

**June 12, 2024 – SUPPLEMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE**

**BAY AREA WATER SUPPLY AND CONSERVATION AGENCY  
BOARD POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING**

**June 12, 2024**

Correspondence and media coverage of interest between June 6, 2024 and June 12, 2024

**Correspondence**

From: Steve Jordan, BAWSCA Board Member  
To: Board Policy Committee  
Date: June 9, 2024  
Subject: Comment on BPC Item 6B

From: Thomas Rogers – Chatsworth, CA  
Yanely Zavala-Villafuerte - Oxnard, CA  
Gerald Shaia - Sun Valley, CA  
Lill D. – Berkeley, CA  
Tina Ann – Bolinas, CA  
To: BAWSCA Board Members  
Date: June 7, 2024 – June 9, 2024  
Subject: Restore Remote Participation at BAWSCA

**Press Release**

From: SFPUC  
Date: June 6, 2024  
Subject: SF Drinking Water Meets or Surpasses all State and Federal Standards

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**Date:** Sunday, June 9, 2024 7:57:17 PM  
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Karen, Nicole,

I would like to submit a comment on BPC agenda item 6B. Ideally I would like to discuss this at the BPC meeting, but I cannot yet travel or walk, and it is not clear if remote speakers are allowed at the new location.

Thank you,  
Steve Jordan  
Board Member, BAWSCA

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Comparison Agency Compensation per BAWSCA presentations of 4/12/23 and 6/12/24

While BAWSCA’s 4/12/23 presentation to BPC may have intentionally been a quick analysis, it contained both incorrect data and bad comparables, likely biasing the BPC discussion. I raised this issue at the 4/12/23 meeting and have discussed this with management. Rather than review the same incorrect data at its June 12 BPC meeting, I suggest BAWSCA get valid data and present it to the Board in May.

Comparison Agency	Compensation per Day of Service	Limitation on Days of Service per Month	Accuracy/relevance
BAWSCA	\$100/day	4 days/month	
Alameda County Water District	\$290/day	10 days/month	Missing ~\$2000/mo.
Coastside County Water District	\$150/day	6 days/month, max of \$600/month	Not a comparable
Contra Costa Water District	\$100/day	10 days/month	Missing ~\$1500/mo.
Mid-Peninsula Water District	\$100/day	10 days/month	
North Coast County Water District	\$100/day	10 days/month	Not a comparable
Purissima Hills Water District	\$100/day	6 days/month	Not a comparable
Santa Clara Valley Water District	\$331.86/day	15 days/month	Missing ~\$2000/mo.
Westborough Water District	\$100/day	N/A	Not a comparable
San Francisco Public Utilities Commission	\$100/month	N/A	

In summary the BAWSCA 4/12/23 presentation:

Used Bad comparables, e.g. of 9 “comparable agencies”, 44% are from 4 of the smallest BAWSCA agencies.

For 50% of the larger agencies, ignored the largest component of compensation, Group Benefit costs, which typically run \$1000-\$4000 month. See ACWD board comp presentation on next slide.

Excluded other large comparable agencies in the Bay Area, e.g. EB MUD, Marin Municipal, and Dublin San Ramon.

Below is an excerpt from a board compensation analysis presented to ACWD for its 2023 board comp review, including compensation per meeting and benefit costs per month.

**Table 1:** The Compensation and benefit survey results from the comparable water agencies.

AGENCY	Amount per	Group Benefit Cost		
	Meeting	Minimum to Maximum Per Month		
<b>Alameda County Water District</b>	<b>\$290.00</b>	<b>\$1,174.50</b>	<b>to</b>	<b>\$3,053.70</b>
<b>Contra Costa Water District</b>	<b>\$100.00</b>	<b>\$760.17</b>	<b>to</b>	<b>\$2,375.72</b>
<b>Dublin San Ramon Services District</b>	<b>\$195.00</b>	<b>\$886.00</b>	<b>to</b>	<b>\$2,303.00</b>
<b>East Bay Municipal Utility District*</b>		<b>\$828.51</b>	<b>to</b>	<b>\$2,457.80</b>
<b>Marin Municipal Water District**</b>	<b>\$200.00</b>	<b>\$935.84</b>	<b>to</b>	<b>\$1,871.68</b>
<b>Valley Water District</b>	<b>\$365.87</b>	<b>\$876.49</b>	<b>to</b>	<b>\$3,210.89</b>
<b>Mean</b>	<b>\$230.17</b>	<b>\$910.25</b>	<b>to</b>	<b>\$2,545.47</b>
<b>Zone 7***</b>	<b>\$197.21</b>	<b>N/A</b>		

\* Flat Rate

\*\* 2021 rate - 2023 data not yet available

\*\*\* No group benefits

Source: ACWD Board package.

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Dear BAWSCA Board of Directors,

We look forward to your championing protection of our air, water, and environment rather than exploiting it for profit.

Dear Board Members,

The removal of remote participation in BAWSCA Board meetings has reduced the transparency of the agency and has excluded the voices of the elderly, working-class, and caregiving community members from sharing their vital perspectives on the actions BAWSCA takes.

Remote participation became the new normal during the pandemic and remains in place in the majority of California cities. BAWSCA has made great progress by returning livestreams of Board meetings and the Agency must continue by implementing remote public comment services. As BAWSCA considers continuing its anti-environmental lawsuit against the State Water Board and chooses to support environmentally harmful voluntary agreements (VAs), the Board must remain transparent and ensure the voices of marginalized communities are heard at public meetings.

The Board must restore remote participation, including remote public comment. Thank you for recognizing the impact that remote participation has on increasing the accessibility and transparency of BAWSCA.

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

June 7, 2024

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**SF Drinking Water Meets or Surpasses all State and Federal Standards**

*SFPUC Releases Annual Water Quality Report, Which Highlights  
Nearly 100,000 Water Tests in One Year*

SAN FRANCISCO – For the 28th consecutive year, the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC) published its Annual Water Quality Report, now available online, showcasing its high-quality, reliable drinking water, which meets or exceeds all state and federal standards.

“The water we deliver to homes, businesses, and partner water agencies around the Bay Area is some of the best in the country,” said SFPUC General Manager Dennis Herrera. “We provide millions of Bay Area residents with clean and affordable drinking water to support their businesses, families, and livelihoods, which also saves them money because there is no need to buy bottled water or home water treatment devices. The nearly 100,000 drinking water tests we conducted this year on the supply for San Francisco alone confirm that we deliver some of the highest quality tap water in the country.”

More than 2.7 million residents in four Bay Area counties and thousands of businesses depend on the SFPUC for some or all of their drinking water. Access to clean water is essential for life and public health. San Francisco’s Hetch Hetchy Regional Water system has also been a key driver in the Bay Area's economic growth over the last 100 years, while helping to sustain Northern California's complex and diverse ecosystems.



Hetch Hetchy Reservoir - April 2024. Photo courtesy of San Francisco Public Utilities Commission.



San Antonio Reservoir - April 2024. Photo courtesy of San Francisco Public Utilities Commission.

The SFPUC carefully manages the watershed lands that provide our source water. This includes partnering with the National Park Service for protecting the area around Hetch Hetchy Reservoir in Yosemite National Park, as well as protecting 60,000 acres of watershed lands in Alameda, Santa Clara, and San Mateo counties.

For example, our Peninsula watershed alone serves as a habitat for 800 species of plants and trees, 165 bird species, 50 mammal species, and other wildlife, many of which have disappeared from

other parts of the Bay Area. That watershed protects at least six federally threatened or endangered wildlife species: the federally endangered mission blue butterfly, San Bruno elfin butterfly, and San Francisco garter snake, and the federally threatened California red-legged frog, steelhead trout, and marbled murrelet. By protecting these lands from development and nurturing a healthy watershed, we protect the environment and help ensure a high-quality water supply.

The SFPUC regularly collects and tests drinking water at designated sampling points throughout San Francisco. On average, the SFPUC tests its drinking water more than 250 times a day. Licensed engineers and certified operators evaluate water for contaminants, including microbes, copper, lead, and disinfection byproducts. Once again, the SFPUC's drinking water met or surpassed all federal and state requirements for these contaminants.



Calaveras Reservoir - 2024. Photo courtesy of San Francisco Public Utilities Commission.

In addition, the SFPUC also conducted testing for per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances, known as PFAS. These human-made, persistent chemicals are used in a variety of industries and consumer products, including nonstick cookware, stain resistant clothing, and firefighting foam. They are sometimes referred to as “forever chemicals” because components of them break down very slowly over time.

After four consecutive quarters of monitoring at designated locations approved by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the SFPUC did not detect PFAS in our water.

The SFPUC recently mailed San Francisco customers a postcard link to the 12-page [2023 Water Quality Report](#). Learn more about the SFPUC's [tap water](#).