

**Committee Request for Board Action:** None

Regular meeting: 30 attendees via Zoom representing 19 member agencies.

**Tentative Orders**

The Regional Water Board has issued a tentative order NPDES permit for the [City of Calistoga](#). The proposed requirements reflect that the City is a minor seasonal and intermittent discharger (e.g., no chronic toxicity monitoring is required). San Leandro's new NPDES permit for a shallow water outfall was adopted on 2/9/22.

**Chlorine Blanket Permit Amendment**

March 1, 2022, is still the anticipated effective date for the [blanket permit amendment](#) modifying chlorine effluent limits and removing oil & grease monitoring requirements. Dischargers should refer to their current NPDES permits for the minimum chlorine sampling frequency if/when continuous monitoring equipment is offline (e.g., once every hour, once every 2 hours).

**Implementation of [Statewide Toxicity Provisions](#)**

BACWA has assembled draft comments for the Regional Water Board on the December 2021 version of NPDES permit implementation language for the statewide toxicity provisions. Once finalized, the language will be added permit-by-permit upon reissuance of NPDES permits. The State Water Board has not yet submitted the provisions to OAL for review, so the effective date is at least 4-6 months away. Committee members discussed ambiguity in the proposed language regarding the information from chronic toxicity testing that would need to be submitted in tabular format, submitted via PDF upload, or retained in-house. A comment has been added regarding this issue. Members also requested development of a flow chart that includes surveillance monitoring.

**[Mercury and PCBs Watershed Permit](#)**

The Mercury and PCBs Watershed Permit will be reissued towards the end of 2022, which means the Regional Water Board will prepare the permit in late spring and summer. BACWA requests member input on the 2022 reissuance by Tuesday, 2/22. The committee discussed several questions related to PCBs, such as the status of EPA method 1668C being promulgated and the feasibility of reducing monitoring frequencies.

**Nutrients Update**

- A. Science program update** – The science team is working on completing a report on the Assessment Framework. The NMS science team has also produced draft “Executive Summary”-style materials regarding the science work, which will be finalized and distributed soon (February or March).
- B. Group Annual Report** – The [2021 Group Annual Report](#), completed on February, shows a decrease in TIN loading to San Francisco Bay for water year 2020/21. For the first time, the report also includes information about influent loading trends and recycled water deliveries.
- C. 3rd watershed permit** – Establishing appropriate science funding and establishing baseline conditions for antidegradation-based load limits are two of the main issues to be negotiated for the 3<sup>rd</sup> watershed permit. HDR is continuing to work on statistical analysis of historical loads through Sep. 2021 to characterize baseline conditions.

**NPDES Permit Amendment for Monitoring Requirements**

The effective date for the [MRP Permit Amendment](#) was January 1, 2022. Dischargers should use code “NODI-9” on DMR forms when sampling results are not available due to the permit amendment.

**Other Announcements**

- Development of the sampling and analysis plan for Phase 2 of the PFAS Regional Study is underway. In January, the State Water released a [public review draft](#) order for sanitary sewer systems (SSS-WDR) for a 60-day comment period. Workshops are scheduled for 2/23 and 2/24, and a Board workshop for 3/15. Comments are due April 8<sup>th</sup>.

**Committee Leadership** – For FY22-23, Jennie Pang (SFPUC) and Amanda Roa (Delta Diablo) have agreed to serve as chair and vice-chair, respectively.

**Next BACWA Permits Committee Meeting: April 19, 2022, 12:30 PM** via Zoom