

BAPPG Committee Report to BACWA Board

Meeting Date: May 24, 2007
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BAPPG Committee Chair

Follow-up From April BACWA Board Meeting

- In response to the affirmative vote by the BACWA Board, the letter to Bay Area Water Purveyors, requesting that they remove the Samsung Silver Ion Washer from their lists of water-conserving washing machines, was finalized and mailed out on May 2nd. A copy of the letter & list of recipients is attached for your information. I will be working with PG&E staff to determine if a similar request to PG&E is appropriate to remove this washer for their rebate lists.
- In response to the affirmative vote by the BACWA Board, BACWA is now a member of the California Product Stewardship Council. I will attend their next Steering Committee Meeting on May 29th (agenda attached) and share any pertinent information.
- In response to BACWA Board Member Dave Tucker's suggestion for BACWA to join the Product Stewardship Institute (PSI), we have contacted PSI and they are currently developing a registration fee for BACWA, as they have never been approached by an organization that represents so many agencies as BACWA does. BAPPG will continue to follow up on this issue and bring back the final results to the June BACWA Meeting.

Business Discussed and Action Items

BAPPG Steering Committee Meeting on May 17, 2007:

- The Regional Board is developing a Teng-Chung Wu Memorial P2 Award, which will be presented during P2 Week in September.

| Business | Action Item | Due Date |
|--------------------------------------|--|-----------------|
| Mercury Thermometer Exchange Project | Mercury thermometer exchange events coordinated throughout the Bay Area in April and May. Over 20 agencies participated. Outreach included media events, FM radio PSAs & newspaper ads in 11 Bay Area newspapers. Preliminary counts show that over 2,000 thermometers were collected. I will share final counts at the June BACWA Meeting. (Jen Jackson, EBMUD) | Complete |
| Amalgam Separator List Update | Tom Barron is working on an update to the list of approved ISO-certified amalgam separators for use by BAPPG agencies in their Dental Amalgam Programs. (Meg Gale, SF PUC) | June 2007 |
| It! Guide Project | Coordinate update & bulk print run of the Grow It! Guide for interested BAPPG agencies. (Meg Gale, SF PUC) | June 2007 |

Other Issues of Note:

On May 16th, Melody LaBella & Karin North (BAPPG) participated in a conference call with Michele Pla and Alexandra Gunnell (BACWA) re: coordination needed to combine BAPPG's annual billing with the BACWA annual billing. The result will be greater efficiency, paper savings and reduced administration costs; this new approach is a definite win-win.

Date of Next BAPPG Committee Meetings:

June 6, 2007 – Steering Committee Meeting: 9 –10 am
Main Committee Meeting: 10 am – noon

California Product Stewardship Council - Steering Committee Meeting

Tuesday May 29, 2007

10 am – 12:30 pm

Pier 1, San Francisco; Bayside rooms 1 & 2 (directions below)

Call-In Number: 641-678-3400, extension 671

Agenda Items

1. FINANCIAL

- **Update-invoicing from HD-15 and CPSC Budget and Workplan Committee:** Rob D’Arcy
- **San Francisco RfP (Three-year contract at \$15,000/year to support CPSC):** Marjaneh
- **CPSC collaboration with Del Norte County on HD-16 HHW competitive grant proposal to CIWMB:** Heidi Sanborn, Bill Sheehan, Carol Misseldine
- **Product Policy Institute fundraising for CPSC:** Bill Sheehan

2. ORGANIZATION

- **New “Participating in CPSC” document:** Carol Misseldine
- **Plans for incorporating etc.**

3. NEW CPSC MEMBERS, PARTICIPANTS & SUPPORTERS

- **Letters of Agreement signed**
 - Oakland
 - Other
- **ES JPA (22 counties within Reg’l Ccl of Rural Counties):** Lesli Daniel, Kevin Hendricks
- **Bay Area Clean Water Agencies (BACWA):** Melody LaBella
- **East Bay Municipal Utilities District (EBMUD):** Jennifer Jackson
- **California Council of Directors of Environmental Health:** Rob D’Arcy
- **Other ...**

4. OUTREACH

Challenge: How can we best foster a collective and effective local voice on behalf of EPR in California? Full Council discussion and brainstorming session

- **“Listening to Local Government” workshops**
- **Developing CPSC technical assistance and peer-to-peer networking capacity**
- **Outreach to citizens and NGOs**
- **Other ...**

5. NEW EPR RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES & IMPLEMENTATION PLANS

- **Santa Clara County:** Rob D’Arcy
- **San Bernardino County:** Olivia Sanchez
- **Other**

6. CPSC PRESENTATIONS

- **May 17-18** - City Sustainability Directors meeting (Marin): C. Misseldine
- **May 30-31** – **Product Stewardship Institute Forum (SF)**: C. Misseldine and R. D’Arcy
- **June 5** – **CIWMB: EPR Workshop for the Board (Sacramento)**: Carol Misseldine
- **June 27** – **SoCal HHWIE (San Bernardino)**: Karl Bruskotter, Olivia Sanchez
- **July 29-Aug 1** – **CRRA (Los Angeles)**: Bill Sheehan
- **Others** (see [CPSC Calendar](#))
- **Update on CPSC PowerPoint redesign**: Bill Sheehan

7. UPDATE ON STATEWIDE EPR EFFORTS

a) Compact Fluorescent Lamps

- **AB 1109, Huffman, CA Lighting Efficiency and Toxics Reduction Act**: C. Misseldine
- **Three-Council CFL media release**: Bill Sheehan

b) Pharmaceuticals

- **SB 966, Simitian, Pharmaceutical Drug Disposal**: Marjaneh Zarrehparvar

c) Thermostats

- **AB 1193, Ruskin, Mercury Thermostat Collection Act of 2007**: Carol Misseldine

Next CPSC meeting: Tuesday July 31 in L.A. in conjunction with CRRA

Meeting Location: Pier 1, San Francisco; Bayside rooms 1 & 2

Directions from BART: <http://www.bart.gov/index.asp>

Take the Embarcadero Station exit; walk towards the Bay and cross the Embarcadero; Pier 1 is one block north of the Ferry Building (clock tower).

Ferry Service from Marin, Alameda & Vallejo: <http://www.transitinfo.org/providers/index.asp>

Walk through the Ferry Building (clock tower) and turn right. Pier 1 is one block north of the Ferry Building.

Driving Directions: Here’s a link to directions to the Ferry Building-- Walk through the Ferry Building (clock tower) and turn right. Pier 1 is one block north of the Ferry Building.

<http://maps.yahoo.com/index.php#q1=1%20Market%20Street,%20San%20Francisco,%20CA&trf=0&lon=-122.394841&lat=37.794322&mag=3>

NOTE: Piers south of the Ferry Building are even numbered, piers north are odd numbered – as long as the numbers are getting smaller, you’re going the right way!

Parking: Public parking lots are available next door and across the street from Pier 1, prices vary.

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May 2, 2007

To Whom It May Concern:

Request for Bay Area Water Purveyors to Remove Samsung Silver Wash Clothes Washing Machine from Water Conservation Rebate Lists

Bay Area Clean Water Agencies (BACWA), representing 44 wastewater agencies throughout the Bay Area is requesting that Bay Area water purveyors with water conservation rebate programs remove the Samsung's "Silver Wash" washing machine from their list of washers that qualify for a water-conservation rebate.

The Samsung "Silver Wash" washing machine is being marketed under manufacturer claims that it achieves 99.99% sterilization of bacteria, and that it provides a silver ion residual on clothing that is effective for up to 30 days. Please refer to Samsung's website at:

<http://ww2.samsung.co.za/silvernano/silvernano/washingmachine.html>

The Samsung Silver Wash washing machine is specifically designed to release silver ions during each washing cycle. These silver ions will ultimately be discharged into sanitary sewer systems and BACWA's member agencies are very concerned about the water quality impacts.

Silver is highly toxic to aquatic life at low concentrations and also bioaccumulates in some aquatic organisms, such as clams. Due to concerns about bioaccumulation and the placing of strict silver effluent limits in discharge permits, POTWs have implemented pollution prevention programs to identify and reduce silver discharges to sanitary sewer systems. These programs have been very successful in reducing POTW influent and effluent silver concentrations.

However, widespread use of household products that release silver ions into sanitary sewer systems could greatly increase silver concentrations in POTW influents and effluents, leading to adverse effects on California waterways. POTWs are subject to Mandatory Minimum Penalties for the violations of their discharge permits that could result.

In summary, BACWA is requesting that all Bay Area water purveyors with water conservation rebate programs remove the Samsung "Silver Wash" washing machine from their list of washers that qualify for rebates.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter. If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Melody LaBella, Chair of the Bay Area Pollution Prevention Group at (925) 229-7370.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michele Pla". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "M" and a long, sweeping tail.

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