

BACWA Recycled Water Committee Meeting Notes

Teleconference only
July 21, 2020
10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

1. Introductions (Olson)

Stefanie Olson, Co-chair	Dublin San Ramon Services District	Jennie Pang	SFPUC
		Kevin Calcagno	Eurofins
Reena Thomas, Co-chair	EBMUD	Lei Hong	Valley Water
Lorien Fono	BACWA	Maggie Monahan	SF RWQCB
Alina Constantinescu	LWA/ BACWA	Maricate Mangan	
Anita Jain	West Yost	Medi Senaki	Valley Water
Ben Glickstein	EBMUD	Melody LaBella	Central San
Bhavani Yerrapotu	Valley Water	Michael Falk	HDR
Billy Dixon	Sonoma County Water	Negin Ashoori	Bay Area Water Supply and Conservation Agency (BAWSCA)
Chelsea Thompson	City of Petaluma		
Debbie Ivazes	Redwood City	Nick Steiner	Delta Diablo
Eric Hansen	Silicon Valley Clean Water	Pam Phillips	City of American Canyon
		Sarah Rhodes	Woodward & Curran
Eric Rosenblum	Enviroinspectives	Rachel Mixon	
Jackie Zipkin	EBDA	Richard Foss	Central San
Jayne Strommer	Delta Diablo	Tom Hall	EOA
Jed Beyer	West Bay Sanitary	Will Burrell	SF RWQCB

2. Funding Opportunities

a. Federal (Strommer)

- i. Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation (WIIN) Act
Bureau of Reclamation has yet to release list of projects to be funded under FY19, thus also delaying the list for FY20. Due to all the delays, it appears that the plan is to skip the FY20 award selection process and distribute the FY20 grant total (~ \$20M) to the FY19 awardees. No money has been appropriated for FY21 yet, but they are anticipating another \$20M.

With regard to the Title XVI WIIN Act reauthorization bills, these are still waiting in the background as Congress focuses on COVID-19 relief bills. This includes Congresswoman Napolitano's bill (H.R. 1162) to reauthorize the program at \$500 M. Other bills are also in the works, but non introduced to the Senate, yet.

- ii. Title XVI
Reclamation posted a FOA in December 2019 for the congressionally-authorized projects which closed on February 19, 2020. Applications are being reviewed. A second application deadline of September 30, 2020 has recently been added.

b. State (All)

- i. BAIRWM Prop 1
No updates since previous meeting - the final awarded [projects](#) (totaling \$23M) from the San Francisco Bay Area funding have been posted. Agencies are drafting the funding agreements with DWR.

3. USEPA Draft National Water Reuse Action Plan Update (Rosenblum)

The group received updates on the status of collaboration opportunities on EPA's Draft National Water Reuse Action Plan, specifically proposed action 2.2.1.6. Most contracts are in place now. The team is finalizing a list of sites/agencies for further study; likely candidates: Hampton Roads VA, Dallas/ Fort Worth TX, Pima County/ Tucson AZ, and Valley Water and partner agencies, CA. They are also coordinating with Bay Area One Water/ RENEWIT.

4. State General Order Update from Regional Water Board (Gunter)

Maggie Monahan (Regional Water Board) noted that the Regional Water Board is reviewing documents from Napa San, SASM, and City of Livermore and hoping to complete these agencies' enrollments in the next couple of months. Staff is presenting to the Regional Water Board members on September 9 and may ask this committee's help in preparing the presentation.

5. WaterReuse California Virtual Conference update (All)

Committee members noted that they enjoyed the technical sessions, but that they missed the in-person, pre-COVID interactions. Live presentations were more engaging than pre-recorded sessions. There was good feedback on the conference platform used.

6. Regional Recycled Water Evaluation Update (Falk)

Mike Falk (HDR) reported that they are reviewing and compiling responses to the Request for Information (RFI) and will contact individual agencies in cases where more information is needed.

7. Legislation and Regulatory Update (Thomas)

1. Update on Water Use Efficiency Legislation (2018) Implementation - Pete Brostrom (Water Use Efficiency Branch, DWR)
 - Landscape area measurement & indoor residential standard report due January 2021.
 - Recommendations to the water board by Oct 2021 that includes outdoor efficiency standard, variances, and CII performance measures. Variances will include recycled water with high TDS.
2. Update on Bond Activities (AB 3256, SB 45, and Governor's January Proposal)
 - Governor has pulled his proposal for bond out of proposed state budget.
 - Garcia bill (AB 3256) amended to include \$300M for recycled water. Recycled water funding is included in Allen bill (SB 45).
3. Water Board Business Continuity and Budget
 - Water board proposing to fund a few new positions for water recycling to support update of T22, permitting, addressing CECs and pretreatment.
4. CA CWSRF IUP and Discussion on Streamlining Application Reviews
 - Adopted by Board on June 16 with change sheet that addressed CASA and WRCA comments including provisions for stimulus package administration, streamline of review process, and ability to possibly finance projects with scores of 13.
5. Development of 1211 Wastewater Change Petition Checklist
 - WaterReuse is developing checklist.
 - Board adoption/discussion in the fall.
6. Central Coast Recycled Water Policy Issues
 - Cayucos Sanitary District's draft permit for new ocean outfall contained 100% recycled water mandate, but latest iteration softened of language (maximize reuse but remove mandate).
7. SB996 CECs update
 - Shelved until 2021

8. Announcements/Agency Updates – All

- There was a discussion on how/if COVID affected recycled water operations – like the truck-out/residential filling stations at local WWTPs. EBMUD reported that both their commercial and residential stations were closed but have recently opened. DSRSD and Delta Diablo noted that theirs are still closed but will consider reopening if drought declaration is made.

- BACWA announcement: BACWA is embarking on an effort to refresh its Strategic Plan. The Plan will guide how BACWA allocates financial and staffing resources in the years ahead, and will be reevaluated on an annual basis. Meeting start in the fall and all are welcome to participate. [Contact](#) Lorien Fono, BACWA ED, if you would like to participate.

Next Meeting

Tuesday, September 15, 2020, 10:30 am to 12:30 pm, teleconference only.