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| Permits Committee – Report to BACWA Board | Permits Committee Meetings on: 3/9/17Executive Board Meeting Date: 3/17/17Committee Chair: Eric Dunlavey |

**Committee Request for Board Action: None**

**Joint meeting with CASA Regulatory Workgroup – See** [meeting packet](https://www.dropbox.com/s/84josh3y5sidgcq/3-9-17%20RWG%20Packet.pdf?dl=0)

**32 Participants from POTWs Statewide**

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| **General Meeting**1. Meg Sedlak of SFEI gave a [presentation](https://bacwa.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/03/SedlakMPCASAMar82017.pdf) on the RMP’s microplastics program. There was a followup discussion on pollution prevention. Note that BACWA’s efforts on method development have been published in [J Analytical Chemistry](https://bacwa.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/03/BACWA-method-article.pdf).
2. Jessica Gauger gave a presentation on CASA’s Legislative Priorities for 2017:
* AB574 – WateReuse/CoastKeeper sponsored bill changes the definition of potable reuse and requires the development of criteria for potable reuse through raw water augmentation by 2021. CASA supports.
* AB967 – Regulating biocremation facilities – includes a prohibition on discharge to sewers and instead requires hauling to digestion facilities. CASA is offering clarifying language but is not opposing or supporting.
* AB474 - exempts spent brine solutions that are byproducts of the treatment of groundwater to meet California drinking water standards from those same requirements if certain conditions are met, including that the spent brine solutions are transferred for dewatering via a closed piping system to lined surface impoundments regulated by the California regional water quality control boards. CASA is watching.
* AB1132 – Allows air pollution control officer to issue an Order of Abatement if there is a clear and present danger. CASA is watching.
* AB14538 – ELAP Overhaul bill
* SB602 - Requires labeling of seeds and plants treated with neonicotinoids

CASA is also considering sponsoring a Bill regulating flushable wipes. Sen. Hertzerg is not reintroducing a Recycled Water Bill this year, but instead is focusing on Prop 218 reform, including redefining sewers to include stormwater.1. Greg Kester gave an update on State initiatives that will put the sustainability of landfills as biosolids reuse/disposal alternatives in jeopardy.
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| **Water Committee Meeting** 1. ***CECs*** – The State Water Board wants data from all Regional monitoring efforts, including the RMP, to be uploaded to CEDEN. There will be an RMP meeting on CECs on March 30 at SFEI in Richmond.
2. ***Toxicity*** – The State Water Board is beginning its soft rollout of the revised Toxicity Plan with an invitation-only meeting on April 11. Three new Los Angeles Region permits have been proposed with the TST.
3. ***Nutrients***
* The wadeable streams nutrients regulatory process links nutrient levels to beneficial use attainment, although that may be difficult to measure in the benthos.
* BACWA is planning to host a second workshop on the Optimization and Upgrade studies in June. BACWA members are working internally to develop a consensus negotiating position for the second watershed permit.
1. ***Mercury Objectives and Proposed Beneficial Uses***– POTWs plan to meet with Andria Ventura and some of the Tribal representatives next week on March 16th to discuss [proposed language changes](https://bacwa.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/03/2-17-17-CVCWA-Cmt-Beneficial-Uses-and-Mercury-Provisions-FINAL.pdf). The goal is to seek their support for at least some of the proposed language changes before State Board staff release their final Proposal for Board approval.  POTW reps are also planning to seek another meeting with Karen Larsen to ascertain whether staff is willing to make the requested language changes - - particularly as related to the proposed approach to determining Reasonable Potential and for implementing fish tissue-*only* WQOs through the NPDES process.
2. ***Regional Association* Update –** Region 2 is updating its 303(d) list and has listed every segment of the San Francisco Bay for toxicity. BACWA plans to comment. There is also new language in Attachment D of Region 2 permits that implements EPA Electronic Reporting Rule. Language in Attachment F clarifies that the new language does not supersede the State SSS WDR.
3. *Enforcement Policy*  - The item got pulled from the March 7 Board Meeting, but there is no information about next steps.
4. ***ELAP Fees*** *–* The proposed fee increases were included in the meeting packet.
5. ***SCCWRP*** *–* The POTW community is interested in having a seat on SCCWRP’s CTAG.
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| **Next BACWA Permits Committee Meeting:** Tuesday April 11, EBMUD. |