

Item 8a – Councilmember Kelly Purvis Report – April 21, 2026

Metro Wastewater Joint Powers Authority (Metro JPA)

- **April 2, 2026 Meeting:**
- Eleven of the 12 Metro JPA Agencies and the City of San Diego have now approved SARA and the First Amendment. Padre Dam continues to be the only agency that has not approved. Discussion is slated for the May meeting.
- [Functional Allocation Billing \(FAB\) Summary document](#)
- [March 2026 Executive Director Report](#)
- **Committee Participation:**
April 9, 2026 - Participated in a **Succession Planning Ad Hoc Committee** interviews for Executive Director. Recommendation of candidate for the position will be made to full board at May 7, 2026 meeting.
- **Upcoming Meeting:**
May 7, 2026: Metro JPA/Commission Meeting
- **Additional Information:**
Full reports, agendas and reference materials are available at:
www.metrojpa.org/home

Cal Cities: Housing, Economic Development, and Community Development (HECD) Policy Committee

- **SB 79 (Scott Wiener)** requires upzoning near transit stations and depends on coordination among cities, counties, and MPOs—but lacks clear definitions, guidance, and timelines for consistent implementation.
- The bill’s rollout has been challenging due to **undefined key terms and unclear procedural steps**, with no firm requirement or deadline for the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) to issue guidance or for MPO mapping completion.
- Initial clean-up efforts (SB 866 and SB 908) have **stalled**, especially after HCD released guidance; SB 908 has since shifted focus to an unrelated topic, signaling no comprehensive fix is moving forward.

Three new targeted clean-up bills are under review:

- **AB 2576 (Chris Holden Harabedian)** – clarifies historic resource protections, raises population cap (35k→40k), and delays implementation to 2027.
- **AB 2415 (Bill Essayli Hoover)** – allows reduced development capacity under certain local conditions.
- **SB 1361 (Maria Elena Durazo)** – limits density near future rail stops and exempts Bus Rapid Transit projects.
- **Next Meeting:**
Virtual HECD Policy Committee Meeting - **June 5, 2026**

Community and Regional Engagement

- **April 14, 2026:** Attended Poetry Night at the John D. Spreckels Center
- **April 16, 2026:** Attending SDSU Academy for Local Elect Officials (ALEO) ALEO Workshop: Navigating Budgets and Local Government Finance Workshop
- **April 18, 2026:** Attending Coronado Flower Show

Upcoming

April 22-24, 2026: – Councilmember Amy Steward and I will be attending The Cal City - **City Leaders Summit** in Sacramento. The summit offers us the opportunity to lobby lawmakers directly on Cal Cities' member-chosen [advocacy priorities](#), gain top-notch leadership skills, and connect with peers during in-depth educational sessions. This year's Summit includes a unique opportunity: the 2026 Cities Gubernatorial Candidate Forum, where attendees will have the opportunity to attend a special election-year conversation with the candidates for governor. Areas of focus is affordable housing, e-bikes and coastal resiliency.