



SAN FRANCISCO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
City and County of San Francisco

Daniel Lurie
Mayor

REGULAR MINUTES
Tuesday, April 8, 2025
1:30 PM
(Approved, May 13, 2025)

1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place
City Hall, Room 400

Commissioners
Kate H. Stacy, President
Joshua Arce, Vice President
Avni Jamdar
Stephen E. Leveroni

Dennis J. Herrera
General Manager

Tiffany Lennear
Director of Commission Affairs

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Call to Order

President Stacy called the meeting to order at 1:30 P.M.

2. Roll Call

Present: Stacy, Arce, Jamdar, and Leveroni

3. Approval of the Minutes of March 25, 2025

No public comment provided.

On motion to approve the minutes of March 25, 2025:

Ayes: Stacy, Arce, Jamdar, and Leveroni

4. General Public Comment

- *Eileen Bogen, Coalition for San Francisco Neighborhoods, speaking on her own behalf provided a summary of her remarks delivered at the Fire Commission meeting on March 26th regarding an open letter to city officials including the Fire Commission and the Public Utilities Commission, signed by 68 San Francisco Fire Department retirees entitled “SFPUC bureaucrats think the city’s supply of drinking water should be used to fight post-earthquake firestorms on San Francisco’s west side but how many SFPUC bureaucrats have ever fought a fire?”*

5. Report of the General Manager (discussion only)

a) Report on Recent San Francisco Public Utilities Commission Activities, Events and Announcements

No report provided.

REGULAR CALENDAR

6. Public Hearing to approve the Ultra-High Efficiency Toilet Rebate Program and adopt Rules and Regulations to allow the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission to continue to promote indoor water efficiency in its retail service area, by issuing rebates to customers who purchase and install U.S. Environmental Protection Agency WaterSense, Maximum Performance tested Premium certified ultra-high efficiency toilets to replace existing toilets with a maximum rated flush volume of 1.1 gallons per flush. (25-0058)

Julie Ortiz, Water Conservation Manager, presented Item 6.

No public comment provided.

On motion to approve Item 6:

Ayes: Stacy, Arce, Jamdar, and Leveroni

7. Public Hearing to consider the adoption of (1) rates of the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission Power Enterprise for Hetch Hetchy Power service, to be effective with meter readings beginning on or after July 1, 2025 and (2) revision of existing fees for rental of certain facilities beginning May 1, 2025 and updated on July 1, 2026. Separately, SFPUC staff are proposing to hold CleanPowerSF rates flat for Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-26. This action constitutes the Approval Action for the Project for the purposes of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to San Francisco Administrative Code section 31.04(h). The Planning Department has determined that the Project is exempt from the CEQA. The Commission will rely on that determination to make its decision on this action. (25-0059)

Matthew Freiberg, Financial Planning Rates Manager, presented Item 7.

No public comment provided.

On motion to approve Item 7:

Ayes: Stacy, Arce, Jamdar, and Leveroni

8. Approve Southeast Community Center Digital Equity Operator Grant Program revisions to increase the annual grant award to a total not-to-exceed amount of \$200,000; and authorize the General Manager to execute a grant agreement under the revised Grant program. (25-0060)

Elise Washington, Community Benefits and Youth Workforce Senior Administrative Analyst, presented Item 8.

- *Damien Posey also known as “Uncle Damien,” Executive Director and Founder of Us for Us, a non-profit organization, and the new Chair of the Southeast Community Facility Commission thanked the SFPUC for the grant agreement.*

On motion to approve Item 8:

Ayes: Stacy, Arce, Jamdar, and Leveroni

9. **COMMUNICATIONS (information only)**
 - a. Advance Calendar
 - b. Contract Advertisement Report
 - c. Correspondence Log
 - d. Water Supply Conditions Update
 - e. Power Quarterly Report on Delegated Authority Contracts Pursuant to Administrative Code section 21.43
10. Items initiated by Commissioners (discussion only)

No items were initiated by Commissioners.

11. Public Comment on the matter to be addressed during Closed Session

No public comment provided.

12. Motion on whether to assert the attorney-client privilege regarding the matter listed below:

On motion to assert the attorney-client privilege:

Ayes: Stacy, Arce, Jamdar, and Leveroni

The Commission entered Closed Session at 2:25 P.M.

CLOSED SESSION

SFPUC Officials and Staff members present during Closed Session: Kate Stacy, Commission President; Joshua Arce, Commission Vice President; Commissioner Avni Jamdar; Commissioner Stephen Leveroni; Dennis Herrera, SFPUC General Manager; Ron Flynn, Deputy General Manager; Sheryl Bregman, Ellen Levin, Acting Assistant General Manager, Jannie Ram, Executive Assistant; and, Tiffany Lennear Director of Commission Affairs.

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL regarding existing litigation (Government Code §54956.9, Administrative Code §67.10(d):

Allied World Insurance Company and Golden Bear Insurance Company v. City and County of San Francisco

Unlitigated Claim File Nos.: 24-00462 and 24-00463

San Francisco Superior Court Case No. CGC-25-623204

Date Claims Filed: September 11, 2023

Date Complaint Filed: March 11, 2025

Proposed settlement of an unlitigated claim for property damage resulting from a water main break with the City to pay a total of \$1,611,913.13, with \$967,147.91 to Allied World Insurance Company and \$644,765.22 to Golden Bear Insurance Company, in exchange for a dismissal of the lawsuit with prejudice and a full and final release, subject to final approval by the Board of Supervisors. (25-0061)

Vice President Arce exited Closed Session and left the dais at 2:27 P.M.

The Commission exited Closed Session at 2:28 P.M.

13. Announcement following Closed Session

President Stacy stated that the Commission recommends the Board of Supervisors approve the settlement referenced under Item 12.

14. Motion regarding whether to disclose the discussion during Closed Session pursuant to San Francisco Administrative Code Section 67.12(a).

On motion not to disclose:

Ayes: Stacy, Jamdar, and Leveroni

Commissioner Arce excused.

15. Adjournment

President Stacy adjourned the meeting at 2:33 P.M.