



Executive Board Meeting Minutes

Friday January 9, 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 (East Bay Dischargers Authority); Lori Schectel (Central Contra Costa Sanitary District).

Attendees

Name	Agency/Company
Alicia Chakrabarti	EBMUD
Amanda Roa	FSSD
Amber Shipley	Civic Edge
Amrita Ramesh	Water Resources Engineering, Inc.
Andre Gharagozian	Carollo
Andy Morris	Benicia
Brett Fergusson	Hazen & Sawyer
Brian Thomas	Delta Diablo
Charles Hammond	HDR
Chris Thomas	The Freshwater Trust
David Primozich	The Freshwater Trust
Dave Richardson	Woodard & Curran
Erika Donaghy	Carollo
Francis Rooney	SVCW
Greg Norby	Central San
Jake Silver	SFPUC
Jared Voskuhl	CASA
Jennie Pang	SFPUC
Jennifer Dyment	BACWA
Jessica Donald	SFPUC
Lorien Fono	BACWA
Mahesh Yedluri	City of Burlingame
Mark Neumann	Sewerage Agency of Southern Marin
Mary Cousins	BACWA

Matt Zucca	SVCW
Matt Zucca	Silicon Valley Clean Water
Mike Falk	HDR
Sara Sadreddini	Black & Veatch
Tim Lewis	Dublin San Ramon Services District
Tom Hall	EOA
Vince De Lange	Delta Diablo

Jackie called the meeting to order at 9:01 am.

ROLL CALL, INTRODUCTIONS, AND TELECONFERENCE ETIQUETTE

PUBLIC COMMENT None

CONSIDERATION TO TAKE AGENDA ITEMS OUT OF ORDER None

CONSENT CALENDAR

- 1 December 12, 2025, BACWA Executive Board meeting minutes
- 2 November 2025 Treasurer's Report

Consent Calendar items 1 & 2: A motion to approve was made by Lori Schectel (Central Contra Costa Sanitary District) and seconded by Eric Dunlavy (City of San Jose). All were in favor. None opposed.

APPROVALS AND AUTHORIZATIONS

3 Approval: BACWA Strategic Plan Update

Approvals and Authorizations item 3: A motion to approve was made by Amy Chastain (San Francisco Public Utilities Commission) and seconded by Eric Dunlavy (City of San Jose). All were in favor. None opposed.

4 Approval: BACWA FY26 Contribution #2 to NMS \$1.1M

Approvals and Authorizations item 4: A motion to approve was made by Amit Mutsuddy (EBMUD) and seconded by Lori Schectel (Central Contra Costa Sanitary District). All were in favor. None opposed.

5 Approval: BABC Fund Contribution to Thermal Drying PFAS Removal Study \$50K

6 Approval: BABC Fund Contribution to Biosolids Land Application Analysis, \$10K

Approvals and Authorizations items 5 & 6: 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.

POLICY/STRATEGIC

7 Discussion: Trading Feasibility Assessment Report and next steps - BACWA RPM shared that The Freshwater Trust (TFT) water quality trading feasibility assessment report is in the packet. TFT's Chris Thomas discussed the key dates & framework development milestones chart. Meeting attendees discussed the next steps in the project with the TFT. Group asked TFT to turn the chart into a scope of work and work with BACWA ED to bring contract to board for approval.

Action Item: BACWA ED to work with TFT to create scope of work & contract for board for approval at February 2026 meeting.

8 Informational: RFI for Compliance Milestone reporting and Regional Study- BACWA RPM shared that BACWA members have been asked to provide information by February 13, 2026, for the next Group Annual Report that is due April 1, 2026, as well as for the Regional Planning Study underway.

9 Discussion: Update on Group Annual Report - Charlie Hammond from HDR shared a preview of what is in the Group Annual Report. The goal of the revisions is to improve the flow, readability, and usability of the report. Group was pleased with updates and data presentation in the report.

10 Discussion: Update on Compliance Schedule Basin Plan Amendment - BACWA RPM shared there is a draft Memorandum of Understanding with the Regional Water Board for funding the Basin Plan Amendment CEQA analysis in the packet. There is also a draft RFQ for a consulting firm and BACWA RPM requested feedback by 1/16/2026 on RFQ. Group discussed consultant selection committee.

Action item: BACWA RPM to circulate RFQ for feedback and then publish RFQ.

BREAK

11 Discussion: Air District Engineering Program Manager beta period MOU - BACWA ED explained next steps in the project. Three agencies have been selected as test cases for beta period which is January to May 2026. The three agencies have different permit engineers and different permit characteristics, and other agencies may be added if there are similar projects. The BACWA ED requested that board delegate authority to Board Chair to sign non-financial MOU and the board members attending verbally agreed.

12 Informational: PFAS Phase 3 Kickoff with SFEI - BACWA RPM shared that slides from the meeting are in the packet, and the next meeting is scheduled for later in January.

13 Discussion: NMS Update - Alternative funding schedule - BACWA ED shared that Ian Wren will be contracting as the NMS program manager at SFEI.

14 Informational: EPA Region IX SF Bay Program Office funding update - BACWA ED shared the EPA has released a notice of funding opportunity, and discussed the timeline for assembling a grant application related to regional compliance with the Nutrients Watershed Permit.

15 Discussion: BACWA Video promotion - Amber Shipley, from Civic Edge, discussed the plan for promoting the “Wastewater 101” video through the Baywise website and social media.

OPERATIONAL

16 Discussion: AQPI as potential project of special benefit - BACWA ED shared status of establishing AQPI as a BACWA project of special benefit. The next step is for AQPI representatives to prepare a draft MOU.

17 Discussion: May 1 Annual Meeting Speaker Invitees - BACWA ED shared a list of invited regulator speakers at the Annual Meeting. BACWA ED shared a list of ideas for the sessions at the Annual Meeting, and she asked for input from attendees on topics. Group discussed possible Annual Meeting topics.

18 Discussion: BACWA leadership award - This is a follow up item from a discussion from Pardee. The BACWA ED shared that award was updated – the name and what the award is about. BACWA ED and a group agreed that awardee would receive a plaque and would be honored at the Annual Award.

Action Item: BACWA ED will provide updated application at February Board Meeting.

19 Discussion: BACWA Board Meeting dates through end of 2026 - Group reviewed the dates and decided on November 13 and December 11, 2026, and January 22, 2027 as BACWA Executive Board Meeting dates.

20 Informational: BACC Update BACWA AED shared that BACC bids will go live January 22, 2026, and be opened February 19, 2026.

REPORTS

21 Member highlights - Members shared highlights from their agencies.

22 Executive Director Report - in the packet

- 23 Board Calendar and Action Items - in the packet
- 24 Regulatory Program Manager Report - in the packet
- 25 Other BACWA Representative Reports
 - 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
- 26 Committee Updates from Committee Chairs
- 27 **SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

NEXT MEETING

CLOSED SESSION to discuss personnel matters pursuant to California Government Code Section 54957 **12:15 pm**

There was no report-out from the closed session.

The next regular meeting of the Board is scheduled for February 20, 2026 EBMUD Orinda

ADJOURNMENT 1:15pm