



# Executive Board Meeting Minutes

December 17, 2021

## ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS

**Executive Board Representatives:** Amy Chastain (San Francisco Public Utilities Commission); Yun Shang (East Bay Municipal Utility District); Jackie Zipkin (East Bay Dischargers Authority); Lori Schectel (Central Contra Costa Sanitary District); Amit Mutsuddy (City of San Jose).

### Other Attendees and Guests:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Agency/Company</u>
Amanda Roa	Delta Diablo
Christopher Bolt	Petaluma PW&U Director
Colleen Henry	Central Contra Costa Sanitary District
David Rothbart	Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts
Doug Kobold	California Product Stewardship Council
Don Gray	EBMUD
Dave Richardson	Woodard & Curran
Eric Dunlavey	City of San Jose
Jared Voskuhl	CASA
Jennifer Acton	SFO
Jennifer Dymant	BACWA
Jimmy Mach	City of Oakland
Kevin Cesar	City of Millbrae
Lorien Fono	BACWA
Mary Cousins	BACWA
Meg Herston	FSSD
Rebecca Sutton	SFEI
Sarah Deslauriers	Carollo Engineers
Steve Jepsen	Southern California Alliance of POTWS
Sharon Green	Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts
Talyon Sortor	FSSD
Tom Hall	EOA

**Amit started meeting at 9:03**

## ROLL CALL, INTRODUCTIONS, AND TELECONFERENCE ETIQUETTE

**PUBLIC COMMENT**    None

## CONSIDERATION TO TAKE AGENDA ITEMS OUT OF ORDER

## CONSENT CALENDAR

**1 Resolution to continue teleconferencing Executive Board meetings (AB361)**

**2 November 19, 2021 BACWA Executive Board meeting minutes** - Lori Schectel

noted an error on page 6 of packet. Item should be corrected to show that the BACWA representative to Summit Partners is now Amit Mutsuddy. Tom Hall noticed on page 4 of packet that East Bay Dischargers Authority is mentioned. It should say Bay Area Clean Water Agencies. BACWA Executive Director confirmed that the two errors would be corrected.

**Consent Calendar Items 1 and 2:** *A motion to approve was made by Jackie Zipkin (East Bay Dischargers Authority) and seconded by Amit Mutsuddy (City of San Jose). The motion was approved unanimously.*

## APPROVALS AND AUTHORIZATIONS

**3 Resolution: Bruce Wolfe Scholarship**

**Approval Item 3:** *A motion to approve was made by Amy Chastain (SF Public Utilities Commission) and seconded by Lori Schectel (Central Contra Costa Sanitary District). The motion was approved unanimously.*

## POLICY/STRATEGIC

**4 Informational: CPSC Update** –Doug Kobold provided a summary of work by the California Product Stewardship Council (CPSC), a collaborative that is supported by BAPPG. CPSC actively tracks legislation managing waste and how products enter the marketplace. Doug encouraged members to reach out to CPSC regarding any legislation of interest. Doug summarized all the signed bills in 2021 and the bills that they are currently watching. Doug also gave an overview of the products and chemicals that the CPSC targets, their 4 active campaigns, their medical bin map and their Marine Debris Project as well as a textile recovery program. Doug answered questions from the group.

**5 Informational: Contract with SFEI for PFAS Phase 2 Study** - BACWA Executive Director summarized that the contract with SFEI for management of the PFAS Special Study Phase 2 is in the packet. The contract amount is for \$192,000 for tasks listed, with an additional \$11,000 for as needed tasks that may be authorized by the Executive Director, for a total of \$203,000..

**6 Discussion: PFAS In Sportfish Workshop** - Dr. Sutton from SFEI summarized meeting agenda for a diverse group of stakeholders. The proposed agenda is in the packet. Representatives of community groups that fish in the bay are invited. Dr. Sutton answered questions from the group and addressed concerns about public messaging prior to scientific

certainty. Group agreed that a seat at the table was important and that BACWA should participate in the workshop.

**7 Discussion: Nutrients**

**a. Technical Work**

**i. State of the Science Outline** - BACWA Executive Director summarized plans for a document expected to be about 3 pages long for general audiences. It would provide background information, identify key questions, and list planned next steps. Group discussion followed.

**a. Regulatory**

**i. NST Agenda** - BACWA Executive Director summarized agenda for Monday January 10, 2022 Nutrient Management Strategy meeting. Group discussion followed.

**ii. GAR due Feb 1, 2022** - The HDR team will provide a presentation on the 2021 data at the January 14 meeting.

**b. Governance Structure**

**i. December 1, 2021 Planning Subcommittee meeting notes**

**ii. December 10, 2021 Steering Committee meeting notes**

**BREAK 10:30 AM**

**8 Discussion: CASA Climate Change Regulatory initiative** - David Rothbart from LACSD presented a summary of the many new regulations under development impacting air emissions, climate change, energy, and biosolids. David summarized a proposal to enhance CASA's advocacy for beneficial policies that span several different proposed state agency regulations, policies & programs. They are requesting that BACWA or its members provide funding to support this initiative. General discussion followed.

**Action item** – BACWA Executive Director was given direction by board members to look at various funding scenarios for FY22 and FY23. A decision on funding will be included in the January 2022 BACWA Executive Board meeting agenda.

**9 Discussion: Debrief from Dec 15 BAAQMD adoption of Reg 2** - Jackie Zipkin from EBDA gave an overview of a meeting with one of EBDA's commissioners, who is also on the BAAQMD Board, and BAAQMD staff. They discussed the "essential public service" designation that was adopted in Regulation 2 that excludes POTWs, but came to an agreement that the

regulation's adoption would include a resolution to implement a workgroup to address POTW implementation of this and other air quality regulations. BACWA Executive Director also shared information of adoption hearing of Regulation 2. Group discussion about the BAAQMD meeting.

**Action item** – *BACWA Executive Director will develop a letter to address erroneous verbal comments made at the December 15<sup>th</sup> BAAQMD meeting. BACWA Executive Director will present letter for discussion at next BACWA Executive Board meeting.*

**10 Informational: Update on Chlorine Residual Blanket Permit Amendment** - BACWA Regulatory Program Manager shared that the new anticipated effective date of the permit amendment is March 1, 2022.

**11 Informational: Update on MRP Permit Amendment Revised Tentative Order** - BACWA Regulatory Program Manager shared that Regulatory Water Board adopted permit amendment on December 15, 2022 and it is effective January 1, 2022.

**12 Discussion: Agency EJI initiatives - report to EPA** - BACWA Executive Director met with Ellen Blake who is the new EPA POTW liaison. Ellen reported that EPA is focused on climate change and EJI issues. She requested presentations from BACWA agencies on their EJI initiatives. SFEP is already moving ahead with a workshop to address best practices in community engagement when planning clean water projects that could address EPA's request. Group discussed EJI efforts.

**Action item** – *BACWA Executive Director will work with BACWA agencies to put together a meeting & presentation on EJI efforts.*

**13 Discussion: Endorsement of Bay Adapt Joint Platform** – BACWA Executive Director shared slide to summarize Bay Adapt Joint platform action and organization. BACWA Executive director recommended that we send in a letter of endorsement.

**Action item** – *BACWA Executive Director will prepare letter and submit letter of endorsement.*

**14 Informational: Draft Estuary Blueprint Draft Estuary Blueprint Update** - BACWA Executive Director briefly described the three Estuary Blueprint actions that directly involve BACWA, which were recycled water, nutrients, and CECs. The recycled water action specifically calls out BACWA's involvement. The comment period is currently open and the board, or members, can make comments if necessary.

**15 Informational: Solano County Generators Report** - BACWA Regulatory Program Manager shared that the report is in the packet. BACWA submitted this report to Solano County on behalf of members.

**16 Discussion: Draft agenda for January 6, 2022 Joint meeting with RWB – BACWA**  
Regulatory Program Manager shared draft agenda and asked for feedback from members. General discussion followed.

**Action item** - *BACWA staff to revise the agenda and share with RWB staff.*

## **OPERATIONAL**

**17 Discussion: Strategic Plan Proposed Update** - BACWA Executive Director summarized proposed changes to the BACWA Strategic Plan. Group discussion followed. The updated Strategic Plan will be brought to the Board for approval in January 2022.

**18 Discussion: Guiding principles on funding for collaboratives** - BACWA Executive Director shared rubric for funding collaboratives. The criteria will be used as a “test drive” when developing FY22 collaborative funding priorities.

**19 Informational: BACC Update** - BACWA Assistant Executive Director shared that BACC’s agencies are currently reviewing the draft versions of the BACC FY2022-23 bid documents. Bids will go live at the end of January and be opened February 24, 2022.

**20 Informational: Extension of Arleen Navarret award nomination deadline-** BACWA Executive Director shared that the award nomination deadline was extended to February 25, 2022. BACWA Executive Director encouraged agencies to nominate their employees and colleagues.

## **REPORTS**

**21 Committee Reports** - BACWA Regulatory Program Manger shared that Recycled Water Committee is planning to create a video to train recycled water site supervisors.

**22 Member highlights** - Central Contra Costa Sanitary District asked if anyone else is attending CASA conference in person. EBDA is working on a regional biosolids project and is looking for agencies to collaborate with.

**23 Executive Director Report** - In the packet.

**24 Board Calendar and Action Items** - In the packet.

**25 Regulatory Program Manager Report** – In the packet.

**26 Other BACWA Representative Reports**

a. RMP Technical Committee Mary Lou Esparza, Yuyun Shang, Samantha Engelage

b. RMP Steering Committee Karin North; Amanda Roa; Eric Dunlavey

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- c. Summit Partners    Amit Mutsuddy
- d. ASC/SFEI    Lorien Fono; Eileen White
- e. Nutrient Governance Steering Committee Eric Dunlavey; Eileen White; Lori Schectel
- e.i Nutrient Planning Subgroup    Eric Dunlavey
- e.ii NMS Technical Workgroup    Eric Dunlavey
- f. SWRCB Nutrient SAG    Lorien Fono
- g. NACWA Taskforce on Dental Amalgam    Tim Potter
- h. BAIRWMP    Cheryl Munoz; Florence Wedington
- i. NACWA Emerging Contaminants    Karin North; Melody LaBella
- j. CASA State Legislative Committee    Lori Schectel
- k. CASA Regulatory Workgroup    Lorien Fono; Mary Cousins
- l. ReNUWIt    Jackie Zipkin; Karin North
- m. ReNUWIt One Water    Jackie Zipkin
- n. RMP Microplastics Liaison    Artem Dyachenko
- o. Bay Area Regional Reliability Project    Eileen White
- p. WateReuse Working Group    Cheryl Munoz
- q. San Francisco Estuary Partnership    Eileen White; Lorien Fono
- r. CPSC Policy Education Advisory Committee    Colleen Henry
- s. California Ocean Protection Council    Lorien Fono
- t. Countywide Water Reuse Master Plan    Karin North, Pedro Hernandez
- u. CHARG - Coastal Hazards Adaptation Resiliency Group    Jackie Zipkin
- v. California Water Quality Monitoring Council    Lorien Fono

27    **SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

