

BACWA COMMITTEES 2021-22 KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

AIR Committee

Chairs:

Nohemy Revilla



Jason Nettleton



2021-22 Accomplishments:

- Engaged with Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD) during development of amendments to Rule 2-5 to reduce allowable levels of toxic air contaminants in new source permitting.
- Established workgroup with BAAQMD to address concerns related to toxic air contaminants and other rule-making.
- Engaged with members and BAAQMD regarding the retroactive determination of Best Available Control Technology (BACT) requiring Tier 4 standby engines.
- Completed survey of best management practices regarding methane and VOC management at wastewater treatment plant. Survey results will be used to inform rule development for climate pollutants.
- Updated members on forthcoming requirements for air toxics reporting per AB 617 & AB 2588, which will require wastewater treatment plants to executive a two-step process to first scan air sample to determine detectable compounds, and then quantify emissions of detectable toxics compounds.

Asset Management

Chairs:

Rebecca Overacre



Khae Bohan



2021-22 Accomplishments:

- Re-established committee with new leadership
- Held kick-off meeting to discuss what Asset Management means to each participant and establish future meeting topics.

Bay Area Pollution Prevention Group

Chairs:

Autumn Cleave



Robert Wilson



**Vice-Chair:
Joe Neugebauer**



2021-22 Accomplishments:

- Supported passage of legislation requiring “Do Not Flush” labeling on nonwoven disposal wipes (AB 818).
- Supported a subcommittee to direct pesticide regulatory advocacy activities. Submitted 7 comment letters urging USEPA and the California Department of Pesticide Regulation to consider indoor uses of pesticides and transport pathways involving sanitary sewers when modeling risk and setting labeling requirements.
- Continued the development of outreach messages regarding alternatives to fipronil and other topical pet treatments.
- Continued outreach to dental assistant classes regarding best management practices for mercury and silver waste streams.
- Continued public outreach activities on flushable wipes and Fats, Oils, and Grease (FOG) with “Toilets aren’t Trash Cans” campaign.
- Published 2021 BAPPG Annual Report to support member agencies in their pollution prevention reporting

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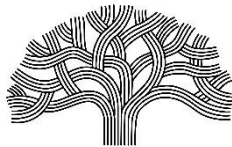
Collection Systems Committee

Chairs:

Andrew Damron Tyree Jackson



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2021-22 Accomplishments:

- Held educational presentations for members regarding pipe-bursting of asbestos cement pipe; implementation of EBMUD’s wet weather consent decree; and infiltration & inflow from rising groundwater.
- Provided a forum to discuss the State Water Board's proposed updates to the general order for Sanitary Sewer Systems (SSS-WDR).
- Coordinated preparation of BACWA/CASA comment letters on the informal staff draft SSS-WDR and the public draft SSS-WDR.
- Held round-table discussions related to operational impacts from COVID, drought, and the October 2021 atmospheric river event.

Laboratory Committee

Chairs:

Nicole Van Aken



**FAIRFIELD-SUISUN
SEWER DISTRICT**

Samantha Bialorucki



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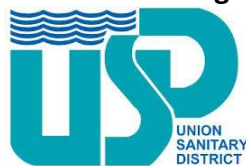
2021-22 Accomplishments:

- Hosted a half-day TNI workshop featuring speakers from TNI and ELAP, a panel discussion on accreditation, and resources to assist members with implementation.
- Established a TNI monthly training session for BACWA and CVCWA members that provides step-by-step guidance on the TNI 2016 Standard and state ELAP requirements.
- Provide information to members about the EPA’s 2021 Method Update Rule.
- Helped members prepare for ELAP third-party assessments by providing insights from Bay Area water and wastewater laboratories.
- Communicated with ELAP staff about the need for additional guidance on proficiency testing requirements.
- Co-hosted presentation on the results of the PFAS Regional Study.
- Hosted lab specialty training sessions on sampling guidance, interpretation of toxicity reports, and species screening requirements.

Pretreatment Committee

Chairs:

Michael Dunning



Casey Fitzgerald



2021-22 Accomplishments:

- Helped establish industrial and commercial sampling locations for Phase 2 of the PFAS Regional Study.
- Assisted with development of the pretreatment-related monitoring revisions in the NPDES Permit Amendment for Monitoring and Reporting Programs.
- Hosted Regional Water Board, State Water Board and EPA staff at a committee meeting to discuss pretreatment regulatory developments.

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Permits Committee

Chairs:

Chris Dembiczak



Anne Balis



Jennie Pang



2021-22 Accomplishments:

- Engaged with Regional Water Board to provide comments on draft implementation language for the State Water Board’s toxicity provisions.
- Discussed and prepared comments on the pending NPDES blanket permit amendment for residual chlorine and oil & grease.
- Supported development of a proposal to the Regional Water Board for a NPDES permit amendment modifying Monitoring and Reporting Programs and maintaining funding for RMP CECs studies. The NPDES permit amendment was adopted in 2021.
- Assisted with development of a climate change vulnerability and adaptation survey for Bay Area POTWs.
- Co-hosted presentation on the results of the PFAS Regional Study.
- Kept members informed about work products from the Nutrient Management Strategy science team, implementation of the 2nd Nutrient Watershed Permit, and planning for the 3rd Nutrient Watershed Permit.
- Reviewed member agency Tentative Order NPDES Permits to note changes.

Recycled Water Committee

Chairs:

Stefanie Olson



**Dublin San Ramon
Services District**

Water, wastewater, recycled water

Reena Thomas



2021-22 Accomplishments:

- Hosted guest speakers on potable reuse in Santa Cruz County, onsite reuse and cross-connection testing in San Francisco, and EPA’s National Water Reuse Action Plan.
- Held round-table discussions regarding drought impacts on recycled water operations.
- Updated Bay Area recycled water commercial truck fill guide.
- Provided governance for the Recycled Water Evaluation required by the Nutrient Watershed Permit.
- Educated members on State regulations being developed for cross connection control, indoor water use efficiency standards, and direct potable reuse.
- Shared information about State and federal funding opportunities, and resources such as the Bay Area Recycled Water Landscape Guide.
- Began development of training materials for recycled water site supervisors.