

SAN FRANCISCO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

City and County of San Francisco

Daniel Lurie Mayor

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES Tuesday, September 9, 2025 1:30 PM

(Approved September 23, 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 1:31 P.M.

2. Roll Call

Present: Stacy, Leveroni, and Thurlow

3. Approval of the Minutes of July 22, 2025

• Francisco DaCosta provided comment relating to the Rate Fairness Board meeting he attended earlier in the day and expressed concern regarding energy, the sewer and clean water systems, and asked the Commission to focus on communities that need help the most.

On motion to approve the minutes of July 22, 2025: Ayes: Stacy, Leveroni, and Thurlow

4. General Public Comment

Commissioner Jamdar arrived at 1:39 P.M.

- Francisco DaCosta provided comment relating to the Bayview-Hunters Point community and problems that develop without accountability and transparency.
- Spreck Rosekrans, Restore Hetch Hetchy, shared information relating to a double-blind water quality taste test conducted last summer with University of Colorado graduate students.
- Nancy Arbuckle, San Francisco resident and rate payer, commented that the SFPUC relies on flawed data to make decisions about water and rates payers and the environment are being harmed as a result.
- Bill Clarke expressed concern regarding the direction of today's SFPUC and stated that the deferred maintenance of sewer infrastructure threatens the basic needs of citizens.
- Demetrius Williams, President of the San Francisco Hyper Local Building Trades Contractors Collective, provided comment that the Collective meets every Tuesday at 8:00 AM at the 1550 Evans site and further commented on resources lost that were allocated for a state-of-the-art sewer treatment plant in the Bay View.
- Norma Wallace Galvan provided comment requesting the Commission hold a workshop regarding two Commission directives to work with irrigation districts.
- John Rosapepe, former fisherman and current water and river advocate recalled five SFPUC workshops that occurred in years 2022 and 2023 and requested a workshop on the design drought.
- Peter Drekmeier, Policy Director for the Tuolumne River Trust, provided comment on the Tuolumne River voluntary agreement and the 2019 and 2020 Commission approved resolutions permitting the SFPUC to work with irrigation districts.
- Ben from Friends of Mission Creek provided comment concerning sewers that

- back up into homes and businesses and further commented on the contents of the 2010 Sewer System Master Plan Tech Memorandum.
- Rush Rehm, San Francisco resident and retired Professor of Stanford, provided comment relating to the design drought and support of the Bay Delta Plan.
- Martin Gothberg, Tuolumne River Water consumer, provided public comment concerning the design drought.
- Mary Butterwick, San Francisco resident and Tuolumne River advocate, provided comment relating to testimony she delivered at SFPUC meetings in the past concerning the lawsuit against the State Water Board Bay Delta Plan Update.
- Steven Rosenbloom stated that he aligns himself with many of the prior comments, due to climate change California faces continuous cycles of drought and flooding, and he also commented that the task of the SFPUC is to plan for reliable and cost-effective drinking water for its customers.
- Caller's name indecipherable (Samantha Amoritt) provided comment stating that the SFPUC is well positioned to support the goals of the 2009 Water Reform Act.

5. Report of the General Manager (discussion only)

- a) Quarterly Audit and Performance Review Report, Q4, FY 2024-25

 Nancy Hom, Chief Financial Officer and Business Services Assistant General

 Manager presented the report.
 - Francisco DaCosta commended Ms. Hom on the report presented, suggested that public comment be increased from two to three minutes, and encouraged the Commission to listen to the people.
- b) Report on Recent San Francisco Public Utilities Commission Activities, Events and Announcements
 No report provided.

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

- a) Approve Modification No. 1 to Job Order Contract No. JOC-100, HVAC Energy
 Efficiency (C-20 License), San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara, and Alameda
 Counties, with Mesa Energy Systems, Inc., to increase the contract duration by three
 years, for a total contract duration of five years, with no change to the contract
 amount, to provide additional time for facility and asset improvements. (25-0125)
- b) Award Contract No. WW-790, Evans Ave. and Mariposa St. Outfalls Improvements, to the responsible bidder that submitted the lowest responsive bid, Pullman SST, Inc., in the amount of \$2,576,348, with a duration of 379 consecutive calendar days (approximately one year and one month), to rehabilitate the Evans Avenue and Mariposa St. Outfalls, 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

<u>on this action.</u> (25-0126)

c) Award Contract No. HH-1017, Warnerville Substation Rehabilitation – Phase 2, to the responsible bidder that submitted the lowest responsive bid, Big Valley Electric, in the amount \$6,695,000 and with a duration of 551 consecutive calendar days (approximately one year and six months), to replace four high voltage 230 kilovolts oil circuit breakers, associated switches, current voltage transformers, relays, surge arrestors, an overhead conductor, and a disconnect switch in the south yard of Warnerville Substation located in Oakdale, Stanislaus County. (25-0127)

d) Award Job Order Contract No. JOC-113, Electrical (C-10 License) Construction, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara, and Alameda Counties, in the amount not-to-exceed \$5,000,000, with a guaranteed minimum task order opportunity amount of \$50,000, and a duration of four years, to the responsible bidder that submitted the lowest responsive bid, Liffey Electric, Inc., to perform C-10 licensed electrical construction work on San Francisco Public Utilities Commission systems and operations around the Bay Area. (25-0128)

No public comment provided.

On motion to approve the Consent Calendar: Ayes: Stacy, Jamdar, Leveroni, and Thurlow

REGULAR CALENDAR

7. Public hearing on the San Francisco Water System 2025 Public Health Goal Report for the purpose of accepting and responding to public comment and directing the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission General Manager or the General Manager's designee to submit a letter to the State Water Resources Control Board documenting that such a hearing has been held.

(25-0129)

Andrew DeGraca, Water Quality Division Director, presented the report.

No public comment provided.

On motion to approve Item 7: Ayes: Stacy, Jamdar, Leveroni, and Thurlow

8. Approve the Draft San Francisco Public Utilities Commission Cross-Connection Control Plan and Program Manual, which documents SFPUC compliance with the California State Water Resources Control Board Cross-Connection Control Policy Handbook: Standards and Principles for California's Public Water Systems, and provides guidance regarding the requirements of the Cross-Connection Control Program; and authorize the General Manager to submit the Cross-Connection Control Plan and Program Manual to the State Water Resources Control Board and to make conforming revisions as needed.

(25-0130)

Andrew DeGraca presented the report.

No public comment provided.

On motion to approve Item 8:

Ayes: Stacy, Jamdar, Leveroni, and Thurlow

 Public hearing to consider and possible action to adopt amended Section G, Cross-Connection Control, of the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission's Rules and Regulations Governing Water Service to Customers, implementing Article 12A of the San Francisco Health Code, in conformance with the requirements of Charter Section 4.104. (25-0131)

Andrew DeGraca presented the report.

No public comment provided.

On motion to approve Item 9:

Ayes: Stacy, Jamdar, Leveroni, and Thurlow

10. Approve Amendment No. 2 to Contract Nos. PRO.0188.A-D for As-Needed Specialized and Technical Services, Water Enterprise, with Kennedy Jenks Consultants, Inc. and Applied Technology & Science, Joint Venture (PRO.0188.A), AECOM Technical Services, Inc. and Water Resources Engineering, Inc., Joint Venture (PRO.0188.B), Woodard & Curran, Inc. and SRT Consultants, Joint Venture (PRO.0188.C), and Brown and Caldwell and Lotus, Joint Venture (PRO.0188.D) increasing each contract amount by \$2,500,000, for a new total not-to-exceed contract amount of \$7,500,000 for each contract, with no change to the contract duration, to continue providing critical, short-term, highly specialized work related to the operations and management of the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission's Water Enterprise. (25-0132)

Steve Ritchie, Assistant General Manager - Water Enterprise, presented the report.

No public comment provided.

On motion to approve Item 10:

Ayes: Stacy, Jamdar, Leveroni, and Thurlow

11. Accept work performed by Precision Engineering, Inc., under Contract No. WW-736, Castro and Mission Districts Sewer Improvements, with Precision Engineering, Inc.; approve Modification No. 3 (Final) decreasing the contract amount by \$691,784, and increasing the contract duration by 187 calendar days for a total contract amount of \$9,118,766 and a total contract duration of 712 consecutive calendar days (approximately two years), to adjust the final contract amount to the value of actual contract quantities completed and adjust the final contract duration to complete as-built documentation; and

Mary Tienken, Project Manager Bureau - Project Manager, presented the report.

No public comment provided.

On motion to approve Item 11: Ayes: Stacy, Jamdar, Leveroni, and Thurlow

12. Approve an increase of \$5,000,000 to the cost contingency for Contract No. WD-2776, San Francisco Westside Recycled Water Treatment Facility at Oceanside Plant, with S.J. Amoroso Construction Co., Inc., to reconcile extended overhead costs related to project delays, and miscellaneous changes to the electrical and mechanical systems; and authorize the General Manager to approve future contract modifications for a total cost limit of up to \$101,356,700, with no change to the contract duration. (25-0134)

Barbara Palacios, Project Manager Bureau – Project Manager, presented the report.

Commissioner Arce arrived at 3:34 P.M.

No public comment provided.

On motion to approve Item 12: Ayes: Stacy, Arce, Jamdar, Leveroni, and Thurlow

13. Approve Amendments No. 1 to Contract Nos. CS-1231.A, D, and E, Municipal Advisory Services, with Backstrom McCarley Berry & Co. LLC (CS-1231.A), Montague DeRose and Associates LLC (CS-1231.D), and PFM Financial Advisors LLC (CS-1231.E), increasing each contract amount by \$700,000, for a total not-to-exceed of \$1,675,000 per contract, with no change to the duration, to continue providing municipal advisory services related to capital financing programs of the Water, Wastewater, and Power Enterprises, and CleanPowerSF.

Nikolai Sklaroff, Capital Finance Director, presented the report.

No public comment provided.

On motion to approve Item 13:

Ayes: Stacy, Arce, Jamdar, Leveroni, and Thurlow

14. **COMMUNICATIONS (information only)**

- a. Advance Calendar
- b. Correspondence Log
- c. Water Supply Conditions Update
- d. Annual Commission Update on Final Changes to FY 2025-26 Budget (Q4)
- e. CleanPowerSF Quarterly Report (Q3)

- f. Quarterly Report to the Board of Supervisors on the Status of Applications to PG&E for Electric Service
- g. Fiscal Year 2024-25 Annual Report Water System Improvement Program
- h. Notice of Changes Report Water System Improvement Program
- i. Water Enterprise Capital Improvement Program Quarterly Report
- j. Contaminants of Emerging Concern in Drinking Water, 2025 Progress Update

15. Items initiated by Commissioners (discussion only)

Vice Commissioner Arce discussed the Hummingbird Farm collaboration and partnership and requested to learn about future plans for Hummingbird Farm offline.

No public comment provided.

16. Adjournment

President Stacy adjourned the meeting at 3:49 P.M.