



Executive Board Meeting Minutes

Friday September 19, 2025, 9:00 AM - 12:30 PM (PDT)

Executive Board Representatives: Jennie Pang (San Francisco Public Utilities Commission); Alicia Chakrabarti (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
Alex Ameri	City of Hayward
Alexandra Gunnell	SFPUC
Andy Morris	City of Benicia
Casey Fitzgerald	City of San Jose
Dan Lopez	BV
Dave Richardson	Woodard & Curran
David Donovan	City of Hayward
Diane Griffin	DSRSD
Elli Lo	City of Hayward
Francis Rooney	SVCW
Irene Chu	Hazen and Sawyer
Jared Voskuhl	CASA
Jennifer Dymont	BACWA
Jordan Damerel	Fairfield-Suisun Sewer District
Lorien Fono	BACWA
Mark Neumann	SASM
Mary Cousins	BACWA
Mike Falk	HDR
Sara Deslauriers	CASA
Sara Sadreddini	BV
Ray David	Carollo
Rita Cheng	Central San
Tim Lewis	Dublin San Ramon Services District
Tom Hall	EOA

Jackie called the meeting to order at 9:02 am.

Agenda Item

ROLL CALL, INTRODUCTIONS, AND TELECONFERENCE ETIQUETTE

PUBLIC COMMENT None

CONSIDERATION TO TAKE AGENDA ITEMS OUT OF ORDER Item 6, presenter could not attend today

CONSENT CALENDAR

- 1 August 15, 2025 BACWA Executive Board meeting minutes
- 2 September 3, 2025 BACWA NST Special Executive Board meeting minutes
- 3 July 2025 Treasurer's Report

Consent Calendar items 1 thru 3: A motion to approve was made by Eric Dunlavey (City of San Jose) and seconded by Jennie Pang (San Francisco Public Utilities Commission). Central San abstained from Item 1. Remaining were in favor. None opposed.

APPROVALS AND AUTHORIZATIONS

4 Approval: FY26 NMS Reviewer Contract with Joe Dillon, \$30K - BACWA ED explained the NMS Reviewer Contract history and position.

Approvals and Authorizations item 4: A motion to approve was made by Lori Schectel (Central Contra Costa Sanitary District) and seconded by Eric Dunlavey (City of San Jose). All were in favor. None opposed.

POLICY/STRATEGIC

5 Discussion: SFPUC assistance in SRF loan application - Alexandra Gunnell is the Loans and Grant Manager at SFPUC. Alexandra shared the changes to the scoring system at the State Revolving Fund (SRF) for nutrients reduction projects. Alexandra explained the application process, typical funding timelines, scoring rubric, and highly competitive funding environment. SFPUC offered to assist agencies with less experience in this area as well as coordinating the submission of the applications. General discussion followed.

Action Item: BACWA ED to work with HDR to include a question about plans to apply for federal and state funding in the 2026 Request for Information for Compliance Milestone Reporting and the Regional Plan.

6 Discussion: RMP Update prior to multi-year planning meeting - Presenter did not attend. Item pulled.

7 Discussion: Pretreatment Committee Update to BACWA Board - Casey Fitzgerald from the City of San Jose shared the history of the committee and activities. They have a strong active membership, and they meet regularly throughout the year. The group's goals are networking, training, benchmarking and info sharing. Adam Kern from EBMUD is new committee co-chair. All BACWA members are welcome to attend their meetings. General discussion & questions followed.

8 Discussion: Air District Engineering Program Manager Pilot - Ray David from Carollo shared summary of the Air District's new engineering program management plot program. The Air District is looking for agencies to express interest in participating in the program. The August 20th webinar slides are in the packet for people to review. Ray would like feedback from agencies to share with the Air District. General discussion followed.

Action Item: BACWA ED to organize a meeting with Air District and BACWA agencies that are or might be interested in the program.

BREAK 10:38-10:50

9 Discussion: Debrief from Special Seminar with R2 in SF - BACWA ED shared a summary of discussion topics from the September 4th meeting with Regional Water Board staff on The Klamath.

10 Discussion: Future meetings and collaborative opportunities with Water Board
- At the next meeting in late October, the BACWA ED would like to discuss BACWA's proposed edits to the draft Basin Plan Amendment; offer the Water Board an update on agency nutrient removal planning and implementation; and engage with Water Board staff on information needed to prepare the Basin Plan Amendment staff report.

Action item: BACWA ED to schedule meeting with Regional Water Board in late October.

11 Discussion: Compliance schedule amendment - BACWA ED shared slides summarizing BACWA's proposed edits to the draft Basin Plan Amendment. Proposed edits address early actors, qualifying vs. non-qualifying projects, and the definition of innovative technology. General discussion followed.

Action item: BACWA ED to summarize member input and and share BACWA's proposed comments on the draft Basin Plan Amendment with the Nutrient Strategy Team.

12 Informational: Trading Feasibility Assessment Update - BACWA ED shared there is an email in the packet summarizing the progress. BACWA ED expects an update from Freshwater Trust in December or January.

13 Discussion: NMS Update - BACWA ED shared a quick update.

14 Informational: EPA Region IX SF Bay Program Office funding update -

BACWA ED shared that the EPA is planning to issue a notice of funding opportunity. EPA suggested a group application for nutrient funding.

Action item: BACWA ED to put out a call for participants in a nutrient management proposal once EPA releases NOFO.

15 Informational: Impact of TST finding by 5th Appellate District Court - BACWA RPM shared the State Water Board has appealed a recent court ruling on the Test of Significant Toxicity (TST) to the State Supreme Court. The legal dispute is leading to NPDES permitting delays.

16 Discussion: Communications update - Exploratorium After Dark request for participation - BACWA ED asked for agencies to participate in the event and contribute interactive presentations. Group discussed exhibit ideas.

Action Item: BACWA ED to coordinate agency contributions

17 Discussion: OneWater Network reboot - BACWA ED shared a summary of Sept 5th OneWater Network meeting. There was a broad range of groups that attended.

18 Informational: Updated Regulatory Matrix - BACWA ED shared that the Regulatory Matrix is updated and in the packet.

19 Discussion: Pardee Oct 9-10 - Program - BACWA ED shared the draft agenda for Pardee. Group reviewed agenda and provided feedback. BACWA ED shared there is still overnight space at Pardee and there is the option of spending the night Wed. Sept 8th.

OPERATIONAL

20 Discussion: BACWA Holiday Lunch - BACWA ED shared that the Holiday Lunch will be on Friday December 12 at EBMUD Downtown. Committee Chairs are invited to the meeting and lunch.

21 Discussion: BACWA ASC/SFEI Board Representative - BACWA ED discussed BACWA representation on Aquatic Science Center (ASC) / SFEI board. Item to be discussed again at a future meeting.

22 Informational: BACC Update - BACWA AED shared that the agencies are currently completing the chemical survey to determine the chemicals we prepare a bid for. Survey deadline is today. After that the worksheets and reports will be on the BACC website for the agencies to review & complete.

REPORTS

- 23 **Committee Reports**- in the packet.
- 24 **Member highlights** - members shared highlights from their agencies.
- 25 **Executive Director Report** - in the packet.
- 26 **Board Calendar and Action Items**- in the packet.
- 27 **Regulatory Program Manager Report** - in the packet.
- 28 **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
- 29 **SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting of the Board is scheduled for December 12, 2025, at EBMUD Downtown, Oakland.

ADJOURNMENT 12:45