

Committee Request for Board Action:

- Approve graphics showing BACWA member and staff participation in various committees related to the Nutrient Management Strategy.
- Provide input on level of involvement by BACWA in responding to climate change survey from Regional Water Board (see 10/16/2020 Board Meeting, Agenda Item #10)

31 attendees by teleconference, representing 17 member agencies. Action items shown in red.

RWQCB (RWQCB) Report

- Bill Johnson reported on RWQCB operations. One NPDES case manager has been re-assigned to contact tracing, and staff have been asked to take off 2 days/month. RWQCB will be starting in-person inspections soon, with new safety protocols in place. Virtual and desktop inspections will also continue. Pretreatment program inspections will be limited due to limited external support (EPA support is phasing out, and State Water Board support has not yet ramped up). RWQCB staff are trying to write pretreatment program reports more concisely.

RWQCB Calendar

- October:** USD Old Alameda Creek and Yountville, plus a presentation on biosolids management.
November: Chlorine Basin Plan Amendment

Statewide Toxicity Provisions

- On October 30th, a revised draft version of the [statewide toxicity provisions](#) will be released for State Water Board consideration at their December 1st meeting.
- Surveillance monitoring is a concept not in the draft toxicity provisions that has been floated by Region 2 staff as a way of monitoring toxicity in higher-concentration effluent samples (10:1) with a lower risk of incurring a TST “Fail.” Details to be worked out are whether the surveillance monitoring is optional or mandatory, and whether it would use a point estimate of toxicity (i.e., using a dilution series) or the TST.
- RWQCB staff will be invited to the December Permits Committee meeting to discuss Region 2 implementation.

Climate Change Surveys Planned by State Water Board and Regional Water Board

- The State Water Board’s draft survey involves check-boxes rather than narrative answers. It will be distributed to POTWs and collection system agencies. Timing is uncertain.
- The RWQCB’s draft survey is open-ended and more in-depth. It will be distributed to POTWs only, not collection system agencies (they will be covered by the revised SSO-WDR at a later date). **BACWA may be involved to ensure written responses provide comparable levels of detail, pending input from the BACWA Board.**
- The committee discussed possibly having two agencies (one large, one small) “test drive” the survey to provide an example regarding the amount of detail. **BACWA staff will help identify volunteers for this test drive.**
- The RWQCB is particularly interested in regional cooperative efforts, so one idea put forth was separate the regional solutions part of the survey from the individual vulnerability assessments. **BACWA may be involved in preparing this information, pending input from the BACWA Board.**

Chlorine Basin Plan Amendment

- RWQCB staff were open to [BACWA’s comments](#) regarding monitoring and reporting; less so for comments related to the Minimum Level (ML). Per Bill, MLs are typically found in regulatory documents other than Attach. G.
- Member agencies strongly advocated rollout via a blanket permit amendment. The amendment would need to identify appropriate dilution credits for each applicable agency.

Nutrients

- Subembayment delineation was the focus of the 9/11 Nutrient Management Strategy Steering Comm. meeting.
- BACWA will be convening a new group to review and provide input on scientific work products, and BACWA will also be hiring a consultant to assist with this task.
- **Committee members requested a chart illustrating the various nutrient-related committees in which BACWA is participating. This chart should be circulated with the invitation to participate.**
- **Committee members requested a summary of the Pardee nutrient discussion be circulated to the Permits committee.**

Alternate Monitoring Program (Order No. [R2-2016-0008](#))

- The Alternate Monitoring Program will require adjustments upon implementation of the new statewide toxicity provisions because the screening requirements will be mandated at the state level.
- The RWQCB proposes to roll over other, non-toxicity-related sections of the Alternate Monitoring Program into a new blanket permit amendment. Additional edits to monitoring requirements could be included as a way of freeing

up more funding for CECs monitoring.

- BACWA will solicit member ideas regarding NPDES permit requirements to include in the proposed amendment for discussion at the December Permits Committee meeting.

Announcements

- BACWA is preparing an updated Strategic Plan; a draft will be shared with members soon.
- Reconvening of [CEC Ecosystems Panel](#): Oct 12-15 (will be recorded)

Next BACWA Permits Committee Meeting: December 8, 2020. [Look for a survey regarding the holiday social.](#)