

BAPPG Committee Report to BACWA Board

Meeting Date: July 26, 2007
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Committee Request for Board Action

In July 2005, the BAPPG presented two workshops (workshop summary attached) to Bay Area Hospitals entitled, "Navigating Pharmaceutical Waste Management in Medical Facilities." Hospital representatives left that workshop wanting more guidance on the proper disposal of pharmaceuticals. In April 2006, Hospitals for a Healthy Environment (H2E) released the national document "Managing Pharmaceutical Waste: a 10-Step Blueprint for Health Care Facilities in the United States" that includes federal guidelines.

BAPPG has received approval from H2E and is proposing to update their document to include California-only hazardous waste regulations (expands the number of pharmaceuticals considered hazardous) and to direct that pharmaceuticals should NOT be sewered. To that end, BAPPG is requesting approval for the following:

- a. Approval of 2007/2008 BAPPG Budget Revision (allocating \$4,600 from 2006/2007 unspent budget to the H2E document update) – see attached revised 07/08 budget
- b. Approval of PharmEcology Purchase Order for \$6,000 to update the H2E document
- c. Approval of Purchase Order for \$3,600 for Systems Improvement Initiators, Inc. to update the H2E document

Business Discussed and Action Items

BAPPG Steering Committee Meeting on July 19, 2007:

- Heather Ottaway with the Regional Board indicated that submission of August P2 Reports should be as traditionally done – mail in hard copy & upload electronic copy to her folder on the Regional Board's ftp site: <ftp://swrcb2a.swrcb.ca.gov>
- Update to number of thermometers collected during the Mercury Thermometer Exchange Project – Jen Jackson (EBMUD) indicates new total is 4,265

Business	Action Item	Due Date
Amalgam Separator List Update	Tom Barron is working to complete the update to the list of approved ISO-certified amalgam separators for use by agencies in their Dental Amalgam Programs. The updated list will be posted on BACWA.org. (Meg Gale, SF PUC)	Mid-Aug. 2007
It! Guide Project	Coordinate update & bulk print run of the Grow It! Guide for interested BAPPG agencies. (Meg Gale, SF PUC)	On-going
P2 Week	Create list of potential activities that agencies can participate in or conduct during P2 Week (9/17). (Melody LaBella, CCCSD)	Sept. 2007

Other Issues of Note:

Karin North (Palo Alto) & Jen Jackson (EBMUD) are working on the creation of a pilot pharmaceutical mail-back program for controlled substances in the Bay Area. DEA approval for an exemption for this program is pending. Karin, Jen & Melody met with USPS last week re: mailing specifications. Participation will be decided by agency.

Date of Next BAPPG Committee Meetings:

August 1, 2007 – Steering Committee: 9 am-10 am; Main Committee: 10:00 am – noon