

DRAFT BACWA Recycled Water Committee Meeting Notes

EBMUD Headquarters – 2nd Floor Small Training Room

April 1, 2015

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

And April 14 Conference Call (1:00 to 4:30)

1) Introductions – Muñoz

Cheryl Muñoz – San Francisco Public Utilities Commission
Luis Jaimes – Santa Clara Valley Water District
Anita Jain – Whitley Burchett
Roanne Ross – Whitley Burchett for Redwood City
Mike Connor – East Bay Dischargers Authority
David Williams – BACWA
Lorien Fono – BACWA
Ray Goebel – EOA for City of Benicia
Ryan Grisso – North Marin Water District/Novato Sanitary District
Eric Rosenblum – Enviroperspectives
Andria Loutsch – CDM Smith for North Bay Water Reuse Association (NBWRA)
Jeff Tucker – Napa Sanitation District and NBWRA
Leah Walker – City of Petaluma and NBWRA
Phil Benedetti - City of Petaluma and NBWRA
Karin North – City of Palo Alto
On phone
Thomasin Grim - Marin Municipal Water District
Kevin Booker – Sonoma County Water District
Paul Sellier – Marin Municipal Water District
Josef Allejandro – Central Contra Costa Sanitary District

2) Update on Prop 1 – Muñoz/Hu

- a. *Proposition 1* – [Guidelines](#) are now out for review. Comments are due April 24. The State Water Board is holding three meetings at different locations in the State during the month of April.
 - i. *Chapter 9* – Information on Chapter 9 was provided in a [presentation](#) by the State Water Board. This section is specifically for recycled water and desalination projects. Grants for studies are limited to \$75K, with the grant share up to 75%. For construction, funds available are 50% loan and 50% grant. Any projects to be considered for recycled water funding must apply online on the SWRCB [Financial Assistance Application Submittal](#) Tool (FAAST). The State Water Board is ready to disburse the funds.
 - ii. *IRWM (Chapter 7)* – \$65M is allocated to the Bay Area through Proposition 1. However, statewide, the Governor's FY16 budget authorizes \$32M statewide including only \$2.73M for Bay Area Region. The BAIRWM group has written a letter to the Governor's office protesting this low amount. The guidelines for Chapter 7 have not come out yet, and are expected this summer or sooner.

3) Prop 84 2015 Round – Muñoz/Hu

- a. *Prop 84 Round 2* – not discussed
- b. *Prop 84 Drought Round* – Calistoga was selected due to its disadvantaged community status, but it never completed the paperwork to get the extra funding awarded to DACs
- c. *Prop 84 Final Round (aka 2015 Round or Round 3)*
 - i. Under the DWR guidelines, the required 25% funding match can be counted for funds spent back to January 2011. Costs incurred from January 2015 onwards are eligible for reimbursement. Projects must

start construction by April 1, 2016. Projects must be completed by October 31 2020, but there is an extra point for completion by October 31, 2019. (See DWR [Draft PSP and Guidelines](#)).

The Coordinating Committee has asked BACWA to review and score the recycled water projects for their consideration in the Regional application to DWR. The Recycled Water committee is working to put together a package of projects for submittal to the Project Screening Committee (PSC).

At the 4/1 meeting, the committee worked to perform an initial screening of projects. Cheryl Muñoz then sent out a request for more information. Agencies that wish to be included in the submittal needed to fill in the remaining information in the spreadsheet, and include how much they are asking for. Cheryl emailed out a template for this information. The "ask" amount should range from \$1 to \$5M, and a question about whether the project can move forward with half the "ask" (a way to define scalable).

April 14 Conference Call. Further project screening took place during a conference call on 4/14. On that call, it was agreed that BACWA will provide a ranked list of the projects to the PSC that the PSC can choose from amongst to assemble a strategic Regional application to DWR. The projects will be ranked after proponents submit their full information to WBA. The final list submitted to the PSC is [here](#).

ii. Revised on-line project form

ALL projects wishing to be included in the submittal must also fill out the [online form](#) found on the RRWM website by April 24, in addition to submitting information to this committee.

iii. Review and determine Bay Area recycled water projects to forward to IRWM Coordinating Committee for consideration in the regional proposal

Brian Campbell has been retained to put together a BACWA proposal. This will include both recycled water and nutrients (wastewater). However, the recycled water component will be a list of recommended projects rather than a single regional project. Each project proponent is responsible for submitting their own details online.

4) Legislation and Regulatory Update – not discussed

a. Legislation

i. Drought response bills – AB 91 and 92

b. Regulations

i. Update on Recycled Water Permit (96-011 and 2014-0090)

ii. Draft Updates to Titles 17 and 22

5) Announcements/Agency Updates – All

Eric reported that industrial users are looking for recycled water. He suggested that BACWA provide a forum to discuss reuse with refineries, or to create an industrial recycled water extension. There are companies near each other that could be served by a single pipeline.

6) Next Meeting – May 13, 2015 from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm, 2nd Floor Small Training Room at EBMUD Headquarters.