

Committee Request for Board Action: None

Regular meeting: 26 attendees from 18 member agencies participating

Kristy Fournier ran the meeting in her new role as committee chair. Brittany Rossi Worthen is the committee's new Vice Chair.

ELAP Fee Structure Update

ELAP's [Proposed Fees for FY25](#) are the same as FY24 for small labs; the base fee is not changing. For FY25, ELAP plans to set higher fees for three additional tiers of large laboratories with more than 500 Fields of Accreditation (FOAs). Members should make sure to check their bill to make sure the correct number of FOAs are listed (i.e., drop any old FOAs that are no longer relevant due to the MUR 2021 Methods Update).

Report-Out from 2024 ELAP Program

At the 2024 ELAP Program Conference, there was a discussion about the acceptable limits for IR guns. The daily acceptable limit for is within +/-0.5C of the reference thermometer in the updated SM24 9020, which is different than what we had previously discussed at the BACWA Lab committee (+/-1.0C). The more stringent limits apply because ELAP auditors are using the SM24 edition, including the SM 9000 QA chapter, even though MUR 2024 does not call out the new 9000 QA chapter. Third-party auditors will not switch over to the new standard until the new MUR is adopted by California.

Methods Update Rule 2023 Update

Committee leaders will work with a group of volunteers to identify important changes in the USEPA [Methods Update Rule 2023](#) and will report back to the committee soon.

BACWA Updates:

- The Nutrient Watershed Permit is scheduled for adoption on July 10th. A revised Tentative Order is expected later this week.
- Materials from the BACWA Annual Meeting are available on [BACWA website](#)

Training Needs

The TNI training session is now complete, and all 30 training session videos are archived on the [BACWA website](#). For future training, committee members suggested a presentation on the Methods Update Rule 2023.

Announcements and Member Discussion

- EBMUD staff shared information about new risk management rules for methylene chloride ([Risk Management for Methylene Chloride | US EPA](#)). Methylene Chloride is used for liquid extraction in some laboratory methods, and EBMUD has taken steps to reduce worker exposure such as moving the location of items within the fume hood, adjusting fume hood sash heights, and investigating the use of solid phase extraction in lieu of liquid extraction.
- Palo Alto is recruiting for two laboratory tech positions ([link](#)) through July 15th.

Next Regular Meeting: Tuesday, August 13th