

Pretreatment Committee

Report to BACWA Board

Committee meeting on June 18, 2026

Executive Board Meeting Date: August 21, 2026

Committee Co-chairs: Casey Fitzgerald (San José),
Adam Kern (EBMUD)

Committee Request for Board Action: None

64 attendees from 28 BACWA member agencies, Regional Water Board, State Water Board, and CWEA participated remotely and in-person at EBMUD's offices in downtown Oakland.

Updates from Regulatory Agencies

The Committee received regulatory updates from representatives of the following agencies:

- Regional Water Board (James Parrish and D'Andre (DJ) Alejandro, first time in attendance)
 - Staff noted that they are preparing to open nominations for the 2026 Dr. Teng-Chung Wu Pollution Prevention [Award](#).
- State Water Board (Olivia Magana)
 - Board staff is involved in approving CROMMER programs. If an agency is considering implementing CROMMER, Olivia asked that Regional and State Water Board staff are notified early on in the application process so they can provide proper guidance and prevent issues down the road.
- US EPA Region 9 (Amelia Whitson) - see slides [here](#).
 - NPDES Electronic Reporting Rule, which covers annual pretreatment reports, will not go into effect in California until December 2028. California is developing a Pretreatment E-Reporting System for this purpose.
 - EPA announced a [Comprehensive PFAS Strategy](#) in May. Among other updates, EPA retained the 4 ppt [drinking water standards](#) for PFOA and PFOS while rescinding standards for four other PFAS (PFHxS, PFNA, HFPO-DA, and Hazard Index mixtures). It also extended compliance deadlines with drinking water standards to 2031. There are no immediate implication for POTWs or IUs.
 - EPA also recently announced an Interim PFAS Destruction and Disposal [Guidance](#) (thermal destruction, landfills, and underground injection) with a [comment period](#) through June 29.

Agency Information-Sharing: Napa San

- Tara McClintock, pretreatment coordinator for NapaSan, presented an overview of Napa San's [pretreatment program](#). It was very engaging presentation followed by a lively Q&A discussion.

Presentation of P3S Order of the Silver Cover Award

- The Committee was honored to host Joe Lucia, representing the Pollution Prevention, Pretreatment and Stormwater (P3S) CWEA Committee. Joe presented Amelia Whitson with the distinguished [P3S Order of the Silver Cover](#) award for her dedication of service to the Committee.

BACWA and Other Updates

- PFAS:
 - BACWA / SFEI started Phase 3 of the Bay Area PFAS Study: Year 1 - influent / effluent monitoring and Year 2 - subsewersheds / source monitoring, locations to be informed by Year 1 results.
 - Coalition of WW agencies (CVCWA, CASA, Clean Water SoCal), with assistance from CDM Smith, is compiling data previously collected through several studies, like the BACWA Phase 2 study, the PFAS Statewide investigative order, and other efforts from So Cal agencies.
- Other CECs: SFEI Regional Monitoring Program (RMP) – Emerging Contaminant Workgroup met in April. Of interest to pretreatment, RMP studies scheduled for 2026-27+ include researching potential reductions of CECs from nutrient removal technologies and studying of Quaternary Ammonium Compounds (QACs) in wastewater and upstream sources.
- Resources from BACWA's Annual Members Meeting are now available on the [BACWA website](#).
- A meeting of representatives from Bay Area agencies with Trucked Waste programs is scheduled on June 30 at Central San. Contact [Paula Hansen](#) (EBMUD) or [Renae Gundy](#) (Santa Rosa) for more info.