

Committee Request for Board Action: None

38 attendees (all participating remotely) representing 26 member agencies and the Regional Water Board, plus one guest speaker

Updates on Committee Activity and Announcements

- **Regional Water Board Announcements:** The Regional Water Board is now accepting nominations for the 2023 [Dr. Teng-Chung Wu Pollution Prevention Award](#). If you know an individual or agency that has exemplified pollution prevention, send a description of the nominee to [Alessandra Moyer](#) by Friday, June 30th. The recipient will be formally announced at the Regional Water Board's September Board meeting to coincide with Pollution Prevention week.
- **Pesticides Subcommittee:** For Flea/tick pet pesticides: City of Palo Alto is finishing up new tick/flea meds outreach messaging, and will present new messaging to the group soon. The pesticides subcommittee recently submitted a [comment letter](#) to CA Department of Pesticide Regulation on pesticide fees. BAPPG representatives will be meeting with USEPA soon to discuss the agency's consideration of the Endangered Species Act during indoor pesticide registration reviews.
- **Budget.** BAPPG is on track to spend virtually all of its annual budget for the FY23 fiscal year.
- **Outreach / Marketing:** The spring campaign featured the 3 P's video in [English](#) and [Spanish](#).
- **BACWA Announcements:** Materials from the Annual Members Meeting, including [a presentation from the State Water Board](#) highlighting PFAS as priority, are available on the [BACWA website](#). In other news, the State Water Board has reissued the [General Order for Sanitary Sewer Systems](#). The reissued version requires agencies to implement a "Blockage Control Program," augmenting the previous requirement to implement a FOG Control Program.
- **CWEA** is recruiting members interested in helping plan the 2025 P3S Conference, which will be held in northern California. If interested, contact [Susan Hiestand](#) or [William Edwards](#).

Presentations on Social and Racial Equity in Pollution Prevention

Two speakers provided encore presentations on public outreach that were included in a March 2023 workshop on Social and Racial Equity sponsored by the [Transforming Urban Water Initiative](#).

- Joe Neugebauer from West County Wastewater District presented on the District's community engagement efforts related to the North Richmond Living Levee Project, which was a partnership with [The Watershed Project](#). The presentation slides are available [here](#). The outreach effort began over Zoom in 2020 and eventually included in-person engagement visiting the site of the proposed project. Joe emphasized the Pollution Prevention often involves one-way education focused on behavior change, but this sort of outreach is focused on listening. For climate resiliency projects like the North Richmond Living Levee Project, community engagement is a required component for project success, including funding eligibility. The project team is currently finishing up the 30% design and will be continuing community engagement throughout the project's duration.
- Heidi Nutters from San Francisco Estuary Project presented on the [Palo Alto Horizontal Levee Pilot Project](#). The presentation slides are available [here](#). The public outreach efforts for the project included many conversations on sensitive species habitat and public access. The City had previously identified interested stakeholders through development of its Climate Action Plan. Project design is wrapping up, and construction is anticipated to begin in 2024. The project will help inform future shoreline protection efforts in the City. The Palo Alto project received funding from USEPA's [San Francisco Bay Water Quality Improvement Fund](#), which through August 2nd is accepting applications for approximately \$30 million in grant funding to protect and restore San Francisco Bay watersheds and wetlands.

Next BAPPG General Meeting: August 2nd, 2023, 10am – 12pm, Zoom