



BAPPG Meeting
Wednesday February 3, 2016 10:00 am
Meeting Minutes

1. Introductions

2. Regional Board Announcements—James

- A. Staff have developed CECs action plans for the moderate-concern constituents, PBDEs, PFOS, nonylphenols, and fipronil. The Regional Water Board would still like POTWs to provide lists of management action for other CECs. Palo Alto has developed some material that they will share with the Regional Water Board, if applicable.

3. Steering Committee Update

- A. Lisa Beem, SFPUC, has developed a contract management guide for ads in the Chinook Book app and print edition. Lisa will be emailing contract managers prior to the next meeting to develop contract management guides for the various outreach campaigns to facilitate future staffing transitions.

4. Updates

A. BACWA

- i. Microplastics – The laboratory committee has formed a work group to develop a protocol for identifying and quantifying microplastics in wastewater effluent. They are collaborating with SFEI staff.
- ii. Annual Meeting – Meeting presentations are now [posted](#) online.
- iii. Nutrient Optimization and Upgrade studies – Agencies will be getting the reports for their facilities beginning at the end of February. The points of contact will be expected to review and sign off on these reports.
- iv. The Collection Systems Committee has developed a [Private Sewer Lateral Survey](#). All BACWA members with collection systems are encouraged to respond.
- v. Alternative Monitoring Requirements Tentative Order – The Regional Water Board has put out a [Tentative Order](#) for public comment that will allow agencies to reduce effluent monitoring frequencies for specific parameters and transfer the savings to the RMP for studies on CECs.

B. CWEA –The annual P3S conference on Feb 29 in Riverside. The Annual Meeting is April 26 in Santa Clara.

C. CASA - The pesticides steering committee is engaged with the Central Valley Regional Water Board in a Basin Plan Amendment for pyrethroids that involves POTW discharges.

D. OWOW – Fact sheets have been developed to point consumers to less toxic alternatives to pesticides for use in the home. The fact sheet are printed and available online.

5. Presentation on EBMUD Private Sewer Lateral Presentation

Angelee Strawder of EBMUD gave a [presentation](#) on the agency's private sewer later replacement program. EBMUD runs the program for all of its satellite collection systems except for the City of Berkeley. They have certified the repair/replacement of five thousand laterals per year, and 19 thousand since the beginning of the program. It has been difficult to gauge the success of the program since there have been several dry years. Angelee discussed their discontinued rebate program and its challenges. The next steps include outreach to Homeowners Associates, as well as condition assessments for laterals that are greater than 1,000 feet long.

There was a discussion about the City of Richmond's program, which targeted industries. There were many leaks in low-lying areas near Bay waters, and the sewer was completely eroded away in some areas, so the industries incurred millions of dollars in costs. After the repairs, the treatment plant dropped from a flow of 8.5 MGD to 5.5 MGD, and the industries recouped some of their costs by reduced wastewater treatment fees.

6. Roundtable discussion on outreach

Melody LaBella gave a history of BAPPG, which was originally housed under ABAG, then moved to BACWA as a special program, then became a full committee in 2014. The committee has been shifting its efforts from public outreach/education to regulatory and legislative engagement. It makes the most sense for agencies to pool their pollution prevention resources to get the best value from the campaigns. Some examples are as follows:

1. The Kid Friendly app by the SA Water - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zmnZTaUa2bY>
2. Central San's Kid Friendly video - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mjPuygozntw>
3. DSRSD Vehicle Wrap Example

7. EPA Reregistration of Fipronil

Fipronil's reregistration is being opened early because of new toxicity data. Wastewater has gotten on the EPA's radar for monitoring, and results show that during treatment, the pesticide, where removed from the dissolved phase, is simply being partitioned to biosolids, rather than biodegraded. The bulk of the study will be conductive via predictive models rather than sampling because of cost. The California DPR is involved and has its own process and restrictions on pesticide use. The group is looking at dog wash-off and other major sources of pyrethroids. SFEI is currently doing a study looking at fipronil concentrations throughout the Bay.

8. BAPPG Annual Report

The [2015 Annual Report](#) is now available and posted on BACWA's website.

9. Next meeting

The next committee meeting on April 6, 2016.