

**Committee Request for Board Action:** None

**40 attendees by teleconference, representing 21 agencies.**

**Regional Water Board Update**

- Bill Johnson reported that the NPDES division will soon reach a full staffing level.
- The [State Water Board](#) approved the Chlorine Basin Plan Amendment on May 18th. For implementation of the amendment within NPDES permits, the Regional Water Board is preparing a blanket permit amendment. An administrative draft will likely be available later in the summer for adoption later in the fall.
- The Statewide Toxicity Provisions may not be approved until late 2021 or early 2022. The Regional Water Board plans to issue a revised version of sample Region 2 NPDES permit language later in the summer.
- The Regional Water Board is looking forward to responses to the [Climate change info request](#) due July 1.

**Triennial Review**

The Regional Water Board will host a [Triennial Review workshop](#) on June 21<sup>st</sup>. The Planning division intends to focus primarily on climate change-related Basin Plan Amendments, but the NPDES division also plans to assist with development of several unrelated Basin Plan Amendments within the next 3 years. The NPDES division would like feedback on [a proposed Basin Plan Amendment](#) (see Issue 4.4) to incorporate dilution credits for chronic toxicity into the Basin Plan. If this idea is pursued, the Regional Water Board would need to assemble detailed, discharger-specific information about each proposed dilution credit and mixing zone, consistent with the [State Implementation Policy](#) (SIP). Although there would be significant up-front technical effort with this approach, the potential payback would be streamlined NPDES permit reissuances in the future. This proposed Basin Plan Amendment would also include removal of outdated language that is being superseded by the Statewide Toxicity Provisions.

**PFAS Regional Study**

SFEI expects to receive the final analytical results later in June. The August 10<sup>th</sup> Permits committee meeting will be combined with the Lab committee meeting for a presentation of study findings.

**Alternate Monitoring Requirements**

Mary Cousins requested comments on the [proposed overhaul](#) of the 2016 Alternative Monitoring and Reporting program no later than June 15. The Regional Water Board will begin working on this blanket permit amendment after the chlorine blanket permit amendment is further along.

**Microplastics**

SCCWRP and SFEI are finalizing a study plan to analyze 90 POTW samples for microplastics. The sample plan will include influent, effluent, and biosolids sampling from a list of POTWs TBD. The plan includes compositing samples among POTWs to capture broadly representative conditions.

**Nutrients**

- Mary Lou Esparza provided a summary of the final workshop summarizing the SCCWRP/SFEI webinar series on [uncertainty in numerical model applications](#). Meeting slides and a written summary of the workshop, co-moderated by Mike Connor, will be distributed soon. One key discussion topic was that regulators can use models better for decision-making when the model is optimized to answer a specific question about beneficial uses, such as habitat extent.
- The Nutrient Strategy Team is developing a document describing BACWA’s key tenets for the 3<sup>rd</sup> watershed permit. The effort will be informed by results of nutrient loading data analysis regarding compliance feasibility being conducted by HDR.

**Next BACWA Permits Committee Meeting: August 10th, 2021, 10:30 AM – 12:30 PM** – Time changed to a joint meeting with Laboratory Committee, hosting SFEI to discuss PFAS Regional Study results