



BACWA Executive Board Meeting Minutes

January 20, 2023

ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS

Executive Board Representatives: Amy Chastain (San Francisco Public Utilities Commission); Eric Dunlavy (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
Andrew Damron	Napa Sanitation
Azalea Mitch	City of San Mateo
Dave Senn	SFEI
Irene Chu	Hazen and Sawyer
Jennifer Dymant	BACWA
Jennifer Voccola-Brown	City of San Jose
Lorien Fono	BACWA
Mary Cousins	BACWA
Mary Lou Esparza	CCCSD
Meg Herston	FSSD
Melody Tovar	City of Sunnyvale
Michael Connor	Consultant
RJ Suokko	Sanitary District 2 & Corte Madera
Steve Moore	RVSD
Talyon Sortor	FSSD
Tom Hall	EOA

Amit started meeting at 9:02 am

ROLL CALL, INTRODUCTIONS, AND TELECONFERENCE ETIQUETTE

PUBLIC COMMENT None

CONSIDERATION TO TAKE AGENDA ITEMS OUT OF ORDER None

Agenda Items

CONSENT CALENDAR

- 1 **Resolution to continue teleconferencing Executive Board meetings (AB361)**
- 2 **December 16, 2022 BACWA Executive Board meeting minutes**
- 3 **January 6, 2023 NST Special Executive Board meeting minutes**
- 4 **November 2022 Treasurer's Report**

Consent Calendar Items 1 thru 4: A motion to approve was made by Lori Schectel (Central Contra Costa Sanitary District) and seconded by Jackie Zipkin (East Bay Dischargers Authority). The motion was approved unanimously.

APPROVALS AND AUTHORIZATIONS

- 5 **Approval: NMS Steering Committee Designates**

Item 5: The approval designates Eric Dunlavey and Amit Mutsuddy as BACWA voting members of the NMS Steering Committee, and Lori Schectel and Jackie Zipkin as alternates. A motion to approve was made by Jackie Zipkin (East Bay Dischargers Authority) and seconded by Eric Dunlavey (City of San Jose). The motion was approved unanimously.

- 6 **Approval: Installment 2 of FY23 NMS Payment, \$800,000**

Item 6: This payment complete the Watershed Permit's NMS funding requirement for FY23. A motion to approve was made by Eric Dunlavey (City of San Jose) and seconded by Lori Schectel (Central Contra Costa Sanitary District). The motion was approved unanimously.

POLICY/STRATEGIC

- 7 **Discussion: Winter storm impacts roundtable** - BACWA ED opened the discussion to agencies to share the impact of the recent winter storms and their plans to deal with higher-intensity precipitation events in the future. Several members shared the impact the storms had on their agencies and cities, including impacts such as surface flooding, treatment plant bypasses, and sanitary sewer overflows. Impacts were most severe in San Francisco and in the inner East Bay. Agencies discussed climate change, old infrastructure, lack of funding & support and ongoing challenges.

- 8 **Discussion: Nutrients**

a. Technical Work

- i. **Science plan direction post HAB - discussion with science manager** - Dave Senn, SFEI, participated in group discussion on modifications to the NMS science plan following the August 2022 algae bloom in the Bay. Discussion topics included: modeling, HABs, and overall outcomes. The group discussed modeling approaches, timeline, implementation, monitoring technology, mitigation techniques, and changes in understanding and approaches. The science team is able to begin testing management scenarios in March or April, but cautioned that early results are not likely to be useable for management decision-making; only after many iterations will the scenarios become useful. To begin

scenario testing , the science team requires some direction from the NMS Steering Committee on which model (chronic vs. acute) and which scenarios to run.

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ii. Review of recent NMS deliverables - Mike Connor summarized his 2022 recommendations for the science program priorities. He also presented a review of SFEI comments and documents. For SFEI nutrient summaries, emphasis was placed on data viewing tools, annual status & temporal trend reports of bay health and model runs vs. annual trends. General discussion followed.

b. Regulatory

i. 2022 GAR Update - BACWA ED shared that the Group Annual Report is due to Water Board on Feb 1, 2023 and comments are due to Mike Falk on January 26, 2023.

ii. Nutrient reduction POTW meeting schedule update - BACWA ED shared that most meetings with individual POTWs have been completed, and all should be wrapped up by mid February.

iii. Legal opinion on use of antidegradation - BACWA ED broached the issue that the Water Board plans to rely on reasonable potential rather than antidegradation to justify nutrient load limitations. General discussion followed about priorities, funding and public perspective.

iv. Engagement on solid waste contribution to nutrients - BACWA ED shared that this effort was put on hold. When effort is revived Eric Dunlavey will inform the group.

c. Governance

i. January 4 Planning Subcommittee minutes

ii. December 9 Steering Committee meeting minutes

d. Communications and lobbying

i. Communications steering committee debrief - BACWA ED will share a draft of RFQ with committee next week and the board will receive the RFP the following week. The plan is to finalize the RFQ at the February at Board Meeting.

Action item: BACWA Ed to bring item for approval at next board meeting.

ii. Nutrient FAQ - final - BACWA ED shared that document is available on the BACWA website and in the packet.

9 Discussion: Debrief from January 17 Joint meeting with R2 - BACWA RPM provided information about recycled water planning, including an upcoming study on the feasibility of water recycling and the state's water supply strategy.

Action Item: BACWA RPM to share WRF report with BACWA community when it is available.

10 Discussion: SSS WDR next steps Summit Partners Workshop Materials – BACWA RPM summarized workshop. The materials are on the CASA website.

<https://casaweb.org/resources/speaker-presentations/>

11 Discussion: SFEP/TRUW Equity Workshop for Wastewater - March 7 - BACWA ED shared that workshop will be at SF Metro Center. Generate common language in efforts around community and engineering, and workforce development.

12 Informational: NPDES Compliance Letter

13 Informational: Air toxics testing update- BACWA ED shared that CASA is still in the process of determining which agencies will be required by CARB to participate. Agencies can expect to assume some financial obligation beginning in FY24, and CASA will provide estimates soon.

OPERATIONAL

14 Discussion: Annual Meeting Planning - BACWA ED shared slide summarizing the facility rental options and asked for feedback on options. The group agreed to rent out the auditorium and the top floor. The group also discussed possible speakers at the event. For extreme precipitation, a presentation from a flood control agency or a case study were suggested.

Action item: BACWA ED to reserve the full facility and present a list of potential speakers at the next meeting.

15 Informational: BACWA Executive Board designates - BACWA ED shared that a corrected document is in the packet.

16 Informational: BACC Update - BACWA AED shared that the bids will go live in Planet Bids on Thursday and bids will be opened on Thursday February 23.

REPORTS

17 Committee Reports - in the packet

18 Member highlights - no highlights

19 Executive Director Report - in the packet

20 Board Calendar and Action Items - in the packet

21 Regulatory Program Manager Report - in the packet. Emily Corwin from Fairfield-Suisun Sewer District has agreed to serve as a BACWA Representative to BCDC's Shoreline Adaptation Plan Advisory Group.

22 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

23 SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

NEXT MEETING The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for February 17, 2023

ADJOURNMENT at 1:01