



BACWA Executive Board Meeting

Friday August 21, 2026 9:00 AM - 12:30 PM (PDT)

Executive Board Representatives: Amy Chastain (San Francisco Public Utilities Commission); Amit Mutsuddy (East Bay Municipal Utility District); Eric Dunlavey (City of San Jose); Jackie Zipkin (EBDA). Central San Executive Board representative not present for voting in-person.

Attendees

Name	Agency/Company
Aaron Weiner	West County
Andy Morris	City of Benicia
Alina Constantinescu	LWA, for BACWA
Amanda Roa	Fairfield-Suisun Sewer District
Blake Brown	Central San
Brian Thomas	Delta Diablo
Fariborz Heydari	West County
Fracis Rooney	SVCW
Greg Norby	Central San
Irene Chu	Hazen & Sawyer
Jared Voskuhl	CASA
Jennifer Dymment	BACWA
Joel Prather	SFPUC
Kevin Rahman	SMCSD
Lorien Fono	BACWA
Mary Lu Romero	Brown and Caldwell
Rashi Gupta	Carollo
Riva Mitra	Jacobs
Tom Hall	EOA

Amy Chastain called the meeting to order at 9:04am.

Agenda Item

ROLL CALL, INTRODUCTIONS, AND TELECONFERENCE ETIQUETTE

PUBLIC COMMENT None.

CONSIDERATION TO TAKE AGENDA ITEMS OUT OF ORDER BACWA ED suggest that Item #4 be presented with Item #18. Amit Mutsuddy (EBMUD) requested that Item 4 be pulled from the meeting and instead discussed in a future special Executive Board meeting.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1 June 5, 2026, BACWA Executive Board meeting minutes

2 June 2026 Treasurer's Report

Consent Calendar Items 1 and 2: A motion to approve was made by Jackie Zipkin (EBDA) and seconded by Eric Dunlavey (City of San Jose). None opposed. Central San was not present.

APPROVALS AND AUTHORIZATIONS

3 Approval: BAR FY 27 NMS Payment #1, \$1,100,000

Approvals and Authorizations Item 3: A motion to approve was made by Eric Dunlavey (City of San Jose) and seconded by Jackie Zipkin (EBDA). None opposed. Central San was not present.

4 Approval: BAR FY27 Agreement with APS to provide payroll support, \$4,897
- Item was pulled. Amit Mutsuddy (EBMUD) requested that we not discuss Item #4 at the meeting and instead discuss it in a special Executive Board meeting in the future.

Approvals and Authorizations Item 4: Item pulled.

5 Approval: BAR Air District Engineering Program Manager draft MOU and SOW –
BACWA ED explained program and MOU with Air District for Engineering Program Manager Services. The group discussed the MOU offramps, and the cost structure, as well as elements of a future workplan; a correction to the formatting was noted.

Approvals and Authorizations Item 5: A motion to approve was made by Jackie Zipkin (EBDA) and seconded by Amy Chastain (SFPUC). None opposed. Central San was not present.

6 Approval: BAR Establish new project of special benefit for EPM services

Approvals and Authorizations Item 6: A motion to approve was made by Eric Dunlavey (City of San Jose) and seconded by Jackie Zipkin (EBDA). None opposed. Central San was not present.

7 Authorization: CAR Bri Comm Signage FY26 \$12,800 - BACWA ED shared a CAR for water quality signage that was signed and paid in June 2026. BACWA staff had reached out to BAPPG and the group felt that it was a good value and recommended that BACWA fund the effort.

POLICY/STRATEGIC

8 Presentation: California Biosolids Cost & Capacity Report - BACWA ED introduced Brown and Caldwell / Carollo team to give a presentation on white paper. Presenters shared the goals, project approach and key assumptions, as well as the results of the white paper, which showed the financial and environmental costs of a potential land application ban in California. A handout summary is in the packet. A group discussion followed.

9 Informational: New biosolids page on baywise - BACWA ED shared the new biosolids webpage and social media material for agencies to use.

10 Informational: EPA SF Bay Program Office Nutrient Management Funding Update - BACWA ED shared we are still waiting to sign the contract with the EPA. EPA Program Manager acknowledged that the delay is on their end.

a. Discussion: RFP for EPA Grant Admin Support - BACWA ED shared a summary of the consultant RFP needed to help administer the EPA Grant successfully. Grand subawardee agencies will serve on the selection committee.

b. Discussion: Subawardee agreements for EPA Grant - BACWA ED shared a copy of the subawardee agreement in the packet. BACWA ED would like a copy of the EPA grant contract to inform our subawardee agreement.

Action item: BACWA ED to send Word version of RFQ to board members and the list of projects scheduled to be completed in Phase 2.

BREAK 10:50-11:00

11 Informational: Compliance Schedule Basin Plan Amendment Update and CEQA Review - BACWA ED shared a summary of the document. The group discussed the issue.

12 Discussion: Water Board Response to Compliance Milestones Report - BACWA ED summarized the Water Board's letter response to the Compliance Milestone report in the Group Annual Report and the group discussed plans to address the issues they note. HDR is working with the permittees to address the information gaps noted in the compliance report.

Action item: Staff will update nutrient points of contact list to include individual EBDA managers.

13 Discussion: Next meeting with Water Board and September Water Board nutrient overview - Water Board staff will be providing a nutrient permit update to their Board at the September meeting. BACWA ED shared that there is a doodle poll for the Board to complete to set the meeting for September or October.

Action Item: BACWA ED to provide comments at the Sept 9 Water Board hearing, highlighting BACWA's commitment to collaboration, history of engagement, and to share the wastewater explainer video.

Action Item: Consider venues and opportunities for "in-lieu of Pardee" meeting with Water Board.

Action Item: BACWA ED to send out a doodle for NST meeting to develop BACWA's strategy for engaging on the implementation of the Compliance Schedule Basin Plan Amendment..

14 Informational: Trading workshop and webinar series - BACWA ED shared that the FWT workshop is Monday August 31st at EBMUD downtown. The group discussed the draft agenda and ideas for the governance structure for the trading program.

Action Item: BACWA ED will send agenda to Board members.

Action Item: BACWA ED will check if TFT is available to participate in a discussion at Pardee.

15 Informational: Statewide PFAS Strategy Update, and BACWA Phase 3 Study
- BACWA ED and CASA rep, Jared Voskuhl, explained the update and study. The draft survey in the packet. Agencies are encouraged to review and give feedback before it goes live.

16 Informational: Exploratorium Bay Day debrief - BACWA ED reported that The Exploratorium held a Bay Day on August 1, 2026. SFEI and several BACWA agencies had tables at the event. The day was a success.

OPERATIONAL

17 Informational: End of fiscal year review - BACWA ED and AED summarized June 2026 Treasurer's Report. The report is in the packet.

18 Discussion: Staffing transition timeline, decisions, and approvals - BACWA ED is planning for a special board meeting in September to review class \ comp study performed by RGS.

19 Discussion: Pardee Technical Meeting - October 8 & 9, 2026 Invitations and Preliminary program - BACWA ED shared draft agenda with attendees. The group discussed agenda topics.

Action Items: BACWA ED is going to present final agenda at the next meeting.

20 Informational: BACC Update – BACWA AED shared that the BACC Annual meeting is August 25, 2026 10-11am via zoom.

REPORTS

21 Committee Reports - Several committee reports are in the packet.

22 Member highlights - Agencies shared their highlights.

23 Executive Director Report - In the packet.

24 Board Calendar and Action Items - In the packet.

25 Regulatory Program Manager Report - In the packet.

26 Other BACWA Representative Reports

a. RMP Technical Review Committee Samantha Engelage, Alicia Chakrabarti, Blake Brown

b. RMP Steering Committee Karin North; Amanda Roa; Eric Dunlavy

Action item: Check in with RMP on billing cycle timing.

c. Summit Partners Lorien Fono; Jackie Zipkin

d. ASC/SFEI Lorien Fono; Amit Mutsuddy; Lori Schectel

e. Nutrient Governance Steering Committee Amit Mutsuddy, Eric Dunlavy; alternates: Lori Schectel, Jackie Zipkin

e.i Nutrient Planning Subcommittee Eric Dunlavy

e.ii MERHAB MaTAG Amit Mutsuddy

f. SWRCB Nutrient SAG Lorien Fono

g. BAIRWMP Cheryl Munoz; Florence Wedington; Jackie Zipkin

h. CASA State Legislative Committee Lori Schectel

Action item: BACWA ED to add legislation needs item to next agenda

i. CASA Regulatory Workgroup Lorien Fono - CASA Regulatory lead Jared Voskuhl noted that SWRCB is doing a triennial review of all statewide Water Quality Plans and Policies; a CASA Subgroup is meeting to discuss. Jared also informed the group about the latest developments from the Wastewater Needs Assessment initiative. Jared will communicate with BACWA RPM on how best to assist BACWA members on the WWNA list.

Action item: BACWA RPM to follow up with Jared/ CASA on the statewide review of WQ plans and policies and on the WWNA developments.

j. RMP Microplastics Liaison Jesse McDermott

k. Bay Area Regional Reliability Project Jackie Zipkin

l. San Francisco Estuary Partnership Lorien Fono; Jackie Zipkin

m. CPSC Policy Education Advisory Committee Colleen Henry

n. California Ocean Protection Council Lorien Fono

o. California Water Quality Monitoring Council Lorien Fono

p. CASA Air Toxics Steering Committee Lorien Fono, Jason Nettleton –

27 SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The next regular meeting of the Board is scheduled for September 18, 2026 at Central San - MABR Tour to follow

ADJOURNMENT 12:45pm