

Committee Request for Board Action: None

39 attendees participated virtually. Participants represented 23 member agencies, the Regional Water Board, and one guest speaker.

Updates on Committee Activity and Announcements

- **Regional Water Board Announcements:** Agencies that need guidance on pollution prevention reporting can refer to last year's tips ([link to slides](#)).
- **BACWA Updates:** The BACWA Annual Members Meeting will be held May 2nd.
 - **PFAS** - BACWA is following several USEPA PFAS initiatives, including the [POTW Influent Study](#), [Draft Risk Assessment for PFOA and PFOS in Biosolids](#), [Draft Human Health Water Quality Criteria](#). The CA legislative session is also likely to include PFAS bills. BACWA plans to begin Phase 3 of the regional PFAS Study in FY26 (link to [BACWA PFAS study results](#)).
 - **Nutrients** - A science summary will be released soon for members' use. The next Group Annual report will be released by April 1st, and a regional planning study is kicking off soon.
 - **Communications** – Civic Edge is providing BACWA with public outreach support on wastewater infrastructure; resources will be shared with BAPPG as they become available.
- **Steering Committee:** The spring campaign will focus on PFAS, and work is underway with Sagent on messaging. The steering committee is also at work on the BAPPG Annual Report ([link](#)).
- **CWEA** held its Annual [P3S Conference](#) in San Jose in early February.

BACWA Pesticide Workgroup – Annual Update to BAPPG

Stephanie Hughes, who leads the consultant team that provides pesticides regulatory support to BAPPG/BACWA, provided a comprehensive update from the pesticides workgroup. [Link to slides](#). Highlights from the presentation included:

- **Coordination with Regulators.** The workgroup submits letters to USEPA, and has also been meeting regularly with the CA Dept. of Pesticide Regulation (DPR) and the CA Dept. of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC). DTSC's Jen Jackson also recently provided an update on the Safer Consumer Products Program to the BACWA Executive Board ([link to slides](#)). This DTSC program has the potential to address many pollutants of concern, including QACs, which are antimicrobial products (but may not be officially registered as pesticides).
- **Watch List.** The pesticides workgroup maintains a Watch List that prioritizes pesticides based on their hazard and potential exposure pathways. The most recent [BAPPG/BACWA Wastewater Pesticides Watch List](#) (Dec. 2024) identifies several insecticides as “high concern:” pyrethroids, fipronil, and imidacloprid. The pesticides workgroup is focused on reducing the down-the-drain pathway for two particularly concerning pathways: topical uses on pets or humans, and general indoor uses (sprays, foggers, etc.).
- **Flea and Tick Outreach.** For flea and tick pet pesticides, the workgroup has developed a workplan for continued education to the veterinary community and public outreach to pet owners. **The pesticides workgroup requests assistance from all BAPPG members in this pesticide outreach effort.**

Following the meeting, the pesticides workgroup sent out additional details to BAPPG committee members about how they can support the BAPPG outreach campaign for on-pet and indoor flea and tick pet pesticides. Suggestions included amplifying the messages from the [Baywise vets page](#) and [Baywise pet owner page](#), including the topic in customer newsletters, and using BAPPG's [Flea and Tick Outreach Toolkits](#).

Next BAPPG General Meeting: April 2, 10am – 12pm, Virtual