



# Bay Area Pollution Prevention Group Meeting Notes

June 2, 2021, 10 am

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## 1. Introductions

There were 27 attendees representing 19 Northern California wastewater agencies, including four invited speakers: Jennifer Teerlink, Kelly Moran, Tammy Qualls, and Stephanie Hughes.

## 2. Regional Board Announcements

Nominations for the Dr. Teng-chung Wu Pollution Prevention Award are due by July 9<sup>th</sup>. Members who know anyone or any agency that has exemplified pollution prevention are encouraged to send a description of the nominee to [Debbie Phan](#). Information about past winners is available on the Regional Water Board's [website](#). The winner will be formally announced at the Regional Water Board's September Board meeting.

## 3. Updates

### a. Steering Committee

- Budget is on-track with the close of the fiscal year approaching; spending will be close to 100% of budget by the end of the month.
- The spring online advertising campaign by SGA on pesticides resulted in 27,000 clicks in April and May, for a total cost of \$3,193 for the ads.
- NACWA recently hosted a pretreatment conference which included a useful presentation on PFAS by USEPA's Michael Scozzafava, which is available as a [slideshow](#) and a [recording](#).

### b. BACWA Announcements

- The BACWA Executive Board plans to consider adoption of a contract for pesticide consultant support at its June 18<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- [AB 818](#) requiring a "Do Not Flush" label on certain disposable wipes has passed the Assembly and is now in a Senate committee.

### c. OWOW

- The new, more mobile-friendly [OWOW website](#) is up and running.

### d. CWEA

- The upcoming [CWEA Conference](#) will be virtual, June 7-10<sup>th</sup>.
- EPA is also hosting a [Pretreatment 101 Webinar](#) on June 7-10<sup>th</sup>.

## 4. Meal Kit Gel Packs

Colleen Henry from CCCSD reported that she discussed gel pack disposal with the California Product Stewardship Council (CPSC). Unfortunately, they do not have availability to take on this issue in 2021, and suggested bringing this to the attention of the state's Recycling Commission. Colleen will reach out again to CPSC regarding a potential future coalition letter. CCCSD's next customer newsletter will include tips about gel pack disposal. Elizabeth Greenfield (City of Mountain View) noted that her City is also

including gel pack disposal in customer outreach. She coordinated with the City's solid waste crew in developing the outreach information. Gel Pack disposal may be considered again at the August meeting, which will include a discussion of pollutant prioritization.

#### **5. Pesticides Subcommittee Annual Update**

Dr. Jennifer Teerlink from the California Department of Pesticide Regulation (DPR) provided an update on wastewater monitoring efforts, titled "Building a Statewide Wastewater Pesticide Monitoring Network." Slides are available on the [BAPPG website](#). Dr. Teerlink has already worked with SFEI to assemble existing wastewater pesticide data, and DPR is now developing its first long-term wastewater monitoring program for pesticides. Next steps include selecting specific wastewater treatment plants for the program; monitoring will occur at the same facility over multiple years (at least 2-3 years). BACWA is supporting DPR in this effort.

Tammy Qualls, Dr. Kelly Moran, and Stephanie Hughes provided an update on BAPPG's pesticide-related work, which is managed by this team. Slides are available on the [BAPPG website](#). The group provided information about pesticide registration engagement with EPA in FY21. The group also provided detailed information about outreach related to flea and tick control pesticides (especially fipronil). The team has been actively engaged with the American Veterinary Medical Association to share BAPPG's concerns, and has also recently engaged with NACWA to engage with AVMA on the national level.

**6. Next meeting** – August 4th, 2021, 10am – 12pm, via Zoom.