

Committee Request for Board Action: None

40 attendees by teleconference, representing 20 member agencies. Regional Water Board staff in attendance.

Regional Water Board Announcements

- Mentioned State Water Board [guidance](#) re: compliance with Water Board Requirements during the COVID-19 Emergency as well as the EPA Temporary [Advisory](#) for NPDES Reporting
- Inspections are suspended through the end of the fiscal year (at least)
- BACWA may be interested in PFAS informational item that is on the May Board [agenda](#)

Upcoming Permits

April: Meeting cancelled.

May: No POTW permits for adoption.

June: Treasure Island, comments due 4/24, no issues noted
Novato Sanitary District, comments due 5/6, no issues noted

Nutrients

- Nutrient Discharge Reduction Studies: Recycled Water and Natural Systems: HDR is preparing a request for information spreadsheet for permittees. Input is currently being provided by the Recycled Water Committee.
- BACWA's revised Nutrient Surcharge calculations are available; not much different from last year's numbers.
- May 2020 Nutrient Technical Workgroup meeting will focus on review of science plan for 2021.

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.

Toxicity Provisions Update

A few weeks back, RWB staff emailed the group the proposed language on how TST/Toxicity Provisions may be implemented in Region 2 permits. The Committee discussed the language and submitted comments on the language. Most of the comments requested clarifications on the "surveillance monitoring" section. John Madigan (Regional Water Board) reviewed the comments and responded to each one during the meeting; it was agreed that the rationale for the "surveillance monitoring" section would be clarified in the permit Fact Sheet; the Fact Sheet language was not provided for review at the time. A revised version of the permit language and fact sheet will be transmitted to the Committee in the next few weeks for additional review and comments.

Regulatory engagement regarding COVID-19 emergency

ED noted that BACWA does not intend to send letter to Regional Water Board, but will continue to have discussions as needed. Attendees mentioned that it would be helpful if BACWA could contact regulatory agencies about delaying implementation of new actions – such as requiring PFAS monitoring or compliance with Climate Change preparedness.

CECs

- **PFAS:** In 2019, the SWRCB developed a phased investigation action plan requiring testing of drinking water systems and site investigations at high risk locations for PFAS. An investigative order for POTWs is anticipated in late 2020. The SWRCB is pushing for two years of quarterly influent, effluent, and biosolids sampling for all POTWs >1MGD. BACWA is working with Regional Water Board staff on a proposal to conduct a regional study through the RMP that would investigate regionally-relevant PFAS issues, since Bay Area POTW effluent does not impact drinking water sources.
- **Microplastics:** DDW has proposed a definition of [Microplastics](#) in Drinking Water (expected to apply to other matrices such as wastewater and stormwater). It is expected to be adopted June 2020.

Announcements

- a. SWRCB launched a new GeoTracker electronic reporting module for use in reporting annual volumes of wastewater and recycled water. Data for calendar year 2019 were due by April 30, 2020 (in the meantime, deadline has been extended to June 30, 2020). A Help Guide and FAQs as well as a recording of a March

- training webinar, are available on the SWB Recycled Water Policy [website](#)
- b. ELAP Revised Regulations ~~are scheduled for adoption~~ have been [adopted](#) on May 5, 2020.
- c. BACWA member news section in Bulletin – contact Alina

Next BACWA Permits Committee Meeting: June 9.