

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

MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, January 16, 2018

5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

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

Mission: The purpose of the SFPUC CAC is to provide recommendations to the SFPUC General Manager, the SFPUC Commission, and the Board of Supervisors regarding the agency's long-term strategic, financial, and capital improvement plans (Admin Code 54).

Members:

Wendy Aragon, Chair (D1)

Suki Kott (D2)

VACANT (D3)

Jim McHugh (D4)

Ted Loewenberg (D5)

Matthew Steen (D6)

Jasmine Conrad (D7)

Amy Nagengast (D8)

Ernesto Martinez (D9)

Anietie Ekanem (D10)

Jennifer Clary (D11)

Maggie Thomas (M-Env.Group)

Nicole Sandkulla (M-Reg'l Water Customers)

Mark Tang (M-Eng./Financial)

Nathaniel Kinsey (M-Lg Water User)

Owen O'Donnell (B-Small Business)

Misty McKinney (B-Env Justice)

M = Mayoral appointment, B = Board President Appointment

Staff Liaisons: Tracy Zhu, Alexandra Johnson

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. **Call to order and roll call:** The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm

Members present at roll call: (12) Aragon, McHugh, Loewenberg, Steen, Nagengast, Martinez, Ekanem, Clary, Tang, Kinsey, O'Donnell, McKinney

Members absent at roll call: (4) Kott, Conrad, Thomas, Sandkulla

Members of the public: (1) Amy Zock

2. **Approve [December 19, 2017](#) Meeting Minutes**

Motion was made (Clary) and seconded (O'Donnell) to approve the [December 19, 2017](#) Meeting Minutes.

AYES: (13) Aragon, McHugh, Loewenberg, Steen, Nagengast, Martinez, Ekanem, Clary, Tang, Kinsey, O'Donnell, McKinney, Sandkulla

NOES: (0)

ABSENT: (3) Kott, Conrad, Thomas

Member Sandkulla arrived at 5:31pm

London Breed
President of
the Board of
Supervisors and
Acting Mayor

Ike Kwon
President

Vince Courtney
Vice President

Ann Moller Caen
Commissioner

Francesca Viotor
Commissioner

Anson Moran
Commissioner

Harlan L. Kelly, Jr.
General Manager



3. **Report from the Chair** - Chair

- Welcome members of the public and staff
- Thank you to outgoing members, Paige Miller, Amy Zock and Leslie DeTaillandier
- Welcome to new members, Mark Tang (Mayor's Appointee for Engineering/Financial Seat) and Maggie Thomas (Mayor's Appointee for Regional/Statewide Environmental Organization Seat)
- Members introduced themselves to the new members.

Member Kott arrived at 5:36pm

4. **Public Comment:** None.

5. **Discussion and Possible Action: CAC Officer Nominations**, Wendy Aragon, CAC Chair

- Positions that are open for nominations are Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary. Subcommittee Chairs are appointed by the Chair after the election.
- Chair Aragon nominated Anietie Ekanem for chair.
- Member Steen nominated himself for vice chair.
- Member Nagengast nominated herself for secretary.
- Member McKinney nominated herself for secretary.

Public Comment: None

6. **Discussion: Policy and Government Affairs Update**, Emily Lam, Director, Policy and Government Affairs

Topics of Discussion:

- Emily explained that there have been delays in powering projects due to a dispute on who has the authority to provide electrical services.
 - For example building such as the Randall Museum, ambulance centers and homeless centers have had power lapses during the dispute.
- Member Clary asked if CleanPowerSF will resolve the dispute once it is fully implemented. Emily explained that the Power Enterprise has two sides: the Community Choice Aggregation (CleanPowerSF) and the Municipal Load (Hetchy Power). The dispute is in regards to the powering the municipal load i.e. institutional buildings, community centers.
- Emily mentioned the Power Enterprise does not have the capacity to revenue bond so if the agency wanted to build electric infrastructure they we would have to find money within the budget to do so.
- Member O'Donnell asked how other power companies have the right to service municipal loads. Emily informed they run the transmission and distribution part of the business.
- Member O'Donnell suggested decreasing rates to be competitive against other power companies.
- Member Aragon mentioned an upcoming bond measure on the ballot that would allow the Power Enterprise to bond-finance power projects.
- Member Clary asked what the community will get out of supporting this ballot e.g. previous ballot measures required stipulations in order for it to pass such as establishing a CAC.
- Member Kinsey asked for follow up on the Power Business Plan.
- Member Clary stressed the importance of fixing the agency's aging infrastructure and lowering rates would hinder the needed funding.

- Emily clarified that the ballot to bond-finance would only apply to new infrastructure; in addition it would not apply to public power.
- Member Kinsey asked if there was a list of which projects/customers were affected by the power dispute.
- Emily thanked the CAC members who wrote letters regarding the CleanPowerSF Ordinance then mentioned the Groundwater Hearing at the end of February; confirmed dates to be determined.
- Member Clary asked who is negotiating with The Mayor regarding the low income rates assistance program. Staff informed the CFO is looking for a legal source of funds for low income assistance.
- Members discussed how they can effectively support the ballot to bond-finance.

Public Comment: None.

7. **Presentation and Discussion: Bay Area Water Supply and Conservation Overview**, Nicole Sandkulla, CEO and General Manager of BAWSCA and CAC Member

Presentation Topics:

- Bay Area Water Supply and Conservation Agency
- BAWSCA
- BAWSCA Member Agencies
- Spring Wallet Water Company System (1922)
- The 1912 Freeman Report
- The BAWSCA – San Francisco Relationship is Mutually Beneficial
- The Communities Outside of SF Rely on the System
- The System Relies on the Communities Outside of SF
- 2040 Water Needs Met with Planned Conservation and New Supplies
- Per Person Water Use in BAWSCA Service Area is Decreasing
- Average BAWSCA Residential Customer Used 60 per Day During Drought
- BAWSCA Delivers Valuable Results for Water Customers
- Ten Valuable Results for Water Customers
- BAWSCA's Objectives for Long-Term Water Supply Decisions
- Through Action or Inaction, SF, Has Created Uncertainty for BAWSCA Member Agencies
- Future Challenges That BAWSCA's Planning Will Address
- Why Does BAWSCA Exist and Do what it does?

Topics of Discussion:

- Member Nagengast asked what the service area territories are. Nicole explained that it's a mix, for example the City of San Bruno provides services to its town. Alameda County Water District services various cities in the East Bay.
- Member Clary commemorated BAWSCA for the Water Wise Gardening Tool and their efforts in pushing for the Water System Improvement Program (WSIP). Then mentioned that the water supply guarantee program could use improvement.
- Member Loewenberg asked if the projected timeline from 1991 is still on track. Nicole mentioned that they are lower than projected since the use per account has gone down.
- Member Kinsey asked how other agencies are practicing drought resiliency. Nicole informed that agencies focused on recycled water, outside irrigation and grass/landscape conversions.

- Member Steen asked what BAWSCA used the bond money for. Nicole explained that they were able to refinance their debt.
- Staff reiterated that BAWSCA is the representative for wholesale customers.

Public Comment: None.

8. Staff Report

- Sign up for a SFPUC 2018 calendar at pollutionprevention.sfwater.org
- Acknowledgement for outgoing members: Amy Zock, Paige Miller

9. Future Agenda Items and Resolutions

- CAC Officer Elections (*February*)
- Water and Sewer Rates (*March*)
- Strategic Plan Update
- Compliance with Prop 218
- Contracting Process
- Communications/Customer Experience on Website
- Water Equity and Water Access for Homeless
- Workforce Programs – Member Martinez
- Climate Change and Agency-wide Planning
- Water Rights and Raker Act
- Water Use and Parks
- Water Quality – Radium
- Rates Study Overtime
- Information Accessibility on the Website

10. Announcements/Comments – The next meeting for the Full CAC will be on February 20, 2018. Check www.sfwater.org/cac for the next scheduled meeting.

- Member Clary mentioned the California Water Policy Conference in Davis on March 22nd – 23rd

11. Adjournment

Motion was made (Clary) and seconded (Sandkulla) to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:08 pm.