

**Committee Request for Board Action: None**

**36 attendees, representing 18 member agencies.**

**New Resource for Training Collection System Operators**

Former BACWA collection system committee members Andy Morrison, Sam Rose, and Lenny Rather provided an overview of their new book, *Notes from the Field*, containing practical tips and best practices for collection system operators. More information about the book is available at <https://www.cwea.org/news/dkf-partners-with-industry-experts-to-develop-new-reference-guide-for-collection-system-operators/> and the book can be purchased at <https://www.dkfsolutionsgroup.com/store>.

**COVID-19 updates and attendee roundtable**

- Attendees discussed COVID prevention strategies such as staggering shifts, physically distancing crews within the available building space, working in bonded pairs, driving alone in vehicles, and wearing masks.
- Some agencies are allowing multiple workers per vehicle; others are not.
- Public complaints are common if/when maintenance staff are seen working without masks.
- Several noted that their vehicles now carry signage noting work safety rules, and asking the public to keep a safe distance.
- Several agencies noted that they have not yet resumed smoke testing, and do not plan to do so this fall.
- Two agencies that had been affected by wipes in the spring noted that the problem is now less severe.
- Regional Water Board staff has not resumed field inspections but are completing “desk audits” and focusing on SSOs and compliance by large agencies. They will resume field inspections later.

**Leadership**

- The vice chair position of the committee is open.

**SSS WDR Update**

State Water Board staff have completed an internal administrative draft of the SSS-WDR update and are circulating for internal review. Staff will soon begin to brief State Water Board members individually; for 3 out of the 5 Board members, this is a new topic. The update is behind schedule since it is not a high priority, but the document may be ready for a public review in 2021. There will be stakeholder meetings before the SSS-WDR Update is released for public review.

The SSS-WDR update may include requirements related to managing for resiliency, and for reducing exfiltration. SSMP audits may be required to be posted online. Enrollees may also need to post maps of the collection systems online, and the group discussed security and other implications of posting different types of maps online (PDF vs GIS; pipe networks vs. sewershed boundaries).

**Announcements and Upcoming Trainings**

- [2020 Sewer and Stormwater Sewer Summit](#) – Virtual Event, October 15
- CWEA [Annual Conference](#) – Virtual Event, October 19-23
- CWEA [Northern Safety Day](#) – Virtual Event, October 28. Main topic is Cal/OSHA COVID-19 Guidance Documents and Training

**Next Collection System Committee Meeting**

Our next committee meeting will be held on Thursday, November 19<sup>th</sup>, at 10 AM via Zoom.