

# YEAR IN REVIEW

2023-2024



**B A C W A**  
**BAY AREA**  
**CLEAN WATER**  
**AGENCIES**

Annual Meeting

May 3, 2024

# BACWA's Mission

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To provide an effective regional voice for clean water agencies' stewardship of the San Francisco Bay's ecological, community, and economic resources.





# What was new in Fiscal Year 2024 – Recycled Water Workshop





# What was new in Fiscal Year 2024 – Value of Wastewater Campaign

## Wastewater Treatment

When you flush a toilet, wash dishes, or take a shower, that water flows through sewers to a wastewater treatment facility where it is cleaned before entering the Bay. Clean water agencies operate more than 16,000 miles of sewers and over forty wastewater treatment facilities that collect and clean billions of gallons of water per year. This work is crucial to protecting the health of the Bay.

You can help: Don't flush unused medications - find a collection location near you. Avoid sewer backups - keep cooking oil out of the kitchen drain, and don't be deceived by so-called flushable wipes that don't break down like toilet paper.

Remember, only the 3 Ps down the toilet - poop, (toilet) paper, and pee!

**Learn more at [BayWise.org](http://BayWise.org).**



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**Protecting the San Francisco Bay environment**  
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# What was new in Fiscal Year 2024 – Public Outreach on Nutrients

**The Mercury News**

## Tightened wastewater regulations could cost Bay Area cities billions

Regulator expected to rule this spring on tougher discharge requirements



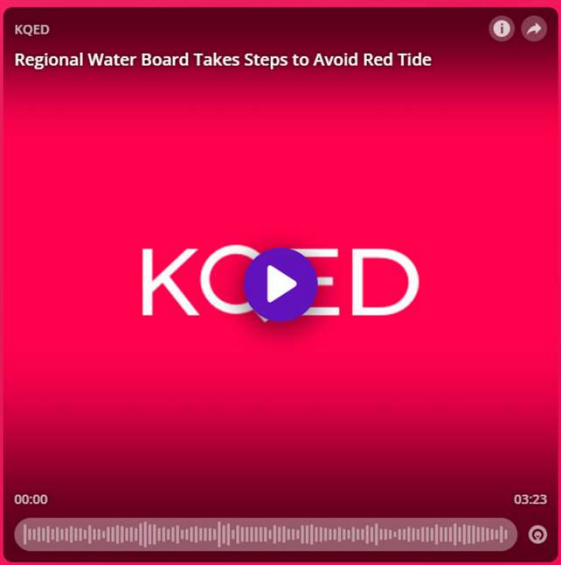
Regional Water Quality Control Plant manager Jamie Allen looks over an empty waste water tank being remodeled on Thursday, March 21, 2024, in Palo Alto, Calif. The plant is undergoing a \$369 million upgrade project. (Aric Crabb/Bay Area News Group)

By [RYAN MACASERO](#) | March 26, 2024

At least \$11 billion would be needed to upgrade wastewater treatment facilities across the Bay Area if regulators impose anticipated stricter environmental rules, according to a regional water board that seeks to protect the San Francisco Bay.

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### Regional Water Board Takes Steps to Avoid Red Tide



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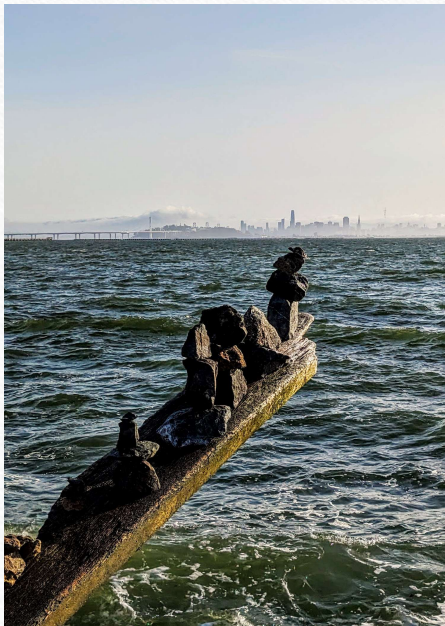
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# Membership Services

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- Committee activities and email lists
- BACWA Bulletin
- NPDES compliance reporting
- Opportunities for discussion of key issues
- Managers Roundtable
- Support for member fundraising
- Training on technical topics
- Support for Projects of Special Benefit: BABC, BACC, and BACWWE





# Collaboration

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- Representation at state and national associations
- Representation on key regional efforts and issues
- Bay Area scientific investigations
- Mercury and PCB risk reduction
- Bruce Wolfe memorial scholarship
- Nutrient Workshop to benefit David Jenkins scholarship endowment





# Look ahead to Fiscal Year 2024/25

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- Complying the 3<sup>rd</sup> Nutrient Watershed Permit
- Establishment of climate change community of practice
- Building BACWA communications initiative
- Recycled Water
  - Engagement with water agencies on recycling
  - RO Concentrate management
- Workforce development
- Biosolids reboot

# Get involved!

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