



City of San Diego's Finance Issues To Affect The Participating Agencies

Scott Tulloch, Director of San Diego's Metro Wastewater Department, gave a financial overview to the Metro JPA/Commission regarding the City of San Diego's financial obligations on short-term financing as a result of the City's inability to issue bond financing. Tulloch identified how the delay of the City of San Diego 2003-2004 audit report could affect existing loan repayments and could financially impact the participating agencies.

The current goal of the City of San Diego is to have the audit completed by June 2005. It typically takes six months to issue revenue bonds that would enable MWW to pay back the short-term financing before the first principle payment is due in March 2006.

Strategic Planning Retreat

The Metro JPA and Commission's biennial Strategic Planning Retreat will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on April 8 at the Mission Valley Marriott Hotel at Friars Road and Qualcomm Way. Suggested agenda items include:

- Final report on the City of San Diego's Ocean Water Monitoring Project in partnership with Scripps Institution of Oceanography.
- Joint Powers Authority discussion on financial alternatives for member agencies to cover potential short-term loan payments.
- Review role/purpose of standing committees and ad-hoc committee structure
- Metro JPA reimbursement procedure review
- Secondary treatment requirements-update
- Consider creation of a JPA 5-year plan.
- Consumer Research project
- Establishing a JPA web site for outreach and marketing

Thanks to La Mesa Mayor Art Madrid, who chaired the strategic planning task force. The retreat is open to all commissioners, alternates, MetroTAC members and staff. If you are interested in attending, or want to add an agenda item please contact Terri Basta at 619/258-4661.

Metro JPA Treasurer's Report As of December 31, 2004

A six-month Treasurer's report was presented by Doug Wilson for the period ending December 31, 2004. There is a cash balance of \$110,188, and \$1,750 has been collected for the public opinion survey.

Nick Inzunza Steps Down as Chair of Metro Commission/JPA

After one year of service, Nick Inzunza stepped down as the Chair of the Metro Commission/JPA and will be replaced

temporarily by Del Mar Councilmember and Interim-Chair Henry Abarbanel. Inzunza thanked the Commission for its dedication and hard work and wished Commissioners good luck for the future. Commissioners will elect a new chair at the March 3 Metro Commission/JPA meeting. Due to several other recent Commissioner changes, there will also be a review of all standing and ad-hoc committees at the retreat held in April.

Consumer Research Project Approved To Proceed

Because a spring-semester marketing class had to be canceled, it is now proposed to conduct the opinion research project through a summer Fellowship Program. The project would be performed from mid-May through July by two students. Each student would be paid a stipend of \$3,000. The college pays \$1,000 for the fellowship and covers the student's room and board expenses. The Metro JPA would pay \$2,000 per student.

Harry Watkins, Associate Professor of Marketing and the Acting Director, Marketing and Creative Services, Point Loma Nazarene University will oversee the program, assist with the scope of work specifications and develop a research methodology that will be presented to JPA in May.

Next Meeting Scheduled for March 3

The next Metro JPA/Commission meeting will be held on Thursday, March 3 at 12 noon in the auditorium of the Metropolitan Operations Center (MOC II) at 9192 Topaz Way in Kearny Mesa. Lunch will be provided for Commissioners and staff.

Metro TAC will Meet on March 16

The Metro JPA's Technical Advisory Committee (Metro TAC) will meet Wednesday, March 16 at 11 a.m. at MOC II.

Metro Commissioners

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