

Committee Request for Board Action: None

Virtual meeting format with 37 attendees representing 20 member agencies

Upcoming Permits / Tentative Orders

The wet weather NPDES permit for [Oro Loma](#) is scheduled for reissuance in May. NPDES permits for [West County Agency](#) (West County Wastewater District and City of Richmond) and [Port Costa](#) are scheduled for reissuance in June. Representatives from these dischargers reported no major issues with the draft permits.

Chronic Toxicity Species Sensitivity Screening

The BACWA Lab Committee discussed tips for conducting chronic toxicity screening studies at its April 23rd meeting ([link to slides](#)).

Nutrient Watershed Permit

Attendees discussed the contents of the [Tentative Order](#) reissuing the Nutrient Watershed Permit, which is scheduled for adoption at the June 12th Regional Water Board meeting. Discussion items included:

- Implementation of final limits in this permit and future permits contrasted with the “best management practices”-based approach used in the [Puget Sound Nutrient General Permit](#)
- Reporting requirements in Provisions 6.3.3 – 6.3.4
- Need for greater clarity on the Report of Waste Discharge requirements (Provision 6.3.7)
- Reduced monitoring for nitrate-nitrite for those agencies that have already demonstrated they have very low levels in influent (footnote [3] to Table E-2)

Basin Plan and Ocean Plan Updates

- The State Water Board has approved the [Basin Plan Amendment to Address NPDES Permitting Needs](#). It still requires approval by OAL and USEPA.
- The Regional Water Board has released a [“refined” version](#) of the Basin Plan Amendment on Climate Change and Aquatic Habitat Protection, Management, and Restoration originally adopted July 2022.
- Regional Water Board staff have initiated the [2024 Triennial Review](#) with a survey on candidate projects open until May 24th. BACWA plans to submit a response regarding nutrients. Attendees suggested updating toxicity language that has been superseded by statewide policy.
- The State Water Board is planning to conduct an [Ocean Plan Review](#) in 2024. An amendment regarding Ocean Acidification and Hypoxia is currently planned for 2025-2026 ([link](#)).

Other Announcements

- **PFAS.** USEPA has finalized [Drinking Water Limits](#), has designated PFOA and PFOS as [hazardous substances under CERCLA](#), and plans an [Influent Study of POTWs](#). BACWA plans to submit comments on the draft questionnaire by May 28. [SB 903](#) (Skinner) banning non-essential uses of PFAS in California continues to move through the state Senate.
- **PCB Reporting.** BACWA is continuing to work with members on a proposal to bring to Regional Water Board staff regarding modifications to PCB reporting. Several attendees noted they have received satisfactory lab reports with case narrative information that adequately explains results.
- **Air Regulations.** BACWA has released an [RFP for AIR Committee Support](#); responses are due May 10. Separately, BACWA has completed outreach regarding participation in a statewide pooled emissions study for air toxics being led by CASA. The study will kick off soon.

Next Permits Committee Meeting: June 11, 2024, 12:30 PM on MS Teams