

**Committee Request for Board Action: Consideration of budget requests for FY24.**

30 attendees (all participating remotely) representing 20 member agencies and the Regional Water Board.

***Regional Water Board Announcements***

Alessandra Moyer (RWQCB) reminded the group that Pollution Prevention reports are due February 28<sup>th</sup> for most agencies. Tips from her December 2022 presentation are available [here](#).

***Updates on Committee Activity and Announcements***

- **Pesticides Subcommittee:** California Department of Pesticide Registration and partner agencies have released a [Sustainable Pest Management Roadmap](#) for the state. The roadmap includes recommendations for urban pesticide use, including data collection and outreach topics. The pesticides subcommittee will likely submit comments on implementation (the deadline is March 13<sup>th</sup>).
- **Budget.** Joe shared that BAPPG has submitted a budget request to BACWA for FY24 with budget increases to account for inflation and to increase support for the [National Stewardship Action Council](#).
- **Outreach / Marketing:** SGA's final report from the fall FOG campaign is posted [here](#).
- **BACWA Announcements:** BACWA plans to issue an RFQ for general public outreach related to wastewater collection and treatment. Members shared updates to the potential vendor list for the RFQ.
- **CWEA.** The [CWEA Annual Conference](#) will be held in San Diego from April 18-21.
- **Website.** Zoe Lake (EBMUD) asked members to fill out a survey on use of the [Baywise website](#).

***Social Media Presentation and Discussion***

The group continued its discussion from December on how to amplify our effective use of social media for pollution prevention outreach.

- [Sandy Becerra](#) from the City of San Jose shared some of the City's social media practices, including some short, informal pollution prevention videos that they posted to social media. The City makes use of Canva to edit and manage their social media posts. A [free version of Canva](#) is available for non-profits. A conference is coming up regarding [government use of social media](#) (May 2-4 in Reno, NV).
- The group agreed that it would be useful to more widely share content (videos, graphics, text) to be re-posted on individual agency social media feeds.

***Epidemiological Studies in Wastewater***

Robert Wilson (City of Santa Rosa) shared a presentation about the City of Santa Rosa's Laguna Environmental Lab participation in several different wastewater epidemiological studies since the beginning of the pandemic in 2020. There are differences among studies in the types of samples that are collected (primary solids or raw wastewater) and therefore the units reported (RNA copies per mL or copies per gram) are not directly comparable. The City has participated in Biobot, LuminUltra, and [WastewaterSCAN](#). WastewaterSCAN is a national effort that is also affiliated with the California Department of Public Health; this program reimburses the City for some of their labor costs associated with sample collection, because the data are useful for public health purposes. Sampling occurs 1-3 times per week. The presentation slides are also available [here](#) and a recording of Robert sharing this presentation with the North Coast Regional Water Board is available [here](#).

***FOG Disposal***

The group discussed public messaging related to FOG disposal, which can vary among jurisdictions. "Scrape it, can it, trash it" is one of the standard messages. Most composters do not want FOG in the compost bins, although a small amount that can be absorbed by a paper towel is acceptable. In these areas, large amounts of FOG should be put in a container and taken to Household Hazardous Waste. Some jurisdictions will accept solid FOG in their compost bins; for example, Napa Sanitation District hands out compostable takeout containers for residents to use for their "collect it, cool it, compost it" campaign.

**Next BAPPG General Meeting: April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023, 10am – 12pm, Zoom**