

Time to update your contact list!

The next time you're working on a water pollution-related story, rely on the experts of the Bay Area Clean Water Agencies for your information needs. The Clean Water Agencies can offer commentary and the latest scientific data on a wide range of water quality issues affecting the San Francisco Bay region. Our spokespeople can discuss emerging news in water pollution including the roll-out of a series of TMDLs (total maximum daily loads) to set pollutant quantity standards in an effort restore clean water in the San Francisco Bay region. The first TMDL for mercury is due out later this month.

Clean Water Agency contacts can also speak to issues such as use of pesticides, water pollution from vehicles and proper disposal of household hazardous waste.

Enclosed in this email you will find biographical information on four spokespeople for the Clean Water Agencies. The Clean Water Agencies are a consortium of local government stormwater and wastewater treatment agencies working to reduce water pollution in the region.

Please keep this information on file for use on your next water pollution-related assignment. And remember, there are water pollution angles to stories about transportation, air pollution, hazardous waste, and land use and development. To schedule an interview with a spokesperson, call Chase Roberts at 415-543-0143. You can also access this information on the web at www.bacwa.org.

We look forward to assisting you in meeting your next deadline.

Geoff Brosseau

Since 1994, Geoff Brosseau has been Executive Director of BASMAA (Bay Area Stormwater Management Agencies Association). BASMAA is a consortium of the eight countywide urban runoff programs in the San Francisco Bay Area, representing over 90 agencies, including 79 cities and 5 counties.

At the state level in California, Mr. Brosseau is one of the principal authors of the California Stormwater Best Management Practice Handbooks – a standard reference series. Earlier this year, Mr. Brosseau was also hired to be the part-time Executive Director of CASQA (California Stormwater Quality Association) – a statewide organization similar to BASMAA.

Mr. Brosseau is an excellent media spokesperson on the following water pollution-related topics: pesticides, the links between air pollution and water pollution, land use decisions, and watershed management.

Phil Bobel

Mr. Bobel is the Environmental Compliance Manager at Palo Alto's Regional Water Quality Control Plant. Mr. Bobel has Masters Degrees from Stanford and Cornell in Environmental Engineering and Public Policy and is a Registered Civil Engineer. He has been with the City of Palo Alto for 14 years and prior to that with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for 17 years. Currently, Mr. Bobel has both sanitary and stormwater responsibilities and

previously worked in the water, air, superfund, hazardous waste and pesticide programs while at U.S. EPA.

Mr. Bobel is an excellent media spokesperson on the following water pollution related topics: pesticides, mercury, and the links between air pollution and water pollution.

Chuck Weir

Mr. Weir is a member of the Executive Board of the Bay Area Clean Water Agencies, and has been the General Manager, of the East Bay Dischargers Authority, since 1989. He has been involved in the wastewater industry for over 30 years. He was previously employed as the Operations Manager, City of Sunnyvale; Director, Water Quality Control Institute; and Chemist, City of Riverside. Mr. Weir has degrees in Chemistry and Biochemistry, is a Grade V Operator, and has a California Community Instructor Credential. He is a Past President of the California Water Environment Association and currently serves on the Board of Trustees of the Water Environment Federation and the San Francisco Estuary Institute Board of Directors.

Mr. Weir is an excellent media spokesperson on the following water pollution related topics: wastewater pollution, permitting, and regulatory issues, mercury.

Gail Chesler

Dr. Chesler is an Associate Engineer at the Central Contra Costa Sanitary District. She has graduate degrees from George Washington University (MS) and UC Berkeley (PhD) and is a registered civil engineer. She has been with CCCSD for 14 years and prior to that was a civilian scientist with an R&D unit of the military investigating water treatment for front line forces. She has tracked pollutants in the San Francisco Bay closely, and is a concerned environmentalist. Her current assignment includes issues related to the wastewater collection system, such as corrosion and odor control, renovation and capacity of the existing and planned system, and regulation of the collection system by local, state and federal regulatory authorities.

Dr. Chesler is an excellent media spokesperson on the following water pollution related topics: collection system infrastructure issues, sanitary sewer overflow issues, and household hazardous waste as potential water pollutants.