

**Committee Request for Board Action:** None

36 attendees participated remotely, including consultants and staff representing 20 member agencies and one staff member from the State Water Board.

**Recent and Upcoming NPDES Permit Reissuances** - See [Reissuance Calendar](#) (July 2026)

- NPDES Permits for [C&H / Crockett](#) and [Livermore-Amador Valley](#) were reissued in August. The Livermore-Amador permit included effluent limits for lead based on reasonable potential due to a high background/ambient concentration of 58 µg/L (MEC was DNQ 0.14 µg/L). There were no issues noted for the C&H / Crockett permit.
- Anticipated October adoption: SFPUC Treasure Island, Sunnyvale, Petaluma (admin drafts distributed in August). Attendees engaged in a lively discussion on these issued drafts. Yountville is also on the adoption [calendar](#) for October, but a draft has not yet been received.
- SFPUC Southeast Plant permit is anticipated for December adoption.

**DMR Reporting** – with participation from Renan Jaregui, State Water Board

- State Water Board advised that reporting can resume starting with the July DMRs.
- Submittal of Nov 2025-Jun 2026 DMRs is optional. If you choose to submit those past DMRs, you can either link them to a future SMR or ask the case worker to rescind the past SMRs and link the DMRs to the SMRs from the respective months/quarters/etc. and then resubmit.
- Agencies that had NPDES permit renewals between Nov 2025 and Jun 2026 should submit missing DMRs with SMRs tied to their currently active NPDES permit. Contact the DMR help desk at [DMR@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:DMR@waterboards.ca.gov) if you encounter any issues.
- Beware that the EPA public records database ECHO <https://echo.epa.gov/> is likely to indicate violations related to the non-submittal or late submittal of the DMRs for the Nov2025-Jun2026 period. Please check your agency's records on that website. If ECHO shows a reporting violation, contact [DMR@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:DMR@waterboards.ca.gov) and SWRCB staff will manually clear those violations. See follow-up email from BACWA on instructions on how to do this.
- In addition to the issue of past DMRs, Renan noted that the SWRCB staff is now responsible for setting up the DMRs at the time of each NPDES permit renewal. Renan urged all dischargers to check the completion of the DMRs at the time of the NPDES renewal and to contact the help desk via [DMR@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:DMR@waterboards.ca.gov) if they notice any errors.
- Alina confirmed the guidance provided at this meeting with the SWRCB via email and disseminated the summary to the Permits and Lab Committees email lists.

**Toxicity Updates**

- A draft of the TST Reporting guidance was sent out to BACWA members on 8/6/26. Chris Dembiczak (EBMUD) led the development of this document, with input from several BACWA members, and guidance from Sam Plummer (RWQCB). Members are urged to review this document ahead of time and contact Chris ([chris.dembiczak@ebmud.com](mailto:chris.dembiczak@ebmud.com)) or Alina ([alinac@LWA.com](mailto:alinac@LWA.com)) with feedback / questions before the October meeting.
- A letter with clarifications was recently sent out by the RWQCB regarding the recent rainbow trout shortage for toxicity testing lab.
- A few agencies with new NPDES permits have reported issues with reporting data under the new location (SUR-001). Agencies were advised to contact their permit writer for support.

### Nutrients Watershed Permit Implementation

- Group Annual Report
  - RWQCB provided feedback on the [Group Annual Report](#) in a letter dated 7/19/26. The letter noted deficiencies, specifically in Attachment 2 (Compliance Milestones Summary).
  - BACWA and HDR are preparing a response template for RWQCB review prior to individual agency distribution. BACWA and HDR have substantial information to respond to comments, but HDR will reach out if any data gaps are identified.
- Basin Plan Amendment
  - Regional Water Board is developing a Basin Plan Amendment to allow extended schedules (from 10 years to 15 years) to ensure compliance with nutrient limits.
  - AECOM is the selected consultant to assist with CEQA documentation and a workplan is currently underway.
  - A [CEQA Scoping meeting](#) took place on Jul 23. Slides are available at this [link](#).
- Water Quality Trading: a preparation webinar was held on Aug 12 and a workshop will be held Aug 31, 9am-3pm (EBMUD). Invitations have been sent to permittees with nutrient limits.
- BACWA coalition's grant application to USEPA [SF Bay Program](#) was awarded \$19.6M. Lorien Fono is working with Phase 1 awardees (Aug 1, total \$7M) to set up the funding. EPA decision expected by Oct 1 on a Continuing Resolution to fund Phase 2 (\$12.6M).
- [Nutrient Management Strategy](#) Update: Model is undergoing external review and the next meeting will be held on Oct 16.
- Alina will follow-up with Chris Dembiczak regarding a discussion/presentation on N<sub>2</sub>O emissions from nutrient removal.

### PFAS and CECs Updates

- Coalition of wastewater agencies (CVCWA, CASA, Clean Water Socal) is reviewing data previously collected from the BACWA Phase 2 study, PFAS Statewide investigation order, other data from So Cal agencies. CDM is assisting with this effort.
- Sample collection for BACWA Phase 3 Study started in August.
- The SFEI Regional Monitoring Program (RMP) – Emerging Contaminant Workgroup met in April. Various studies are to be scheduled for 2026/27+ including *Wastewater nutrient treatment: Co-Benefits to removal of CECs* (2026 literature review, 2028/29 for sampling) and *Quaternary Ammonium Compounds (QACs) in wastewater and upstream sources*.
- See [SFEI CEC presentation](#) from BAPPG Meeting on August 5.

### SWRCB [Wastewater Needs Assessment](#) Update

- The SWRCB and UCLA are working on a statewide effort to identify agencies with 'inadequate' status with the goal of being able to provide funding to improve infrastructure.
- Notification informing agencies of 'inadequate' status pushed to Fall and a public release of 'inadequate' list will follow. CASA is working closely with SWRCB on both of these items.
- From most recent meeting in July, it was shared that, in Region 2, there are 2 NPDES facilities and 13 collection systems that are on the 'inadequate' list.
- Reach out to Alina if interested in getting in contact with CASA to learn more about this effort.

**Agency report(s)/ open forum** - No updates regarding inspections/enforcement actions.

**Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 13<sup>th</sup>, 12:30 PM** (Virtual) Regional Water Board staff have been invited.