



**1. Introductions**

**2. Regional Board Announcements—James Parrish**

- A. James Parrish asked to be informed whether any agencies were experiencing difficulties with submitting Pollution Prevention via CIWQS.
- B. James Parrish will be taking over the management of the mercury/PCB watershed permit from Robert Schlipf.

**3. Steering Committee Update**

- A. **Annual Reports** – The Steering Committee recommended to the General Committee that due to the high cost and amount of effort that goes into Annual Reports, the committee will return to only producing one per year, corresponding to the calendar year. Last year, BAPPG had also produced a fiscal year Annual Report. The Regional Water Board is willing to accept this approach, as it allows agencies to incorporate reports by reference in their Pollution Prevention Reports
- B. **Budget** – Funds are being moved out of website support for FY18, since the website is being transitioned in this fiscal year to a new host and content management system that should be less costly to maintain.

**4. Updates**

- A. **CWEA** - P3S Conference – February 27-March 1 in Santa Rosa. It will include tours of distilleries and wineries. They hosted a free webinar on Thursday February 2 on what to expect from the new administration and an update on the Federal Dental Amalgam Rule.
- B. **Pesticides** – The comment deadlines for EPA’s risk assessment of fipronil and pyrethroids were pushed back to March 25 and March 31, as requested by BACWA via comment letter. EPA has released a risk assessment on a new pesticide, although they have blacked out the name of the active ingredient and do not provide information about environmental fate. Members have not yet heard about the results of a sewershed study of fipronil and pyrethroids.
- C. **OWOW** – There is a need to train new Integrative Pest Management advocates through UC Extension.
- D. **BACWA**
  - i. BACWA’s Annual meeting was held on January 27 in Oakland. It featured representatives from BAAQMD, EPA Region IX, the State Water Board and the Regional Water Board, who discussed their agencies’ priorities for the coming year.
  - ii. The State Water Board is [proposing](#) new mercury water quality objectives, as well as three new Beneficial Uses that may be protected by mercury objectives. The new Beneficial Uses are Tribal Tradition Cultural, Tribal Subsistence Fishing, and Subsistence Fishing. Designation of these Beneficial Uses in the San Francisco Bay could lead to extremely low mercury objectives that would need to be met by POTWs at the end of pipe, because dilution credit cannot be granted when the receiving water is already impaired.

**5. SFPUC Competency Model**

Karri Ving from SFPUC gave a [presentation](#) on their Competency Model Initiative, which was created by SFPUC’s Workforce Planning Team to address changing workforce needs and succession planning. The model, which is implemented by Human Resources, highlights which skills are critical to a position, and provides a pathway for staff to improve those skills.

**6. Agency Spotlights**

Doug Dattawalker from USD gave a presentation on their Pollution Prevention Program. USD has funded a 9-year pilot pharmaceutical take-back program. In that time, they collected 18 thousand pounds of medication. As the Pharmaceutical Manufacturer run program scales up, they will be taking over management of some of their locations. They also have copper and mercury outreach programs. They table at many events, and provide 5<sup>th</sup> grade school visit presentations. They are increasing the number of plant tours they do, especially since 2018 will be the plant's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Doug also shared a selection of their marketing materials and P2-related items they give away. The grease scraper is a particularly popular item.

## **7. Project Updates**

- A.** The Annual report is completed and [posted](#).
- B.** The Committee Budget for FY18 has been finalized.
- C.** Flea and tick products – Stephanie Hughes is part of a team developing a survey of pet owners to better understand behaviors, and what factors (safety, environmental, effectiveness) drives them to purchase and use a particular product.

## **8. Next meeting**

BAPPG General Meeting

April 5, 2017: 10:00am-12:00pm

1515 Clay Street, Second Floor, Room 12

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