



Executive Board Meeting Minutes

Friday February 20, 2026, 9:00 AM - 12:30 PM (PDT)

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

Attendees

Name	Agency/Company
Aaron Craig	SFO
Alicia Chakrabarti	EBMUD
Amanda Roa	FSSD
Andy Morris	City of Benicia
David Primozich	The Freshwater Trust
Francis Rooney	SVCW
Irene Chu	Hazen & Sawyer
Jennie Pang	SFPUC
Jennifer Dymont	BACWA
Jessica Fox	The Freshwater Trust
Lorien Fono	BACWA
Mary Cousins	BACWA
Matt Zucca	SVCW
Sara Sadreddini	Black & Veatch
Sinan Abi Farraj	Stanford University
Stephanie Olson	Dublin San Ramon Services District
Tim Lewis	Dublin San Ramon Services District
Tom Hall	EOA
Vince De Lange	Delta Diablo

Jackie called the meeting to order at 9:01 am.

Agenda Item

ROLL CALL, INTRODUCTIONS, AND TELECONFERENCE ETIQUETTE

PUBLIC COMMENT None

CONSIDERATION TO TAKE AGENDA ITEMS OUT OF ORDER Move Item #21 Draft Budget FY27 discussion to after meeting break.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1 January 9, 2026, BACWA Executive Board meeting minutes

2 December 2025 Treasurer's Report

Consent Calendar items 1 & 2: A motion to approve was made by Lori Schectel (Central Contra Costa Sanitary District) and seconded by Amy Chastain (San Francisco Public Utilities Commission). All were in favor. None opposed.

APPROVALS AND AUTHORIZATIONS

3 Approval: Amendment #2 to contract with HDR, for The Freshwater Trust SOW #3 - BACWA ED explained background, SOW and next steps. Jessica Fox from The Freshwater Trust answered questions and a general discussion followed.

Approvals and Authorizations item 3: A motion to approve was made by Amy Chastain (San Francisco Public Utilities Commission) and seconded by Eric Dunlavey (City of San Jose). All were in favor. None opposed.

4 Approval: Contract with SFEI for PFAS Regional Study Phase 3 - BACWA RPM shared background and contract details. General discussion followed.

Approvals and Authorizations item 4: A motion to approve was made by Lori Schectel (Central Contra Costa Sanitary District) and seconded by Amit Mutsuddy (EBMUD). All were in favor. None opposed.

5 Approval: Contract with Employment Attorney - BACWA ED explained background and anticipated results.

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 Resolution: Resolution authorizing BACWA to apply to EPA for Coalition Grant funding - BACWA ED explained BACWA's past involvement in administering grants and proposed structure of administering the EPA grant.

Approvals and Authorizations item 6: A motion to approve was made by Amit Mutsuddy (EBMUD) and seconded by Amy Chastain (San Francisco Public Utilities Commission). All were in favor. None opposed.

POLICY/STRATEGIC

7 Informational: Recycled Water Committee Update - Stephanie Olson, co-chair of the committee, shared background information on committee and a list of recent presentations. Committee shares information on regulations, program administration, regulatory compliance and funding sources for projects for recycled water.

8 Discussion: Administration of DPR grant for pesticides control - BACWA RPM shared that BAPPG did not qualify for the DPR grant due to BACWA's employment model. BAPPG may seek out DPR competitive grants.

9 Informational: RFI for Compliance Milestone reporting and Regional Study update - BACWA RPM provided a process update. Agencies were supposed to respond to a request for information by last Friday. RPM is still collecting responses.

10 Discussion: Pulse of the Bay Nutrient Issue - BACWA ED shared that Pulse of the Bay Nutrient issue article that will focus on nutrients in the bay. Article will discuss background, agency highlights and benefits of regional collaboration. BACWA ED asked for agencies to share their photographs, positive stories and staff contributions – operators, mechanics, lab and compliance teams.

11 Discussion: BACWA support for nutrient infoshare - BACWA ED shared there will be an EBMUD plant tour for Water Board staff on March 4, 2026. Group discussed potential topics and formats for future member Infoshare events focusing on nutrients.

Action item: BACWA ED to ask for infoshare ideas from agencies

12 Discussion: Update on Compliance Schedule Basin Plan Amendment CEQA consultant - BACWA RPM shared a process update. A RFQ to assist with CEQA was advertised in January and BACWA received 3 proposals from qualified consultants. The selectin team will follow up by conducting brief interviews with the three teams.

Action Item: BACWA to select consultant and develop SOW and MOU, and bring contract for approval in March 2026.

13 Discussion: Draft agenda for 3/4 Joint meeting with R2 - BACWA ED shared that draft agenda is in the packet. Group discussed agenda topics.

Action Item: BACWA ED & AED to get final attendance count and share waiver with attendees.

BREAK

14 Discussion: Air District Engineering Program Manager beta period MOU - BACWA ED shared a status update on the project.

Action Item: Before signing MOU for next phase, work with Air District and BACWA principals to facilitate ethics and conflict-of-interest legal review.

15 Informational: PFAS Phase 3 Study Questions - discussed in Item 4

16 Informational: EPA Region IX SF Bay Program Office proposal update - BACWA ED shared an update on EPA grant application and summarized the participating agencies' projects. General discussion followed.

17 Discussion: Coordination between agencies on fundraising opportunities - BACWA ED shared there is an SFPUC document in the packet with an overview of state and federal nutrient reduction funding opportunities. Ideas for collaboration will be revisited at a future meeting.

18 Informational: Exploratorium After Dark date - BACWA ED shared that the Exploratorium date will be on "Bay Day" on Saturday August 1st, 2026, and an infrastructure After Dark event will follow in the fall of 2026.

19 Discussion: BACWA Video promotion update - BACWA ED shared an update on the promotional video.

20 Discussion: Tribal and Subsistence Fishing Beneficial Use BPA - BACWA RPM shared that the draft BPA document has been released by Waterboard for public review. BACWA RPM asked if any agencies wanted to submit a comment. Group agreed that BACWA should submit a comment.

Action Item: BACWA RPM to prepare comments for review by board and submission to Waterboard on March 6, 2026.

OPERATIONAL

21 Informational: First draft of FY27 Budget - BACWA ED and AED walked through lines in budget. BACWA board requested that we look at regulatory legal line and to continue Bruce Wolfe scholarship donations.

Action Item: BACWA ED and AED to update draft budget to incorporate feedback from the board.

22 Discussion: May 1 Annual Meeting Preliminary Program - BACWA AED shared alternative date and videographer. Group agreed to move the Annual Meeting date to Friday May 15th and requested that AED get an alternative quote for the videographer. BACWA ED shared proposed program and group discussed projects.

Action Item: BACWA ED to get additional quotes and move date of Annual Meeting.

23 Discussion: AI Infoshare meeting planned - BACWA RPM shared progress and group discussed options.

Action Item: BACWA RPM to continue working on AI infoshare event in fall 2026.

24 Discussion: BACWA spirit and leadership award - BACWA AED to update application and will send application to selection committee for review.

25 Informational: Netfile reminder - BACWA AED shared that Form 700 are due April 1, 2026 and NetFile will send reminders until the form is completed.

26 Informational: BACC Update - BACWA AED shared that bids were opened Thursday February 19th and the preliminary reports are on the website.

REPORTS

27 Committee Reports- in the packet

28 Member highlights - Members highlighted upcoming anniversary events, including EBMUD's 75th celebration this September, and Central San's 80th anniversary open house on June 13th. The RMP Annual Meeting will be held Wednesday, October 21st.

29 Executive Director Report - in the packet

30 Board Calendar and Action Items- in the packet

31 Regulatory Program Manager Report - in the packet

32 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

33 SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting of the Board is scheduled for March 20, 2026, at Central San