



Advancing Water Reuse in the Bay Area: Exploring Opportunities and Challenges for Interagency Collaboration

Preliminary Program

Schedule: Start at 9 am/End by 3:15 pm

Registration and breakfast (8:30-9)

9-9:10 Welcome and Introductions-10 (Melody)

- Welcome on behalf of BACWA (1-2 min)
- Introductions, based on size of group

9:10-9:15 Overview of the day and desired outcomes: 5 min(Melody)

1. Identify similarities and differences in **issues and drivers**
2. Recognize **opportunities for partnerships** to address current and future reuse challenges
3. Evaluate **the right scale(s)** (regional/subregional/local) to address these challenges
4. Improve **capacity for and commitment to collaboration** among Bay area agencies and utilities

9:15-9:30 Icebreaker Exercise"-15

- Make interactive, depending on size of group
- Suggestions (see below for other ideas)
 - Bingo card to fill out with "little known facts" about agencies or individuals
 - Challenge people to group according to different or similar characteristics (e.g largest and smallest water or wastewater agency; agencies that report to boards v. councils)

9:30-10:10 Drivers and Opportunities -40 min

- Wastewater Agency (nutrients) (10)
- Water Agency (water supply) (20)
- RWQCB perspective (5)
- Importance of Collaboration and breakout charge (5)

10:10 am-10:25 Break



10:25-11:15 Small group breakout #1 : Current Perspectives on Reuse and Other Priorities (50 min)

NOTE: A Collaboration Team Member will facilitate each of the small groups. In addition, each group will create a roster of attendees and select a recorder and/or reporter.

- Discussion of key issues and approaches. Example Questions:
 - What is your agency's view of water reuse potential and challenges in achieving that potential in your area?
 - How do these agency views compare across agency types and subregions of the Bay Area?
 - What has your agency already done to consider and advance planning and implementation of water reuse? How effective have those efforts been?
 - Are there aspects of the water issues faced by your community that do not fall within your jurisdiction? How do you engage on those issues?
 - What are your agency's current highest top 2 priority concerns and issues:
 - Water supply reliability (Meeting current and future water demand)
 - Improving system resilience and sustainability in the face of risks (disasters, etc.)
 - Ecosystem preservation and protection
 - Limiting carbon emissions
 - Permit compliance
 - Keeping rates down
 - Other (please describe)

11:15-11:45 Report out (30 min)

11:45-12:45 Lunch (1 hour)

12:45-1:15 Overview of Findings and “Lessons Learned” in WRAP 2.16 on overcoming obstacles to collaboration

- Governance
- Regulation
- Economics
- Management
- Leadership

NOTE: Relate learnings to 3 desired outcomes of workshop; leave 10 min for questions/discussion



1:15-2:30 Small group breakout #2 (45 min): Improving Reuse
Capacity Through Collaboration

- From the perspective of your subregion, can collaboration enhance your capacity to respond to climate change, nutrient reduction, water supply (etc)? How?
- How is your ability to form partnerships impacted by the five factors discussed in WRAP 2.16 (see above)?
- Which partnerships would be most likely to enhance the effectiveness of your organization now and in the future for considering and advancing water reuse?
- How can partnerships be baked into institutions so that they outlast individual relationships?

2:30-3:15 Report out leading to Plenary discussion and Next Steps
and Potential Actions (45 min)

SFEP will compile next steps to facilitate participants' report-outs to their agencies, and inform future work for this group.