



BAPPG Meeting Notes

Wednesday April 1, 2020, 10am

1. Introductions and Announcements

There were 25 attendees representing 17 Bay Area Agencies. No announcements.

2. Regional Board Announcements—Debbie Phan

- a. **Wipes Press Release:** State Water Board has a [press release](#) on wipes. It was picked up by many media outlets – agencies are free to use the information for their own outreach campaigns.
- b. **Water Board Orders all in effect:** All Board-issued water quality orders are in effect. Regulators are urging agencies anticipating any delays or non-compliance issues due to the COVID-19 public health emergency to contact their respective case workers (by email) and to document any issues. See State Water Board [message](#) re: compliance with Water Board Requirements during the COVID-19 Emergency.
- c. **Water Board contact:** Board staff is working from home; please use email to contact. Also keep in mind that not all staff has access to VPN/office files.
- d. **Service Boundaries Map:** RWB staff has been working on creating a map for collection systems/POTW service areas in the Bay Area. Effort is on hold while staff works from home now.

3. Updates

a. Steering Committee

- Committee will work with SGA and possibly with Collection Systems Committee on our own press release on wipes (similar to SWB release). Will also make prominent on website.
- Committee will be looking for new leadership at end of FY.
- Committee requested increased funding next year to shoulder more of the pesticides work (CASQA is reducing the pesticides funding). The request will be considered at an upcoming BACWA Executive Board meeting.

b. BACWA Board

- See note above re: Committee budget.
- BACWA is holding all Executive Board and Committee meetings over teleconference only. BACWA foresees continued fulfillment of its obligations and program continuity during this time.

c. OWOW

- Bedbugs fact sheet is complete and translated (English and Spanish) and was added to the website. Printouts can be ordered from Jeff Brosseau.

d. CWEA

- CWEA Annual Conference – postponed to October 27-30, Reno, NV
- The P3S Committee is recruiting for a secretary; if you know someone in the Bay Area or NorCal interested, please contact Susan Hiestand.

e. Pesticides Committee Update

- Kelly Moran (TDC Environmental) and Stephanie Hushes, P.E., presented on BAPPG-supported pesticides work efforts. See notes below.

4. Budget

Committee budget for FY20 is on target; received invoices for February.

5. Website Update

No new information to share.

6. General Business

- Focus of spring outreach campaign changed from flea/tick control messaging to wipes because many agencies have reported issues with wipes during the current health emergency. [Video](#) from Central San has had 30,000 views to date; campaign cost only \$238.
- Committee took note of Colleen Henry (Central San) suggestion to run the flea/tick control campaign in the Bay Woof magazine, a local publication for Bay Area dog owners (once the campaign is picked up again). The magazine is available in print and online at baywoof.com.
- Attendees held a short debrief/ round-table on how their respective agencies have modified operations to adapt to the COVID-19 public health emergency. Working from home, staggered work schedules, additional sick time, frequent communication from management, etc. were common themes in the revised operations.

7. Featured presentation: Updates to BAPPG-supported Pesticides Work.

Kelly Moran (TDC Environmental) and Stephanie Hushes, P.E., presented on BAPPG-supported pesticides work efforts. [Presentation](#) highlights below:

- History of BAPPG work in this area: involved since 1990s. Notable campaigns: copper root killers, TBT biocides, pyrethroids, triclosan, fipronil and imidacloprid
- Pet flea control: the problem, safer alternatives, outreach to vets, pet stores, and pet owners.
- Urban Pesticides Pollution Prevention (UP3) Partnership – formerly active since 2000. Supports coordinated actions on behalf of dozens of agencies and NGO partners; funded by BACWA, CASQA, Water Boards, and individual agencies. Future uncertain b/c lead funder (CASQA) unable to continue support.
- POTW Monitoring: conducted in partnership with RMP; studies showed that indoor pesticides use (pet treatment, foggers, etc.) reaches POTWs and passes-through to ambient waters; because of these Bay Area studies, DPR is establishing permanent POTW monitoring network in CA.
- Regulatory Engagement: collaboration with DPR, comment letters to EPA. BAPPG/BACWA Pesticides Workgroup very active in this arena and aims to build prevention into pesticides regulatory processes
- Plans for 2020/2021: Start discussing POTW mitigation actions with DPR including around pet flea control and POTW effluent protection for future potable reuse. Engage in US EPA pesticide reviews with imidacloprid and fipronil as priority

8. Next meeting – June 3, 2020, 10am – 12pm. In person at the Elihu M Harris Building, Room 12, or teleconference only (TBD).