

Committee Request for Board Action: None

28 attendees by teleconference, representing 18 member agencies.

<p>Revised Toxicity Provisions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ The Committee discussed the recently released draft Revised Toxicity Provisions as well as the State Water Board's response to comments received on the previous December 2018 draft. Comments on this version of the Provisions are due August 24. Attendees discussed potential comments to be submitted by BACWA such as requesting reasonable potential analysis and triggers (in lieu of numeric limits) for all dischargers, not just WWTP <5MGD. BACWA will prepare a draft comment letter and circulate to the committee.○ Regional Water Board staff will be invited to the October Committee meeting to discuss how the new provisions will be applied in NPDES permits.
<p>RMP Data Collection and Accessibility</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Melissa Foley and Adam Wong (SFEI) discussed how receiving water data is collected for the RMP program and ways for BACWA members and the public to access this information.
<p>Enterococci in SF Bay</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ SFEI released the final report from Enterococci sampling in the deep waters of SF Bay. There were no comments from the Committee. Sampling results indicate that there is assimilative capacity in the Bay and it justifies setting NPDES permit limits using dilution credits. The EBMUD draft permit recently released includes these credits.
<p>PFAS Regional Study</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ While the State Water Board issued a statewide order for PFAS monitoring at all WWTPs >1MGD, the order exempts POTWs in Region 2. Instead, POTWs in our region plan to collaborate on a Regional PFAS Study, through BACWA and SFEI. The Committee discussed a proposed Scope of Work from SFEI for the first phase of such a study – proposing influent, effluent, biosolids, and RO reject monitoring at select Bay Area POTWs. The first round of sampling is expected in the fourth quarter. A presentation on this topic, from the Lab Committee, was reviewed and is available here.
<p>Nutrients</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Nutrient Discharge Reduction Studies: Information from permittees was submitted to HDR; they are compiling data and will contact agencies if more info is needed.○ Nutrient Strategy Team: Committee was briefed on the July Nutrient Strategy Team meeting and an announcement about the next meeting, following the 8/21 BACWA Board meeting was made.
<p>Upcoming Permits</p> <p>September: EBMUD, comments closed</p> <p>October: USD Old Alameda Creek, comments due 9/3, no issues noted</p>
<p>Wastewater-based Epidemiology</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Committee was briefed on 8/7 meeting with UC Berkeley, BACWA, County health agencies, and others interested in monitoring presence of COVID-19 in sewersheds. Agencies can email Sasha Harris-Lovett to join.
<p>BACWA Strategic Planning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ BACWA ED announced that BACWA is embarking on an effort to refresh and reframe our Strategic Plan, which was developed in 2009. Member feedback is requested via an online survey. Agencies are also welcome to participate in the Strategic Planning meetings. The first of these meetings will be held via videoconference on Wednesday September 9, from 1-4 pm.
<p>Announcements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ ELAP presentation from the 6/9 BACWA Lab Committee meeting is available here.○ CASA Annual Conference: Wed-Thu, 8/12-8/13○ CWEA Annual Conference: Oct 19-23
<p>Next BACWA Permits Committee Meeting: October 13, 2020.</p>