

**Committee Request for Board Action:** None

39 attendees (6 participating in-person and 33 participating remotely) representing 19 member agencies

**Regional Recycled Water Study Update**

Mike Falk (HDR) updated the committee on the progress of the Recycled Water Evaluation being conducted in compliance with the 2nd Nutrient Watershed Permit (see [slides](#)). The group discussed how to best describe projects that are less certain than any of the three confidence levels identified in the draft report; ideally, member agencies will approve their inclusion as “Confidence 3;” otherwise they cannot be included. The group also recommended including information about the potential value of recycled water in addition to project costs. The draft overall report will be circulated for committee review in approximately the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of April, with comments due in mid-May. Individual plant reports will require sign-off by a legally responsible officials at each agency prior to the June 30<sup>th</sup> due date.

**Proposed Workshop: Enhancing Interagency Collaboration for Bay Area Water Reuse**

Eric Rosenblum (Envirosppectives) described a proposed workshop on interagency collaboration to support the [National Water Reuse Action Plan](#). The workshop will be held in summer 2023 and will build on the report prepared by Eric’s team called [Multi-Agency Water Reuse Programs: Lessons for Successful Collaboration](#). The lessons cover governance, regulatory, economic, management, and leadership issues. Eric’s slides are available [here](#). BACWA will be providing funding for the workshop and plans to invite stakeholders from water agencies and regulatory agencies. Regional Water Board staff agreed to host the event at their office in downtown Oakland. Several attendees volunteered to participate in planning the event.

**Funding Updates**

Sachi Itagaki (Kennedy Jenks) provided updates on state and federal funding opportunities, including Title XVI. The President’s budget includes a request to fund the Alternative Water Source Grants Pilot Program (\$25M) in FY24. [WIFIA](#) is also open for letters of interest; applications require a \$150,000 deposit for application review. At the state level, [Recycled Water Facilities Planning Grants](#) continue to be available from the State Water Board, for up \$500,000 at a 50% match. The State Water Board plans to issue the next intended use plan for CWSRF funds by about June 2023.

**Site Supervisor Training Update**

A subcommittee is continuing to develop a site supervisor training video. A draft version of the first video called “What is Recycled Water?” was shared during the meeting. The second draft video, “Treatment & Water Quality,” will also be shared with the committee for feedback.

**Legislation and Regulatory Update**

- Draft Potable Reuse Regulations will be released soon for a 45-day review period.
- To implement SB1157 (Urban Water Use Objectives), DWR plans to conduct studies quantifying benefits and impacts to wastewater and recycled water operations from reduced indoor residential water use standards (see [Budget Change Proposal from DWR](#))
- Water recycling permit fees are expected to increase (see [Budget Change Proposal from State Water Board](#))

Reena Thomas provided updates on recently introduced draft legislation including [SB366](#) (modernizing the California water plan), [SB745](#) (drought resistant building standards), [AB460](#) (Water rights interim relief), [AB1572](#) (restricting non-functional turf from using potable water), and [SB597](#) (rainwater capture systems at new housing development). Although not directly related to recycled water, the group also discussed [AB727](#) (PFAS ban in household cleaning products, co-sponsored by CASA) and [AB246](#) (PFAS ban in menstrual products).

**Announcements**

- Volumetric Annual Reports are due to Geotracker by April 30<sup>th</sup>. This year the reporting tool contains optional questions about recycled water projects that may become operational between 2030 and 2040, since identifying ways to increase recycled water supplies to 1.8 MAF/year by 2040 (per the [Governor’s Water Supply Strategy](#)) is one of the key goals of the State Water Board’s Recycled Water Strike Team.
- Annual Recycled Water Reports are due April 30<sup>th</sup> to the Regional Water Board for those agencies covered by the [regional Notice of Applicability](#) for permit coverage under WQO 2016-0068-0068.
- BACWA Annual Members Meeting will be held May 5<sup>th</sup> in Berkeley

**Next Meeting** – Tuesday, May 16, 2023, 10:30 am – Zoom