

Laboratory Committee

Report to BACWA Board

Committee meeting on 6/9/2026

Executive Board Meeting Date: 8/21/2026

Committee Chair: Brittany Rossi

Worthen, City of Petaluma

Committee Request for Board Action: None

The Lab Committee held an extended meeting (2.5 hours) to accommodate 3 presentations on laboratory document management practices. 56 attendees participated remotely, including representatives from 29 BACWA member agencies, vendors (LabMODO), and Regional Water Board.

Laboratory Document Management Practices – the following three presentations / demonstrations focused on laboratory document management practices:

- Michael Gaumer ([email](#)) from [LabMODO](#) presented on LabMODO's operational system for labs. The LabMODO platform organizes and tracks documents/SOPs, trainings and certifications, equipment inventory, and schedules and deadlines. The platform keeps the lab 'audit-ready' with reminders and easy at-a-glance reports.
- Jason Mitchell ([email](#)) from EBMUD [presented](#) on EBMUD's SharePoint-based document and record management system. The system manages a variety of lab needs, including: document control (with revision control), SOP approval, internal audits, corrective actions, data packets, and demonstration of capability workflows. The presentation was followed by a demonstration / walk-through of this DMS platform and Q&A.
- Maurice Ortiz ([email](#)) from San Jose [presented](#) on their lab's Sharepoint-based tracking system for Proficiency Testing: IDOC/ODOC. This specialized SharePoint platform allows for document tracking, visibility, and automation. The presentation was followed by a Live Demo and Q&A.

CIWQS TST reporting - The group discussed questions that have recently come up on how best to report additional compliance tests conducted after a failed routine monitoring test, and how to report the MDEL/MMEL for such tests. BACWA has started compiling questions from dischargers on this topic; [email](#) Alina C. to add to the list. The goal is to create a guidance document for members' use; input from Regional Water Board staff will also be requested.

DMR Reporting - State Water Board advised that reporting can resume starting with the July DMRs. Submittal of Nov2025-June2026 DMRs is optional.

Discussion Items and Announcements

- Presentations from the BACWA Annual Meeting are available on the BACWA [website](#)
- [SFEI RMP Emerging Contaminant Workgroup](#) met in April; studies for 2026-27+ include: (1) Wastewater nutrient treatment: Co-benefits to removal of CECs and (2) QACs in wastewater and upstream sources
- BACWA/SFEI moving forward on the Phase 3 PFAS Study: 1st year: influent/effluent sampling and testing new analytical methods (starting in August 2026); 2nd year: sample subsewersheds and potential industrial sources (locations to be informed by 1st year data)
- Statewide PFAS Strategy: effort is underway to consolidate and evaluate data collected through various efforts over the past years.

Events / Trainings

- [TNI Training Opportunities](#)
- CWEA SF Bay Section Lab Committee Meeting on June 11, virtual or in-person, Central San.
- Informational [item](#) on 6PPD and 6PPD-Quinone at SWRCB June 16 [meeting](#)
- California Microplastics Subcommittee June 24 [meeting](#); SFEI to present on tire emissions in the Bay and the State and the California Ocean Protection Council on the Plastics Monitoring Strategy

Upcoming transition in committee leadership FY 2026-27: Members thanked Brittany Rossi Worthen's for chairing the Committee this past year and welcomed new Chair: Payal Sarkar (San Jose) and Vice-Chair: Jesse McDermott (Central San) for FY 2026-27.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, August 11th, 10 AM – 12 PM.