

Committee Request for Board Action: None

51 attendees participated virtually from 22 member agencies and the Regional Water Board.

Updates on Committee Activity and Announcements

- **PFAS:** SFEI recently published a [scientific paper](#) about high levels of PFOS in SF Bay fish; the story was also picked up by local media (e.g., [KQED](#)). On the legislative front, [SB 682](#), a ban on non-essential uses of PFAS, was passed by the CA Senate and is now heading to the assembly. BACWA has signed onto a [letter of support](#).
- **BACWA Updates:** Content from the [BACWA Annual Members Meeting](#), including the pollution prevention panel, is now available on the BACWA website. The communications steering committee has created and shared [Algal Bloom / Nutrients Social Media Posts](#). To join that group, contact [Lorien Fono](#).
- **Steering Committee Update on Fall Campaign:** The Steering Committee is soliciting ideas for the fall 2025 campaign; if your agency has content (video, graphics) to share, please share!

Wastewater Treatment Plants and Public Engagement - Five agencies shared their experiences connecting with the public through in-person experiences, including tours and public art.

Fairfield-Suisun Sewer District. Krystle Catamura shared information about the [FSSD Education Program](#), which is implemented through a partnership with Solano County RCD that is partially grant-funded. The program includes a classroom pre-lesson, treatment plant tour, and post-lesson. It includes a mock community meeting, which has been popular, as well as planting native plants and content related to sea level rise adaptation. The program reached 300 fifth-graders this year, and FSSD hopes to continue growing the program.

EBMUD. Zoe Lake is a tour guide for EBMUD's wastewater plant tours. The District conducted 64 tours in the last year, including [monthly plant tours](#) for the general public that have been extremely popular. Tour availability is limited by staff resources, so there is often a waitlist. Tour guides use microphones and receivers; there are also informational kiosks around the plant. EBMUD's education department helps reimburse schools for the cost of transportation.

West County Wastewater District. Joe Neugebauer shared that his agency is continuing to ramp up tours after going on hiatus during COVID. WCWD coordinates classroom tours through word of mouth. They had to stop offering transportation due to insurance issues, so schools are now responsible for transportation to the plant. The program includes a classroom pre-lesson (video). The tour also includes a wipes demonstration and information about sea level rise adaptation.

SFPUC. Blair Randall shared information about the SFPUC's public art program. Per City ordinance, 2% of all aboveground construction project costs must be used to support public art. SFPUC has been working to better align these expenditures with their mission. Recently completed projects include the [Southeast Community Center](#), [New Headworks Facility](#), and a series of temporary murals along the exterior construction fencing at Southeast Plant. Blair recommended that agencies include public art from the very beginning of capital project planning, because public outreach and commissioning artwork is time-intensive (but rewarding!).

NapaSan. Steph Turnipseed shared information about her agency's public outreach efforts, which include parades, community events, annual open houses, and career fairs. They offer [plant tours](#) every 3rd Thursday for the general public, school tours, and [bike tours](#) along the river. To keep middle schoolers engaged, they make the tour and presentation interactive.

Additional information about plant tours is stored in this community-edited [Google Sheet](#).

Next BAPPG General Meeting: Wednesday, August 6, 10am – 12pm Virtual