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President's Message:

Greetings BAWWA members,

March 5, 2020 was a slightly cloudy day in Santa Clara with a high of 67 degrees. A slight northeastern breeze could be felt, pretty good conditions considering it was technically winter. We toured the Silicon Valley Advanced Purification System at the **Santa Clara Valley Water District** and then had dinner and hung-out, joked and enjoyed each other's time like we always do for BAWWA events. Little did we know that this would be one of the last large gatherings we'd ever have for a long time.

COVID-19 or coronavirus were phrases never heard before, but would be the words of our lives for the foreseeable future because unbeknownst to us, California was soon put under an Emergency Order. The signs began on March 9, 2020 when the Grand Princess Cruise ship docked in Oakland with more than 100 aboard were positive for coronavirus. Then on March 11, the state ordered the postponement or cancellation of large gatherings of more than 250 people. Then on March 16, the unthinkable happened, six bay area counties – San Francisco, Santa Clara, San Mateo, Marin, Contra Costa and Alameda, over 7 million people– issued a coordinated shelter-in-place order. Only essential businesses could continue to operate and soon after, the rest of the bay area followed along with all of California and eventually many parts of the country.

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President's Message (continued):

So here we are, fast forward one year, the light is visible at the end of the tunnel. After a dark winter, the affected numbers have continually lowered and tapered, businesses have begun to open and vaccinations have increased by the day. I am optimistic, that things will continue to improve and life will eventually return to normal. Eventually, we will meet again, enjoy each other's company, catch up and embrace our shared love for people, the environment, and water – the source of life.

2021 is a new year and we hope to enjoy every moment as things continue to return to normal! In 2020, vacancies on the BAWWA Board were filled and are shown on Page 8. Due to the unforeseen circumstances around the coronavirus pandemic, I am proposing a vote by our membership to extend and re-elect the existing BAWWA Board to continue in 2021. A non-response will constitute as a vote-in-favor and will mean we will continue and pick-up where we left off in 2020. If there are objections, please send an email to bayareawaterworksassoc@gmail.com. Because of the uncertainty of large gatherings, the Board has decided, for now, to put off all new events until August, where we have begun to plan our 2021 Golf Tournament. Please continue to stay safe and I hope to see you all soon!

Daniel Gill
BAWWA President
East Bay Municipal Water District





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Please take the 2021 Golf Tournament Interest Survey

Save the Date: August 9, 2021



Welcome Back Golf Enthusiasts!

2020 has been a year like no other, particularly for an organization like BAWWA which prides itself on bringing the water community together in fun and thought-provoking events that allow us to network, market, exchange ideas, and contribute to worthy charities. As we look at the possibilities 2021 may offer, we want to gauge your interest for an in-person golf tournament this August 9, at the Ruby Hill Country Club in Pleasanton.



There are many unknowns which make it challenging for us to plan the details of the event. We have put together a short survey to help us gauge interest and determine the format for the tournament.

We understand that in California golfing has been one of the few semi-social activities that have been allowed to continue

throughout the pandemic. We are optimistic that that will remain the case in August 2021. Depending on the overall interest for a golf tournament, we will work with the Country Club management to take the necessary precautions to assure attendees are socially distanced during the initial kickoff, during play, and at the concluding ceremony.

Filling out the survey will greatly help us serve your needs during the golf tournament. And for those who definitely want to go, please mark your calendars for **Monday, August 9th** at the **Ruby Hill Golf Club** in Pleasanton. Details are still in the works, so we will have more information regarding registration and sponsorship opportunities soon. If you have questions, please feel free to contact our **Sports Chair:**

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We look forward to seeing you this summer,
but don't forget to take the Survey!



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A message from SF Bay Water for People Committee:

We hope this message finds you and your loved ones well. As we reflect on the turning of the year, we have seen that times continue to be trying, but some good things did come out of 2020! Because BAWWA sponsored the **Water for People Fall 2020 Bolivia Event**, you have spread so much joy through the gift of accessible, safe water. BAWWA was a lead sponsor at \$1,500 along with HDR, SRT, and a joint venture of MWH-Webcorps. Carollo Engineers participated at the next level of sponsorship at \$1,000 followed by Raftelis, McCormick Strategic Water, Woodard & Curran, CDM-Smith, and EBMUD. Please thank your friends and colleagues at these companies if you have the opportunity!



You made it possible to gather 70+ of our colleagues, friends and families to travel through the last 20 years of Water for People's work in Bolivia, and we learned so much. Furthermore, you got us to the \$10,700 mark, 100% of which Water for People will be putting toward their 2021 projects!



Access to water fuels health, hope, education, optimism, and prosperity. It boosts opportunities for everyone, especially women and girls. Children stay in school longer. Fewer people die of illnesses caused by contaminated water. This year, fewer people will contract COVID-19 with access to safe hand-washing water, thanks to you. Increased education and improved health bring economic prosperity to entire regions. Families have more time to work, play, and simply spend together.

This year, we wish you health, fulfillment, and the ability to enjoy the things that really matter.

With gratitude,
The BAWWA San Francisco Bay Water for People Committee



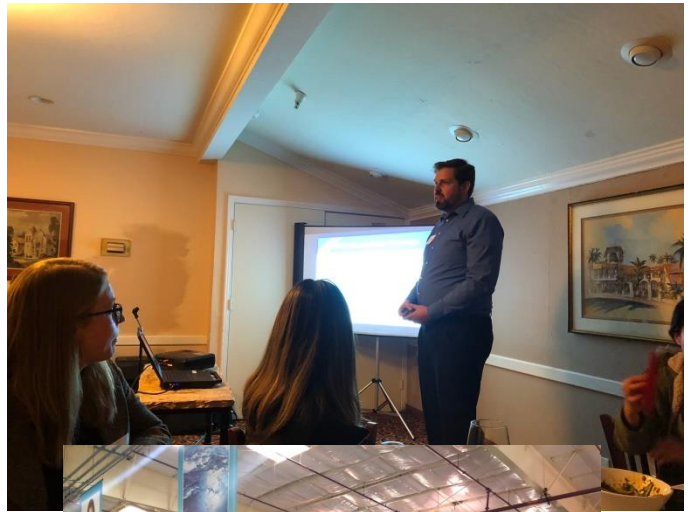
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Look Back at BAWWA's Last Event San Jose/Santa Clara, March 5, 2020

- Tour of Valley Water's Silicon Valley Advanced Water Purification Center (31 members)
- Dinner at Pedro's Restaurant & Cantina (42 members and guests)
- Guest Speaker: Shane O'Nesky





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Monday, March 22, 2021

5:30 – 7:00 PM

SF Water for People Committee
World Water Day Virtual Event

[REGISTER HERE!](#)

Coming up this month on March 22nd, 2021, the San Francisco Bay Area Water for People committee will be hosting a virtual event and fundraiser to celebrate **World Water Day, The Value of Water!** Every year, people from all walks of life celebrate this important date to remember the importance of our world's most precious resource – water. The 2021 WWD theme is special in that it is specifically about valuing water. The SF Bay Area Water for People chapter asks that you and your friends join us on Monday, March 22nd to partake in an interactive and educational trivia game as well as the sharing of an exclusive video, compiled from WFP members from across the globe, highlighting the importance of water for them and their communities. A menu of select teas and food recipes from the areas and countries that WFP works in will also be provided for participants to enjoy. The event will close out with a Q&A session between hosts and participants to explore further discussion and opportunities to help-out in the future.



Agenda

- Overview of Water For People
- Interactive Game with water trivia and a word cloud using Kahoot!
- Value of Water Video featuring Water For People staff, volunteers, and supporters sharing what water means to them
- Q&A session

If you are interested in joining this exciting evening event, please register [here](#) (suggested donation of \$15 is kindly requested per ticket).

This event is hosted by the Bay Area Committee. For more information or questions, please contact bayareawfp@gmail.com.



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MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Due to the extenuating circumstances around the pandemic, if your membership was valid in the beginning of 2020, it will remain valid through the end of 2021. If your membership was not valid at the beginning of 2020, then membership renewal is necessary to maintain active membership. Please remember that BAWWA Membership is based on the calendar year and **not** when you submit your application! (with the exception of new members who sign up for membership at the November General Meeting).

Please find the 2021 membership form on the website by visiting <https://www.bawwa.org/join>. If you have questions regarding membership or need to update any of your contact information please contact **Pablo Ramundo** at pramudo@nmwd.com.



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