

**BAPPG Committee  
Report to BACWA Board**

Meeting Date: August 6, 2025  
Executive Board Meeting Date: September 19, 2025  
BAPPG Chairs: Robert Wilson (City of Santa Rosa),  
Autumn Ross (SFPUC)

**Committee Request for Board Action: None**

44 attendees participated virtually from 28 member agencies and the Regional Water Board, plus two guest speakers.

***Updates on Committee Activity and Announcements***

- **Regional Water Board Updates:** Nominations for the [Dr. Teng Chung Wu Pollution Prevention Award](#) are due August 13<sup>th</sup>. Mercury and PCB load updates were shared in the [July 2025 Executive Officer's report](#), and are consistent with past loads.
- **Legislation:** [SB 682](#), a ban on PFAS in six categories of consumer products, is in the state assembly. The WIPPES act ([H.R.2269](#) or [S.1092](#)) has passed the House and a Senate committee.
- **BACWA Updates:** The communications steering committee is working on a video about the value of wastewater infrastructure. To join that group, contact [Lorien Fono](#).
- **Leadership Opportunities:** Volunteers welcome! Members interested in serving on the BAPPG Steering Committee or helping to lead BAPPG should contact the chairs or BACWA staff.

***Emerging Contaminants Update – [Link to Slides](#)***

Ezra Miller from San Francisco Estuary Institute (SFEI) provided an update on behalf of the [Regional Monitoring Program's Emerging Contaminants Workgroup](#). The workgroup uses a [tiered risk-based framework](#) for planning studies of Constituents of Emerging Concern (CECs). Currently, organophosphate esters (OPEs) and PFAS are "high" concern, while "moderate" concern CECs include bisphenols, carbendazim, fipronil & degradates, imidacloprid, and microplastics. Carbendazim, a recent addition to the list, is a preservative that has been found in toilet paper ([link](#)). QACs are a "possible concern" that have been linked to recent Bay Area WWTP upsets. SFEI has ongoing monitoring projects related to PFAS, OPEs, bisphenols, preservatives, flea/tick pesticides, and QACs. BACWA members are welcome to attend the workgroup's and RMP annual meetings.

***Pet Pesticides Update – [Link to Slides](#)***

Stephanie Hughes, consultant to BAPPG, shared an update on recent outreach efforts related to pet pesticides, which includes outreach to Regional Water Board staff; coordination with the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) and veterinary experts from the UK; coordination with the CA Department of Pesticide Regulation (DPR) Surface Water Protection Program and Sustainable Pest Management division; and outreach by San Jose and Palo Alto staff to local pet shelters. The group discussed risk-based messaging related to pet pesticides (e.g., vacuuming and washing bedding as a first line of defense; oral rather than spot-on treatments) and whether it is appropriate to urge consumers to switch the brand of spot-on treatment to less toxic formulations.

***Fall FOG Campaign***

The steering committee shared AI-generated graphics concepts for the fall outreach campaign on Fats, Oils, and Grease (FOG). Attendees voted for their preferred images. The group discussed using the word "bin" rather than "trash" since some communities allow FOG in the green waste bin.

**3 P's or 3 Ps?** Attendees voted on whether they prefer for the phrase "3 P's" to have an apostrophe. The vote tally was 18 votes for "3 P's" and 8 votes for "3 Ps".

**Next BAPPG General Meeting: Wednesday, October 1<sup>st</sup>, 10am – 12pm**

In-Person at Regional Water Board Office, Regional Water Board, 1515 Clay St., Oakland - Room 9