

Committee Request for Board Action: none

27 attendees (via teleconference only) representing 21 member agencies

COVID-19 updates and attendee roundtable

- Attendees praised the State Water Board ELAP COVID-19 [website](#) – frequent updates, FAQs for labs, etc.
- Regional Water Board approved the Committee’s recent request for modifications to clean-hands/dirty-hands technique so it can be performed by one person (no interaction with other staff)
- Previously scheduled ELAP audits/ inspections have been cancelled.
- Attendees mentioned that it would be helpful if BACWA could contact regulatory agencies about delaying implementation of new actions – such as requiring PFAS monitoring – during the COVID-19 emergency. EBMUD noted that is a very resource-intensive sampling (2 dedicated staff); others also pointed out that sampled collected during the emergency may not be representative as some commercial/industrial establishments are shut down.
- List of resources, including information on virus not being viable in wastewater was shared on the agenda.
- Attendee round-table:
 - Discussion was most focused on operational changes: staggered shifts, social distancing in the lab, etc.
 - Some labs noted that they are busier either from taking on work from other agencies or simply because staff is alternating days in the office; others noted that they are lighter because some sampling is on hold (e.g., influent, pretreatment) while they focus solely on compliance monitoring.
 - Many labs are producing hand sanitizer and disinfectant
 - Attendees also mentioned shortages of PPE; some agencies are using autoclaves to sterilize masks between multiple uses

ELAP Updates

Minimal revisions to the proposed TNI-based regulations were proposed in February 2020. Subsequent to the Committee meeting, and regulations were [adopted](#) at the May 5 State Water Board meeting. The regulations are estimated to take effect October 2020, although a date has not yet been set. BACWA will track progress (review by Office of Administrative Law). Committee will reach out and invite Christine Sotelo (ELAP) to a Committee meeting, possibly in June.

Microplastics

DDW has proposed a definition of [Microplastics](#) in Drinking Water (expected to apply to other matrices such as wastewater and stormwater). Attendees expressed some concerns in the definition language and discuss potentially submitting comments. The definition is expected to be adopted June 2020.

Chlorine Residual Basin Plan Amendment

Proposed Basin Plan chlorine objectives to be based on EPA criteria (0.013 mg/L) as 1-hr average; permit limits to be based on the objective and include full dilution. Current 0.0 mg/L instantaneous maximum limit will be removed from BP. The RWB would prefer an RL of 0.05 mg/L be included in the BP, whereas the POTW community feels that 0.1 mg/L is more realistic. BACWA is working to provide RWB staff supporting information for a higher ML. Subsequent to the meeting, it was announced that a [CEQA scoping meeting](#) is scheduled for May 22, 2020, with an anticipated draft BPA in July and adoption in November of this year.

Next meeting: June 9, 2020