

**COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO  
SANITATION DISTRICT  
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25, 2026**

**MINUTE ORDER NO. 1**

**SUBJECT: APPROVE AND EXECUTE SECOND AMENDED AND RESTATED REGIONAL WASTEWATER DISPOSAL AGREEMENT AND ADMINISTRATIVE AGREEMENT NO. 1 AND RELATED CEQA FINDINGS (DISTRICTS: 1, 2 AND 4)**

**OVERVIEW**

The San Diego County Sanitation District (Sanitation District) provides wastewater service to over 36,000 customers in eight unincorporated communities in the region. Over 99% of the wastewater collected from residences and businesses within the Sanitation District is conveyed to the City of San Diego's Metropolitan Wastewater System (Metro) for treatment and disposal. The Metro system is owned and operated by the City of San Diego (City) and consists of treatment plants and associated pipelines and pump stations used to collect, convey, and treat wastewater. Metro provides regional wastewater services to the City and 12 other cities and special districts through the Regional Wastewater Disposal Agreement (Regional Agreement) entered on May 18, 1998. The wastewater treatment and disposal services provided to the Sanitation District account for nearly 40% of the district's annual operating budget.

The 1998 Regional Agreement established contract rights to capacity in the Metro System for each of the agencies party to the agreement (Participating Agencies) and established a mechanism and system of charges to fund the planning, design, construction, operation and maintenance of the system. Several years ago, City of San Diego and the Participating Agencies deemed that the 1998 Regional Agreement did not adequately address the new needs of the system and needed to be updated. In 2020, the City of San Diego and the Participating Agencies agreed to the Amended and Restated Regional Wastewater Disposal Agreement (ARA) with the understanding that it would be amended in the future including addressing six specific issues that were left unresolved in 2020 amended agreement.

Since 2021, City of San Diego and the Participating Agencies, which includes the County's Sanitation District, have been negotiating the Regional Wastewater Disposal Agreement and have finalized the agreement which is known as Second Amended and Restated Regional Wastewater Disposal Agreement (SARA) and is ready for approval and execution by the governing body of the each of the Participating Agencies. As part of the SARA process, a new framework was established for specific programmatic or ministerial type changes to be accomplished through Administrative Agreements. This prevents the future need to alter the SARA due to program changes and avoids unnecessary lengthy and costly process of incorporating program changes in the Wastewater Disposal Agreement.

The City of San Diego and the Participating Agencies have also finalized Administrative Agreement No. 1 addressing the pretreatment program conducted by the City of San Diego. The pretreatment program involves permitting and inspection of commercial and industrial facilities that have wastewater discharge and is required by the Clean Water Act. This is a request to approve and execute the Second Amended and Restated Regional Wastewater Disposal Agreement and Administrative -Agreement No. 1.

**RECOMMENDATION(S)**  
**CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

1. Find that the proposed action is exempt from review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) of the State CEQA Guidelines because it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the approval and execution of the Second Amended and Restated Wastewater Disposal Agreement and Administrative Agreement No. 1 may have a significant effect on the environment.
2. Approve and Authorize the Clerk of the Board to execute the Second Amended and Restated Regional Wastewater Disposal Agreement between the City of San Diego and the Participating Agencies in the Metropolitan Sewerage System.
3. Approve and Authorize the Clerk of the Board to execute Administrative Agreement No. 1.

**EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The San Diego County Sanitation District strives to preserve environmental resources and enhance quality of life for all regional residents and businesses by providing essential sanitation services and implementing programs and projects that improve regional community health and environmental quality while simultaneously complying with mandatory federal, State, and local regulations. The County Sanitation District’s services benefit unincorporated communities by reducing the risk of sewage spills and adverse impacts on water quality.

**SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

Today’s action supports the Metropolitan Sewer Agencies, whose focus on the safe collection, treatment, and disposal of wastewater contributes to environmental sustainability. The Metropolitan Sewer Agencies function also includes wastewater recycling, creating a local, clean, safe, and drought-proof drinking water supply using state-of-the-art technology to purify recycled water, advancing San Diego County’s sustainability goal of increasing alternative water sources for drinking, landscaping, and agriculture. This action will help maintain a strong and resilient community

**FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no fiscal impact associated with today’s recommendations to approve and execute the Second Amended and Restated Regional Wastewater Disposal Agreement and Administrative Agreement No. 1. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

**BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

**ACTION:**

ON MOTION of Director Montgomery Steppe, seconded by Director Lawson-Remer, the Board of Directors of the County of San Diego Sanitation District took action as recommended, on Consent.

AYES: Aguirre, Lawson-Remer, Mongtomery Steppe, Desmond

ABSENT: Anderson

State of California)  
County of San Diego) §

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of the Original entered in the Minutes of the Sanitation District.

ANDREW POTTER  
Clerk of the Board of Directors



A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Andrew Potter".

**Signed**  
**by** Andrew Potter