

Committee Request for Board Action: none

33 attendees (via teleconference only) representing 20 member agencies

Regional PFAS Study

Diana Lin (SFEI) presented a conceptual draft sampling plan for the 13 Bay Area agencies that will be participating in the regional PFAS study. The proposed sampling plan is to collect influent and effluent grabs at all 13 facilities, plus composite samples at 3 agencies (FSSD, SFO, and CCCSD). Agencies will receive shipments of sample bottles and PFAS-free water, and agencies will be responsible for return shipment of samples back to Axys. The sampling plan will identify procedures for protecting samples from cross-contamination, emphasizing the use of direct sampling into sample containers to the extent feasible. The final sampling plan will be developed over the next few weeks so that it can be distributed to agencies prior to the November sample event.

COVID Updates

Committee was briefed by the BACWA ED on COVID surveillance monitoring efforts at two local universities:

- A project involving Stanford faculty is focusing on sampling influent solids, which have higher viral load than aqueous samples. In their study, wastewater sampling showed peaks ahead of community caseloads. Results are under peer review.
<https://www.medrxiv.org/content/10.1101/2020.09.14.20194472v1>
- The [Covid-WEB](#) project at UC Berkeley will be conducting surveillance in October at no cost to local wastewater agencies; about 30 agencies have signed up to participate.

Several members reported that their agencies are ending staggered shifts and restoring normal work schedules.

Announcements

- ELAP regulations have been submitted to the Office of Administrative Law (OAL) and will come into effect January 1, 2021.
- The CWEA Annual Conference sessions of interest for laboratory committee members were discussed; most will occur on Thursday, October 22nd. The fees for attending the conference vary depending on how long afterwards you want access to the conference. CEUs are available for watching live or for the recorded sessions. The next annual conference is scheduled for April 2020 and it will either be virtual or in San Diego.

Next meeting: December 8, 2020