

**BAPPG Committee
Report to BACWA Board**

Meeting Date: August 5, 2026
Executive Board Meeting Date: August 21, 2026
BAPPG Chairs: Robert Wilson (City of Santa Rosa),
Autumn Ross (SFPUC)

Committee Request for Board Action: None

37 attendees participated virtually, including representatives from 23 member agencies and from the Regional Water Board.

Updates on Committee Activity and Announcements

- **Regional Water Board**
 - Nominations for the 2026 [Dr. Teng-chung Wu Pollution Prevention Award](#) are open through September 4. If you would like to nominate an agency, organization, or individual, or have questions about the nomination process, please [email](#) D’Andre (DJ) Alejandro.
- **CWEA P3S**
 - The [call for proposals](#) for the 2027 P3S Conference (2/9-2/11 in Santa Rosa) is open through August 28.
- **Steering Committee updates**
 - Upcoming Fall campaign will be focused on promoting Baywise.org
 - The BAPPG contractor will be directed to update the restaurant FOG poster
- **Pesticides Committee updates**
 - The Committee prepared two EPA [comments letters](#) that were submitted in June.
 - Stephanie Hughes is presenting at the CASA Biosolids Workgroup meeting in September
- **Upcoming events:**
 - EBMUD 75th Celebration of a Clean Bay [Open House](#) – Saturday, September 26
 - 2027 Annual [P3S Conference](#) - February 9 - 11, 2027 in Santa Rosa, CA.

CEC updates from SFEI – [Link to slides](#)

The Committee was excited to host Dr. Ezra Miller from SFEI. Dr. Miller provided a comprehensive [update](#) on SFEI’s recent and upcoming projects related to constituents of emerging concern, including PFAS, microplastics, pharmaceuticals, QACs, fire retardants, bisphenols, preservatives, and pet flea/tick control.

Analysis of Copper Influent/Effluent Data from Bay Area POTWs

Alina Constantinescu, BACWA Interim RPM, presented an evaluation of historical (2008 to present, as available in CIWQS) influent and effluent copper concentration from Bay Area POTWs. Historical graphs were shown for groups of POTWs – POTWs were grouped geographically as well as by size. Data showed great variability across time and across plants, with no discernable trends observed. As a next step, Alina will isolate plants that show downward trends (if any) to highlight at a future meeting (and approach them about possibly sharing their strategies); Alina will also review data and evaluate potential trends in copper concentrations in the Bay water.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, October 7, 2026, 10 am- 12pm, Regional Water Board offices in Downtown Oakland