



BAPPG Meeting Notes

Wednesday December 2, 2020, 10 am

1. Introductions

There were 32 attendees representing 24 Northern California wastewater agencies.

2. Updates

a. Steering Committee

- SGA has completed their fall 'What to Flush' campaign. The total marketing cost was \$5,500 and had 34,000 clicks, for an average cost of \$0.16/click.
- BAPPG will be asking SGA to develop information related to silver in textiles to put on the Baywise website and roll out with the spring campaign. The pesticide subcommittee will review the outreach material prior to distribution.
- Budget is on-track with 44% spent about halfway through the fiscal year.

b. BACWA Announcements

- The most recent Executive Board meeting included a short discussion about PFAS source control, noting some efforts by CASA and other NGOs to enact labeling requirements for PFAS. Phase 2 of the Regional PFAS Study may include elements related to source control.

c. OWOW

- BASMAA will be 'pausing,' so order OWOW materials now (by the end of December 2020). The PIP will continue to meet through June 2021.

d. CWEA

- The next CWEA P3S Toolbelt training is on Wednesday, December 9th and will cover plan reading.
- CWEA P3S Conference will be virtual, March 8 – 11th.

e. Pesticides Committee Update

- The pesticide committee continues to track EPA pesticide registration, and 6 letters will be due in December.
- Stephanie Hughes continues to conduct pesticide-related outreach to veterinary students and veterinary offices.

3. General Discussion

- Doug Dattawalker, USD, announced noted that AB-377 which allows Counties to permit [Microenterprise Home Kitchen Operations \(MEHKO\)](#) will go into effect in Alameda County in Q2 2021. The City of Berkeley will also be rolling out a program. USD is participating on a County task force developing the program, but is concerned that routine FOG inspections will not be allowed at the permitted facilities. The ordinance will only allow 1 inspection per year, to be conducted by the County.
- There was a discussion about foam packaging that is supposed to be suitable to put down the drain. In our area this material may be better suited for the municipal

compost bin, but it is not a pollutant of concern for wastewater. Stephanie Hughes will be looking into this issue more and reporting back to the group.

4. Legislation 101 – Presentation from California Product Stewardship Council

- Doug Kobold, Executive Director and Joanne Brasch, Special Project Manager of the [California Product Stewardship Council](#) (CPSC) educated the committee members about the Council's mission of increased producer responsibility for a range of products, from batteries to textiles to mattresses. Their 'Legislation 101' presentation describes how CPSC advocates for legislation to be developed and passed.
- 'Extended Product Responsibility' in which producers pay for recycling and disposal of products is a key CPSC focus, but they also advocate for (Non-Extended) 'Producer Responsibility' to increase product recyclability.
- The 2021 Legislative session starts in January, and CPSC will be advocating for bills related to batteries and power tools.
- Passing legislation is a difficult task, but CPSC has developed best practices such as:
 - Identifying the right champion to author the bill
 - Bills 'live or die' in appropriations committee, so it's helpful to make bills cost-neutral for the State budget.
 - Close relationships with their industry groups (i.e., product manufacturers) are important to identify ways to 'help the leaders lead.'
- A microfiber bill may be released in the 2021 legislative session.

5. Next meeting – February 3, 2020, 10am – 12pm, via Zoom.