



PFAS: Upstream and Downstream

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9:00 – 9:30 am	Refreshments and Networking
9:30 – 9:45 am	Opening Remarks and Welcome Melody LaBella, President, WaterReuse Northern California Chapter
9:45– 10:30 am	Bay Area Clean Water Agencies (BACWA) Studies on PFAS in Wastewater Lorien Fono, Executive Director, BACWA
10:30 – 10:45 am	Network Break
10:45 – 11:30 am	Navigating PFAS: Data-Driven Communication Strategies for Public Agencies Emily Barnett, Communications and Government Relations Manager, Central San
11:30– 12:30 pm	Networking Lunch
12:30– 1:15 pm	Separation and Destruction in PFAS in RO Concentrate Charlie Liu, Kennedy Jenks
1:15 – 1:30 pm	Networking Break
1:30 – 2:15 pm	Forever Chemicals in Municipal Wastewater and their Fate in Nature-Based Treatment Systems Dr. David Sedlak, University of California, Berkeley
2:15 – 2:25 pm	Update on WaterReuse California Association Board Activities Ted Couch, Jacobs, WaterReuse NorCal Representatives to WRCA Board
2:25– 2:30 pm	Closing Remarks and Adjournment Melody LaBella, President, WaterReuse Northern California Chapter

