

**BACWA Recycled Water Committee Meeting**  
**EBMUD Headquarters – 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Small Training Conference Room**  
**Nov 15, 2017**  
**10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.**

1. **Introductions – Biagtan**

Leah Walker – City of Petaluma  
Rhodora Biagtan – DSRSD  
Anita Jain – West Yost  
Darcie Luce – SFEP  
Ben Glickstein – EBMUD  
Cheryl Munoz - SFPUC  
Eric Rosenblum – Envirospectives  
Jan Lee – City of Hayward  
Linda Hu – EBMUD  
Laura Pagano - SFPUC  
Sindy Mulyono – Redwood City  
Vince Christian – Regional Water Board  
*On phone*  
Jayne Strommer – Delta Diablo  
Jonathan Chavez – City of Mountain View  
Luis Jaimes - SCVWD  
Stefanie Olson - DSRSD

2. **Funding Opportunities – Biagtan/Strommer**

a. *Federal*

i. *Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation (WIIN) Act*

The Bureau of Reclamation received 23 applications for this first \$10 M round of the new WIIN recycled water competitive grant program. The Bureau of Reclamation has reviewed applications, but has continued to postpone releasing any notice of awards. The process may be held up due to a requirement for the funded projects to be named in an appropriation bill.

ii. *Title 16*

The Bureau of Reclamation hasn't said when they will release the next construction funding opportunity. They have said that they will not release a feasibility study funding opportunity announcement in this fiscal year. Congress is still operating under a Continuing Resolution, and all of the appropriation bills have not yet been passed by both Houses.

b. *State*

[CWSRF Application Status Report](#) (Updated to 9/12/17) The State Water Board is updating their website. The Parks Water bond includes \$80M for recycled water projects and is set for June 2018 ballot.

3. **CEC Science Advisory Meeting for Recycled Water – Munoz**

First Meeting July 19, 2017–July 21, 2017: [Notes found through this link.](#)

Second and Final Meeting: December 12, 2017–December 15, 2017 in Sacramento. The panel will present findings and recommendations on December 15, 2017 from 9:00 am – 11:00 am at the CalEPA offices, Klamath Room.

2018 CEC Science Advisory Panel Schedule:

January 2018                      Draft Report released for Public Comment  
30 Days after Draft Release      Public Comments on Draft Due

February 29, 2018                      Final Report due to State Water Board  
March 2018                                Public Draft Amendment to the Recycled Water Policy  
The committee will monitor this process and offer comments as needed for potential impacts to Recycled Water Policy.

4. **Revisions to [Recycled Water Policy](#) – Muñoz**

*i. Amendments*

No updates on what the policy will include at the time of the committee meeting (note that an [informational document](#) for the CEQA scoping meeting was posted on Nov 21). There will be two stakeholder workshops to discuss specific details and policy options of the proposed amendment – one in Sacramento on January 4, 2018 from 9:00 am-12:00 pm, and the other in Fountain Valley on January 11, 2018 from 9:00 am-12:00 pm. CEQA scoping meetings will be held December 1 and December 5 in Sacramento and San Diego, respectively.

The draft amendment is scheduled to be released in March 2018. The WaterReuse Recycled Water Policy Workgroup has pushed the item for at least one more meeting; waiting for a response from Water Board staff. The Water Board wants annual reporting of Recycled Water Production in policy, similar to recent survey. WaterReuse will be working on reporting issue with SWRCB staff. There will be a December 1, 2017 conference call between Recycled Water Policy Workgroup members and Division of Water Quality staff to develop a list of recommendations on developing an annual recycled water survey. The call will take place in the afternoon after the CEQA scoping session. BACWA's representative is Cheryl Muñoz, who will report back to the Committee after the call. Committee members expressed concern about duplicating efforts, streamlining the reporting process (maybe have online reporting), the reporting period, integrity of the data, and use categories. The Water Board is not planning on changing RW goals at this time

The committee asked about annual reporting to Regional Board and whether could this be done by electronic data submittal. Vince will discuss with Regional Board staff. Note that Diane Whyte has retired, Lisa McCann is her replacement as Assistant Executive Officer. Melissa/Blair report to Keith Lichten, who reports to Lisa/Bruce Wolfe.

*ii. Permitting*

The Recycled Water Committee (RWC) is an internal DDW group that meets to discuss issues from a statewide prospective to ensure consistent interpretation of the regulations in all districts across the state. The members of the RWC are from each DDW District and includes executive staff, there are no RWQCB staff as members.

In the past, the RWC has reviewed new alternative treatment technologies, proposed IPR projects, and interpretations of current regulations. The RWC provides recommendations to the Recycled Water Unit staff who are the lead on projects. The Recycled Water Unit staff then provide formal conditional acceptance letters to the RWQCBs for the permitting process.

5. **[AWWA Advance Treatment Operator Certification Job Analysis](#) – Biagtan**

Tentative Schedule: Exam development 2018, First Exams Spring 2019  
Luis Jaimes will review and check that it includes potable reuse facilities, and methods for both drinking water and wastewater operators to obtain certification.

6. **Water Use Standards Development – Biagtan**

[Making Water Conservation a California Way of Life](#) (April 2017) – Chapter 3

Water Use Standards Development Schedule

2018 – State recommends final 2025 compliance standards for indoor and outdoor water use

2019 – State provide guidance and methodologies

2020 – State complete rulemaking and adopt final standards  
Recycled water was included in the community water budgets, but exempted from the water loss audit requirements. The State Water Board is looking at test agencies, which may include Santa Rosa. There will be a recommended ban on irrigation of turf medians (and similar issues) – the committee wondered whether this ban could be phased in over time, or not apply to areas irrigated with recycled water. The State Water Board will hold a workshop on Nov 21. CUWA plans to comment. Linda will bring an update to the next committee meeting.

7. **Legislation and Regulatory Update –Walker/Hu**
  - a. *AB 574 Potable Reuse Classification adopted 10/6/17.* Raw Water Augmentation by 12/31/2023. The bill changes terminology for direct and indirect potable reuse.
  - b. *Prop 1 Groundwater grant program guidelines* - a portion of the funds are for projects for groundwater augmentation for pollution prevention/seawater intrusion barriers are eligible, but WateReuse concerned that RW treatment for groundwater injection is specifically excluded from these funds
  - c. Legislation passed authorizing cre mains to be discharged into sewer systems, if approved by the sanitation district.
  
8. **Volunteers Needed for Future Committee Co-Chair**  
Leah/Rhodora term ends July 28;
  
9. **Announcements/Agency Updates – All**  
2018 Arleen Navarett Award Nominations, Due November 10, 2017  
WateReuse Northern California Chapter Meeting, December 8, 2017 in Dublin.  
BACWA Annual Members meeting, January 19, 2018

Laura Pagano - BACWA watershed nutrient study, RB wants POTWs to look at non-greyscape projects within the Bay watershed that could result in nutrient reduction and are multi-benefit

**Next Meeting**

Tuesday, January 16, 2018, EBMUD Small Admin Training Room