

**Committee Request for Board Action:** None

Regular meeting: 34 attendees via Zoom representing 18 member agencies

**Tentative Orders**

Tentative Order individual NPDES Permits for [Rodeo Sanitary District](#)'s Bay discharge and [North San Mateo County Sanitation District](#)'s ocean discharge will be considered at the December 14<sup>th</sup> Regional Water Board meeting. Rodeo San's permit contains language implementing the new toxicity provisions for deep water dischargers (see below), including surveillance monitoring for chronic toxicity.

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

EPA is still reviewing the Statewide Toxicity Provisions, and may approve them before the end of 2022. For Region 2 implementation, Regional Water Board staff are issuing new NPDES permits with two sets of toxicity testing requirements; the existing toxicity testing requirements remain in effect until EPA approves the Statewide Toxicity Provisions, at which point the new TST-style testing procedures replace the existing requirements. This approach has already been adopted in the [Pacifica NPDES Permit](#).

**Mercury and PCBs Watershed Permit**

The [Tentative Order NPDES Permit](#) for the Mercury and PCBs Watershed Permit has been issued for public comment. BACWA staff provided a summary of changes compared to the 2017 permit ([slides](#)), which includes a reduced monitoring frequency for PCB congeners. Members were asked to provide their comments on the Tentative Order by **Fri., Oct.28<sup>th</sup>** for inclusion in a BACWA comment letter, due Nov. 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Chlorine Blanket Permit Amendment**

The chlorine [Basin Plan Amendment](#) continues to be delayed by EPA review. Approval is expected no sooner than Spring 2023, according to Regional Water Board staff.

**Climate Change and Sea Level Rise Updates**

- BCDC has received grants from the Ocean Protection Council and State Coastal Conservancy to [develop regional sea level rise adaptation guidance](#).
- ICARP has released draft guidelines for [adaptation planning grants](#); applications will open soon.
- EPA is providing technical assistance related to climate change ([link](#)).

**Nutrients Update**

- Data for the Group Annual Report must be uploaded into the [template](#) by November 23<sup>rd</sup>. This year, the template also asks for information about flow and sample composite timing.
- The BACWA Exec. Director shared [SFEI, BACWA, RWQCB, SFPUC, and Baykeeper](#) slides from the Oct. 17<sup>th</sup> meeting of the SF Board of Supervisors Land Use and Transportation Committee.
- The BACWA Exec. Director previewed the [agenda](#) for the upcoming Nutrient Strategy Team meeting, which will focus on communications initiatives and planning for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Watershed Permit.
- [SCCWRP](#) is developing a physical and biogeochemical model of the coastal ocean to assess eutrophication, acidification, and hypoxia. Southern CA POTWs are advocating for a third-party review of the model before it is used for regulatory purposes.

**PFAS Update**

- Results from Phase 2 of BACWA's regional PFAS study are anticipated to be available in early 2023.
- USEPA has proposed [designating PFAS as a hazardous substance](#) under CERCLA. NACWA held a webinar on the topic and is preparing a comment letter, as is CASA.
- SF Dept. of the Environment received the Teng-Chung Wu Pollution Prevention Award for their PFAS source control efforts (see [RWQCB Press Release](#), [RWQCB staff slides](#), or go to 22:33 in this [Video](#))

**Other Items**

- A revised draft version of the [SSS-WDR](#) will be released on Friday 10/28 ahead of a State Water Board adoption hearing scheduled for December 6<sup>th</sup>. There will be a public workshop on November 14<sup>th</sup>.
- Region 2 will be included in the [2024 303\(d\) listing and Integrated Report](#) cycle. The 45-day comment period is estimated to run from February to April 2023.
- Materials from the [2022 RMP Annual Meeting](#), including the [Pulse of the Bay](#), are now available.

**Next Permits Committee Meeting: December 13th, 12:00 PM** via Zoom (Tentative)

The December meeting will begin early and will include a holiday social at the beginning of the meeting.