



Executive Board Meeting Minutes
Friday, February 21, 2025, 9:00 AM - 12:30 PM (PDT)
EBMUD Orinda

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 (East Bay Dischargers Authority); Lori Schectel (Central Contra Costa Sanitary District).

Attendees

Name	Agency/Company
Aaron Winer	West County Wastewater District
Alicia Chakrabarti	EBMUD
Amanda Roa	Fairfield-Suisun Sewer District
Andrew Damron	Napa San
Brian Thomas	Delta Diablo
Dave Richardson	Woodard & Curran
David Senn	SFEI
Irene Chu	Hazen and Sawyer
Jared Voskuhl	CASA
Jennifer Dymont	BACWA
Karin North	City of Palo Alto
Lorien Fono	BACWA
Mary Cousins	BACWA
Martha Sutula	SCCWRP
Sara Sadreddini	Black & Veatch
Sarah Scheidt	San Francisco International Airport
Stephanie Hughes	Consultant
Tim Lewis	Dublin San Ramon Services District
Tom Hall	EOA
Vince De Lange	Delta Diablo
Winola Cheong	City of Sunnyvale

Jackie called the meeting to order at 9:03am

Agenda Item

ROLL CALL, INTRODUCTIONS, AND TELECONFERENCE ETIQUETTE

PUBLIC COMMENT None

CONSIDERATION TO TAKE AGENDA ITEMS OUT OF ORDER Item 8 will be taken after Item 5 to accommodate speakers.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1 January 17, 2025, BACWA Executive Board meeting minutes

2 December 2024 Treasurer's Report

Consent Calendar items 1 and 2: A motion to approve was made by Amit Mutsuddy (EBMUD) and seconded by Eric Dunlavey (City of San Jose). All were in favor. None opposed. None abstained.

APPROVALS AND AUTHORIZATIONS

3 Approval: CAR for Richmond Shoreline Alliance risk reduction - BACWA RPM provided background information about the fish consumption survey project.

POLICY/STRATEGIC

4 Presentation: Pesticides Regulatory Advocacy - Stephanie Hughes leads the BACWA Pesticide Workgroup and highlighted the workgroup's recent work and goals for 2025. [Link to Slides](#). The workgroup meets regularly to discuss ways to reduce pesticide loads to wastewater plants by advocating to regulators (e.g., EPA, CA Department of Pesticide Regulation) and through general public outreach. Stephanie also summarized a major effort in 2024 and 2025 to conduct outreach to veterinarians regarding the toxicity of topical flea and tick pet pesticides. The group discussed the importance of getting this information out to agencies, pet owners, and others to control this source. BAPPG is asking all members to participate in the pet pesticides effort using [this checklist](#).

5 Presentation: OAH Modeling off the Northern California Coastline - Martha Sutula from Southern California Coastal Water Research Project (SCCWRP) shared a progress report on modeling of Ocean Acidification & Hypoxia (OAH). [Link to Slides](#). Martha explained that the ROMS-BEC model is used to simulate ocean circulation and chemistry. She also explained how the model is being used to explore the potential effects of land-based nutrient loads, such as ocean acidification and low dissolved oxygen. The model was first used in the Southern California Bight, where POTWs are the dominant land-based nutrient load. It has also been extended to the San Francisco and Monterey Coast areas, where loads from the Bay and from agriculture are the dominant nutrient loads. SFEI's David Senn also provided information about how the NMS Science team is coordinating with SCCWRP on this effort. Group discussion and questions followed Martha's presentation, focusing on the model's uncertainty compared to the current SF Bay model, and the need to incorporate scenarios that reflect the Nutrient Watershed Permit's required loading reductions.

Action item: BACWA ED to work with Martha & David to bring this discussion to stakeholders in the Bay Area soon.

Break

6 Discussion: NBC Bay Area OpenRoad segment - Jackie Zipkin shared that EBDA and NGO Save the Bay are working together a segment on OpenRoad about HASPA and the First Mile project that will build a horizontal levee south of Oro Loma. Jackie and Lorien are working on a portion of the segment addressing the value of wastewater in our region. BACWA will make a \$5,000 contribution to OpenRoad to produce the segment.

Action item: BACWA ED to share talking points for the segment with the Board.

7 Informational: GAR and Compliance Milestones update - BACWA ED shared draft TIN load data from the group annual report (GAR). The GAR is due to the Regional Water Board by April 1, 2025 and will also include information about compliance schedule milestones. BACWA ED also shared information about preparing the scoping plan due July 1, 2025.

Action item: BACWA RPM to share a review schedule for the draft GAR with BACWA members.

8 Informational: NMS Update - David Senn, from SFEI, provided an update from the last science planning meeting. David shared the science planning process & goals, funding and program management of NMS. Group discussion followed, focusing on the need to identify key management questions.

9 Informational: EPA Region IX SF Bay Program Office funding update – BACWA ED is meeting regularly with the regional EPA staff to discuss the outlook possible grant funding.

10 Discussion: Bay Area One Water Network Reboot - BACWA ED shared that this group is starting up again. There will be a workshop to develop a “One Water Road Map” in early fall. BACWA ED shared ideas and asked attendees for useful output from Bay Area One Water Network. BACWA ED asked for ongoing feedback on this project. Attendees suggested coordination with the [Bay Area IRWMP](#) to avoid duplication of effort.

11 Informational: Recycled water Committee/WateReuse joint workshop on nutrients-RW nexus - BACWA ED said BACWA’s Recycled Water Committee / WateReuse will have a joint meeting April 29, 2025, about the nutrient removal-RW nexus, located at Central San. The group reviewed a preliminary agenda.

12 Discussion: Proposed PFAS Communications Summit - BACWA ED shared information on a proposed PFAS communication summit. A proposed agenda was reviewed that summarized PFAS related challenges to POTWs due to potential future regulation, public awareness of PFAS, existing PFAS messaging, BACWA key messages on

PFAS to various audiences, and how BACWA can support messaging. Board members gave feedback that the meeting should be limited to one hour to keep participation high in a remote setting.

13 Discussion: Next joint meeting with R2 - Draft agenda - BACWA ED shared the draft agenda for the March 10th meeting with the Regional Water Board.

OPERATIONAL

14 Informational: Draft approval on BABC Integration into BACWA - BACWA ED would like to formally document BABC's integration into BACWA. A draft BAR to describe the process is in the packet. Please provide feedback to BACWA ED.

Action item: BACWA ED to bring a resolution regarding BABC integration for Board approval at the March meeting.

15 Discussion: Non-member fees for committee participation - BACWA ED shared a draft proposal for non-BACWA member fees for committee participation. The group discussed ideas and suggested updating the Class of Membership policy to allow a new class of affiliate members to join from outside the region.

Action item: BACWA ED to bring a revised Class of Membership policy to the Board for consideration at a future meeting.

16 Discussion: Nutrient surcharge calculations – BACWA ED shared that this item will be voted on at the April Executive Board meeting instead of March.

18 Discussion: Draft FY26 BACWA Budget and 5-year plan – BACWA ED shared that the budget proposes a 5% increase in member dues to accommodate the BABC support contract. The budget will need to be updated to reflect pass-through of the CASA Air Toxics Study; anticipated costs for FY26 have not yet been determined.

19 Discussion: Annual meeting preliminary agenda – BACWA ED shared the agenda and participants suggested additional discussions on the panels on pollution prevention and climate change.

Action item: BACWA ED to set up brainstorming sessions for the climate change and pollution prevention panels.

20 Discussion: Netfile form 700 – Board representatives were asked to file their forms.

REPORTS

19 Committee Reports – in packet

20 Member highlights – Board members shared that cost savings from the Chlorine Residual Basin Plan Amendment have been significant due to reduced sodium bisulfite use. Members shared that there are two bills related to PFAS in the California legislature. [SB 682](#) addresses non-essential PFAS in consumer products, and [AB 794](#) addresses the state’s adoption of drinking water limits.

21 Executive Director Report – in packet

22 Board Calendar and Action Items – in packet

23 Regulatory Program Manager Report – in packet

24 Other BACWA Representative Reports - none

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

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

c. Summit Partners Lorien Fono; Jackie Zipkin

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

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

e.i Nutrient Planning Subcommittee Eric Dunlavey

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

i. CASA Regulatory Workgroup Lorien Fono; Mary Cousins

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

25 SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for March 21, 2025 at Central San

ADJOURNMENT - 12:38pm