



Executive Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, July 28, 2011, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
EBMUD, 2020 Wake Avenue, Oakland, CA

ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS

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

Other Attendees: Margaret Orr (Central Contra Costa Sanitary District); Gail Chesler (Central Contra Costa Sanitary District); Jim Ervin (City of San Jose); Ken Lee (San Francisco Public Utilities Commission); Amanda Roa (Delta Diablo Sanitary District); Greg Baatrup (Fairfield-Suisun Sewer District); Valerie Connor (State & Federal Contractors Water Agency); Mike Ward (State & Federal Contractors Water Agency); Jackie Kepke (formerly with CH2M Hill and the California Wastewater Climate Change Group); Susan Dennis (CH2M Hill); Denise Conners (Larry Walker Associates); Kevin Kennedy (HDR Engineering); Pete Talbot (HDR Engineering); Mike Faulk (HDR Engineering); Holly Kennedy (HDR Engineering); Amy Chastain (BACWA); Alexandra Gunnell (BACWA).

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

PRESENTATION: Suisun Bay Monitoring Program

Val Connor, Science Manager for the State and Federal Contractors Water Agency (SFCWA) presented information about the organization. Copies of the presentation will be distributed to the Board. Val fielded questions from the meeting attendees about current studies including the Suisun Bay Monitoring Program. Val will send additional information about current SFCWA projects to the BACWA Executive Director (ED) for distribution to the BACWA Executive Board members (Board).

REPORTS

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

The Board and meeting attendees expressed their appreciation to Jackie Kepke for her leadership of the California Wastewater Climate Change Group (CWCCG). Zeynep Erdal of CH2M Hill will serve as the new CWCCG Program Manager. Zeynep's resume will be distributed to the Board, and she will be available to meet with individual Board members and attend an upcoming BACWA Board meeting. The CWCCG Steering Committee is recommending renewal of CH2M Hill's annual contract to continue consulting services, with a three month provisional period, to be approved at the August CWCCG meeting. The Board will receive updates about the transition at upcoming BACWA Board meetings.

Jim Ervin, Permits Committee Chair, fielded questions about the committee report included in the handout packet. It was recommended that agencies investigate the potential impact of a new San Francisco Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) permit requirement that dischargers evaluate the "concentration of all priority pollutants that were detected above or within one order of magnitude of the applicable water quality criteria." The ED is planning to work with the Permits committee to submit comments on the Hayward Marsh permit.

Representing NACWA, Ben Horenstein attended the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) Sanitary Sewer Overflow (SSO) workshop mentioned in the Collection Systems Committee

Report. The USEPA continues to solicit feedback from stakeholders to develop a federal rule to regulate SSOs, which they expect to publish in October 2012.

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

For **agenda item 3**, the **Executive Director's Report**, the ED fielded questions about the report, included in the meeting handout packet. The Board recommended submitting a letter to the Senate Rules Committee supporting the reappointment of Terry Young to the RWQCB. The letter will be drafted by the ED and circulated to the Board.

The Board expressed their support for the ED to work with the RWQCB and a consultant developing a plan to ensure that historical ERS data is maintained and available for POTW and RWQCB access and queries.

The Whole Effluent Toxicity (WET) policy workshop has been rescheduled for August 22, 2011. The Board recommended that the ED seek consultant assistance to compile information about ECIC25 to present to the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB). Central Costa Contra Sanitary District (CCCSO) will investigate whether they could provide support from one of their current consultant contracts. Jim Ervin will work to schedule a meeting Brian Ogg of the SWRCB.

BACWA Executive Board members were invited to share any items of interest under **agenda item 4, Executive Board Reports**, including information about meetings that were attended by BACWA representatives this month. It was recommended that agencies respond to NACWA's request for financial information.

There were no **Chair & Executive Director Authorized Actions** in July 2011 (**Agenda item 5**).

CONSENT CALENDAR

*Consent calendar **agenda items 6 through 8** were approved in a motion made by Jim Kelly and seconded by Ben Horenstein. The motion carried unanimously.*

6. Minutes from June 23, 2011 Executive Board Meeting.
7. May 2011 Treasurer's Report.
8. Authorize contracts to implement Fiscal Year 2011 – 2012 BACWA and Special Programs budgets and workplans
 - a. Stephanie Hughes; technical assistance for dental amalgam reporting, not to exceed \$17,000 (FY11-12) File 12,489;
 - b. Day, Carter, Murphy; legal support for Prop 84 contracts, not to exceed \$30,000 (FY11-12) File 12,490;
 - c. Amy J. Chastain; Executive Director Services, not to exceed \$134,508 (FY11-12) and \$139,740 (FY12-13) File 12,491.

The Board recommended the dental amalgam reporting scope should be reviewed upon permit reissuance to determine if it is still applicable to BACWA's current needs. PCB and Mercury permit requirements, scheduled for renewal in December 2012, will be included on the October 2011 Pardee Technical Seminar agenda for discussion with the RWQCB.

OTHER BUSINESS

For **agenda item 9**, a **Nutrient Discussion** was led by HDR. Supporting materials were included in

the packet and reviewed. Electronic versions of the three topic paper outlines will be distributed to the Board, feedback should be directed to HDR before the close of business on Monday, August 1, 2011, and a conference call may be scheduled to follow up on comments received. Each topic paper will include introductory information developed by the ED.

The ED will coordinate scheduling a joint meeting with the RWQCB to discuss nutrient concerns and will include this as a discussion item on the August 25, 2011 BACWA Board meeting agenda. The ED will also work with HDR on scope and budget revisions for ongoing support, as necessary.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for August 25, 2011, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the EBMUD Lab Library, 2020 Wake Road, Oakland, CA.

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.