



April 18, 2014

State Water Resources Control Board
Office of Operator Certification
P.O. Box 944212
Sacramento, CA 94244-2120
Attention Wes Wilkinson, Staff Services Manager I

Subject: Operator in Training Application Fee Waiver Request

Dear Mr. Wilkinson,

The Bay Area Clean Water Agencies (BACWA) Operations Management group would like to request the State Water Resource Control Board-Office of Operator Certification's (OOC) waive recurring application fees when an Operator-in-Training (OIT) applicant, working in identified facility listed in Table 1 within the Regional Occupational Program (ROP) and Community College student interns programs.

When an ROP/College Student Intern pays \$170.00 for their initial two-year Operator-in-Training certificate to train at a Table 1 listed treatment facility, everyone will be under the understanding that their certificate is valid for up to two (2) years, when working at a Table 1 listed facility. Additionally, applicants will be required to submit this letter with their application and OOC will waive additional fees.

The water/wastewater profession offers great career opportunities for the college level student to participate and further advances the vocational programs promoted by our state and local educational leadership. It would be an injustice to add this repeated financial burden to the numerous future wastewater professionals that are attempting to obtain the knowledge, skills and time necessary to establish their career in the wastewater industry. Many of the participants are fulltime students with a very limited income and additionally are staying within the program just at a different facility.

In an effort to continue to provide the excellent training opportunities without placing undue financial burdens on these unpaid interns/ROP students, the Table 1 listed facilities are requesting the OOC permit a an applicant to move their facility assignment within the 2-year certificate period and for OOC to waive the additional \$170.00 OIT Certificate fee each time an intern moves to a new plant if the intern is participating in a Regional Occupational Program or the Solano College Work Experience Program and moving to a participating BACWA plant.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David R. Williams".

David R. Williams, P.E.
Executive Director

Attachment: List of BACWA Member Agencies

Table 1: BACWA Member / Bay Area Consortium for Water and Wastewater Education (BACWWE) Water Operator Training Program Agency List, April 2014

Central Contra Costa Sanitary District	City of Sunnyvale	Sewer Authority Mid-Coastside
Central Marin Sanitation Agency	Cupertino SD	Sewerage Agency of Southern Marin
City of Albany	Delta Diablo Sanitation District	Sonoma Valley County Sanitation District
City of American Canyon	Dublin San Ramon Services District	South Bayside System Authority
City of Antioch	East Bay Dischargers Authority	South San Francisco-San Bruno Water Quality Control Plant
City of Belmont	East Bay Municipal Utility District	Southeast Water Pollution Control Plant CCSF
City of Benicia WWTP	Fairfield - Suisun Sewer District	Stege Sanitary District
City of Berkeley	Las Gallinas Valley Sanitary District	Tamalpais Community Services District
City of Brisbane	Mt. View Sanitary District	Treasure Island Water Pollution Control Plant
City of Burlingame WWTF	Napa Sanitation District	Vallejo Sanitation & Flood Control District
City of Calistoga	North San Mateo SD	West Bay Sanitary District
City of Fairfield	Novato Sanitary District	West County Agency
City of Livermore	Pacifica	West Valley Sanitation District
City of Millbrae WPCP	Pinole-Hercules WPCP	Yountville
City of Milpitas	Rodeo Sanitary District	City of Brentwood
City of Mountain View	San Francisco International Airport - MLTP	Contra Costa Water District
City of Palo Alto RWQCP	San Jose/Santa Clara Water Pollution Control Plant	Diablo Water District
City of Petaluma	San Mateo County DPW	Ironhouse Sanitary District
City of Piedmont	Sanitary District No.5 of Marin County Main Plant	City of Martinez
City of Pleasanton	Sanitary District of Marin County No. 1 (Ross)	City of Pittsburg
City of Redwood City	Sanitary District of Marin No. 2 (Corte Madera)	Zone 7 Water Agency (County of Alameda)
City of Richmond	Santa Clara County Sanitation District No. 2-3	West County Wastewater District
City of San Bruno	Sausalito - Marin City Sanitary District	
City of San Carlos		
City of San Mateo		
City of St. Helena		