



BAPPG Meeting
Wednesday December 7, 2016 10:00 am
Draft Meeting Minutes

1. Introductions

2. Regional Board Announcements—James Parrish

- A.** Pollution Prevention reports are due in February for most agencies, and can be submitted via CIWQS by an authorized staffperson. James Parrish repeated his presentation on reporting from [October 2015](#), and referred the committee to the Water Board's Pollution [Prevention Reporting Guide](#).
- B.** The Regional Water Board is in the process of hiring another staffperson who will be involved in BAPPG.

3. Steering Committee Update

- A. O'Rourke** – The Steering Committee is recommending moving \$6K from the remaining Toilets Aren't Trashans budget to fund work to address flea control.
- B. Budget** – 72.5 of the committee's budget for FY17 has been spent

4. Updates

- A. Drug Take-back ordinances** - West County Wastewater District gave an update on Contra Costa County's [Safe Drug Disposal Ordinance](#). POTWs in the County submitted a [comment letter](#) proposing provisions to strengthen the ordinance. The Alameda County Ordinance is in effect. It uses a common carrier model and will be setting up kiosks soon.
- B. CWEA** - P3S Conference – February 27-March 1 in Santa Rosa. It will include tours of distilleries and wineries.
 - ECI exams can be extended to another quarter for free.
- C. Pesticides** – The announcement of the human health effects of fipronil will be pushed to 2017. The recent study on fipronil's route to the sanitary sewer is now [linked](#) through DPR's home page. BAPPG pesticides leads have been discussing flea control alternatives with veterinary associations, who are generally more in favor of recommending oral medications than mechanical controls such as vacuuming.
- D. OWOW** – The new fact sheet is doing well in stores .
- E. BACWA**
 - i. BACWA's Annual meeting will be held on January 27 in Oakland.
 - ii. BACWA working to respond to BAAQMD's Rule 11-18, which aims to reduce toxic air contaminants, and would require facilities, including POTWs, to implement control technologies.

5. Microplastics Presentation

Nirmela Arsem of EBMUD gave a presentation on microplastics. She described the background of the issue and potential ecological impacts. She gave a detailed summary of the lab subcommittee's efforts to develop a robust method to characterize and quantify microplastics in effluent. She made the point that getting reliable data is costly and labor-intensive, highlighted that all particles need to be confirmed as plastic by infrared spectroscopy.

6. Agency Spotlights

Staff from [WCWD](#) gave a presentation focusing on how they identify sources of pollutants of concern. They have concluded that most of their service area's FOG hotspots are in residential, rather than commercial areas, and schools are actually a notable source of SSOs. WCWD conducts plant tours, staff give presentations to the public, and they host events. They also have a significant social media presence. They measure the success of their outreach programs by tracking the number of pledges

taken at events, the number of people taking plant tours, amounts of household hazardous waste collected, and the number of SSO's in collection system.

The [City of Petaluma](#) gave a presentation highlighting the success of their FOG program, and their restaurant and auto shop inspections. The also discussed the City's effort to inspect dental amalgam separators. The City has a safe medicine disposal program, and Solano County is working to develop an ordinance. The provided samples of pollution prevention outreach materials that they use at public events.

7. Next meeting

February 1, 2017: 10:00am-12:00pm
1515 Clay Street, Second Floor, Room 12
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