



Executive Board Meeting Minutes

July 17, 2020

ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS

Executive Board Representatives: Lori Schectel (Central Contra Costa Sanitary District); Amit Mutsuddy (City of San Jose); Eileen White (East Bay Municipal Utility District); Jacqueline Zipkin (East Bay Dischargers Authority); Amy Chastain (San Francisco Public Utilities Commission).

Other Attendees:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Agency/Company</u>
Eric Dunlavey	City of San Jose
Lorien Fono	BACWA
Alina Constantinescu	LWA/ BACWA
Jennifer Dymont	BACWA
Tom Hall	EOA
Amanda Roa	Delta Diablo
Karin North	City of Palo Alto
Elisa Lee	Woodward & Curran
Greg Baatrup	Fairfield Suisun District
Dan Frost	Central San
Mary Lou Esparza	Central San
David Donovan	City of Hayward
Charles Hardy	West Yost Associates
Daniel Akagi	City of Berkeley
Warner Chabot	SFEI
Jaron Kaplan	SFEI
Sean Goris	Black & Veatch
Charles Hardy	West Yost
Tim Potter	Central San

Amit Mutsuddy started meeting at 9:04

ROLL CALL - taken

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

CONSIDERATION TO TAKE AGENDA ITEMS OUT OF ORDER – None

CONSENT CALENDAR

CONSENT CALENDAR 9:05 AM

- 1 June 19, 2020 BACWA Executive Board Meeting Minutes
- 2 June 12, 2020 NMS Steering Committee Meeting Minutes
- 3 May 2020 Treasurer's Reports

After discussion, Item 2 pulled from consent calendar and moved to approvals. It was recommended that Attorneys be consulted on Item 2.

Consent Calendar Items 1 and 3: *A motion to approve was made by EBMUD, Eileen White and seconded by EBBDA, Jacqueline Zipkin. The motion was approved unanimously.*

APPROVALS AND AUTHORIZATIONS 9:06 AM

2. June 12, 2020 NMS Steering Committee Meeting Minutes - *A motion to approve was made by EBBDA, Jacqueline Zipkin and seconded by EBMUD, Eileen White. The motion was approved unanimously*
- 4 Approval: Payment #1 to NMS - \$1.0M

BACWA ED explained payment structure and financial impact. City of San Jose discussed SFEI's work plan.

Item 4: *A motion to approve was made by EBMUD, Eileen White and seconded by CCCSD, Lori Schectel. The motion was approved unanimously.*

- 5 Authorization: EDAR WateReuse for FY21
- 6 Authorization: EDAR Day Carter Murphy
- 7 Authorization: EDAR TDC Environmental

POLICY/STRATEGIC 9:30 AM

- 8 Discussion: Nutrients

a. Regulatory

i. NST meeting agenda – BACWA ED reviewed the members of the Nutrient Strategy Team (NST), encouraged representative membership, and went over first meeting agenda. CCCSD requested that next meeting start at 1:30pm. EBDA recommended incorporating 15 mins breaks after every 1.5 hrs for long, online meetings.

ii. NBS CMG meeting - BACWA ED referred to slides in packet. Update on project will be provided in September meeting.

b. Technical Work

i. Article on Horizontal Levee Pollutant removal - BACWA ED and EBDA reviewed reduction of nitrate via subsurface flow in horizontal levees. EBDA discussed using grant funding to engage in equitable outreach efforts, and members were receptive and interested in participating.

ii. Ongoing work on designating subembayments – BACWA ED shared that SFEI is working on modeling to support subembayment designation and there will be a presentation at August meeting. BACWA ED proposed hiring a consultant to support review and to possibly participate in advisory group. City of San Jose, EBMUD and others discussed issues and role of consultant. BACWA ED to prepare RFP with SFEI and to present at August meeting and more about modeling advisory group. There was a discussion about the funding source for this consultant support. BACWA ED also reviewed a table of indicators for assessment framework and asked for board members and Permit Committee members for input.

9 Discussion: COVID Issues Roundtable – CCCSD - cautious approach, continuing teleworking and working with architectural firm to change office. Staff is very productive. Some field work but all outdoors, with PPE, safety protocols, etc. They have had their second case of COVID and have implemented internal contact tracking efforts. Operators are fully back. SFPUC - very similar to CCCSD. Essential workers are on rotating schedule. Working out requirements for confined space entry inspections. EBMUD – similar structure to other agencies. Discussed COVID cases amongst staff and contact tracking efforts. CDC responded to EBMUD regarding COVID in wastewater and stated there were no known cases of wastewater operators getting COVID from wastewater. EBDA – quick summary, similar working conditions. No known COVID cases. City of San Jose – similar working conditions, working on notification system for construction contractors and subcontractors. New requirements / policy for COVID positive staff and how many days they must take off work. Offered to share guidelines with BACWA. No comments from other members.

BREAK 10:42-10:50 AM

10 Discussion: Wastewater-Based Epidemiology Working Group – BACWA ED – UCB has secured funding for assembling a popup analytical facility. They hope to be up to 100 samples a day by the end of September. Goal is to be ready by the fall and to inform public health decision making. They are looking for additional private funding to pay for sample analysis. County health officers are very interested. Getting interest from State, and SFEI has been very helpful. An additional Working Group meeting will be held later this month - meeting time to be announced. Delta Diablo shared that the CDC gave a presentation for WEF earlier this week and CDC talked about their efforts in setting up a National Wastewater Surveillance System and they indicated that they are trying to get funding (including for sampling at POTWs). There was a discussion on how to collect samples and costs. Member mentioned that WBE is a very important, urgent effort and recommended joint letter to seek Federal CAREs Act funding from the state.

11 Discussion: PFAS - Update on State Water Board Order, and Region 2 Study – BACWA ED summarized progress on project. State Water Board interested in a regional project because of better quality control, synthesis of data, and adaptable management. RMP is developing Scope of Work to be presented at August meeting. Developing an equitable way to fund project.

12 Discussion: CASA engagement in Statewide Exfiltration Issues – BACWA ED summarized first step in statewide exfiltration study – building a reference library of existing studies and information.

13 Discussion: Sea Level Rise/Climate change planning requirements – BACWA RPM – At recent meeting with RWB, brought up existing spreadsheet from Recycled Water Studies. SLR plans are required from other regional water boards. General discussion from members about how \ if sea level rise is responsibility of POTWs. EBDA offered to provide a page summary of ongoing efforts in Bay Area.

14 Discussion: SWB Toxicity Provisions update. See link to provisions in packet – BACWA ED summarized areas of concern and how they responded. Changes to sensitive species, screening, effluent targets, calendar month, *Ceriodaphnia dubia* concerns, monitoring frequency. Discussion on BACWA comments will be held at August Permits' meeting and draft letter will be in August Board Meeting.

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15 Informational: ReNUWIt update – BACWA ED summarized \$10,000 contribution and packet includes link to report. Any other BACWA members can get password as well – please contact BACWA ED.

16 Informational: Enterococcus Background Final Report – BACWA ED discussed SFEI was funded by BACWA to do a background enterococcus study to support the calculation of enterococci limits in permits, using dilution. BACWA ED reviewed packet document with meeting attendees and asked for questions or comments before sending final report to the RWB.

17 Informational: BAPPG Support for AB1672 – BACWA ED shared that, unlike other BACWA committees/Board, BAPPG participates in legislation comments and supports legislation. They are submitting a comment letter in support of AB1672 which will require “do not flush” labelling on wipes.

OPERATIONAL 11:45 AM

18 Discussion: Strategic Planning – BACWA ED looking to update strategic plan – vision, mission and values – treating it as a living document to drive resource decisions. BACWA ED would like to send out survey with questions to members to get feedback and involvement and asked for feedback on survey questions. BACWA ED also looking for recommendation to facilitate the collaborative process.

19 Discussion: Meeting Calendar for FY21 – BACWA ED summarized meeting schedule for rest of year and “Pardee” will be online on September 17 & 18, 2020.

20 Discussion: Topics for August and September Strategy Sessions – BACWA ED presented slides on proposed schedule for Strategic Planning sessions and asked for feedback on content and timing.

21 Informational: RPM Recruitment – BACWA ED encouraged all members to share posting. It is currently on BACWA website and CASA job board.

22 Informational: CEU Certificates – BACWA RPM Issued CEU Certificates for attendance at FY 19/20 Committee meetings.

REPORTS 12:15 PM

- 23 Committee Reports – BACWA ED – referred to packet for committee reports. No additional highlights from members.
- 24 Member Highlights
- 25 Executive Director Report – BACWA ED referred to packet report.
- 26 Regulatory Program Manager Report – BACWA RPM referred to report in packet.
- 27 Other BACWA Representative Reports
 - a. RMP Technical Committee Mary Lou Esparza, Yuyun Shang, Samantha Engelage
 - b. RMP Steering Committee Karin North; Robert Wilson; Eric Dunlavey
 - c. Summit Partners Lorien Fono; Lori Schectel
 - d. ASC/SFEI Lorien Fono; Eileen White
 - e. Nutrient Governance Steering Committee Eric Dunlavey; Eileen White; Lori Schectel
 - e.i Nutrient Planning Subgroup Eric Dunlavey
 - e.ii NMS Technical Workgroup Eric Dunlavey
 - f. SWRCB Nutrient SAG Lorien Fono
 - g. NACWA Taskforce on Dental Amalgam Tim Potter
 - h. BAIRWMP Cheryl Munoz; Linda Hu; Lorien Fono
 - i. NACWA Emerging Contaminants Karin North; Melody LaBella
 - j. CASA State Legislative Committee Lori Schectel
 - k. CASA Regulatory Workgroup Lorien Fono
 - l. ReNUWIt Jackie Zipkin; Karin North
 - m. ReNUWIt One Water Jackie Zipkin, Eric Hansen
 - n. RMP Microplastics Liaison Artem Dyachenko
 - o. Bay Area Regional Reliability Project Eileen White

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- p. WateReuse Working Group Cheryl Munoz
- q. San Francisco Estuary Partnership Eileen White; Lorien Fono
- r. CPSC Policy Education Advisory Committee Colleen Henry
- s. California Ocean Protection Council Lorien Fono
- t. Countywide Water Reuse Master Plan Karin North, Pedro Hernandez
- u. CHARG - Coastal Hazards Adampation Resiliancy Group Jackie Zipkin

33 SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS 12:22 PM

NEXT MEETING 12:22 PM

The next regular meeting of the Board is scheduled for August 21, 2020 from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm via videoconference.

ADJOURNMENT 12:23 PM