

Committee Request for Board Action: None

42 attendees participated virtually, representing 25 member agencies, the Regional Water Board, and two guest speakers.

Updates on Committee Activity and Announcements

- **Regional Water Board Announcements:** Nominations for the next [Dr. Teng-Chu Wu Pollution Prevention Award](#) are open now and are due to [Alessandra Moyer](#) by Friday, September 6th.
- **Baywise Website:** The Baywise website refresh is now live at [Baywise.org](#). It includes a new site design and a new interactive [Map](#) that allows users to find their local wastewater agency. BAPPG members should ask their agencies to add a link to Baywise and/or update any outdated links.
- **BACWA Announcements:**
 - The reissued [Nutrient Watershed Permit](#) goes into effect October 1st. See [BACWA press release](#) and new content on [Baywise](#). BACWA will host a [nutrient reduction workshop](#) on August 29th.
 - A [guidance document](#) on updating Sewer System Management Plans is now available.
 - The committee's email list has changed to bappg@lists.bacwa.org instead of Google Groups.
- **CWEA** will host its next Annual P3S Conference in San Jose on February 3-5, 2025. Proposals for presentations are due August 30th ([link](#)). CWEA is also offering small grants for P3S outreach projects; applications are due December 15th ([link](#)).

Pollutants of Concern Discussion - FOG

DJ Alejandro and Alessandra Moyer from the Regional Water Board kicked off a discussion of pollutants of concern with Fats, Oils, and Grease (FOG). FOG is the first pollutant to be discussed from a list compiled from recent annual pollution prevention reports (see [spreadsheet compilation](#)). FOG-related sewer spills have fallen in recent years, but outreach to residents, restaurants, motor vehicle repair shops, and food trucks is still needed. FOG resources are available on the [Baywise](#) and [BACWA](#) websites. **Members identified a need for better outreach materials for food trucks**, and noted that disposal rules vary by municipality. On a related note, BAPPG's fall public outreach campaign will focus on FOG.

Statewide PFAS Campaign

Emily Barnett (Central San) shared information about a statewide PFAS information campaign developed based on a survey of Californians that revealed lack of knowledge on PFAS. Public information resources and an email list subscription are now available at [PFAS411.ORG](#). Social media clips will be shared soon.

DTSC's Work on PFAS in Consumer Products

[Dr. Simona Bălan](#) from the California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) presented on the work of DTSC's Safer Consumer Products Program to study and reduce the use of PFAS in consumer products ([link to presentation slides](#)). The program has already removed up to 100 metric tons of PFAS from California homes and workplaces. For example, the program required removal of PFAS from carpets in 2021, and in in aftermarket textile treatments (like water-proofing sprays) in 2022. Dr. Bălan and colleagues have also studied PFAS in cosmetics (see June 2024 [journal article](#)) and found most of the PFAS coming from shaving creams and gels, hair care, facial cleansers, and sun care -- not makeup. The next product that DTSC will study is artificial turf. More information is available in Dr. Bălan's 2023 book, [Toward a PFAS-free Future](#). After Dr. Bălan's presentation, Ezra Miller from San Francisco Estuary Institute (SFEI) provided additional information about the \$6M [PFAS Sources to Solutions](#) project that received grant funding from EPA to characterize the pathway of PFAS in consumer products to wastewater and stormwater. The project will involve work by DTSC, SFEI, stormwater agencies, BACWA, and others.

Next BAPPG General Meeting:

October 2, 2024, 10am – 12pm, in-person at Regional Water Board offices in Oakland