



BACWA Executive Board
April 4, 2024 Special Meeting Summary

ATTENDEES:

Executive Board Representatives: Amit Mutsuddy (EBMUD), Jackie Zipkin (East Bay Dischargers Authority), Lori Schectel (Central San), Amy Chastain (SFPUC), and Eric Dunlavey (San José)

Other Attendees:

Name	Agency/Company
Lorien Fono	BACWA
Jennifer Brown	San José
Jennie Pang	SFPUC
Greg Norby	Central San
David Donovan	Hayward

1. Introductions and Public Comment

Amit Mutsuddy called the meeting to order at 8:31 pm and led introductions. The meeting was conducted in remote format, with participants joining virtually from posted public locations. There was no public comment.

2. Approval: Consideration of FY24 Contract with Raftelis for \$34K (\$18K for rate analysis, plus \$16K as-needed affordability analysis)

BACWA’s Board previously gave direction that it would like to develop a planning level rate impact analysis for nutrient-compliance related expenses. BACWA’s Executive Director conducted a single-source solicitation of a proposal Raftelis Financial Consultants, Inc due to the firm’s existing relationship with BACWA members. Sole-sourcing was used due to the time constraints on this work, and BACWA’s contracting Policy 2.03 allows sole-sourcing up to \$30,000, with the option of increasing that amount with justification. The contract authorizes \$18,000 to perform a high-level rate analysis with the outcome being the impact on household costs. An additional \$16,000 may be authorized at a later date to perform an affordability analysis. There was a discussion that we’d like to quantify the time-sensitivity of the requirements by comparing a 10-year to a 20-year compliance timeframes.

A motion to approve was made by Jackie Zipkin (EBDA) and seconded by Lori Schectel (Central San). The motion was approved by all Board members except for Eric Dunlavey (San José) who abstained.

3. Update on Nutrient Watershed Permit Negotiations

ED shared updates on recent discussions with the Water Boards, who don’t see a way to get around the State Compliance Schedule Policy without a Basin Plan Amendment. The Water Board also didn’t agree that a BMP-based approach was a mechanism to provide more flexibility. The Board discussed the approach for commenting on the TO, which was anticipated to be released by April 5.

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4. CWEA Presentation

ED will give a presentation with HDR and SJ at the CWEA Annual Conference on April 11. The Board will have a chance to review the slides in advance.

5. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 10:01am