200,000.
- Commissioner Ewin wants to make sure that all the material provided to individual agencies is identical. It was confirmed at this time that one opposing agency would not stop the process of the JPA moving forward, it would count as one opposing vote and things will move forward based on the majority vote. The exact voting structure has not been established.

**5. METRO TAC UPDATE**

Mr. Scott Huth reported that Items 8 and 9 on this agenda were approved by Metro TAC at their last meeting. Ten-year CIP budget estimates were reviewed. A new format is being developed to show project updates and should be ready for review at the next JPA meeting. The terms and process for the Transportation Agreement are being reviewed by a smaller working group.

**6. OVERVIEW OF STRATEGIC PLANNING WORKSHOP**

Mr. John Gavares, facilitator for the 2007 Strategic Planning Workshop, was available to answer any questions. Mr. Gavares will contact the Commissioners to request desired key topics of discussion. The workshop will be held on May 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Dempsey Holder Safety Center in Imperial Beach.

**7. VIEW POWERPOINT PRESENTATION ON OTAY WATER DISTRICT'S RECYCELD WATER PROJECTS UPDATE**

Mr. Manny Magana, Assistant General Manager for Otay Water District, provided an update on Otay Water District's Recycled Water Projects. A grand opening is being planned for the 6mgd project they have with the City of San Diego, bringing them second to San Diego in recycled water distribution in San Diego County.

**8. NORTH CITY WATER RECLAMATION PLANT – ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR ANNUAL ALLOCATIONS**

Upon motion by Commissioner Robak, seconded by Commissioner Boyack, the Commissioners voted unanimously to approve this project.

**9. SAN DIEGO REGIONAL ENERGY OFFICE (SDREO) CUSTOMER SERVICE AGREEMENT**

The Commissioners heard a report from Mr. Tom Alspaugh, Sr. Mechanical Engineer with the City of San Diego, on the San Diego Regional Energy Office (SDREO) Customer Service Agreement.

**10. DISCUSSION ON SCOPE AND COST FOR REGIONAL JOINT GOVERNANCE STUDY**

Chairman Abarbanel reported on a meeting with the Natural Resources and Culture (NR&C) Committee regarding Regional Joint Governance. He and Commissioner Scalzitti will be working with Metro TAC and each Participating Agency representative to prepare for a follow-up meeting in April with the NR&C Committee. A Scope of Work will be presented at the April Metro JPA meeting.

**11. REGIONAL JOINT GOVERNANCE AD HOC COMMITTEE**

No further discussion.

**12. FINANCE AD HOC COMMITTEE**

- The 2003 audit is being tracked.
- Chairman Abarbanel met with the City's Chief Financial Officer, Mr. Jay Goldstone. The JPA will have representation at future meetings regarding financing. Upon consensus of the Commissioners, a letter will be sent to Mr. Goldstone with contact information for the Finance Ad Hoc Committee members.

**13. PROPOSED AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT METRO COMMISSION/WASTEWATER JPA MEETING (April 5, 2007)**

There were not any items requested.

**14. METRO COMMISSIONERS' AND JPA BOARD MEMBERS' COMMENTS**

There were no comments.

**15. ADJOURNMENT OF METRO COMMISSION AND JPA**

At 1:15 p.m., there being no further business, Chairman Abarbanel declared the meeting adjourned. The next regular meeting is April 5, 2007 at noon.

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Recording Secretary