



MINUTES

Executive Board Meeting

Thursday, December 16, 2010
9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

EBMUD Operations Center
2020 Wake Ave., Oakland, CA

ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS

Executive Board Representatives: Ben Horenstein, Chair (East Bay Municipal Utility District); Tommy Moala, Vice Chair (San Francisco Public Utilities Commission); Jim Kelly (Central Contra Costa Sanitary District); Mike Connor (East Bay Dischargers Authority); Bhavani Yerrapotu (City of San Jose).

Other Attendees: Dave Williams (East Bay Municipal Utility District); Margret Orr (Central Contra Costa Sanitary District); Gail Chesler (Central Contra Costa Sanitary District); Kirsten Struve (City of San Jose); Sharon Newton (City of San Jose); Laura Pagano (San Francisco Public Utilities Commission); Rod Miller (San Francisco Public Utilities Commission); Karl Royer (East Bay Dischargers Authority); Greg Baatrup (Fairfield Suisun Sewer District); Andy Morrison (Union Sanitary District); Guy Moy (Union Sanitary District); Monica Oakley (RMC Environmental); Tom Hall (Eisenberg Olivieri Associates, Inc.); Denise Conners (Larry Walker Associates); Michele Pla (MPLA Cleanwater Consulting); Jim Sandoval (CH2M Hill); Arleen Navarret; Amy Chastain (BACWA); Alexandra Gunnell (BACWA).

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

REPORTS

Committee Reports, agenda item 1, were included in the meeting handout packet and Committee Chairs were given the opportunity to provide further clarification, as requested by meeting attendees.

The Board requested that the next monthly report from BAPPG include information about pollution prevention efforts that may be needed to address PCB TMDL implementation.

The Collection Systems (CS) Committee noted that the Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) has requested minutes and a list of attendees from previous CS committee meetings. The Executive Director (ED) will address this request and CS committee meeting attendees will be informed about this request.

For **agenda item 2, the Proposition 50 Grant Disbursements Status Report,** prepared by Brian Campbell (EBMUD), was included in the packet.

Under **agenda item 3,** the ED referred to the **Executive Director's Report** included in the meeting handout packet and provided meeting attendees with an opportunity to ask questions related to the report.

Executive Board (Board) members were invited to share any items of interest under **agenda item 4, Executive Board Reports.**

The Aquatic Science Center meeting was attended by the designated BACWA representatives. A discussion of BACWA's possible role in strategic planning for SFEI and the RMP will be added to the February BACWA Executive Board meeting agenda.

During the December Tri-TAC retreat there appeared to be statewide interest in the draft Whole Effluent Toxicity (WET) Policy. The next Tri-TAC meeting will be a workshop focused on concerns surrounding WET policy. The October Tri-TAC meeting was a combined meeting with the Water Committee of the Southern California Alliance of Publicly Owned Treatment Works (SCAP), and it was suggested that upcoming meetings may follow the same model, such as combining with the Water Committee for the Central Valley Clean Water Association (CVCWA) when Tri-TAC meets in Sacramento, and combining with the BACWA Permits Committee when Tri-TAC meets in the San Francisco bay area.

San Francisco has received verbal notification that based on their last EPA inspection there will be a recommendation that they be cited for not reporting sanitary sewer overflows as a hazardous material spill. Any written communication received from EPA will be shared with the BACWA Board and ED.

The following **Chair and Executive Director Authorized Actions** were listed under agenda **item 5.**

- a. Chair Execution of agreement with Solano Community College to support the Water Operator Training Program for Spring 2011; \$70,000; File 12,312.
- b. ED Authorization of As-Needed Assistance from Larry Walker & Associates to assist with WET policy meeting; \$2,000; File 12,163.

CONSENT CALENDAR

*Consent calendar **agenda items 6 through 8** were approved in a motion made by Mike Connor and seconded by Tommy Moala. The motion carried unanimously.*

6. Minutes from November 18, 2010 BACWA Executive Board Meeting.
7. October 2010 Treasurer's Report.
8. Authorize the Executive Director to Execute a Contract with the Aquatic Science Center to Determine Selenium Speciation in Treated Municipal Effluent; \$24,000; File 12,314.
9. Resolution establishing the Arleen Navarret Leadership Award; File 12,315.

***Agenda item number 9** was approved in a motion made by Ben Horenstein and seconded by Tommy Moala. The motion carried unanimously.*

BOARD DISCUSSION ITEMS

Agenda item 10 covered **Nutrient Updates and Discussion.** Central Contra Costa Sanitary District has submitted comments on the **SWAMP Monitoring Workplan** and it appears that many of their concerns will be considered as the document is revised.

A draft **Request for Proposals (RFP) for Consultant Assistance** was included in the handout packet and reviewed. The ED will send a request to the BACWA Board for feedback and assistance in RFP drafting and selection process.

A motion was made by Jim Kelly to move forward with refining the Request for Proposal, revising it to include support for tracking the Numeric Nutrient Endpoint development for San Francisco Bay, increasing the not to exceed contract value by \$50,000, and expediting the selection process. Tommy Moala seconded.

It was also noted that BACWA may need to document the organization's position on key regulatory issues to insure that a consistent message is conveyed by the member agencies and their representatives.

For **agenda item 11, Energy Updates & Discussion**, a letter from Steve Weissman offering to host a meeting with PG&E at UC Berkeley was included in the handout packet and discussed. Mike Connor and Ben Horenstein will work together to frame the issues that might be appropriate topics for BACWA to work with PG&E in a meeting.

Under **agenda item 12, updates on PCB TMDL Implementation**, the ED noted that the draft permit was expected to be issued today and that more information would be provided as it becomes available.

For **agenda item 13 the Whole Effluent Toxicity (WET) Policy** was discussed. CCCSD will be utilizing consultant support to analyze their historical data and requested that the BACWA Board members send data from their agencies to her Plant Operations Director, Margaret Orr. The ED will continue to discuss cost concerns with the RWQCB staff and upcoming Tri-TAC and CASA meetings are also expected to include discussion on this topic.

Pollution Prevention/ Clean Water Program Education concerns were discussed under **agenda item 14**. CCCSD distributed a draft survey and requested that it be added to the next BAPPG meeting agenda for discussion. The ED will discuss this topic with Paul Causey to see if additional information can be obtained through the rate survey that he administers. The March or April BACWA Board meeting agenda will include a presentation from Paul Causey. The focus of this outreach is to build a more informed citizenry so that financial and technical challenges faced by treatment works can be understood (and approved).

The next regular meeting is scheduled for **February 24, 2011, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.** at the EBMUD Plant **Lab Library** in Oakland. There will be NO Executive Board Meeting for January 2011 to accommodate the BACWA Annual Member Meeting on January 27, 2011 at the Boy Scouts Facility in San Leandro.

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.