

Committee Request for Board Action: None

37 attendees participating virtually, representing 27 member agencies, the Regional Water Board, and two guest speakers.

Updates on Committee Activity and Announcements

- **Regional Water Board Announcements:** Alessandra Moyer noted that she will be circulating tips for completing and submitting Pollution Prevention reports, which are due at the end of February.
- **Pesticides Subcommittee:** The City of Palo Alto recently completed an informational flyer for flea and tick medication for use in veterinary offices; the graphics are available on the [BACWA website](#). For more information, contact [Olivia Trevino](#). BAPPG's February meeting will feature a presentation on flea and tick pesticides from Stephanie Hughes. AB 363 banning over-the-counter sales of neonicotinoids for use in lawns and gardens was recently signed into law (article [here](#), text of bill [here](#)). While it does not address indoor uses of neonics, such as flea/tick treatments, it does require the state to complete a review of all non-agricultural uses.
- **Budget.** The FY24 budget is on track.
- **Outreach / Marketing:** Robert Wilson shared the results of SGA's fall campaign (see [slides](#)). Virtually all of the ad impressions were on mobile devices, highlighting the importance of creating outreach materials for that medium.
- **BACWA Announcements:** The report for BACWA's PFAS study is nearly complete, and BACWA will be sharing a Fact Sheet soon. Members that are preparing their own PFAS outreach materials should coordinate with their BAPPG peers to develop information for one another's use and for posting on the Baywise website (which currently has no PFAS information).
- **CWEA:** The [CWEA P3S conference](#) will be held February 4-7 in Anaheim. Also, Susan Hiestand shared that CWEA has small grants available (\$500-\$2500) to help start up public outreach campaigns. The deadline has been extended to December 29th. See [CWEA website](#).

National Stewardship Action Council Update

Jordan Wells, Director of Advocacy & Communications at the [National Stewardship Action Council](#) (NSAC) presented background information about the concept of Extended Producer Responsibility and highlighted recent NSAC outreach efforts. The slides are available [here](#). Recent legislative successes at the state level include SB 212 for meds/sharps, AB 818 for wipes, and SB 54 for plastic packaging. Implementation of SB 54 is just beginning through CalRecycle ([link to CalRecycle SB54 Website](#)). NSAC is running a SB 54 Implementation Working Group that agencies could join for \$500/year (see [NSAC website](#)). Jordan also shared information about Extended Producer Responsibility efforts on mercury (phasing out fluorescent bulbs) and, in Vermont, household hazardous waste. The federal WIPPE Act (HR 2964) is another priority; BAPPG has signed [letters of support](#) for this legislation, which recently passed out of committee.

California Product Stewardship Council Update

Doug Kobold, Executive Director of the [California Product Stewardship Council](#) (CPSC) provided an overview of the most recent state legislative session, focusing on about a dozen Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) bills out of the 2,262 bills introduced last January 2023. The slides are available [here](#). Bills that passed included SB 592 (a pilot program with solid waste haulers to reduce illegal dumping), AB 1526 (adding aerosol paints to the state's EPR program for paint), SB 244 ("Right-to-Repair" for electronics) and SB 353 (adding juice containers to the beverage container program). Notable vetoes include all three PFAS bills (menstrual products, cleaning products, and artificial turf). Doug also provided information about key issues where CPSC continues to conduct advocacy, including textiles, EV batteries, non-refillable gas cylinders, solar panels, and marine flares (which contain toxic chemicals, including perchlorate).

Next BAPPG General Meeting: February 7, 2023, 10am – 12pm, on Zoom