

Committee Request for Board Action: None

21 attendees participating virtually and in-person at the Regional Water Board's offices in Oakland, representing 16 member agencies, the Regional Water Board, and two guest speakers.

Updates on Committee Activity and Announcements

- 1. Regional Water Board Announcements:** The Regional Water Board has selected BAPPG's pesticide regulatory support consultants (Tammy Qualls, Stephanie Hughes, and Kelly Moran) to receive the 2023 Dr. Teng-Chung Wu Pollution Prevention Award. The winner will be presented at its November 8th meeting.
- 2. Pesticides Subcommittee:** BAPPG representatives are preparing comment letters to the USEPA and the CA Department of Pesticide Regulation (DPR) and planning for an upcoming meeting with CA DPR.
- 3. Budget.** The FY24 budget is on track.
- 4. Outreach / Marketing:** SGA's fall campaign is underway, with messages focused on the "toilets aren't trash cans" theme. Social media and ad campaign materials were shared with members. BACWA will work with SGA to ensure that shared materials may be distributed without any copyright concerns.
- 5. BACWA Announcements:** The Clean Water Summit Partners is hosting a PFAS Perspectives webinar on October 5th ([link to materials](#)). The Regional Monitoring Program Annual Meeting is October 12th ([link to materials](#)).
- 6. CWEA:** The [CWEA P3S conference](#) will be held February 4-7 in Anaheim.

Update on BACWA Communications Plan

Amber Shipley from [Civic Edge Consulting](#) summarized ongoing efforts to develop and implement a communications plan for BACWA ([link to slides](#)). The communication plan will include targeted audiences, a refresh of the BACWA.org website, creation of collateral for key outreach messages, coordination with BACWA member agency staff, and metrics to evaluate performance. The key messages will be focused on algae blooms / nutrients, climate change / sea level rise resilience, and two topics that are likely to be of interest to BAPPG: "Clean water infrastructure 101," and PFAS. Attendees discussed the need for coordination with BAPPG since pollution prevention messages are typically hosted on Baywise.org.

Emerging Contaminants Update

Diana Lin from SFEI provided an update on the Regional Monitoring Program's prioritization of CECs in San Francisco Bay ([link to slides](#)). She provided information about ongoing studies for two contaminants ranked as "high concern:" Organophosphate Esters (OPEs) and PFAS. The use of OPEs is increasing because they are a replacement compound for PBDE. In some fish tissue samples collected in SF Bay, concentrations of specific OPE and PFAS compounds exceed published ecotoxicity thresholds. Dr. Lin also provided information on toxicity concerns related to fipronil, imidacloprid, and microplastics (particularly [6PPD-quinone from tire particles](#)), all of "moderate concern," and quaternary ammonium compounds (QACs), which are a "possible concern." Dr. Lin's presentation was used to develop the list of potential pollutants for prioritization; PFAS, OPEs, Microplastics, QACs were all included.

Pollutant Prioritization

Attendees split into groups and discussed pollutants of concern, focusing on (1) the risk to POTWs, (2) how easily the pollutant can be diverted at the source, (3) whether there are potential regulatory issues, and (4) whether agencies are already working on the pollutant. After sharing the results of the group discussions, attendees ranked the top pollutants of concern through voting. Based on member votes, the final prioritized list for FY25 is:

- 1. PFAS and Toilets Aren't Trash Cans** (Tied)
- 2. FOG**

Microplastics, QACs, and Flea/Tick Medications ranked lower (3-way tie) and OPEs received no votes.

Next BAPPG General Meeting: December 6th, 2023, 10am – 12pm, on Zoom