



Executive Board Meeting

Friday, February 17, 2023

ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS

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

Other Attendees and Guests:

Name	Agency/Company
Amanda Roa	Delta Diablo
Azalea Mitch	City of San Mateo
Blake Brown	CCCSD
Brett Fergusson	Hazen & Sawyer
David Donovan	City of Hayward
Don Gray	EBMUD
Jared Voskuhl	CASA
Jeff Carson	DSRSD
Jennifer Dymont	BACWA
Jennie Pang	SFPUC
Lorien Fono	BACWA
Joe Neugebauer	West County Wastewater District
Jordan Damerel	FSSD
Mary Cousins	BACWA
Melody Tovar	City of Sunnyvale
Michael Connor	Consultant
Mike Falk	HDR
Ryujiro Tsuchihashi	Jacobs
Talyon Sortor	FSSD
Tom Hall	EOA

Amit started the meeting at **9:05**

ROLL CALL, INTRODUCTIONS, AND TELECONFERENCE ETIQUETTE

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

CONSENT CALENDAR

- 1 Resolution to continue teleconferencing Executive Board meetings (AB361)
- 2 January 17, 2023 BACWA Special Board Meeting minutes
- 3 January 20, 2023 BACWA Executive Board meeting minutes
- 4 Feb 3, 2023 BACWA NST Special Executive Board meeting minutes
- 5 December 2022 Treasurer's Report

Consent Calendar Items 1 thru 5: A motion to approve was made by Jackie Zipkin (East Bay Dischargers Authority) and seconded by Eric Dunlavy (City of San Jose). The motion was approved unanimously.

The resolution to continue teleconferencing (Item 1 on the Consent Calendar) will expire on February 28th due to the end of the California State of Emergency, upon which AB 361 (2021) relies to allow teleconferencing of public meetings.

POLICY/STRATEGIC

6 Discussion: Communications RFQ – BACWA ED shared that BACWA will soon be releasing an RFQ for public outreach support in FY23. Statements of qualifications will be due March 10.

7 Discussion: BAPPG Professional Training Support RFQ - BACWA RPM shared that BAPPG will be releasing an RFQ for FY24. This contract supports professional outreach on topics like pesticides, pharmaceuticals, and dental mercury. Per BACWA’s contracting policy, the current contract expires in June, which is the end of its fifth year.

8 Informational: Sustainable Pest Management Representation - BACWA RPM shared that the California Department of Pesticide Registration (CA-DPR) has released a [Sustainable Pest Management Roadmap](#). BAPPG is looking for a representative from a BACWA member agency to help encourage the state to implement the roadmap and increase funding for CA-DPR. Representatives from Central San and San Jose noted that they may have staff members who would be able to serve in this role. Attendees also encouraged coordination with stormwater agencies and NGOs. A CASA representative was present and supported the concept of a comment letter from CASA to CA-DPR in addition to BACWA’s planned comment letter.

Action item: BACWA RPM to develop a draft comment letter to share with the Executive Board and CASA.

9 Discussion: Feb 9 BACWA/BAAQMD Reg 2 Workgroup meeting debrief - BACWA ED summarized meeting topics and discussions. BACWA will develop a draft Board item summarizing the tasks that have been undertaken by the joint Workgroup. This will also serve to bring the new BAAQMD Executive Officer up to date with the progress of the Workgroup. Other attendees shared points from the meeting. Attendees were pleased with the progress BACWA and BAAQMD are making together.

10 Discussion: SSS WDR next steps - BACWA RPM referred to document in the packet. This document will be revised slightly based on feedback from Collection Systems Committee chairs. The reissued SSS-WDR becomes effective on June 5th. There are items to be implemented before and after the effective date. Before June 5th, BACWA will be directing our members to training opportunities hosted by CASA and CWEA. Most agencies need to review & update their monitoring and reporting of spills and complete other administrative tasks, such as re-enrolling. After June 5th, BACWA will provide guidance on updating sewer system management plans, which must be updated to follow the reissued SSS-WDR beginning in 2025.

11 Discussion: SFEP/TRUW Equity Workshop for Wastewater - March 7 - BACWA ED reminded attendees that registration is open for the workshop. The [registration link](#) is on the BACWA website. BACWA ED encouraged attendance. BACWA was asked to pay for the catering for the lunch. The estimate was no more than \$1500. Board members expressed support for BACWA paying for lunch.

12 Informational: PFAS data schedule - BACWA ED shared that data from Phase 2 of the study are still not available.

13 Informational: Air toxics testing update - BACWA ED shared the CARB CTR Two-Step Process cost estimate by agency based on permitted dry weather flow capacity (MGD). CASA will likely administer this program. The group discussed how the invoicing may happen. BACWA may collect funds from its members and pass through to CASA. Agencies should budget for the study beginning in FY24.

OPERATIONAL

14 Discussion: Annual Meeting Draft Program - BACWA ED reviewed proposed program, reviewed speakers and layout of the day. The group suggested changes to the timing of the program and speakers \ topics but overall liked program. The group would like the upgraded AV package to include recording the speakers.

Action item: BACWA ED to bring an updated draft program on March 17, 2023 and add upgraded AV package to contract.

Break 10:45-11:00

15 Discussion: Draft FY24 Budget - BACWA ED and AED reviewed the draft FY24 budget line by line. The new lines are highlighted in yellow. Joe Neugebauer presented information about the BAPPG Committee, their consultants and work as well as their budget request. At the March meeting we will evaluate the various collaborative requests using the criteria developed in FY22.

Action items: BACWA ED and AED will update the draft FY24 budget and present a second version at the March 17, 2023 meeting.

16 Informational: BACC Update - BACWA ED shared that the bid will be opened on 2/23/2023 and preliminary bid tabulations will be posted on the BACC website on 2/24/2023. Submitted documents will be reviewed in the first couple weeks of March. We will make recommendations and bids will be awarded by the end of March.

NUTRIENTS

17 Discussion: Nutrients

a. Technical Work

i. Modeling Advisory Group update - BACWA ED shared the charge questions presented to the modeling advisory group members and summarized their recommendations for model improvement. The group is generally impressed with the status of the model and the pace of progress. The model is ready for investigating key science questions and management scenarios. The group discussed the inability of this model to predict initiation of a bloom or the bloom species, but it can describe the impacts to the Bay (such as dissolved oxygen impacts) if a bloom is initiated. Next steps need to be discussed before models are used to probe future scenarios.

Action item: BACWA ED to share slides from the Regional Water Board staff member's presentation at the February 1st NMS planning subcommittee committee meeting.

ii. SCCWRP Update - BACWA ED presented 3 draft charge questions for the independent review panel of ocean acidification and hypoxia modeling. BACWA ED was asked to be part of the steering committee guiding the effort.

b. Regulatory

i. 2022 GAR Submission Group Annual Report - BACWA ED asked how we can continue to improve the GAR. We have added sections of recycled water, the analysis of influent data, and identifying agencies that are reducing nutrients, all of which have significantly lengthened the summary section. The BACWA ED will provide recommendations to the consultant team to streamline the report for next year.

ii. 2023 Science Plan Update Submission – BACWA ED explained that the science plan update was submitted to the Regional Water Board by February 1st, as required by the Nutrient Watershed Permit.

iii. Debrief from 2/3 NST meeting - BACWA ED summarized BACWA's draft narrative position on the 3rd Nutrient Watershed Permit based on the most recent Nutrient Strategy Team meeting. One of the items on this list is that BACWA is developing a rough estimate of the load reduction that is expected in the next 5-10 years based on individual discussions with the largest dischargers in the region over the last two months. Attendees discussed the pros and cons of including affordability as part of the narrative position. The narrative will be turned into a presentation for the Regional Water Board in the coming months. The BACWA ED will provide a draft presentation at the next NST meeting on March 17th.

iv. Five year plan to draw down excess CBC reserves - BACWA ED presented two alternatives for drawing down reserves over the next two to five years, depending on the level of financial commitment to the NMS. Discussion was deferred to a future date.

c. Governance

i. Feb 1 Planning Subcommittee minutes – Minutes were provided in the packet.

REPORTS

18 Committee Reports - BACWA RPM shared that chlorine basin plan amendment will not be approved by EPA due to feedback received from the federal resource agencies such as USFWS. The Regional Water Board is investigating alternative methods for establishing water quality-based effluent limits. The group discussed options. The group will be meeting with Regional Water Board staff in April and will discuss possible next steps at that time.

19 Member highlights

20 Executive Director Report

21 Board Calendar and Action Items

22 Regulatory Program Manager Report

23 Other BACWA Representative Reports

a. RMP Technical Review 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; alternates: Lori Schectel

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 March 17, 2023

ADJOURNMENT at 12:31