



October 21, 2022 BACWA Executive Board Meeting Minutes

ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS

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

Name	Agency/Company
Other Attendees and Guests:	Delta Diablo
Andrew Damron	Napa San
Dave Richardson	Woodard & Curran
David Donovan	City of Hayward
Don Gray	EBMUD
Eric Dunlavey	City of San Jose
Jasmine Ramezanzadeh	Public
Jennifer Dymont	BACWA
Jenny Reina	Jacobs
Jordan Damerel	FSSD
Lorien Fono	BACWA
Mary Cousins	BACWA
Mary Lou Esparza	CCCSD
Meg Herston	FSSD
Robert Wilson	City of Santa Rosa
Talyon Sortor	FSSD
Tom Hall	EOA

BACWA Executive Board Closed Session 9:06-9:51

Amit started meeting at 9:51am

Agenda Item

- 1 CLOSED SESSION to discuss personnel matters pursuant to California Government Code Section 54957

ROLL CALL, INTRODUCTIONS, AND TELECONFERENCE ETIQUETTE

PUBLIC COMMENT

[Guidelines](#)

CONSIDERATION TO TAKE AGENDA ITEMS OUT OF ORDER Moved Item 7 first.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- 2 Resolution to continue teleconferencing Executive Board meetings (AB361)
- 3 August 19, 2022 BACWA Executive Board meeting minutes
- 4 August 25, 2022 Special Board Meeting/NST minutes
- 5 August 2022 Treasurer's Report

Lorien Fono, BACWA Executive Director, shared that California Governor announced that state of emergency will be ending in February 2023, and it is unclear how it will impact AB361.

Action item: Meeting options to be discussed at November 2022 meeting

Consent Calendar Items 1 thru 5: A motion to approve was made by Amy Chastain (San Francisco Public Utilities Commission) and seconded by Jackie Zipkin (East Bay Dischargers Authority). The motion was approved unanimously.

APPROVALS AND AUTHORIZATIONS

6 Approval: FY22 Annual Report

Item 6: A motion to approve was made by Amit Mutsuddy (City of San Jose) and seconded by Amy Chastain (San Francisco Public Utilities Commission). The motion was approved unanimously.

7 Discussion: Resolution honoring service of Farid Ramezanzadeh - David Donovan spoke about Farid Ramezanzadeh's legacy at the City of Hayward. Mary Cousins shared Farid's contributions to the BACWA Lab Committee. Other meeting attendees shared their memories of Farid. Jasmine Ramezanzadeh spoke about her father.

Item 7: A motion to approve was made by Jackie Zipkin (EBDA) and seconded by Lori Schectel (Central Contra Costa Sanitary District). The motion was approved unanimously.

POLICY/STRATEGIC

8 Discussion: Debrief from September BACWA Technical Seminar - BACWA Executive Director shared potential budget direction for FY2024 and science funding for 3rd permit that were discussed at the BACWA Technical Seminar. There will be a biosolids committee roundtable discussion at the November 14th BABC meeting that is open to all BACWA members, and invitations are going out soon.

9 Discussion: Nutrients

a. Technical Work

i. Overview of Algal Bloom - An overview is included under item d.ii, below.

b. Regulatory

i. Outcome of 10/19 NST meeting - BACWA Executive Director shared a slide summary of the 10/19 meeting. At the meeting they discussed: setting up a communications subcommittee, nutrient reduction planning and setting up a regular NST meeting schedule. Action items from the meeting include understanding the short, medium, and long-term options for nutrient reduction (for eventual discussion with the Water Board as part of the 3rd watershed permit negotiations), and working with the science program staff to model water quality impacts of load reduction scenarios.

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c. Governance

i. Planning Subcommittee meeting #69 notes - September 15, 2022

ii. Planning Subcommittee meeting #70 notes - October 5, 2022

iii. Memo to Steering Committee on resource reallocation - the planning subcommittee has been providing guidance to the science program staff on budget reallocations necessitated by the summer's harmful algal bloom. The next steering committee meeting is scheduled for December 9th, where the budget reallocations will be slated for approval.

d. Communications and lobbying

i. Launching communications Steering Committee - BACWA is establishing a communications steering committee to discuss public outreach messaging related to the NMS, algal bloom, and wastewater in general. Volunteers were solicited for participation in the communications steering committee.

Action item: Establish communication steering committee and report back to the Executive Board.

ii. Presentation to SF BOS Land/Transport committee - An update on the algal bloom was presented at the October 17th SF Board of Supervisors Land Use and Transportation Committee ([link](#) to meeting materials). The meeting featured updates from BACWA (represented by the Executive Director), SFEI, SFPUC, Baykeeper, and Regional Water Board.

10 Informational: Outcome of PFAS Legislation from 2022 - Lori Schectel, Centra San, shared that the governor signed bills AB817 and AB2771 that limit PFAS exposure. Unfortunately, the governor vetoed AB2247, which would have established a PFAS notifications database, citing administrative costs.

11 Informational: BACWA perspective in CWEA PFAS Issue - BACWA Executive Director shared she will be writing an article on PFAS source control for CWEA's winter magazine.

Action item: If BAPPG decides to submit a comment letter on the PFAS CERCLA designation, it will be shared with the Executive Board in the week prior to the November 7th deadline for submittal to USEPA.

12 Discussion: Debrief from 10/17 BAAQMD/BACWA Reg 2 Workgroup Meeting - BACWA RPM referred to the agenda in the packet and shared several highlights from the meeting, including discussions about the CASA air toxics characterization study, streamlining the BAAQMD permitting

process, optimizing the source testing planning and reporting process, and application of BACT rules. Several meeting attendees also shared their positive view of the meeting. The next meeting is January 30th.

13 Discussion: Housing climate change discussions at BACWA - BACWA RPM shared slides on climate change at BACWA. Group discussed how to engage with BCDC and regulators on climate change planning. RPM is also following funding opportunities that might be useful for smaller agencies. Peer-to-peer infoshare about climate change and engagement with the Water Board were identified as a key needs that BACWA could address. Engagement with AQPI was also suggested. A Board member noted that a publication is forthcoming that would update IDF curves.

14 Discussion: Hg/PCB Watershed Permit Tentative Order [Tentative Order](#) – BACWA RPM shared that the tentative order has been released for 30 day public review. Comments are due on November 14, 2022. BACWA Lab and Permit committees are reviewing, and RPM will share comment letter the week of November 7th. PCB congener monitoring frequency has been reduced.

Action item: BACWA RPM will share comment letter with BACWA Executive Board the week of November 7th.

15 Informational: Pulse of the Bay, CWA 50th Anniversary Edition [Link to Pulse](#) - BACWA Executive Director provided link to the publication. Hard copies can be ordered from SFEI.

OPERATIONAL

16 Discussion: BACCWE future, and O&M/BACCWE Joint meeting - Jordan Damerel, FSSD, shared a slide presentation that summarized BACCWE mission, history, agencies, and original focus. Jordan shared how the program was working and improvements they were going to make. As a BACWA project of special benefit, it has about a quarter of a million dollars in reserves. BACCWE is going to meet with the BACWA O&M Committee on November 10, 2022 to strategize how to best use these funds for workforce development. Depending on its proposed future direction, BACCWE may request that it be incorporated into BACWA as one of its committees.

17 Discussion: BACWA Communication Policy - BACWA Executive Director shared that BACWA is developing the communication policy and shared a working draft policy that lays out approvals for different types of communication. BACWA will continue to scope out how it wants to move ahead with public communications, and will continue to refine the policy as that effort evolves.

Action item: BACWA ED will bring a revised draft Communication Policy to the Executive Board for approval at a future meeting.

18 Discussion: BACWA Reserve Policy Review - BACWA Executive Director shared that we may be spending reserves on unforeseen expenditures, which may include nutrient reduction scenarios consultant and a communication communications. BACWA asked for feedback from attendees. General discussion followed.

Action item: BACWA ED will bring a revised draft Reserve Policy to the Executive Board for approval at a future meeting.

19 Informational: BACC Update - BACWA AED shared that agencies are working on their estimated quantities and delivery detail worksheets, we completed the annual legal review of the bid document, and several BACC agencies met with Univar to go over their corrective action plan around ongoing service issues.

20 Discussion: Pardee/Technical Seminar dates - Possible 2023 dates are in packet and BACWA ED asked for feedback on dates. All of the dates were good for attendees.

Action item: BACWA ED to share dates with two BACWA Board members not currently present.

REPORTS

21 Committee Reports - BACWA RPM shared summary of committee reports. A revised draft of the statewide general order for Sanitary Sewer Systems will be released on October 28th, and will be considered by the State Board in December. The Lab Committee is organizing additional TNI training sessions, which will be funded from miscellaneous committee support and authorized by the Executive Director.

22 Member highlights - Jackie Zipkin offered to serve as the Bay Area Regional Reliability Project representative.

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

c. Summit Partners Lorien Fono; Amit Mutsuddy

d. ASC/SFEI Lorien Fono; Amit Mutsuddy; Lori Schectel

e. Nutrient Governance Steering Committee Eric Dunlavey, Jackie Zipkin alternates: Lori Schectel, 1 alternate needed

e.i Nutrient Planning Subgroup Eric Dunlavey

f. SWRCB Nutrient SAG Lorien Fono

h. BAIRWMP Cheryl Munoz; Florence Wedington; Lorien Fono

i. NACWA Emerging Contaminants Karin North; Melody LaBella

j. CASA State Legislative Committee Lori Schectel

k. CASA Regulatory Workgroup Lorien Fono; Mary Cousins

l. RMP Microplastics Liaison Artem Dyachenko

- m. Bay Area Regional Reliability Project 1 rep needed
- n. Water Reuse Working Group Cheryl Munoz
- o. San Francisco Estuary Partnership Lorien Fono; Jackie Zipkin
- p. CPSC Policy Education Advisory Committee Colleen Henry
- q. California Ocean Protection Council Lorien Fono
- r. Countywide Water Reuse Master Plan Karin North, Pedro Hernandez
- s. CHARG - Coastal Hazards Adaptation Resiliency Group Jackie Zipkin
- t. California Water Quality Monitoring Council Lorien Fono

26 **SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

NEXT MEETING The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for November 18, 2022

ADJOURNMENT **12:31**