



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

MEETING MINUTES

**Tuesday, October 10, 2023
 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
 525 Golden Gate Ave., 3rd Floor Tuolumne Conference Room**

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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)
 Jodi Soboll (M- Eng. /Fin.) Sally Chen (D3)

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

Staff Liaisons: Mayara Ruski Augusto Sa, Lexus Moncrease, and Jotti Aulakh
 Staff Email for Public Comment: cac@sfwater.org

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Call to order and roll call at 5:35 pm

Members present at roll call: (4) Algire, Chen, Sanders, and Soboll

Members Absent: (1) García

Staff: Michael Hyams and Elisa Rodriguez

Members of the Public: None

2. Approve [September 5, 2023](#) Minutes



Motion was made (Soboll) and seconded (Sanders) to approve the September 5, 2023, Minutes.

AYES: (4) Algire, Chen, Sanders, and Soboll

NOES: (0)

ABSENT: (1) García

Public Comment: None

3. Report from the Chair

- Welcome members, staff, and the public
 - Welcome New Member
- 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: Update on CleanPowerSF Program Activities, Michael Hyams, Deputy Assistant General Manager, CleanPowerSF and Power Resources, SFPUC

Presentation

- CleanPowerSF Update
- Agenda
- Enrollment and Service Statistics
- Community Events: SuperGreen Activation
- Community Events: SFPUC Power Webinar
- 2022 Power Content
- Customer Programs Update

Discussion

- **Member Soboll** asked for some background information on CleanPowerSF and how it relates to the SFPUC.

Staff Hyams provided a brief overview of CleanPowerSF.

- **Member Sanders** asked whether CleanPowerSF serviced both commercial and residential customers.

Staff Hyams responded affirmatively and noted that the defining requirement was that the customer must be a retail electric distribution customer of PG&E.

Staff Rodriguez provided the following links: <https://cal-cca.org/powered/>, <https://www.cleanpowersf.org/>, and <https://www.cleanpowersf.org/faq>,

- **Member Sanders** asked for the cost of the activation.

Staff Hyams responded that the total campaign was in the \$100,000 range.

- **Member Chen** asked if there was more information on the portion of the \$100,000 that went into the campaign materials.

Staff Rodriguez responded that it included translations in other languages and interpretation for Chinese and Spanish speakers.

- **Member Chen** asked if the SFPUC was targeting a specific demographic with their CleanPowerSF events and what the demographics were of the people who attended the virtual webinar.

Staff Hyams responded that the target audience for the SuperGreen campaign and virtual webinar were different because the webinar targeted all CleanPowerSF customers. He commented that they do not have the demographic data for who attended the event but can share an attendee list as a starting point.

Staff Rodriguez responded that there were a significant amount of people who attended the event that expressed their need for interpretation in another language.

- **Member Chen** commented that it would also be interesting to know what zip codes people were coming from.

Staff Hyams responded that the SFPUC used their quarterly e-newsletter to promote the event, which would be seen by customers who partake in electronic billing.

- **Member Sanders** asked whether the SFPUC had mentioned communities that needed enhanced grid reliability.

Staff Hyams responded that the SFPUC was looking at reliability at a macro level rather than a neighborhood level.

Member Sanders responded that TI has been experiencing a power outage every couple weeks for the last 25 years, so it would be a good idea to understand which communities are impacted the most by grid reliability.

- **Member Soboll** asked if grid reliability meant the power source was the clean energy coming into the grid versus the distribution.

Staff Hyams responded that there was a focus on power supply to meet demand on the grid and less about the reliability of the distribution system

- **Chair Algire** asked whether the public safety power shut offs were discussed in the meeting/webinar.

Staff Hyams responded that the SFPUC did refer to it in the meeting/webinar because it is an example that affects reliability. He commented that San Francisco has never had a public safety power shut off because it does not face the kind of wildfire risks that the rest of California faces.

- **Chair Algire** commented that she was referring to shut offs that occur when the temperatures are too high, and the grid is overburdened.

Staff Hyams responded that those are rolling blackouts, which were discussed.

- **Chair Algire** asked if the Power Subcommittee could receive a recording of the meeting/webinar.

Staff Hyams responded affirmatively and noted that there will be another live meeting/webinar in January 2024, but it will be on a different subject.

- **Member Soboll** asked where the geothermal power was from.

Staff Hyams responded that it comes from the geysers in Sonoma County, and there are plans to purchase renewable energy from projects that will be constructed over the next five years, which will be procured through the California Community Power Joint Powers Agency.

- **Member Sanders** asked where the SFPUC hopes to grow the most energy from.

Staff Hyams responded that the SFPUC uses their Integrated Resource Plan to plan resources to add to their portfolio. He commented that they hope to see geothermal energy grow the most as a fuel source along with solar and wind energy.

- **Member Soboll** commented that there is more opportunity for geothermal energy in California because the temperatures both above and below ground are consistent.

Staff Hyams responded that there is an opportunity for growth, but there is also a need to build more electric transmission.

- **Member Sanders** asked whether the EV (electric vehicle) programs could enforce buildings to install chargers.

Staff Hyams responded that the requirement is principally focused on new construction, but the SFPUC does want to offer incentives to help existing buildings

- **Member Sanders** commented that it is not necessary to install a level two or three charger because a normal 110 outlet can charge most EVs in one night.

Staff Hyams responded that while he agrees with that, the topic is beyond his expertise and might be a better discussion for one of the experts who have worked on the EV Charge SF program.

- **Member Sanders** asked if any of the programs were a point-of-sale program.

Staff Hyams responded that the SFPUC is working on an E-bike program, which will be a point-of-sale program.

Public Comment: None

6. Presentation, Discussion, and Possible Action: [Resolution Regarding Emergency Authorizations and Power Outages on Treasure](#), CAC Member Jodi Soboll

Presentation

- **Member Sanders** provided a brief history and overview of the issues faced by Treasure Island (TI) and addressed in the resolution.

Discussion

- **Chair Algire** commented that the resolution that was previously voted on had not included the changes made by SFPUC staff. She then asked whether there were any objections to the four edits made by staff.

Members Sanders responded that he did not have any objections.

- **Member Soboll** summarized the edits she had made to the resolution.

Motion was made (Soboll) and seconded (Sanders) to accept the edits made to the resolution.

AYES: (4) Algire, Chen, Sanders, and Soboll

NOES: (0)

ABSENT: (1) García

Public Comment: None

Public Comment: None

7. Staff report

- No report from Staff

Public Comment: None

8. Future Agenda Items and Resolutions

- EV Readiness

- Purchase Power Contract
- IEPR from the CEC
- TI Resolution Report back
- Bayview Power
- Emergency Preparedness
- Power Enterprise Training
- 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

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

Public Comment: None

10. Adjournment

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

Meeting was adjourned at 7:24 pm.