



AIR ISSUES & REGULATIONS COMMITTEE

A Committee of the Bay Area Clean Water Agencies

The AIR Committee's History

Over the years, the AIR Committee has updated Bay Area POTWs on important regulatory information and worked with local and State regulatory agencies to ensure that the viewpoints of both large and small Bay Area POTWs are taken into account. We represent “one voice” to the regulatory agencies, speaking on behalf of the majority of the POTWs in the Bay Area, and public utilities statewide have benefited from our efforts.

Regulatory News

The AIR Committee will continue to condense the vast amount of regulatory news streaming from national, state, and local agencies into bullet points relevant to Bay Area POTWs. In Phase 24 (FY 2010-2011), the AIR Committee continued to track funding opportunities and maintained close ties with the California Wastewater Climate Change Group (CWCCG) as the climate change and energy-related regulatory developments grew in leaps and bounds.

Regulatory Advocacy

Together we have proactively assisted in the development of regulatory programs by ensuring that they are based on good science and are physically and financially feasible for our public utilities. We have also shared information, developed comprehensive compliance programs, and formed solid relationships with each other and with our regulatory agencies. These relationships produce universally beneficial results: producing forward thinking input and strengthening our lobbying as regulations impacting Bay Area POTWs are constantly changing. Two of the AIR Committee's primary goals in Phase 25 are to promote relationships with regulatory agencies, such as the Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD), and to lead BACWA's initiative to monitor and influence climate adaptation policies in the Bay Area and California.

THE AIR COMMITTEE HAD A VERY SUCCESSFUL PHASE 24 (2010 – 2011), THE COMMITTEE'S ACTIVITIES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS INCLUDE:

- An in-person discussion with BAAQMD Engineering Director, Brian Bateman at the January 2011 Committee Meeting.
- The AIR Committee 2011 Annual Spring Newsletter.
- Comment letters to California Air Resources Board (CARB) summarizing member concerns regarding the revised California Mandatory Reporting Rule and Cap-and-Trade Rule for greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions.

- Continuous tracking of regulatory issues affecting large and small POTWs including:
 - Changes to BAAQMD Rules regulating engines and boilers
 - Bay Conservation and Development Commission's proposed amendment to the Bay Plan to include climate change adaptation.
 - Changes to CARB's in-use, off-road diesel regulation
 - Final federal air toxic standards for industrial, commercial, & institutional boilers & process heaters

- Coordination with CWCCG to track state and national climate change issues including:
 - Modifications to the California Environmental Quality Act for GHG emissions;
 - CARB Mandatory GHG Reporting and Cap-and-Trade Programs;
 - EPA Mandatory GHG Reporting Program;
 - EPA GHG Tailoring Rule, which regulates GHGs under the Clean Air Act; and
 - Renewable energy advocacy for the POTW community working with the California Public Utilities Commission and California Energy Commission.

We look forward to a productive and successful Phase 25. Thank you for your continued support!


Stephanie Cheng
AIR Committee Chair