

Committee Request for Board Action: None

In-person meeting at the Richmond Water Pollution Control Plant, with 15 attendees representing 8 member agencies.

Plant Tour of Richmond Water Pollution Control Plant

General Manager Tommy Stickles, Collection Systems & Maintenance Manager Mitchell Hendricks, and capital program manager Rodrigo Vignau Loría led the group on a tour of the plant. All three are employees of Veolia, the contract operator of the City of Richmond's treatment plant and collection system. In 2024, a plant upgrade was completed that included new mechanical fine screens, grit washing, a biofilter for odor control, a new blower building with mechanical turbo blowers and new fine bubble diffusers for the aeration tanks ([link to more info](#)). A new storage and dewatering system for waste activated sludge has been also constructed to replace the existing DAF, but cannot be operated until air permitting is complete. As currently configured, the plant has basins in the secondary treatment train that can be used as anoxic zones, and Veolia plans to conduct a nutrient removal study at the plant this summer. The tour also included discussions of wet weather operations, when flows exceed the secondary treatment capacity.



Next Meeting: Potential future meeting locations include CMSA or San Jose.