

**Committee Request for Board Action: None**

**45 attendees (including 2 guest speakers) from 30 member agencies**

**Presentation on Inland Empire Utilities Agency's Mutual Aid Program**

[Lucia Diaz](#) and [Ed Makowski](#) from Inland Empire Utilities Agency (IEUA) presented on a mutual aid program that IEUA operates with nine other public agencies located in their service area ([link to presentation slides](#)). IEUA serves about 1 million residents and is headquartered in Chino, CA. IEUA operates five wastewater treatment plants, while most wastewater collection services are provided by partner agencies. In 2004 IEUA entered into a mutual aid agreement with their regional partners. Aspects of the mutual aid program covered in the presentation included:

- The mutual aid partners meet quarterly, conduct joint regional training, and support one another in emergencies – particularly sanitary sewer spills. This helps all the partner agencies comply with the statewide general order for sanitary sewer systems.
- During training sessions, operators familiarize themselves with one another, their vehicles and others equipment from partner agencies. This increases comfort and efficiency during a coordinated emergency response. They offer CEUs for the training sessions.
- The mutual aid partners share on-call numbers and the equipment that they have available for bypass pumping, etc. The lists are updated at each quarterly meeting.
- Mutual aid partners also share information about source control and illicit dischargers, which helps protect water quality.
- Lucia's advice for agencies that would like to emulate this program is to "start small" by holding coordination meetings and sharing contact information with one another. This initial step does not require a formal mutual aid agreement. Conducting joint training sessions is another good way to begin.

**Implementation of Reissued General Order for Sanitary Sewer Systems (SSS-WDR)**

- BACWA has hired a consultant team to update the [2015 Guidance Document on Sewer System Management Plans](#). The consultant team (R. Cunningham, J. Fischer, P. Causey and S. Rose) solicited input from the committee on items to include in the guidance document.
- Some agencies have reported that they did not receive a response to emails sent to [SanitarySewer@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:SanitarySewer@waterboards.ca.gov). If issues arise, contact Afrooz Farsimadan ([Afrooz.Farsimadan@Waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Afrooz.Farsimadan@Waterboards.ca.gov)).
- The State Water Board may soon issue a revised version of the pre-inspection questionnaire to reflect the reissued SSS-WDR. Old versions are still available on the [State Water Board's website](#).

**BACWA Announcements**

- The Sacramento Metro Air Quality Management District recently determined that Tier 4 emissions controls are the Best Available Control Technology (BACT) for standby diesel engines larger than 50 hP ([link](#)). This ruling is likely to apply in the Bay Area in the near future.
- [AB 1594](#) was signed by the Governor in October. The bill exempts some public agencies from having to replace specialized vehicles with zero-emission vehicles when they are needed for emergency response capabilities. CARB is still determining how to integrate this into the [Advanced Clean Fleet Rule](#).

**Upcoming Events**

- Sam Rose is offering two training sessions on spill reporting:
  - [Dec. 7: Annual Spill Reporting of Category 4 and Lateral Spills](#)
  - [Feb. 7: Preparing and Submitting the Annual Report](#)

**Next Collection System Committee Meeting:** February 8, 2024 on Zoom

Remaining meetings in 2024 will be held May 9, Aug 8, and Nov. 14. The May or August meeting will tentatively be held in-person for a tour or demonstration.