



Executive Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, February 24, 2011, 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
EBMUD, 2020 Wake Ave, Oakland, CA

ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS

Executive Board Representatives: Ben Horenstein, Chair (East Bay Municipal Utility District); Laura Pagano (San Francisco Public Utilities Commission); Margaret Orr (Central Contra Costa Sanitary District); Mike Connor (East Bay Dischargers Authority); Kirsten Struve (City of San Jose).

Other Attendees: Stephanie Cheng (East Bay Municipal Utility District); Natalie Sierra (San Francisco Public Utilities Commission); Jim Ervin (City of San Jose); Andy Morrison (Union Sanitary District); Tom Hall (Sunnyvale/Eisenberg Olivieri Associates, Inc.); Monica Oakley (RMC Environmental); Denise Conners (Larry Walker Associates); Kevin Kennedy (HDR Engineering); David Reardon (HDR Engineering); Michael Falk (HDR Engineering); Amy Chastain (BACWA); Alexandra Gunnell (BACWA).

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

REPORTS

Committee Reports, agenda item 1, were included in the meeting handout packet attendees were invited to elaborate on their reports or field questions.

Monica Oakley distributed a preliminary assessment of Bay Area POTW mercury mass loading trends from 2008 - 2010. Of those agencies who have submitted their data 70% appear to have reduced their mercury mass loading during 2010. Information about flows for the year is still under review. The final report must be submitted by April 1. A draft will be circulated, finalized and included on the March Executive Board (EB) meeting agenda for approval. It was suggested that BACWA should discuss revising reporting requirements with the Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) when the permit is renewed.

The Collection Systems report included a list of ranked tech topics. Committee Chair, Andy Morrison mentioned that some lower ranking items have already been addressed with previous workshops and trainings. In response to inquiry from the EB about plans for the coming year, the following items were mentioned: updating Best Management Practices for SSO Reduction manual; responding to revised statewide Wastewater Discharge Requirements for Sanitary Sewer Systems (WDR); addressing electronic reporting requirements.

The ED will continue to work with CASA and Tri-TAC to address concerns about the Test of Significant Toxicity (TST) and add this as a discussion topic on the March EB agenda, possibly including a presentation from Dan Gallagher. The Permits committee will also include this topic and possibly scheduling a presentation for discussion at their upcoming meeting. Tom Hall and Margaret Orr would like to be included in the CASA/Tri-TAC subgroup working on this issue.

For **agenda item 2**, the **Proposition 50 Grant Disbursements Status Report** was included in the meeting handout packet.

Under **agenda item 3**, the Amy Chastain responded to questions about the **Executive Director's Report**, included in the meeting handout packet. It was mentioned that the report did not include information about a request from SFEI to contribute to their June 29, 2011 nutrient workshop. This may be brought back to the EB for approval in the future.

The ED continues to work with SFEI for Selenium analyses assistance and will contact Bhupinder Dhaliwal (CCCSD) to determine if consultant support is needed to summarize his research. The ED is also working on finalizing a contract for Suisun Bay Monitoring support, and may include a discussion of TIE work on the March EB agenda.

Executive Board (Board) members were invited to share any items of interest under **agenda item 4, Executive Board Reports.**

- a. At the **Aquatic Science Center Meeting (12/2/2010)** Mike Connor requested that ASC look into assisting Alameda and Contra Costa County flood districts, Alameda County Water, and Union Sanitary District with efforts to obtain real-time regional precipitation data to redirect flows around and reduce overflows. SFPUC expressed interest in being included in this dialog.
- b. Discussions at the **Regional Monitoring Program Steering Committee Meeting (2/7/2011)** focused on determining which special studies to pursue over next few years in light of limited funding, and the possibility of leveraging outside resources. The ED will circulate a draft summary of the meeting.
- c. Key issues discussed **Tri-TAC Meeting (2/20/2011)** are addressed under other EB agenda items.
- d. Mike Connor met with the Water Board Staff Meetings regarding eSMR. The ED is working on finding a date in April for next BACWA/RWQCB meeting and will proceed even if some EB members are not able to attend. EB board members will send their standing meeting dates to ED and Assistant Executive Director (AED).
- e. There were no other items to report from the Executive Board members.

The following **Chair and Executive Director Authorized Actions** were listed under agenda **item 4.**

- a. Executive Director authorization of agreement with Adammer to support the BAPPG Spring Cleaning Campaign; \$4,999; File 12,352.
- b. Executive Director authorization of agreement with Tom Barron to support the BAPPG Amalgam Separator Update; \$2,500; File 12,328.
- c. Chair authorization of catering costs for the Strass Energy Workshop; \$3,200; File 12,366.

CONSENT CALENDAR

*Consent calendar **agenda items 6 and 7** were approved in a motion made by Margaret Orr and seconded by Ben Horenstein. The motion carried unanimously.*

6. Minutes from January 27, 2011 BACWA Executive Board Meeting.
7. December 2010 Treasurer's Report.

BOARD DISCUSSION ITEMS

Agenda item 8, HDR Nutrients Scope of Work Review & Discussion, included a presentation from HDR project team members. The kick-off meeting has been scheduled for March 14, 2011 from 1:00 until 3:00 p.m. The contract scope will be edited to include drafting of a response to the literature review and EB members will contact the ED with any concerns about the contract scope before the end of the day.

For **agenda item 9, EPA's Advanced Notice of Proposed Rulemaking Regarding the Bay Delta**, was discussed. Comments are due by April 25, 2011. The ED will prepare potential key points to circulate to the Board and determine whether to utilize consultant support. The ED recommended obtaining the entire document, EPA Water Quality Challenges in the SF Bay/ Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Estuary - Unabridged Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking Feb 2011, from the EPA website because the Federal Register version does not include the bibliography.

For **agenda item 10, PCBs Source Control & Permit Discussion**, the ED noted that she will be attending the upcoming hearing and requested that those BACWA agencies planning to comment contact her.

For **agenda item 11, e-SMR Transition Update & Discussion** was discussed. ED met with Johnson Lam and he provided concept and budget. Johnson will put scope together, figure out licensing piece and budget estimate, hopefully in time for April 1 deadline. SFPUC will keep EB informed about how they are dealing with their reporting concerns.

Under **agenda item 12, Solano County E Measure: Amicus & Legislative Support**, *Margaret Orr made a motion to support drafting an amicus brief. It was seconded by Laura Pagano and passed unanimously.* Natalie Sierra will determine the next steps, including whether BACWA needs to retain counsel to prepare the amicus brief.

Under **agenda item 13, WERF Biosolids Trace Organics Collaborative Research Effort Support**, was discussed. *Mike Connor made a motion to contribute \$5,000 on behalf of BACWA. It was seconded by Margaret Orr and passed unanimously.* The ED will investigate opportunities for BACWA to work together with WERF and add it to the March EB agenda for discussion.

CCSD noted that EPA has finalized new source performance standards and emission guidelines for incinerators which appear to take into account concerns raised by NACWA.

Under **agenda item 14, Fiscal Year 2011 – 2012 BACWA Revenue & Expense Budget Discussion**, the EB provided feedback to the ED for continuing work on a draft budget, to be approved at an upcoming EB meeting.

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The next regular meeting is scheduled for **March 24, 2011, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.** at the EBMUD Plant **Lab Library** in Oakland.

The meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.