



**San Francisco Public Utilities Commission
 Citizens' Advisory Committee
 Power Subcommittee**

MEETING MINUTES

**Tuesday, February 14, 2022
 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.**

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Mission: The Power Subcommittee shall review power generation and transmission system reliability and improvement programs, including but not limited to facilities siting and alternatives energy programs, as well as other relevant plans, programs, and policies ([Admin. Code Article XV, Sections 5.140 - 5.142](#)).

Members

Chair Emily Algire (D5) Barklee Sanders (D6) Moisés García (D9)
 Steven Kight-Buckley (D3) Joshua Ochoa (D7)

D = District Supervisor appointed, M = Mayor appointed, B = Board President appointed

Staff Liaisons: Mayara Ruski Augusto Sa, Lexus Moncrease, and Jotti Aulakh
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 Mayor

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 President

Sophie Maxwell
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Tim Paulson
 Commissioner

Tony Rivera
 Commissioner

Kate Stacy
 Commissioner

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 General Manager

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ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. **Call to order and roll call at 5:30 pm**

Members present at roll call: (4) Algire, Sanders, García, and Ochoa

Members Absent: (1) Kight

Staff: Ramon Abueg and Peter Gallotta

Members of the Public: None

2. **Approve [December 13, 2022 Minutes](#)**

Motion was made (García) and seconded (Sanders) to approve the December 13, 2022 Minutes.

AYES: (4) Algire, Sanders, García, and Ochoa

NOES: (0)

ABSENT: (1) Kight

Public Comment: None

3. **Report from the Chair**

- Welcome members, staff, and the public
- Ohlone Tribal Land Acknowledgement

Public Comment: None

4. **Public Comment: Members of the public may address the Committee on matters that are within the Committee's jurisdiction and are not on today's agenda**

Public Comment: None

5. **Presentation and Discussion: [Resolution Regarding Emergency Authorization and Power Outages on Treasure Island](#), Barklee Sanders, Power CAC Member**

Presentation

- **Member Sanders** commented that there have been minimal upgrades done by TIDA (Treasure Island Development Authority) to Treasure Island's (TI) grid in the last 25 years because they want to first redevelop the island. He noted that only TIDA can approve infrastructure changes to TI while the SFPUC can only make recommendations. Sanders added that the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) and federal government do not have oversight over TI.

He commented that during the period of heavy rainfall, California asked President Biden for FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) funding and declared a State of Emergency on January 4, 2023, and that the San Francisco's Mayor issued a local proclamation of emergency. Sanders also noted that there was a water main break at Stern Grove that flooded the entire park, which the City determined was an emergency and authorized \$2 million of funding for.

He added that since TI has experienced a power outage every two to three weeks for the last 25 years, it should be considered an emergency as well. Sanders commented that the resolution asked for a full inspection of TI's infrastructure to determine how much money is needed from the state, FEMA, and others to cover the upgrades needed. He noted that because TIDA does not see any worth in upgrading the infrastructure on TI, the Mayor can declare a specific emergency to address the outages on TI by overriding TIDA's determination. Sanders added that FEMA funding and other programs with available funding would solve the financial issue if TIDA determines the upgrades are not cost effective.

Discussion

- **Member Sanders** asked if the Power Subcommittee should include references to the federal and local declarations of emergency made recently to address the storm events, which were not specific to TI.
- **Member García** commented that in the last Whereas clause, "the" should be capitalized after "Whereas" and should end with ";Now, therefore, be it." He noted that the "NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT" should be struck from the first resolved clause and the following Resolved clauses should begin with "Further Resolved." García added that the phrase "be it" should be added to the end of every Resolved clause. He commented that the CAC should be mindful of the advice from the City Attorney's Office that they can only make recommendations to the Board of Supervisors (BoS) and the SFPUC. García added that in the second, third, and last Further Resolved clauses, TIDA should not be addressed. He then asked if the final Whereas was more of a Resolved clause than a Whereas clause and whether the first Resolved clause was more of a Whereas clause than a Resolved clause. García also asked if the CAC could make findings.

Member Sanders responded that the first Resolved clause should be a Whereas clause and agreed that the last Whereas clause should become the first Resolved clause.

- **Member García** commented that the new Whereas clause should have "; now, therefore, be it" added to the end, and the first Resolved clause should end with ": be it."
- The above changes were made to the resolution.
- **Member Sanders** asked if there should be a Whereas clause that states that the President approved a disaster declaration, and that Mayor Breed has also signed an emergency proclamation which should apply to Treasure Island.

Chair Algire responded that it was a compelling argument to be made and asked if there was any money left from the local emergency

declaration made by Mayor Breed because that would add strength to the resolution.

Member Sanders commented that the the San Francisco Proclamation of Local Emergency had just expired.

- **Member García** agreed that the emergency declaration portion should be included and asked if SFPUC staff could provide some clarity.

Staff Gallotta responded that he is not familiar with how federal emergency declarations work and that it would be a question for the Department of Emergency Management.

Staff Abueg responded that he was not familiar with the emergency declaration either and would need time to review it.

- **Staff Sanders** provided the following links: <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2023/01/14/president-joseph-r-biden-jr-approves-california-disaster-declaration-3/> and <https://sf.gov/news/city-issues-retroactive-local-proclamation-emergency-ensure-eligibility-disaster-relief>.
- **Chair Algire** asked what the difference is between the previous TI resolution and the current one.

Member Sanders responded that the previous resolution was to provide education on the issues that needed to be resolved while the new resolution is asking for immediate action with emergency declarations, access to funding, and an investigation of TI's grid.

- **Chair Algire** asked who was being addressed in the resolution and if it was appropriate to address the Mayor.

Staff Moncrease responded that the CAC can make recommendations to the SFPUC, its general manager, and the BoS but not the Mayor.

- **Member Sanders** commented that the BoS has the most power to get the Mayor's attention and noted that the BoS, the Mayor, the Emergency Management Department, TIDA, and the SFPUC can choose to make their own emergency declarations.

Staff Abueg commented that the SFPUC cannot declare an emergency, but TIDA can because they declared an emergency in 2019 to allow the SFPUC to have access to mutual aid support to repair a damaged cable on TI.

- In the fourth Further Resolved clause, the phrase "recommends the General Manager, the SFPUC, and the Board of Supervisors to request that TIDA..." was added after "the SFPUC Citizens' Advisory Committee."
- **Member Sanders** provided the following links: <https://sfpuc.org/about-us/news/sfpuc-emergency-declaration-paves-way-rapid-start-repair-and-restoration-efforts>, <https://sfpuc.org/about-us/news/sfpuc-emergency-declaration-paves-way-rapid-start-repair-and-restoration-efforts>, https://sfpuc.org/sites/default/files/documents/Stern_Grove_Emergency_Repair_Project_Budget_and_Finance_Committee_April_2022.pdf,

- **Member García** commented that the SFPUC cannot declare an emergency like they did with Stern Grove because TI and Yerba Buena are under TIDA's purview.
- In the last Further Resolved clause, the phrase "the SFPUC Citizens' Advisory Committee urges the Board of Supervisors to direct TIDA to take all..." was added.
- **Staff Gallotta** commented that there was a contractual relationship between the SFPUC and TIDA and questioned if it would be appropriate to include the SFPUC and the General Manager in the third Further Resolved clause.
- **Member Sanders** asked if the resolution could include an ask of TIDA to sell the assets to the SFPUC similar to how the SFPUC is purchasing PG&E assets.

Member García responded that the assets on TI are already government owned while the assets on the Peninsula and San Francisco are PG&E owned.

- In the third Further Resolved clauses, the phrase "urges the Board of Supervisors to request that TIDA authorize..." was added after "the SFPUC Citizens' Advisory Committee."
- In the third Further Resolved clause, the phrase "overhead and underground" was added before "electric distribution system."

Motion was made (Sanders) and seconded (García) to adopt the resolution and recommend it for the Full CAC's consideration.

The motion PASSED with the following votes:

AYES: (4) Algire, Sanders, García, and Ochoa

NOES: (0)

ABSENT: (1) Kight

Public Comment: None

6. Staff report

- Reminder that District 1, District 10, and the Engineering/Finance seats are still vacant
- The CAC will return to in-person meetings beginning March 1, 2023

Public Comment: None

7. Future Agenda Items and Resolutions

- Power Purchase Presentation – tentatively April 2023
- Clean Energy Actions and Education Campaign for Climate Action Plan (joint presentation with SF Environment Department)
- Integrated Energy Policy Report Presentation
- Power Enterprise Training

- Interconnection Issues
- Legislative Update – Federal and State
- Electrification: San Francisco Climate Action Plan
- Municipalization: Interconnection, FERC Order 568, CCSF Purchase Offer
- Electric Rates & Equity
- Power Enterprise Residential & Commercial Power Programs: Heat Pumps, CAP
- California Community Choice Aggregation Residential & Commercial Power Programs
- Redevelopment Projects: Hunter's Point Shipyard & Treasure Island
- Time-of-Use Rates Update
- Reliability: Wildfires and Public Safety Power Shutoffs

Adopted Resolutions for Follow Up

- Resolution Recommending that the SFPUC Commission Reverses its Position on the "Not to Exceed Rates" for CleanPowerSF, Move Forward with this Important Program, and Allow Staff to Move Forward with its Launch [adopted September 16, 2014](#)
- Resolution in Support of SB 612 Electrical Corporations and other Load-Serving Entities [adopted on July 20, 2021](#)
- Resolution in Supporting of the Transition of CleanPowerSF Residential Customers to Time-of-Use Rates [adopted on July 20, 2021](#)

Public Comment: None

8. Announcements/Comments Visit www.sfpuc.org/cac for confirmation of the next scheduled meeting, agenda and materials.

- **Member Ochoa** (District 7 representative) announced that he was resigning from the CAC.

Public Comment: None

9. Adjournment

Motion was made (García) and seconded (Sanders) to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:47 pm.