



## **SAN FRANCISCO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

City and County of San Francisco

**Daniel Lurie**

Mayor

### **REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**Tuesday, June 24, 2025**

**1:30 PM**

**(Approved July 8, 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

Meghan Thurlow

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, Leveroni, and Thurlow*

*Excused: Arce and Jamdar*

3. Approval of the Minutes of June 10, 2025

No public comment provided.

*On motion to approve the minutes of June 10, 2025 as corrected for the attendance list:*

*Ayes: Stacy, Leveroni, and Thurlow*

*Excused: Arce and Jamdar*

4. General Public Comment

- *Paul Warmer provided comment relating to housing and vaguely recalls a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) to study a public green bank to serve San Francisco.*

5. Report of the General Manager (discussion only)

a) Wastewater Enterprise Quarterly Report Including Southeast Area Major Projects Update (including Biosolids and Headworks)

*Bessie Tam, Infrastructure Wastewater Capital Program Director, presented the report.*

*No public comment provided.*

b) Water Bonds Update – June 2025

*Nikolai Sklaroff, Capital Finance Director, presented the report.*

*No public comment provided.*

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

*SFPUC General Manager, Dennis Herrera, announced the retirement of Ivy Fine, Director of the Contracts Administration Bureau, effective June 30, 2025, after 20 years of tremendous service, comprehensive and fabulous work. Mr. Herrera stated that Ms. Fine and her good nature will be missed.*

*Ivy Fine thanked the General Manager for his kind words and support and stated that she was honored to do work that impacts the city we live in.*

*Commission President Stacy commented that Ms. Fine has brought value to the SFPUC, exhibited extraordinary intelligence and thoughtfulness in her work,*

*including improvements and through her leadership of a strong team.*

*No public comment provided.*

6. Bay Area Water Supply and Conservation Agency Report

*Tom Smegal, BAWSCA CEO and General Manager presented the report.*

*No public comment provided.*

7. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

- a) Approve the novation of Contract No. PUC-0002.D Master As-Needed Security System Maintenance and Integration Services from RFI Enterprises, Inc., DBA RFI Communications and Security Systems, to Pavion Corp. (25-0096)
- b) Award Contract No. WW-730, Various Locations Sewer Replacement No. 18 to A. Ruiz Construction Co. & Associates, Inc., in the amount of \$7,745,522 and with a duration of 480 consecutive calendar days (approximately one year and four months), to replace/line/mortar existing sewers on specified streets in the City and County of San Francisco. 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. (25-0097)
- c) Award Contract No. WW-768, As-A Sewer Inspection (FY25) to the sole, responsible bidder that submitted a responsive bid, Pipe and Plant Solutions, Inc., in the amount of \$3,289,175 with a duration of 380 consecutive calendar days (approximately one year and one month), selected in accordance with San Francisco Administrative Code section 6.23(c)(2), to inspect existing sewers on an as-needed basis, at locations to be determined by Wastewater Enterprise throughout the City and County of San Francisco. (25-0098)
- d) Approve Amendment No. 1 to Contract No. PRO.0112, As-Needed Factory Inspection and Surveillance Services, with Bureau Veritas North America, Inc., increasing the contract duration by two years for a total contract duration of seven years, with no change to the contract amount, to continue providing inspection, testing, and surveillance services for the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission in support of capital improvement projects. (25-0099)
- e) Approve an increase of \$3,100,000 to the cost contingency and an increase of 260 calendar days to the duration contingency for Contract No. PW-011, Bay Corridor Transmission and Distribution Phase 4 and Water Improvements, with Mitchell Engineering, for a revised cost limit of \$20,118,385 and a revised duration limit of 931 consecutive calendar days, to extend water mains and upsize service pipes prior to a future paving contract; install remote control and monitoring facilities; and

remove an abandoned Pacific Gas and Electric Company gas pipeline. (25-0100)

*No public comment provided*

*On motion to approve the Consent Calendar:*

*Ayes: Stacy, Leveroni, and Thurlow*

*Excused: Arce and Jamdar*

## **REGULAR CALENDAR**

8. Approve updates to the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission's existing commercial clothes washer rebate program to reduce the rebate from \$5,000 per qualifying commercial-grade clothes washing machine to \$1,000; remove the 10-dwelling unit or more eligibility requirement for multi-family properties to allow any size multi-family properties to participate for washers installed in common-area laundry rooms; and clarify several minor program terms. (25-0101)

*Julie Ortiz, Water Conservation Manager, presented Item 8.*

*No public comment provided.*

*On motion to approve Item 8:*

*Ayes: Stacy, Leveroni, and Thurlow*

*Excused: Arce and Jamdar*

9. Approve an increase of \$1,500,000 to the cost contingency and an increase of 266 calendar days to the duration contingency for Contract No. HH-1013, Moccasin Compound Water System Filtration Addition, with Sierra Mountain Construction, Inc., for a revised cost limit of \$6,095,729, and a revised duration limit of 646 calendar days (approximately one year and nine months), for additional costs and schedule impacts related to a revised building foundation system due to unforeseen, differing site conditions. (25-0102)

*Kim McFarlane, Renewal and Replacement Manager, presented Item 9.*

*No public comment provided.*

*On motion to approve Item 9:*

*Ayes: Stacy, Leveroni, and Thurlow*

*Excused: Arce and Jamdar*

10. Accept work performed by JDB and Sons Construction, Inc., under Contract No. WW-704, Various Locations Sewer Replacement No. 9; approve Modification No. 4 (Final) decreasing the contract amount by \$10,750 for a total contract amount of \$3,637,491 and increasing the contract duration by 11 calendar days for a total contract duration of 785 consecutive calendar days (approximately two years and three months), to adjust the final

contract amount to the value of actual contract quantities completed and adjust the final contract duration to complete pavement restoration work scope; and authorize final payment to the contractor. (25-0103)

*John Wong, Project Manager II, presented Item 10.*

*No public comment provided.*

*On motion to approve Item 10:*

*Ayes: Stacy, Leveroni, and Thurlow*

*Excused: Arce and Jamdar*

11. Approve an increase to CleanPowerSF's payment of its share of on-going general and administrative costs under its agreement with the California Community Power Authority from \$4,772,710 to a total not to exceed amount of \$8,286,095, for a period of 23 years, and authorize the General Manager to seek Board of Supervisors approval. (25-0104)

*Cheryl Taylor, Operations Manager, presented Item 11.*

*No public comment provided.*

*On motion to approve Item 11:*

*Ayes: Stacy, Leveroni, and Thurlow*

*Excused: Arce and Jamdar*

12. **COMMUNICATIONS (information only)**

- a. Advance Calendar
- b. Contract Advertisement Report
- c. Correspondence Log
- d. Water Supply Conditions Update
- e. Triennial Public Health Goal Report - 2025
- f. Alternative Water Supply Program Annual Progress Report
- g. Quarterly Report of CAISO charges compared with projections and remaining contract expenditures under Contract No. PRO.0152, Power Scheduling Coordination and Related Support Services, with APX, Inc. [Board of Supervisors Resolution No. 095-23]

*President Stacy noted the Triennial Public Health Goal hearing currently scheduled for September and also requested that a hearing be scheduled for September or October 2025 for the Alternative Water Supply Program.*

13. Items initiated by Commissioners (discussion only)

*No items were initiated by Commissioners.*

14. Public Comment on the matter(s) to be addressed during Closed Session

*No public comment provided.*

15. Motion on whether to assert the attorney-client privilege regarding the matter(s) listed below:

*On motion to assert the attorney-client privilege:*

*Ayes: Stacy, Leveroni, and Thurlow*

*Excused: Arce and Jamdar*

*The Commission entered Closed Session at 2:47 P.M.*

**CLOSED SESSION**

*SFPUC Officials and Staff members present during Closed Session: Kate Stacy, Commission President; Commissioner Stephen Leveroni; Commissioner Meghan Thurlow; Dennis Herrera, General Manager; Ron Flynn, Deputy General Manager; Sheryl Bregman, SFPUC General Counsel; Margaret Schraeder, Deputy City Attorney; Barbara Hale, Assistant General Manager, Power; Steve Ritchie, Assistant General Manager, Water; Jannie Ram, Executive Assistant; and Tiffany Lennear, Director of Commission Affairs.*

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

*Farmers Insurance Exchange v. City and County of San Francisco*

Unlitigated Claim File No.: 25-01132

Date Filed: December 11, 2024

Proposed settlement of an unlitigated claim for property damage resulting from a water main break with the City to pay claimant Farmers Insurance Exchange \$101,435, in exchange for a full and final release, subject to final approval by the Board of Supervisors.

(25-0105)

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

*Jane Gazzola v. City and County of San Francisco*

San Francisco Superior Court Case No. CGC-23-610773

Date Filed: December 1, 2023

Proposed settlement of a claim for personal injury with the City to pay plaintiff Jane Gazzola \$128,000, in exchange for a full and final release, subject to final approval by the Board of Supervisors.

(25-0107)

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL regarding anticipated litigation (Government

Code §54956.9, Administrative Code §67.10(d):

*Hamza Alaudi v. City and County of San Francisco*

Unlitigated Claim File No.: 25-00893

Date Filed: November 7, 2024

Proposed settlement of an unlitigated claim for property damage resulting from a water main break with the City to pay claimant Hamza Alaudi \$90,000, in exchange for a full and final release, subject to final approval by the Board of Supervisors. (25-0106)

*The Commission exited Closed Session at 2:55 P.M.*

16. Announcement following Closed Session

*President Stacy stated that the Commission recommends the Board of Supervisors approve the settlements referenced under Item 15.*

17. 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, Leveroni, and Thurlow*

*Excused: Arce and Jamdar*

18. Adjournment

*President Stacy adjourned the meeting at 2:57 P.M.*