

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

MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, September 26, 2017

5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

525 Golden Gate Ave., 3rd Floor Tuolumne Conference Room

Mission: The Water Subcommittee reviews water supply system reliability, water conservation, recycling, regional cooperation efforts and other relevant plans and policies.

Members:

Jennifer Clary (Chair) (D11)
Matthew Steen (D6)

Suki Kott (D2)
Jasmine Conrad (D7)

Ted Loewenberg (D5)
Nicole Sandkulla (M-Reg'l
Water Customers)

D = SF District, M = Mayoral Appointment

Staff Liaisons: Tracy Zhu, Alexandra Johnson, Justin Gardner

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call:** The meeting was called to order at 5:32 pm.

Members present at roll call: (4) Clary, Kott, Loewenberg, Sandkulla

Members absent at roll call: (2) Steen, Conrad

Members of the public: (1) Tess Townsend

2. **Report from the Chair**

- Chair welcomes committee members, staff, and the public

Public Comment: None

Member Steen arrives at 5:34, quorum maintained

3. **Approval** of the [July 25, 2017](#) meeting minutes

Motion was made (Loewenberg) and seconded (Sandkulla) to approve the [July 25, 2017](#) meeting minutes.

AYES: (5) Clary, Kott, Loewenberg, Sandkulla, Steen

NOES: (0)

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General Manager



ABSENT: (1) Conrad

4. **Public Comment:** None

Member Conrad arrives at 5:36, quorum maintained

5. **Presentation and Discussion:** [Bi-Annual Budget and Capital Planning](#), Steve Ritchie, Assistant General Manager, Water Enterprise

Presentation Topics:

- SFPUC Water Enterprise Budget Development
- Our Water System Spanning the Width of California
- Our Customers
- The System
- Overarching Themes
- Water Enterprise Organization Chart
- ISSUES: Water Administration
- ISSUES: Hetch Hetchy Water and Power
- ISSUES: Water Supply and Treatment
- ISSUES: Natural Resources and Lands Management
- ISSUES: City Distribution
- ISSUES: Water Quality
- ISSUES: Water Resources
- Overarching Themes
- Image of Hetch Hetchy water reservoir

Topics of Discussion:

- The committee expressed concern about water disinfection byproducts since there have been high levels of organic compounds. Steve noted that the enterprise will have to wait to see if this is a trend or an abnormal occurrence.
- The committee discussed the range of Hetch Hetchy water and power sources. Steve clarified that it expands past the city limit to the Alameda East Portal.
- The committee showed concern about the Oroville Dam crisis and asked if there would be retrofitting or increased infrastructure.
- The committee asked why the enterprise is implementing powdered activated carbon treatment at the Sunol Valley Water Treatment Plant. Steve explained for quality control; improve taste and odor.
- The committee asked how much workload will be needed to remove the decaying trees in the Bioregional Habitat Restoration Program. Steve noted that the task is by contract and will cost \$1.5-2M.
- The committee discussed the 4 year rate package and 2 year budget then asked what the water enterprise's low priorities are: Alameda Water Creek Center, Millbrae lab and facilities, Moccasin power house.
- The committee discussed maintenance and how it is integrated in the budget cycle because there are some pieces of the Water System Improvement Program (WSIP) that does not fix or maintain all pipes.
 - Member Clary informed that the committee wrote a resolution in the past regarding maintenance then suggested resurrecting it.
- The committee referred to the General Manager's address and issues regarding the government hiring process and how that creates gaps in employment exacerbating workforce succession.

Public Comment: None.

6. **Future Agenda Items and Resolutions**

- Water CAC Priorities identified at the [CAC Leadership Retreat](#)
- Resolution on Peninsula Watershed uses to provide EIR comment (late Spring)
- Legislative update on SB 7 and other water related legislation
- Drought resilience: 3 year water supply update
- Recycled water: construction of pipelines and onsite nonpotable reuse
- Workforce and succession planning
- Water equity and homelessness

Public Comment: None.

7. **Staff Report:** None.

8. **Announcements/Comments**– The next meeting of the Water Subcommittee will take place November 28, 2017.

9. **Adjournment**

Motion was made (Loewenberg) and seconded (Steen) to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:08 pm.