



San Francisco Public Utilities Commission
Citizens' Advisory Committee
Wastewater Subcommittee

MEETING AGENDA

Tuesday, November 14, 2023
5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
525 Golden Gate Ave., 3rd Floor Tuolumne Conference Room

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Mission: The Wastewater Subcommittee shall review sewage and stormwater collection, treatment, and disposal system replacement, recycling, and other relevant plans, programs, and policies ([Admin. Code Article XV, Sections 5.140 - 5.142](#)).

Members

Amy Nagengast, Chair (D8)	Maika Pinkston (M-Enviro. Org)	Michelle Pierce (B-Enviro. Justice)
Douglas Jacuzzi (D4)	Moisés García (D9)	Andrea Baker (B-Small Business)
Steven Lee (D10)		

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

Staff Liaisons: Lexus Moncrease
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ORDER OF BUSINESS

- Call to order and roll call at 5:30 pm**
Members present at roll call: (4) Nagengast, Jacuzzi, García and Baker
Members Absent: Lee, Pinkston, and Pierce
- Approve [July 11, 2023](#) Minutes**

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OUR MISSION: To provide our customers with high-quality, efficient, and reliable water, power and sewer services in a manner that values environmental and community interests and sustains the resources entrusted to our care.



Motion was made (Garcia) and seconded (Jacuzzi) to approve the July 11, 2023, Minutes.

AYES: (4) Nagengast, Jacuzzi, García and Baker

NOES: (0)

ABSENT: (3) Lee, Pinkston, and Pierce

Public Comment: None

3. Report from the Chair

- Welcome members, staff, and the public

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 (*2 minutes per speaker*)

Public Comment: None

5. Discussion: Wastewater CAC FY 23-24 Priorities, Amy Nagengast
Wastewater Chair

- Resource: [Citizens Advisory Committee Annual Report FY 22-23](#)
- Resource: [Citizens Advisory Committee Annual Report FY 21-22](#)
- Presentation: [SFPUC Wastewater CAC Year in Review: FY 22-23 \(July 2022-June 2023\)](#)
 - WW CAC: By the Numbers
 - Key SFPUC WW Resources
 - Wastewater CAC Priority Topics for FY2022-23
 - FY22-23 Priority Topics Accountability
 - Other Topics Discussed
 - FY 23-24 Discussion
 - Wastewater CAC Topics FY2023-24
 - Wastewater AGM Priorities FY2023-24
 - Wastewater CAC Priorities FY 2023-2024
 - Customer assistance
 - 6 Subcommittee meetings
 - WW CAC: By the Numbers

Discussion

- **Member Garcia** commented that one of the topics that immediately came to mind is sewer overflows and that he receives the email notifications and sometimes they make sense when they're occurring, but then they've happened in the past 2-3 weeks I start to think what is going on with sewer overflows? Why are beaches shutting down.
- Sewer overflows was added to the list of priorities.
- **Member Garcia** commented the other topic Member Nagengast mentioned is the question of how much energy does it take to power headworks facilities.
- Headworks Facility Energy was added to the list of priorities.

Chair Nagengast commented that these are all good ideas and to continue brainstorming. She added that they could be broader issues and that one thing that was not reflected here was the racial equity plan and figuring out how the racial equity plan continues to make progress in the wastewater enterprise specifically.

- Racial Equity Plan was added to the list of priorities.

Member Baker commented that the funding for the racial equity plan should be included as well.

Chair Nagengast responded that 2 years ago it made it into the wastewater budget, and it had line item to support from the wastewater enterprise separate from the SFPUC more broadly, but the wastewater enterprise put money in their budget to like help and support that.

Member Baker responded and asked in what way?

Chair Nagengast responded that the PUC is made up of 3 enterprises and 3 bureaus and the enterprises actually make money and the other 3 bureaus support. But they put it into their budget to help support equity, so what did those dollars go for? I don't know. But that's something we could agendize and figure out.

Member Garcia commented that tit funds hiring staff to do the analysis and that it's almost like seed funding or startup money.

- **Member Baker** commented that she is interested in job creation at the plants, City works and apprenticeship programs especially because the existing workforce is aging out or leaving and she wants to know what the plan is to address that.

Chair Nagengast commented she agreed that hiring and City works are good topics.

- Job creation and City works apprenticeship programs was added to the list of priorities.
- **Member Baker** commented that she is interested in water because she sort of was involved in a situation regarding the Horace Mann Elementary School and the lead in the water pipes. Member Baker asked, how do we as a City address that?

Member Garcia responded that his first thought is who's in control? Who has alternate power? Because if it were the SFPUC that's owned by SFUSD, and they are not the same thing. And then it's the same thing with other programs too. It's right of power stuff.

Chair Nagengast responded that she remembers a presentation about lead and lead testing.

Member Jacuzzi confirmed we did have presentations that talked about testing, ongoing testing programs, and particularly school testing.

Chair Nagengast responded and agreed it was a presentation about testing at schools and said it is a timely topic because there are a couple of avenues, SFUSD or SFPUC can ask what that looks like.

The CAC as an interested party can ask outside the Water Subcommittee. Member Nagengast further commented that this topic can also be agendaized at the Water Subcommittee and brought up another point the Subcommittee hasn't discussed in a long time which is the whole arts and enrichment person at the SFPUC, Blair Randall.

- Education on WW/Sewer Topics was added to this list of priorities.
- **Member Jacuzzi** asked referring to the list, if green infrastructure grant reform and next generation and green infrastructure the same thing?

Chair Nagengast agreed and asked what do we want to do with green infrastructure? She noted that they wrote a resolution in support of green infrastructure and has and continues to be a small piece of capital projects and dollars that are spent but it does live in wastewater, Chair Nagengast agreed they are the same thing and the two distinctions are, one was specifically grants and how do people apply for them, and the reform piece asks how do we encourage SFPUC to not do in-kind replacement, versus potentially use green infrastructure or downsize said pipe. That is policy/design/culture shift.

Member Jacuzzi responded that he has a lot to say about green infrastructure grants and agrees they are combined with reform as multidisciplinary approach.

- Green infrastructure Grants/Reform was added to the list of priorities.

Chair Nagengast responded let's keep green infrastructure, and I want to look at how to repurpose that resolution.

Member Garcia asked if Chair Nagengast was referring to the Islais Creek resolution.

- **Chair Nagengast** responded and confirmed it is the Islais Creek resolution and while it is green infrastructure and interagency collaboration, she wants to broaden the thinking of "pipe come in" as the default assumption. While that does get the job done, it doesn't provide the larger co-benefits that something else might.
- **Chair Nagengast** asked should we add green infrastructure grants and put policy instead on the list.
- Green Infrastructure Grants/Reforms was changed to Green Infrastructure Grants & Policy on the priorities list.
- **Chair Nagengast** commented that she heard someone say Racial Equity and job creation and wanted to circle back to succession planning. She noted it is also in some ways, hiring. Are there certain job areas within job creation that you would like to pin in on.

Member Baker responded no; she is just curious to how they are addressing that they do not have a lot of staff. There are a lot of departments facing that issue and how are you going to solve that, because it is not going to solve itself.

Member Baker commented that as somebody who is here from District 10, and D-10 being the place that has smelled forever she just wants to see opportunities being created for young folks coming up out of D-10 to get some of these jobs.

- **Chair Nagengast** commented so we've got discharge, stewardship, green infrastructure grants and policy future robust workforce, capital program accountability. Chair Nagengast asked if there are other topics that the Subcommittee wanted to lift up from anything that we've heard.

Chair Nagengast confirmed that this is good enough for now and that she will wordsmith and send Staff Moncrease the final. She furthered commented that was a great discussion and thanked the Subcommittee for diving in deep into last year's topics.

Public Comment: None.

6. Staff report

- **Advised by Mayor to end remote public comment.**

Public Comment: None

7. Future Agenda Items and Resolutions

- Adopt a Drain – *Tentatively January 2024*
- Green infrastructure Grants Reform
- Westside Water Resources Presentation (Member Jacuzzi)
- WW Emergency Notification and Communication
- Stormwater Management Ordinance and Southeast Treatment Plant
- Upper Islais Creed Watershed Approach Update – *Tentative*
- Level of Service Goals Update and Annual Report – *Tentative*
- Wastewater Enterprise Competency Based Training System Update
- Regulation and Legislation for PFAS, Microplastics, and BPA
- Floodwater Grant Program
- Watershed Stewardship Grants
- Next Generation Green Infrastructure
- Racial Equity Plan – Funding to Support the Plan
- Job Creation at the Plant – City Works and Apprenticeship Program
- Wastewater CAC staff
- Asset Management Integration – policy and capital projects
- Wastewater Communications Update
- Upcoming Construction
- Workforce Programs and Qualifications
- Treasure Island Field Trip
- Environmental Justice Analysis briefing
- Environmental Justice in Capital Projects

Adopted Resolutions for Follow Up

- Resolution in Support of SFPUC Class A Biosolids Local Distribution Program [adopted August 21, 2018](#)
- Resolution in Support of Cityworks Interns Recommendations [adopted on November 21, 2017](#)
- Resolution in Support of Equitable Green Infrastructure Implementation throughout the Southeast Sector of San Francisco and throughout the City [adopted on June 20, 2017](#)
- Resolution Urging SFPUC Commission to Initiate Planning and Environmental Review for Building a New Community Center at Third and Evans and to Direct Staff to Develop an Interim Greenhouse Environmental and Workforce Development Program [adopted on October 18, 2016](#)
- Resolution Supporting the SFPUC to Conduct Robust Community Engagement to Determine the Community's Preference for

Remodeling Southeast Community Facility at 1800 Oakdale or Building
a New Community Center at 1550 Evans [adopted on January 19,
2016](#)

Public Comment: None

- 8. Announcements/Comments** Visit www.sfpuc.org/cac for final confirmation of the next meeting date.

Public Comment: None

9. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:12pm.

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