



BACWA Executive Board Meeting Minutes

November 18, 2022

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).

Other Attendees and Guests:

Name	Agency/Company
Amanda Roa	Delta Diablo
Andrew Damron	Napa San
Azalea Mitch	City of San Mateo
Blake Brown	Central Contra Costa Sanitary District
Dave Richardson	Woodard & Curran
David Donovan	City of Hayward, EBDA
Don Gray	EBMUD
Eric Dunlavey	City of San Jose
Jennifer Dymant	BACWA
Jennifer Voccola-Brown	City of San Jose
Karin North	City of Palo Alto
Lorien Fono	BACWA
Mary Cousins	BACWA
Meg Herston	FSSD
Milk Falk	HDR
Stephanie Hughes	Consultant
Steve Moore	RVSD
Talyon Sortor	FSSD
Teresa Herrera	Silicon Valley Clean Water
Tom Hall	EOA

Amit started meeting at 9:03am

ROLL CALL, INTRODUCTIONS, AND TELECONFERENCE ETIQUETTE

PUBLIC COMMENT

CONSIDERATION TO TAKE AGENDA ITEMS OUT OF ORDER - None

CONSENT CALENDAR

- 1 Resolution to continue teleconferencing Executive Board meetings (AB361)**
- 2 October 21, 2022 BACWA Executive Board meeting minutes**
- 3 September 29, 2022 Special Board Meeting/NST minutes**
- 4 October 19, 2022 Special Board Meeting/NST minutes**
- 5 September 2022 Treasurer's Report**

Consent Calendar Items 1 thru 5: A motion to approve was made by Amy Chastain (San Francisco Public Utilities Commission) and seconded by Lori Schectel (Central Contra Costa Sanitary District). The motion was approved unanimously.

APPROVALS AND AUTHORIZATIONS

- 6 Approval: FY22 Audit Report**

Item 6: A motion to approve was made by Jackie Zipkin (East Bay Dischargers Authority) and seconded by Lori Schectel (Central Contra Costa Sanitary District). The motion was approved unanimously.

- 7 Approval: BACWA Chair for remainder of FY23**

Item 7: A motion to approve was made by Jackie Zipkin (East Bay Dischargers Authority) and seconded by Amy Chastain (San Francisco Public Utilities Commission). The motion was approved unanimously.

- 8 Authorization: CAR Contract extension for Rich Cunningham SSS WDR support**

POLICY/STRATEGIC

- 9 Discussion: Nutrients**

a. Technical Work

i. SCCWRP OAH Update 9/9 SCCWRP Commission meeting slides - BACWA ED discussed preliminary findings from a September 2022 meeting on SCCWRP's ROMS BEC model that showed the effects of nitrogen removal on algal production that translates to improvement in oxygen and pH Loss. Also shared that water recycling could cause more intense localized blooms and oxygen and pH loss within a smaller footprint of effect. The group also discussed SCCWRP's nine options for ocean modeling uncertainty analysis, and the development of a stakeholder steering committee for an independent peer review. Group discussion followed.

b. Regulatory

i. NST meeting 12/2 - Engagement with individual agencies - BACWA ED shared that regular NST Meetings will be the first Friday of every month for now. BACWA ED shared the agenda of the December 2, 2022, meeting which includes: a review of a new nutrient FAQ document, review of a draft

nutrient PowerPoint, questions for individual plant meetings, update on communications initiative and funding information. Each agenda item was discussed by the meeting attendees.

c. Governance

i. December 9 Steering Committee meeting - BACWA ED summarized the NMS Steering Committee meeting agenda. BACWA ED encouraged people to attend.

d. Communications and lobbying

i. Communications steering committee debrief - BACWA ED shared goals & scope of communications steering committee. The goals: regional incident response capability and a public understanding of the value of wastewater service. The next meeting is on November 29, 2022.

ii. Nutrient FAQs - BACWA ED circulated a nutrient FAQ for review. BACWA ED shared the draft pdf. BACWA ED would like to get final approval on the document in the next couple weeks and share it with agencies.

Action Item: *BACWA ED to circulate FAQ document to members for additional review, and incorporate additional requested edits.*

iii. Nutrient PowerPoint guide - BACWA ED shared draft presentation for non-scientists that Individual agencies can use. A completed presentation will be circulated to the NST for comment.

10 Discussion: Engagement with BAAQMD Board - BACWA ED shared that a meeting with a BAAQMD Board member took place to address the permitting backlog. Additional meetings with BAAQMD staff and the Board chair are being planned to discuss how to expedite wastewater agency permitting.

Action item: *BACWA ED to notify group of the next meeting date.*

11 Discussion: SSS WDR - BACWA engagement with State Water Board - BACWA RPM shared general overview of revised draft of SSS WDR. RPM shared the two main goals of the meeting: to reduce cost of compliance for requirements with limited or no water quality impact and provide direction on significant new requirements and three main topics: exfiltration, spill reporting and due dates. General discussion followed. The group thanked RPM for her efforts around this permitting process.

Action Items: *BACWA RPM to produce a high-level summary of differences between the current permit and new permit once adopted.*

BREAK 10:45 AM

12 Informational: BAPPG Pesticides Update - BACWA RPM welcomed Stephanie Hughes who gave an update on the BAPPG pesticides regulatory contract. Stephanie summarized BACWA Pesticide workgroup members and their proactive efforts around pesticides (monitoring, advocating for POTWs, engaging professional & community). Stephanie summarized the key monitoring and regulatory outcomes for FY2021-22 with DPR and EPA agencies. Stephanie shared slides, which were also shared with the EPA, that demonstrate high urban pesticide usage overlap with endangered species habitat. Stephanie shared a slide on key professional and community engagement efforts

regarding indoor flea / tick treatments. Stephanie also shared recommended FY2022-23 priorities around their main efforts. The slides are posted [here](#). Group discussion followed.

13 Discussion: Hg/PCB Watershed Permit Tentative Order BACWA Comments - BACWA ED and BACWA RPM shared that the BACWA comment letter submitted on November 14, 2022, is in the packet. Comments were minor and RPM expected that most of the comments would be accepted. The order is expected to be adopted in December and BACWA will assist agencies in completing the risk reduction activities required by the reissued permit.

OPERATIONAL

14 Discussion: Teleconferencing per AB 361 - BACWA ED started the discussion regarding in person and remote meetings after February 28, 2022. Meeting attendees shared what their individual agencies are doing. The consensus was that starting in March 2023, board members attend in person and BACWA members and public attend in person or remotely.

Action items: *BACWA staff to investigate hardware to improve hybrid meetings. BACWA staff determine meeting dates and locations for remainder of FY23.*

15 Discussion: Holiday lunch and committee leadership recognition - BACWA ED asked if Board Members wanted to meet in person in December and host a holiday luncheon. The group decided against meeting in person in December due to concerns about transmissible illness before the holidays. Committee chairs will be thanked with a gift in lieu of an invitation to the luncheon.

16 Informational: BACC Update - BACWA AED shared that FY2023-24 BACC bid is underway. BACWA Executive Board member asked that a BACC link be placed on the BACC main website.

Action Item: *BACWA AED to add public BACC page to website.*

REPORTS

17 Committee Reports - In the packet.

18 Member highlights - City of San Jose shared that the Deputy Director for Wastewater Management position is now open for recruitment. SFPUC shared information about a recently completed research project related to extreme precipitation that is producing technical guidance to City managers, policy-makers, and practitioners. Central Sanitation shared a job opening at their agency.

19 Executive Director Report - BACWA ED shared that report was in the packet and shared summary of the meeting between BACWWE and the O&M committee November 10, 2022. ED also shared that Bay Area One Water Network is planning another workshop on alternative water supplies such as brackish water or dewatering potable water projects. BACWA ED will share meeting invitation with BACWA members who may accept RO concentrate from such projects.

20 Board Calendar and Action Items -BACWA ED summarized a couple months of anticipated board calendar items.

21 Regulatory Program Manager Report - In the packet.

22 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 Jackie Zipkin
- n. WaterReuse 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

24 SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

NEXT MEETING The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for December 16, 2022

ADJOURNMENT **12:13 PM**