

Committee Request for Board Action: None

Regular meeting: 30 attendees via Zoom, representing 16 member agencies and the Regional Water Board

Regional Water Board Report-Out

Staff members from the Regional Water Board NPDES Division attended and reported out:

- The Chlorine [Basin Plan Amendment](#) continues to be delayed, as EPA has to do a formal consultation with US Fish & Wildlife Service. Approval is expected no sooner than April or May 2023. The [Chlorine Blanket Permit Amendment](#) does not become effective until the Basin Plan Amendment is approved.
- EPA may approve the [Statewide Toxicity Provisions](#) as soon as February 2023. New Tentative Orders are being issued with language that will automatically transition dischargers to the new toxicity provisions upon EPA approval.
- James Parrish has been promoted to Senior Environmental Scientist in the NPDES Wastewater and Enforcement Division. Two positions are now available in the division: see job postings for [Environmental Scientist](#) and [Water Resource Control Engineer](#). Applications close January 20th.

Tentative Orders

A Tentative Order individual NPDES Permit for [Vallejo Sanitation and Flood Control District](#) will be considered at the February 8th Regional Water Board meeting. District staff reported that they are still evaluating the private sewer lateral ordinance requirement in the Tentative Order.

Mercury and PCBs Watershed Permit

The Mercury and PCBs Watershed Permit was on agenda at the December 14th Regional Water Board meeting (Note: it was subsequently adopted as [Order R2-2022-0038](#)). BACWA staff plan to attend to express support for the permit. BACWA plans to continue supporting risk reduction activities required by the reissued permit. A template for reporting PCB Congener data to CIWQS is available [here](#).

Nutrients Update

- Slides from the December 9th Nutrient Management Strategy meeting, including a preliminary analysis of the August 2022 algae bloom, are available [here](#).
- BACWA will be meeting individually with about 15 member agencies responsible for most of the nitrogen loading to San Francisco Bay to discuss the status of nutrient reduction opportunities and capital planning.
- BACWA is also wrapping up a nutrient FAQ document and other communications materials, which will be distributed soon.
- The BACWA Executive Director shared slides regarding modeling of eutrophication, acidification, and hypoxia in Southern California. There is concern over the way that the current modeling characterizes the effects of water recycling projects.

PFAS

- Results from Phase 2 of BACWA's regional PFAS study have been delayed by the analytical laboratory, but are anticipated to be available in early 2023.
- EPA has released industrial and municipal wastewater [NPDES permitting guidance for PFAS](#). The guidance recommends use of [Draft Method 1633](#), which may be approved by the end of 2023. The Regional Water Board does not currently have plans to apply this guidance, but individual agencies may find it useful for pretreatment program implementation.

Other Items

- Results from Phase 2 of BACWA's regional PFAS study have been delayed by the analytical laboratory, but are anticipated to be available in early 2023.
- The State Water Board reissued the [statewide SSS-WDR](#) on December 6th. The effective date is 6/5/2023.
- The next 303(d) listing and [2024 Integrated Report](#) for Region 2 is expected to be released for a 45-day public comment period from approximately February through April 2023.
- Congratulations to Jennie Pang, Chris Dembiczak, and the Union Sanitary District laboratory staff for winning the holiday social photo contest!

Next Permits Committee Meeting: February 14th, 2023, 12:00 PM via Zoom