



# BAPPG Meeting Notes

Wednesday, June 7, 2017—10:00 am

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1. **Introductions and Announcements**
2. **Regional Board Announcements—James Parrish/Patrick Karinja**
  - A. The Regional Board is reorganizing staff responsibilities. Patrick Karinja will take over regular attendance of BAPPG meetings. James Parrish intends to stay involved in the BACWA Pesticides Committee.
  - B. Cover letters of future P2 reports should be addressed to Patrick Karinja.
3. **Updates**
  - A. **Steering Committee** – In July 2017, Doug Dattawalker, USD, will take over as committee chair. Simret Yigzaw, San Jose, will be budget vice-chair, and Joanne Le, City of Richmond, will be reporting vice-chair. Robert Wilson will perform project management of the O'Rorke contract and will serve as Vice-Chair of the BACWA Permits Committee.
  - B. **OWOW** – OWOW has agreed to revisit the language of the flea fact sheets. Stephanie Hughes will prepare suggested language.
  - C. **Pesticides Committee**
    - i. The Pesticides team drafted letters from BACWA and the Water Board in response to EPA's call for public input on existing regulations to repeal or modify. The letters asked the EPA to repeal or modify the "treated articles exemption", which exempts pesticides-treated articles from registration. The EPA received over 55,000 letters and have stated that they will read all of them.
    - ii. Effective July 1, [DPR will require](#) retailers to register all pesticide-impregnated products sold within California. Most pesticide particles wash off these items in first wash. The human health impact of pesticide-treated clothing is unclear.
    - iii. DPR [published a study on fipronil washoff from pets](#). After use of a spot-on treatment, 3.6–230.6 mg of fipronil (0.2–86.0% of mass applied) washed off each dog. Even 28 days post-application, significant levels of fipronil ( $4 \pm 5\%$ ) washed off the dog.
    - iv. Comments on the risk assessment for pyrethroids is due July 7<sup>th</sup> and imidicloprid comments are due by July 14. Some members showed interest in getting copies of Kelly's draft letter to use as a template for so that individuals or agencies can all make copies and send them in to be heard.
  - D. **Mercury Objectives** - The State Board has adopted the Mercury water quality objectives but will not be making changes to our TMDLs at this time. If an agency is doing their best to manage sources of mercury then they may have some protection from future changes
  - E. **Sunscreens** - SFPUC is looking for advice regarding sunscreens banned in Hawaii and potentially banning them locally. Recommendations were made to contact Environmental Working Group for their research or to see if RMP is doing

research. If it is not listed as a chemical that is being researched it will be very difficult to get any action on it. The ban is due to toxicity to coral, of which there is none in the Bay Area.

- F. **Septage** - SFPUC wanted to know if anyone was doing anything about RVs dumping septic tanks into storm drains. Vallejo has a free RV dump station at their treatment plant to protect the storm drains by making appropriate dumping easy.
- G. **CWEA** – There will be a Stormwater-focused P3S training in Riverside with in-class and tour components. There will be a call-in option but the details have not been provided yet

#### 4. **Baywise.Org Website Update**

- A. Most updates are on the back-end. They will allow Lorien Fono and others the ability to make simple website updates. In the long-run, this eliminates the need to contract out website updates and will save BAPPG funds. Susan Hiestand [presented](#) mock-ups of the new site design. Front-end updates will focus on modernizing the look of the site. Most content will remain the same. BASMAA funds the website. They agreed to all format changes and noted that they would like to be involved if stormwater content is revised.

#### 5. **O’Rorke FY 16/17 Update and FY 17/18 Recommendations**

- A. Emi Hashisaki, the BAPPG Account Supervisor at O’Rorke, provided an overview of tasks from FY 16/17. Original budgeted tasks were:

- Toilets Aren’t Trash Cans (\$14.5k)
- Chinook Book (\$2.5k)
- FOG Spanish Radio Ads (\$8k)
- Flea & Tick Pesticide Outreach (\$3k)
- BAPPG Annual Report Support (\$1k)

As priorities changed throughout the year, Toilets Aren’t Trash Cans and Flea & Tick Outreach roughly swapped budgets. Emiko noted how flexible the budget has been this last year to accommodate the additional pesticide work we needed. She also provided recommendations for next year’s budget. Highlights include all social media through Facebook and Division D media, since we have a really good click through rate. For FY 17/18, attendees agreed on Emi’s recommendation for \$1000 for Annual Report Support and a roughly equal budget (\$8-8.5k each) for Toilets Aren’t Trash Cans, FOG Spanish Radio Ads, and Flea & Tick Pesticide Outreach. Attendees discussed if they would like to continue outreach in Chinook Book, as it is not physically distributed in all areas of the Bay and the population is typically “early adopters” who may have already changed their behaviors. We are committed to 2017/18 but will not be renewing our outreach with them in 2018/19. Another reason for dropping Chinook book ads from the 18-19 budget was the rising costs of the ads. (\$3,965 from \$3500 for the same package) The group talked about using those funds in other areas like extending the Toilets aren't trash cans online outreach or a larger package with Univision for the FOG radio ads.

#### 6. **Agency Spotlight**

- A. Joanne Le provided a presentation on the City of Richmond’s program.

**7. Budget**

- A. The BAPPG FY 16/17 Budget is ~95% spent. Approximately 99% of the budget will be used by the end of the fiscal year.
- B. The FY 17/18 Budget will increase from \$86,000 this year to \$100,000 next year. A majority of the additional funds will be put towards pesticides support.

**8. Next Meeting**

- A. The next meeting will be the August Pollutant Prioritization Meeting, which will determine priorities for FY 18/19. It will be a hands-on, high group participation meeting.

Next BAPPG General Meeting

August 2, 2017: 10:00am-12:00pm  
1515 Clay Street, Second Floor, Room 12  
Oakland, CA