

**San Francisco Public Utilities Commission  
Citizens' Advisory Committee Member Biographies**

W = Water Subcommittee member

WW = Wastewater Subcommittee member

P = Power Subcommittee member

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**Cal Law – Full CAC Vice Chair**, Appointed by **District 1** Supervisor (P)

Cal is a software engineer specializing in iOS application development, currently working on a mobile app to support doctors in their daily practice. Born and raised in the San Francisco Bay Area, they recently returned to the region to be closer to family and contribute to the local community. As a graduate of the Boards and Commissions Leadership Institute (BCLI), they also serve on the Geary Community Advisory Committee. As a dedicated member of the advisory committee, Cal is passionate about representing their district and championing equity and accessibility in the services provided by the SFPUC.

**Erin Roach – Appointed by District 2 Supervisor (WW)**

Erin Roach is a mission-driven strategist with extensive experience at the intersection of business, sustainability, and community leadership. Throughout her career, she has helped organizations—from early-stage startups to global corporations—use business as a force for positive social and environmental impact.

As an early team member at Bright Horizons Family Solutions, Erin helped scale the company from launch to \$200 million in revenue, pioneering corporate childcare services as both a business opportunity and a cultural shift for working families. She later co-founded GoCityKids, an online resource for urban parents, which was acquired by Viacom. At Social Venture Network and Presidio Graduate School, she strengthened communities of socially responsible leaders and advanced sustainable business education.

Erin also served as Vice President of Investor Relations and Marketing at Farmland LP, an impact investment fund that converted conventional farmland into organic, sustainable agriculture using an innovative twist on crop rotation with pasture-raised animals.

In addition to her professional work, Erin is an active civic leader in San Francisco. She co-founded and currently serves on the board of the Marina Community Association, led successful efforts to preserve public waterfront access, and represents District 2 on the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission Citizens' Advisory Committee. She brings a strong commitment to sustainability, equity, and community engagement to her role.

**Sally Chen** – Appointed by **District 3** Supervisor (P)

Sally Chen is a passionate advocate on issues of economic justice and educational equity for working-class immigrant communities, with experience in nonprofit direct service, grassroots organizing, and policy advocacy. She is currently the Education Equity Policy Manager at Chinese for Affirmative Action, where she advocates for universal, no-cost, and racially diverse K–16 education for all students. Before her current position, she managed a job center for Chinese immigrants and advocated for affirmative action policies in local hiring. As a first-generation college graduate from a working-class immigrant family, she is a proud alumna of Harvard College, where she also organized for racial justice issues. Most recently, Sally has been a Women in Leadership Fellow with Coro Northern California and an active community garden member at Francisco Park.

**Douglas Jacuzzi** – **Full CAC Chair**, Appointed by **District 4** Supervisor (W and WW)

I grew up steeped in the pump industry. Jacuzzi pumps provided the whirl and bubbles in *Jacuzzis*, and powered US Navy patrol boats in Vietnam, San Francisco Bay's ferry fleet, an unknown plethora of swimming pool filtration systems, and most notably, agricultural groundwater [well] pumping and irrigation systems worldwide. A lifelong surfer, skier, swimmer, fisherman, and waterfowler—all things water-related—it is the pumping of aquifers that became my passion focus when deciding how and where to apply my ardor for the natural environment.

My education in architecture and forty-plus years designing, building, and developing trained me to become a dot-conector/problem solver. In 2020 I founded the non-profit Westside Water Resources, dedicated to solving water issues for people and all the plants and critters that depend upon it.

My favorite activity is getting out in the ocean with my beautiful wife and two beautiful daughters.

**VACANT** – Appointed by **District 5** Supervisor (P)

**Barklee Sanders** – **Power Subcommittee Chair**, Appointed by **District 6** Supervisor (P)

Barklee Sanders is a current Treasure Island resident who moved to the area after getting back on his feet from being a homeless veteran. After persistent hard work and dedication, he started working for Facebook, that gave him the insight into how using innovative technologies can solve systemic problems. He is now dedicated to using his knowledge and expertise to help the community that he is a part of.

Barklee became aware of the long-term issue of power outages affecting the community after moving to the Island in 2017 when there were seven sporadic outages within the first eight weeks of him living there. He realized that the community being affected is statistically at risk as a great percentage of residents are aged-out youth from foster programs, formerly homeless, veterans, and others in need of supportive housing. With his background of being a homeless veteran himself, he knew that he wanted to use his voice to raise awareness of the issues that disrupt the Island and the lives of vulnerable citizens.

**Julia Alicia Hernandez** – Appointed by **District 7** Supervisor (P)

Julia is a 15-year resident of San Francisco with roots in Los Angeles and Mexico. She earned her undergraduate degree from San Francisco State University, where she majored in Latina/o Studies and Labor Studies, and developed a deep commitment to economic and social justice.

With a strong foundation in student organizing, Julia began her career working with labor unions, including UNITE HERE Local 2 and SEIU 2015. Over the past several years, she has built a career in public service with the City and County of San Francisco, engaging in interconnected work across mental health, workforce development, and economic equity.

Currently, Julia serves as a Contract Compliance Specialist with the Office of Community Investment & Infrastructure (OCII), where she helps enforce policies that prioritize residents and small businesses, prevent displacement, and support the return of residents displaced by past redevelopment in emerging communities throughout the city.

Her commitment to civic engagement led her to complete the Boards and Commissions Leadership Institute (BCLI) in 2025. Julia's lived experiences continue to inform her advocacy, particularly around equity in access to and the quality of public utilities. Growing up in a working-class immigrant community in Southeast Los Angeles, she experienced firsthand the impacts of unsafe and unreliable drinking water. Later, while living in Mexico City, recurring power outages in her neighborhood followed the transition from a publicly operated electric utility to a private provider. Disruptions that had profound effects on residents' daily lives. These experiences continue to shape her commitment to public accountability, infrastructure equity, and community-centered policy.

**Amy Nagengast – Wastewater Subcommittee Chair**, Appointed by **District 8** Supervisor (W & WW)

Amy is the San Francisco International Airport's Energy Manager on topics related to energy planning, analysis, commissioning, and management. Previously, Amy worked as a Senior Energy Engineer at Bright Power where she designed and implemented water and energy retrofits in large low-income and market rate multifamily properties throughout California. To support California's Climate Goals, Amy has experience in retrofitting large central domestic hot water systems from natural gas to electricity using heat pump water heaters. Early in her career, Amy designed and oversaw capital improvement projects for water and wastewater treatment plants and distribution networks. Amy enjoys tackling problems using integrated data modeling and visualization to facilitate strategic decision making surrounding interrelated issues of climate, energy, resource planning, growth, building construction and infrastructure systems. As a proud resident of District 8, Amy is excited to contribute her knowledge and passion to advance important issues facing San Francisco's power, water, and sewer services. Amy holds a Ph.D. in Civil and Environmental Engineering from Carnegie Mellon University and a B.S in Civil Engineering from University of Wisconsin-Madison. She is a Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design Accredited Professional (LEED AP) and a registered Professional Engineer.

**Aaron Herbert – Appointed by District 9 Supervisor (W)**

Aaron Hébert (*ay-bear*) is a Natural Resources Manager and ecologist specializing in aquatic habitats and restoration, working for the Santa Clara Valley Open Space Authority. He has been a proud civil servant since 2013. He was appointed as the District 9 representative on the Citizens' Advisory Committee by Supervisor Fielder. He has lived in San Francisco for 15 years and has been drinking Hetch Hetchy water since 1989. Aaron has the privilege of serving on the Board of Directors for the Muwekma Ohlone Preservation Foundation, a non-profit land trust that works in partnership with the Muwekma Ohlone Tribe of the San Francisco Bay Area. He completed his undergraduate degree at Bennington College and received a master's in environmental management from the University of San Francisco.

**VACANT – Appointed by District 10 Supervisor**

**Jennifer Clary – Water Subcommittee Chair**, Appointed by **District 11** Supervisor (W)

Jennifer Clary has served as the Water Program Manager for Clean Water Action's California program since 2003 and was appointed California State Director in July 2020. She works to advance key water quality and funding policies in California; address barriers to safe and affordable drinking water in California communities; and serves on key stakeholder committees that advise state agencies on actions to monitor and protect groundwater quality and invest in water infrastructure. She currently coordinates the NGO Groundwater Collaborative, a coalition of groups that are working together to ensure successful implementation of California's 2014 Sustainable Groundwater Management Act. Jennifer is a well-known Bay Area environmental advocate and holds a bachelor's degree in chemistry from the University of California at Berkeley.

**Arthine Cossey van Duyne – Appointed by the President of the Board of Supervisors**, representing **Environmental Justice**

Arthine, the Principal Consultant at WaterFunder, LLC, is a dedicated finance and strategic partnerships consultant specializing in project funding and financing solutions for water infrastructure and nature-based solutions. Her global management experience spans the public, private, government, academic, startup, and nonprofit sectors. She has crafted and implemented growth and expansion strategies for development banks, foreign direct investment agencies, water utilities, capital markets, and Silicon Valley tech giants. Arthine is an Environmental Justice advisor for the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission's Community Advisory Committee. Arthine is an Army veteran, a Board Advisor for the Freshwater Trust, and a Board Member of the Pacific Institute. She was a Fuse Executive Fellow and an Aspen Climate Policy Fellow and holds a BA in Economics from UC Davis and an MBA from IMD in Switzerland.

**Andrea Baker – Appointed by the President of the Board of Supervisors**, representing **Small Businesses** (WW)

Andrea has provided community development and outreach services to both for profit and nonprofit projects in the Bay Area. Her work is informed by a deep commitment to ensuring that communities have a voice in changes that impact their vision for neighborhoods that they call 'home'. Recently, her work has included conducting outreach for San Francisco Unified District where she facilitated discussions for the proposed \$40 Million Bond fund modernization of Buena Vista Horace Mann, the Waterfront Resilience Program for the Port of San Francisco, and leading the outreach and engagement for University of California, San Francisco's \$1.5 Billion build for their Parnassus Campus. Her work has involved the coordination of multiple

parties, outreach to community residents, merchants, and other stakeholders; as well as the facilitation of group meetings in culturally diverse neighborhoods like East Palo Alto, Bayview-Hunters Point, Fillmore, Oceanview/Merced/Ingleside, Chinatown/North Beach, and Mission communities. She has significant experience in engaging community stakeholders to facilitate productive visioning and planning discussions. This has been impactful in developing plans that incorporate and meet the needs of the community. Board Membership and Awards Andrea has served on several boards including Big Brothers Big Sisters, Renaissance Entrepreneurship Center, Berkeley Arts Center, and Women's Alliance, and the Fillmore Merchants Association. She has served as the Chair of the African American Shakespeare Company and is currently a Board member of Bayview Merchants Association and Shipyard Trust for the Arts (STAR), and the San Francisco Disability Business Association. In 2015, Andrea received the Entrepreneurship award from the National Coalition for 100 Black Women at the 10th Annual Golden Girls "Bridging the Generations" Hats & Gloves Tea Party. She was recently appointed to the SFPUC Citizens Advisory Committee as the Small Business representative. She has also been recognized with a Bronze Jefferson Award.

**Maika Pinkston – Full CAC Secretary, Appointed by the Mayor, representing a Regional or Statewide Environmental Group (WW)**

A Cheerful, open-minded, calm "people person". Proven people skills while working with patients in a clinical setting at UCSF, California Pacific Medical Center, Providence Foundation youth summer day camp and after-school program, transitional housing, and Armstrong Senior Housing. Providing customer service, teamwork, and leadership. Maika Pinkston is the founder of FROM THE HEART a community-based organization in Bayview Hunters Point District 10. Providing food security, community beautification and community clean-ups, environmental justice, youth employment, violence prevention, and tenant advocacy.

Maika Pinkston Bayview Hunters Point Community Advocate is known for her extensive community planning and strategic maintaining prominent relationships. She has successfully executed presentations and public testimonies to elected officials at the state and local level, regarding the needs and services for tenant/housing advocacy, community inclusion, system improvements, and racial equity. Commissioner of Environmental Justice SFPUC & Community Activist.

In 2018 she began educating the community on living a natural and healthy lifestyle. Maika educates the community by using social media and Healthy Events using sound healing, paint therapy, and providing organic healthy groceries to the community with healthy recipes. Also providing a healthy living environment for the tenants in housing redevelopments in regard to

inhabitable living conditions, unsafe, misleading, abused, creating hostile environments, stress, and neglect in our Urban Communities. She organized volunteers to distribute healthy organic groceries, healthy delicious hot meals, Personal Protective Equipment, and emergency supplies during the COVID-19 pandemic. She partnered with several other nonprofits in the community such as Young Community Developers Alpha Philip Randolph Institute and YMCA. She worked closely with Shoreview Environmentalist and Environmental Justice. She was an Ambassador for CENSUS 2020 for Bayview District, Fillmore District & Chinatown. She continues to love and support urban communities. Providing youth with employment and cleaning the community streets." A clean environment is a healthy and safe environment".

**Jodi Soboll – Appointed by the Mayor, representing Engineering or Finance (P)**

Jodi is a proud San Francisco resident and Chemical Engineer bringing over 35 years of Design, Construction, Manufacturing, and Management experience to the SFPUC CAC. She has enjoyed supporting and mentoring young women in these fields throughout her career.

During Jodi's career, she worked on the design & and installation of utilities and distribution systems for High-tech commercial buildings including Pharmaceuticals, Semiconductors, Biotech and Medical Research Labs, and Server Farms. She also worked on educational facilities and campuses including high schools, community colleges, and University of California campuses. Jodi is a proponent and practitioner of LEAN processes and Six Sigma analysis for continuous improvement programs with a focus on MEP (Mechanical, Electrical, Plumbing) systems.

With a passion for carbon neutrality, water conservation, and other environmental initiatives, Jodi's work has resulted in significant energy and water savings throughout her career. Her technical understanding of hospital, research, manufacturing, and higher education has contributed to providing resilient, efficient, and cost-effective facility and manufacturing operations. As a Team Leader, she has especially enjoyed building highly effective teams that personally and professionally thrive while having fun!

Jodi and her husband live in San Francisco and have been together for almost 40 years. They have two grown sons living in the Bay Area and are active in their community.

**Eliahu Perszyk** – Appointed by the **Mayor**, representing **Large San Francisco Water User (W)**

Eli Perszyk is the Conservation Program Manager at the University of California San Francisco, developing sustainability programs and implementing water and energy efficiency projects.

Before working at UCSF, he was the Facility Manager for the College of Environmental Design at UC Berkeley. He earned his M.B.A. from San Francisco State University in 2019 and received his B.A. in 2002 from Antioch College in Yellow Springs, OH. Eli lives with his family in Walnut Creek.

**Tom Smegal** – Appointed by the **Mayor**, representing **Regional Water Customers (W)**

Tom Smegal is CEO/General Manager of the Bay Area Water Supply & Conservation Agency (BAWSCA). BAWSCA represents the 26 water suppliers that purchase water wholesale from the San Francisco Regional Water System for delivery to 1.8 million people and over 40,000 businesses in Alameda, Santa Clara & San Mateo counties. As CEO/General Manager of BAWSCA, Mr. Smegal is responsible for achieving BAWSCA's goal of ensuring a reliable supply of high-quality water at a fair price. Tom has more than thirty years of working in the industry to support improvements in water service, quality, and reliability. Tom is a licensed Civil Engineer with extensive experience in water utility cost analysis and rate design, financing, and regulatory matters.