



# Bay Area Pollution Prevention Group

## Meeting Notes

June 1, 2022, 10 am

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### 1. Introductions

There were 28 attendees representing 21 wastewater agencies and the Regional Water Board, plus a guest speaker.

### 2. Announcements

- **Regional Board (Alessandra Moyer):** The Regional Water Board is now accepting nominations for the 2022 [Dr. Teng-Chung Wu Award](#), which recognizes exemplary work in pollution prevention and source control. **Please nominate an agency, organization, or individual by email ([Alessandra.Moyer@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Alessandra.Moyer@waterboards.ca.gov)) or phone (510.622.2116).** This is a very informal nomination process; you can write as much or as little as you like, but please discuss how the nominee has displayed leadership, innovation, and commitment to pollution prevention, and how their work has provided measurable results and benefited the environment and community. If possible, please include the names and contact details of one to two other people who can speak to the nominee's work on pollution prevention. You're welcome to nominate your own agency or coworker. Please submit nominations by **July 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm**. The award will tentatively be presented at the September 14<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Regional Water Board.
- **Steering Committee Updates (Joe Neugebauer, Zoe Lake, and Lorien Fono)**
  - Next general meeting on August 3; Pollutant prioritization meeting
  - Uncertainty about remote versus hybrid meeting
    - **Steering committee/chairs to decide on format. Email group regarding remote versus hybrid.**
  - Future presentation ideas (Joe N.) - Chair of a different committee, e.g. biosolids
  - Baywise website (Zoe Lake):
    - Mary Cousins and Zoe are developing an interactive spreadsheet for members of BAPPG to indicate priorities and potential pre-existing, pre-vetted resources and information that your agency may be willing to contribute to Baywise (e.g., [www.ebmud.com/cleanbay](http://www.ebmud.com/cleanbay)).
    - **Spreadsheet will be sent out by Mary and Zoe soon.**
    - **Everyone: please take a look at the [Baywise website](#) and think about what you would like to see there.**
    - Reach out to Zoe if you have any questions about this or other content recommendations ([zoe.lake@ebmud.com](mailto:zoe.lake@ebmud.com))
  - BACWA Annual Members Meeting was held on May 6<sup>th</sup> at the David Brower Center in Berkeley. Program presentations are available to view [here](#)
  - BACWA PFAS phase II study is ongoing. Preliminary data expected this fall.
  - CASA microplastics pilot study update. Central San and San Leandro have been participating. CASA will be recruiting other agencies for the full study soon.

- Eileen White (currently of EBMUD) will be succeeding Mike Montgomery as the Executive Officer of the SF Bay Regional Water Board. BACWA will be getting a new Board Member from EBMUD at some point.
- Budget Update:
  - 73% spent on budget for this fiscal year. Expectation is that we'll be nearly even on remaining funds except for Stephanie Hughes' pesticides work.
  - Draft budget submitted to BACWA for this coming fiscal year. More or less the same, adjusted for inflation.
  - Have already made annual contributions to OWOW, NSAC and CPSC.

### **3. PFAS Regulatory State of the Union & Wastewater Characterization**

Taryn McKnight, PFAS Practice Leader for Eurofins, provide a presentation on PFAS state and federal actions, research, and emerging technologies. The slides are available on the [BACWA website](#). Her presentation covered:

- EPA's [PFAS Strategic Roadmap](#)
- The 2022 National Defense Authorization Act, which includes funding for addressing PFAS
- Designation of PFAS constituents as hazardous substances (CERCLA) and hazardous constituents (RCRA)
- Development of federal drinking water [Health Advisories for PFAS](#)
- Development of state and federal drinking water limits
- [Effluent guidelines](#) for categorical industrial users and in EPA-issued NPDES permits
- Proposed reporting requirements for PFAS manufacturers under the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA)
- Research efforts underway at CDC and EPA, including development of new analytical methods
- Methods for characterization PFAS I wastewater, including targeted analysis, Total Oxidizable Precursors (TOP), Adsorbable Organic Fluorine (AOF), and Non-Targeted Analysis.

### **4. Next Meeting:** August 3, 2022, 10 am – 12 pm, Location TBD