



## **Executive Board Meeting Minutes**

**Friday August 15, 2025, 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM (PDT)**

**Executive Board Representatives:** Amy Chastain (San Francisco Public Utilities Commission); Amit Mutsuddy (East Bay Municipal Utility District); Eric Dunlavy (City of San Jose); Jackie Zipkin (East Bay Dischargers Authority); Greg Norby (Central Contra Costa Sanitary District).

### **Attendees**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Agency/Company</b>
Alicia Chakrabarti	EBMUD
Amanda Roa	Fairfield-Suisun Sewer District
Blake Brown	Central San
Brian Thomas	Delta Diablo
Charlie Hammond	HDR
Dave Clark	HDR
Diane Griffin	DSRSD
Francis Rooney	SVCW
Irene Chu	Hazen and Sawyer
Jared Voskuhl	CASA
Jennie Pang	SFPUC
Jennifer Dyment	BACWA
Khae Bohan	Central San
Lorien Fono	BACWA
Mary Cousins	BACWA
Tim Lewis	Dublin San Ramon Services District
Vince De Lange	Delta Diablo

Jackie called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

### **Agenda Item**

#### **ROLL CALL, INTRODUCTIONS, AND TELECONFERENCE ETIQUETTE**

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

[Guidelines](#)

**CONSIDERATION TO TAKE AGENDA ITEMS OUT OF ORDER**  
Management Committee presentation will be taken out of order.

- Item 16 The Asset

### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

- 1 June 20, 2025, BACWA Executive Board meeting minutes
- 2 June 2026 Treasurer's Report

**Consent Calendar items 1 thru 2:** A motion to approve was made by Amy Chastain (San Francisco Public Utilities Commission) and seconded by Eric Dunlavey (City of San Jose). EBMUD abstained. Remaining were in favor. None opposed.

### **APPROVALS AND AUTHORIZATIONS**

**3 Resolution: Resolution Honoring Michael Connor** - BACWA ED recognized Michael Connor's contribution and dedication to the wastewater community and described the resolution prepared by BACWA and SFEI.

**4 Authorization: CAR The Freshwater Trust Trading Feasibility SOW#1 \$9,890**  
- BACWA ED described the process and the two scopes of work for The Freshwater Trust. Item 4 is the contract for Phase 1 of the Scope, while Phase 2 is included within HDR's contract amendment (Item 5, below).

**5 Approval: HDR Regional Study for Watershed Permit #3, \$444,137** - BACWA RPM described the contract in the packet. This is an amendment to an HDR contract approved in December 2024. The SOW for the total Regional Planning Study contract includes the original contract for simplicity moving forward. HDR staff attended meeting to answer any questions.

**Approvals and Authorizations item 5:** A motion to approve was made by Amit Mutsuddy (EBMUD) and seconded by Eric Dunlavey (City of San Jose). All were in favor. None opposed.

**6 Approval: Contribution to CASA Coastal Nutrients modeling support \$35,000**  
- BACWA ED described a California Central Coast nutrient management fact-finding and modeling project organized by CASA, with engineering support from HDR. Meeting attendees discussed the project, whose geographic scope extends to the coastal ocean near the Golden Gate. Discharges being modeled include central coast rivers, POTW ocean dischargers, and fluxes from the Golden Gate. BACWA's contribution will support our ocean discharger members, and give us a seat at the table as part of the modeling effort.

**Approvals and Authorizations item 6:** A motion to approve was made by Eric Dunlavey (City of San Jose) and seconded by Amy Chastain (San Francisco Public Utilities Commission). All were in favor. None opposed.

**7 Approval: BABC and City of Santa Rosa Contribution to National Biosolids Collaborative at UAZ, \$60,000** – BACWA ED explained the research being done by University of Arizona to characterize the movement of PFAS from biosolids into groundwater and crops. BABC has a reserve to fund science related to the safety and benefits of biosolids. BABC is contributing \$50,000 and Santa Rosa is contributing \$10,000 through BACWA.

**Approvals and Authorizations item 7:** A motion to approve was made by Amit Mutsuddy (EBMUD) and seconded by Eric Dunlavey (City of San Jose). All were in favor. None opposed.

**8 Approval: SFEI contract for risk reduction surveys, \$50,000** - BACWA RPM explained the contract with SFEI to perform fishing surveys that will inform efforts to reduce risk for subsistence fishing in San Francisco Bay.

**Approvals and Authorizations item 8:** A motion to approve was made by Eric Dunlavey (City of San Jose) and seconded by Amit Mutsuddy (EBMUD). All were in favor. None opposed.

**9 Approval: NMS Payment #1 for FY26 \$1.1M** – BACWA ED explained the annual payments to SFEI for the science research. This is the first of two payments to the NMS for FY26.

**Approvals and Authorizations item 9:** A motion to approve was made by Amit Dunlavey (City of San Jose) and seconded by Amit Schectel (Central Contra Costa Sanitary District). All were in favor. None opposed.

## **POLICY/STRATEGIC**

**10 Discussion: BACWA collaborative PFAS Strategy** - BACWA ED shared background information, including recent news articles, highlighting the need for coordination on PFAS science, source control, and communication. BACWA ED shared that the Water Boards staff plan to meet internally to discuss PFAS strategy in late September.

**Action item:** BACWA to meet with Regional Water Board staff in early September to discuss opportunities to coordinate on PFAS source control, science, and communication.

**11 Discussion: PFAS limits in R2 groundwater discharge permit** - BACWA RPM shared a slide summarizing the PFAS limits in the region 2 general permit for groundwater, which are based on a similar framework to the drinking water PFAS MCLs. This is a tentative order that is scheduled for consideration at a September 10<sup>th</sup> Regional Water Board meeting. Group discussed concerns about precedent and monitoring costs.

**Action items:** BACWA RPM is going to prepare draft talking points and share them with BACWA community.

**12 Discussion: Communications update - Wastewater 101 Video and PFAS Media Strategy** - BACWA ED shared a slide that summarized the schedule for the Wastewater 101 video. The video will be 2-3 minutes long and it will be editable so segments can be used on social media. She is also working with the communications team on a museum exhibit and a possible PFAS media strategy.

**13 Discussion: Nutrient Science Update**

**i. BACWA NMS Review position** - BACWA ED has reached out to previous NMS Steering Committee participants who have since retired to gauge their interest in this position. She will work with the nutrient technical team to potentially bring a contract to the Board in September.

**ii. NMS Deliverables** - the list is in the packet.

**iii. Central Coast Ocean Modeling** - BACWA ED shared there is a link in the packet to an article submitted to a scientific journal regarding California central coast ocean modeling ([article link](#)). BACWA ED provided a summary of key and important topics from the article. The key take away is that anthropogenic nutrient dischargers are unlikely to be having a large effect on OAH, but may contribute to the likelihood of HABs. BACWA ED shared several possible comments on the article.

**Action Item:** BACWA ED to share comments on journal article with SCCWRP.

**14 Informational: EPA Region IX SF Bay Program Office funding update** - BACWA ED shared that \$30m is available in the FY25 SF Bay Program budget of USEPA Region IX. A notice of funding opportunity will be released in November 2025. BACWA ED said it was a competitive grant opportunity and that EPA staff recommended seeking a grant for a group nutrient trading program.

**15 Discussion: Collective advocacy to electeds on funding support** - BACWA ED shared there is coalition letter in the packet addressed to the Bay Area congressional delegation that expresses support for maintain funding for the SF Bay Program. BACWA ED noted that SFPUC government affairs staff have suggested an outreach and collaborative

strategy to work with elected officials and on maintaining this funding. Attendees also suggested outreach to other forums where electeds may be present (e.g., ABAG, League of CA Cities)

**16 Discussion: BACWA Committee update - Asset Management** - Khae Bohan (Central San), co-chair of the Asset Management committee, shared the committee's accomplishments for the last three years. The committee leaders thanked BACWA RPM and board for their continued support, and requested the board's support in identifying new co-chairs for the committee.

## **BREAK**

**17 Informational: Onsite Reuse Regulations Response to Comments** - BACWA RPM provided an update on regulations by the State Water Board. A revised draft was recently released and addresses some of BACWA's previously submitted comments. The regulations are expected to be finalized by spring 2026.

**18 Informational: Impact of TST finding by 5th Appellate District Court** - BACWA RPM shared that a court opinion was recently issued on the Test of Significant Toxicity in response to a wastewater coalition lawsuit regarding the statewide toxicity provisions. A group discussion followed.

**Action item:** BACWA RPM to continue tracking outcome of TST court opinion on NPDES permits in the region.

## **19 Discussion: Potential BACWA events**

**i. PFAS forum** - BACWA ED shared that there will be an online forum in October 2025 to cover general introduction, regulatory overview, outreach materials and discussions on the type of support BACWA member agencies need on PFAS.

**Action item:** BACWA ED to continue to work on PFAS forum.

**ii. AI Infoshare** - Members discussed possible topics for an AI Infoshare. Central San offered to present on a topic related to machine learning, predictive analytics, and maintenance contracts.

**Action item** – BACWA ED will begin compiling information about member agencies that may be able to present on their AI-related projects at a future infoshare event.

**iii. Climate Adaptation and RFI** - BACWA RPM shared that the Regional Water Board wants to update a 2021 survey regarding agencies' climate adaptation plans. BACWA RPM will be working with the Permits Committee on this. Group provided feedback on the surveys.

**iv. Nutrient Removal Emerging Technologies** - BACWA ED shared that when agencies are implementing innovative nutrient removal projects we ask if BACWA can host a tour at their plant. EBMUD offered to host a tour of their split stream project.

**20 Discussion: Air District Engineering Program Manager Pilot - Webinar Aug 20**

- BACWA ED has gathered feedback & questions from BACWA agencies on the proposed engineering program manager pilot which will be funded by permittees. BACWA ED encouraged agencies to attend the August 20<sup>th</sup> webinar. There is a link to the zoom meeting in the packet. Group discussed permitting issues at the air board.

**Action item:** BACWA ED to obtain additional details about the Air District's pilot program from the webinar, and share at September BACWA Board Meeting for a discussion on whether BACWA will fund one of the positions.

**21 Discussion: September 4 Joint Special Seminar with R2 on Klamath** - BACWA ED shared a draft agenda for event and group discussion followed. There

**Action items:** Schedule and NST meeting prior to this event to review Water Board's proposed Basin Plan Amendment language and review content for lessons learned from other watersheds program item.

**22 Discussion: Pardee Oct 9-10 - Invitations and outreach** - BACWA ED shared a draft agenda for event and group discussion followed.

**OPERATIONAL**

**23 Discussion: End of fiscal year 2025 financial overview** - BACWA AED provided a summary of income and expenses in FY25.

**24 Discussion: Succession planning update** - BACWA RPM and ED shared a list of the BACWA Committees representation.

**Action items:** BACWA ED to consider representation on SFEI/ASC Board when Amit and Lori are both present at Sept Meeting.

**25 Informational: BACC Update - Annual meeting August 27** - BACWA AED shared meeting date, time and a summary of the agenda.

**REPORTS**

**26 Committee Reports** - in the packet.

**27 Member highlights** - A few agencies shared updates.

**28 Executive Director Report** - in the packet.

**29 Board Calendar and Action Items**- in the packet.

**30 Regulatory Program Manager Report** - in the packet.

**31 Other BACWA Representative Reports**

a. RMP Technical Review Committee Samantha Engelage, Alicia Chakrabarti,  
Blake Brown

b. RMP Steering Committee Karin North; Amanda Roa; Eric Dunlavey

c. Summit Partners Lorien Fono; Jackie Zipkin

d. ASC/SFEI Lorien Fono; Amit Mutsuddy; Lori Schectel

e. Nutrient Governance Steering Committee Amit Mutsuddy, Eric Dunlavey;  
alternates: Lori Schectel, Jackie Zipkin

e.i Nutrient Planning Subcommittee Eric Dunlavey

e.ii MERHAB MaTAG Amit Mutsuddy

f. SWRCB Nutrient SAG Lorien Fono

g. BAIRWMP Cheryl Munoz; Florence Wedington; Jackie Zipkin

h. CASA State Legislative Committee Lori Schectel

i. CASA Regulatory Workgroup Lorien Fono; Mary Cousins

j. RMP Microplastics Liaison Jesse McDermott

k. Bay Area Regional Reliability Project Jackie Zipkin

l. San Francisco Estuary Partnership Lorien Fono; Jackie Zipkin

m. CPSC Policy Education Advisory Committee Colleen Henry

n. California Ocean Protection Council Lorien Fono

o. California Water Quality Monitoring Council Lorien Fono

p. CASA Air Toxics Steering Committee Lorien Fono, Jason Nettleton

**32 SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

**NEXT MEETING**

**The next regular meeting of the Board is scheduled for September 19, 2025, at Central San, Martinez.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

12:51 pm.