



Regional Wastewater Disposal Agreements

The Regional Wastewater Disposal Agreement, adopted in 1998, established the framework for providing regional wastewater transportation, treatment, and disposal services to the Participating Agencies through the City of San Diego's Metropolitan Wastewater System.

The Participating Agencies include the Cities of Chula Vista, Coronado, Del Mar, El Cajon, Imperial Beach, La Mesa, National City, and Poway; the Lemon Grove Sanitation District; the Otay Water District; the Padre Dam Municipal Water District; and the County of San Diego on behalf of the Winter Gardens Sewer Maintenance District and the Alpine, East Otay Mesa, Lakeside, and Spring Valley Sanitation Districts.

Under the Agreement, the Participating Agencies share in the costs of planning, designing, constructing, operating, and maintaining the regional wastewater system in accordance with the cost allocation provisions of the Agreement. Collectively, the Participating Agencies fund approximately one-third of the Metropolitan Wastewater System's capital and operating costs, with the City of San Diego funding the remainder. The City owns, operates, and maintains the Metropolitan Wastewater System, while the Metro Wastewater Commission/JPA provides a forum for regional collaboration, financial oversight, and coordination on matters affecting the Participating Agencies.

A copy of the original 1998 Regional Wastewater Disposal Agreement is included in this section. In 2021, the City of San Diego and the Participating Agencies adopted the Amended and Restated Agreement (ARA) to address changes associated with Phase 1 of the Pure Water Program. A copy of the ARA is also included. Both agreements serve as the predecessor documents to the Second Amended and Restated Agreement (SARA), which became effective on July 1, 2026.