

**BAPPG Committee
Report to BACWA Board**

Meeting Date: April 1, 2026
Executive Board Meeting Date: April 17, 2026
BAPPG Chairs: Robert Wilson (City of Santa Rosa),
Autumn Ross (SFPUC)

Committee Request for Board Action: Approval of FY27 budget request

43 attendees participated virtually, including one guest speaker and representatives from 23 member agencies and the Regional Water Board.

Updates on Committee Activity and Announcements

- **BACWA's Annual Members Meeting** will be held Friday, May 15th - [Register Here](#) by May 6th.
- **Spring Campaign on Pet Pesticides.** BAPPG's spring digital media campaign will be focused on **pet pesticides**. Flea & tick pesticides like fipronil and imidacloprid are frequently found in municipal wastewater at concentrations that exceed aquatic toxicity benchmarks. The online digital campaign encourages pet owners to choose Bay-friendly options for flea & tick control. The ads will run in April to align with Earth Day. All of the GIFs and PNG files associated with the campaign are available for member use in Spanish or English from the [BACWA website](#). Contact San Jose's [David Robertson](#) to coordinate on this outreach campaign.
- **CWEA.** The CWEA P3S committee will convene at the Annual Conference on Friday, April 10th ([link](#)). Adrian Calederon-Flores from Oro Loma SD is chairing the committee, which will help plan the P3S Conference in February 2027.
- **Pesticides Committee update.** The pesticides committee is preparing an update to the [Pesticides Watch List](#) and will share it soon. There is draft State legislation ([AB 1603](#)) that would ban PFAS-containing pesticides.
- **BACWA Executive Board update** – Co-chair Autumn Ross recently provided the BACWA Executive Board with an update on BAPPG Activities. [Link to Slides](#).
- **BAPPG Steering Committee** welcomes suggestions for future meeting topics, especially those focused on water quality trends for pollutants of concern in Bay Area wastewater, such as dioxins or metals.
- **BACWA Communication Update:** To join the BACWA communications steering committee, contact [Lorien Fono](#). BACWA plans to participate in an Exploratorium outreach event on August 1st (Bay Day), and also encourages member agencies to participate.

San Francisco Estuary Institute – Science Communication and New Sediment Scan

[Link to Slides](#)

Sierra Garcia from the San Francisco Estuary Institute shared information about science communication and outreach materials that are available from the [Regional Monitoring Program](#), such as [RMP e-Updates](#), Contaminant Data Display & Download ([CD3](#)), plain language summaries of scientific studies ([example](#)), and print publications such as [The Pulse of the Bay](#).

Sierra also shared the results of a recent non-targeted analysis of Bay sediments. This analytical method can help scientists scan for tens of thousands of chemicals, though not at exact concentrations. The scan showed that most of the detected chemicals are already part of the RMP monitoring program, such as pesticides, flame retardants, disinfectants, and plastic additives. However, the scan did reveal two new chemical groups of interest which may be included in future RMP studies: synthetic dyes and siloxanes. More information is available in the [Fact Sheet](#) or the [202 Report](#).

SFEI welcomes informal member agency input on RMP communication materials – contact [Sierra Garcia](#) to share your thoughts.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, June 3, 2026, 10 am- 12pm, Virtual