



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

**MEETING MINUTES**

**Tuesday, January 18, 2022  
 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.**

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**Members:**

**Anietie Ekanem, Chair (D10)**

- Marria Evbuoma (D1)
- Suki Kott (D2)
- Steven Kight (D3)
- VACANT (D4)
- Emily Algire (D5)
- Barklee Sanders (D6)
- Joshua Ochoa (D7)
- Amy Nagengast (D8)

- Moisés García (D9)
- Jennifer Clary (D11)
- Maika Pinkston (M-Environmental Org.)
- Nicole Sandkulla (M-Regional Water Customers)
- Marisa Williams (M-Engineering/Financial)
- Eliahu Perszyk (M-Large Water User)
- VACANT (B-Small Business)
- Michelle Pierce (B-Environ. Justice)

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## **ORDER OF BUSINESS**

### **1. Call to order and roll call at 5:31 pm**

Members present at roll call: (13) Ekanem, Evbuoma, Kott, Algire, Sanders, Ochoa, Nagengast, García, Clary, Williams, Perszyk, Pierce, and Sandkulla

Members Absent: (2) Kight and Pinkston

Staff: Dennis Herrera, Charles Perl, Laura Busch, Ramon Abueg, and Peter Gallotta

Public Members: Mindy

Public Comment: None

\*Member Kott left at 6:59 pm and returned at 7:32 pm. Quorum maintained.

### **2. Approve November 16, 2021 Minutes**

Motion was made (Kott) and seconded (García) to approve the November 16, 2021 Minutes.

AYES: (13) Ekanem, Evbuoma, Kott, Algire, Sanders, Ochoa, Nagengast, García, Clary, Williams, Perszyk, Pierce, and Sandkulla

NOES: (0)

ABSENT: (2) Kight and Pinkston

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 and Possible Action:** [Resolution Making Findings to Allow Teleconferenced Meetings Under California Government Code Section 54953\(e\)](#)

Motion was made (Sandkulla) and seconded (García) to adopt the resolution.

The motion PASSED with the following votes:

AYES: (13) Ekanem, Evbuoma, Kott, Algire, Sanders, Ochoa, Nagengast, García, Clary, Williams, Perszyk, Pierce, and Sandkulla

NOES: (0)

ABSENT: (2) Kight and Pinkston

Public Comment: None

6. **Presentation and Discussion:** [Budget Priorities: Operating Budget Overview, Capital Plan Overview, 10 Year Financial Plan Overview](#), Dennis Herrera, SFPUC General Manager; Charles Perl, Deputy Chief Financial Officer, Business Services; Laura Busch, Budget Director, Business Services

*Resource:*

- [Racial Equity Action Plan](#)

*Presentation*

- Budget Priorities: Operating Budget Overview, Capital Plan Overview, 10 Year Financial Plan Overview
- We Provide Essential Services
- Diverse Workforce Serving Diverse Communities
- Budget Context
- Budget Priorities
- Responsible Management
- Access and Affordability
- Supporting People and Communities
- SFPUC FY 2022-23 Total Uses by Enterprise
- SFPUC FY 2022-23 Total Uses by Budget Category
- Budget Approach
- FY 2022-2023 to FY 2023-2024 Total Uses
- Budget Change Drivers
- Capital Impact on Operating Budget
- Position Changes: Highlights
- Operating Budget New Proposal Summary
- FY 2022-23 to FY 2031-32 10-Year Capital Development Plan
- New Direction for Capital Planning
- FY 2022—23 to FY 2031-32 10-Year Capital Plan
- FY 2022-23 to FY 2031-32 10-Year Financial Plans Development
- 10-Year Financial Plans and Budget Years Rate Projections
- Questions?

*Discussion*

- **Member Sanders** commented that one of the major goals with CleanPowerSF is to provide power to all residents of Treasure Island. Treasure Island experienced 19 power outages last year. Sanders asked why Treasure Island is not included in the purchase of the

utilities, why it cannot be included, and why is the purchase of TIDA's (Treasure Island Development Authority) infrastructure not included in the CleanPowerSF budget.

**Staff Perl** responded that power is provided by PG&E and Hetchy Power provides most of the power to city services. In the redevelopment areas, Hetchy has provided the right of first refusal to the redevelopment area. Generally, Treasure Island is considered a redevelopment area, so Hetchy would have the right of first refusal to provide power to that geographic area. Clean Power provides power to everybody else except the redevelopment areas and City departments. That is how the program is designed.

- **Member Sanders** commented that TIDA is considered a public utility and owns the infrastructure on Treasure Island, and it does not allow the SFPUC to provide meaningful upgrades to decrease the number of outages experienced on Treasure Island since 1997. If CleanPowerSF's initiative is to provide reliable, publicly accountable utility power to the rest of San Francisco, it is confusing that Treasure Island is not included in that.

**Staff Perl** responded that once Treasure Island is redeveloped and infrastructure is installed, residents on Treasure Island will become SFPUC customers and the TIDA will go away. As the Power infrastructure goes into the streets, as buildings go up, and customers are connected to that, those customers will become SFPUC customers. Clean Power will only provide the green source of energy from a power supply perspective. PG&E will provide, not in the sense of Treasure Island but the rest of the City, the wires, the transformers, and the substations to get the power where it needs to go. It is Clean Power's green energy that PG&E is wheeling around on its network. However, on Treasure Island and Hunters Point, SFPUC grids will be going in. Staff Perl's understanding is that the SFPUC will own all that network eventually, which consists of water, power, and the sewer network. Once those infrastructures go in and customers are connected to them, that is when the SFPUC will begin to have a direct relationship between customer and the utility provision.

- **Member Sanders** commented that outages may not decrease until Treasure Island is redeveloped because the SFPUC is beholden to TIDA approving any upgrades due to the SFPUC not owning the infrastructure.

**Staff Perl** responded affirmatively. Until the new infrastructure goes in and it becomes SFPUC infrastructure, it still belongs to TIDA.

- **Members Sanders** asked if it was TIDA's choice to sell the infrastructure to the rest of the City, such as the SFPUC, or was it the SFPUC's decision to ask TIDA if they can purchase the infrastructure.

**Member Clary** asked if as a redevelopment area, isn't new Treasure Island infrastructure - including power - being funded through tax increment financing? Does the delay in upgrading the infrastructure have to do with the slow pace of development on Treasure Island?

**Member García** commented that as he understands it, the SFPUC is the contractor/operator but TIDA is the owner who chooses when to make the investments/upgrades. Eventually, assets will be turned over to SFPUC.

**Staff Perl** responded that the City has an operating agreement to keep the lights on. There is some money for replacements of some of that infrastructure that is covered, but wholesale replacements of lines and transformers are not a part of the maintenance agreement.

- **Staff Busch** commented that she was out on Treasure Island a couple of months ago with the Power team to see the investments that were being made there. There is a lot of money and effort from the Power team into the critical infrastructure on Treasure Island. They are putting the infrastructure in and making the investments that are needed to hopefully improve things. Staff Busch added that improvements are a priority for the Power Enterprise.

**Member Sanders** responded that they had three outages in the last month alone, 19 outages in 2021, and 17 outages in 2020 with about 105 outages within the last five years. The City, TIDA, and any officials responsible for this are waiting to redevelop the Treasure Island community to allow reliable electricity because it is not deemed an investment that needs to be made critically for the current residents. This is the reality of living on Treasure Island. Residents would have to move to a non-redeveloped area to access more reliable electricity.

- **Member Clary** asked if there aren't any increases this year, does that mean there will not be a drought surcharge.

**Staff Perl** responded that as of January 18, 2022, the SFPUC is implementing a drought surcharge. The Commission took action to declare a water shortage emergency, and there was a surcharge associated with it.

**Member Clary** asked if it was a 10% increase.

**Staff Perl** responded that it was a 5% increase beginning April 1, 2022.

**Jennifer Clary** asked if it was a temporary charge due to the current drought.

**Staff Perl** responded affirmatively. It is a temporary surcharge that will be in place until the drought emergency has ended and by Commission action.

- **Member Clary** asked for clarification because for people paying a bill, it will still look like an increase with the surcharge. Clary also mentioned that she is thrilled that the SFPUC saved money on Capital Projects, but it sounds like there are not any projects being changed. Clary also brought up Staff Perl's earlier comment that the SFPUC has more projects than they can deliver, which seems to mean that the SFPUC will be cutting projects as part of the review this year.

**Staff Perl** responded they have almost \$1 billion in appropriations for next year that is under review by the Commission currently. About two thirds of that is wastewater and it covers the SSIP (Sewer System Improvement Program) and the collections system. Most of the funds are tied to the work going into the southeast plant. There are increases in both Water and Power as well. The capital budget will fund the needs of the agency for the next year. Existing appropriations from

projects that do not need the money next year will be used for what is needed in the upcoming year.

- **Member Clary** responded that her question is not about re-appropriating funds, which is smart. The SFPUC has more projects than the agency can deliver in the 10-year capital plan, and over the next year, those will be reviewed. Does that mean the number of projects in the capital plan will be reduced?

**Staff Perl** responded affirmatively. However, another direction that the agency might take is providing additional resources such as additional staffing in their infrastructure bureau. It might be both, though. Maybe they will be adding additional staff and additional contracting resources so that more projects can be completed. On the other hand, they will be looking at their priorities, capital needs, scope, schedule, timing, postponing, re-prioritizations, and maybe cutting a few things. All these things might happen as a part of the review.

- **Chair Ekanem** asked why they did not see the surcharge as part of the budget and if the budget is increasing overall.

**Staff Perl** responded that the drought surcharge is included in the budget as a revenue item. The drought surcharge is incorporated into the revenue projections for the two-year budget (2023 and 2024). The surcharge exists and it might cause confusion because of the 0% rate change. These are two different things. There are the standard rate changes that have been in place, which will be a 0% rate change for the 2023 fiscal year. That is separate and apart from the notion of a drought surcharge.

- **Chair Ekanem** commented that he would like to see what individuals will pay year over year clearly outlined. If Clary had not brought this up, Chair Ekanem would not have been aware of it. It is important if they are going to discuss affordability and what the end customer is going to receive.

**Member Sandkulla** commented that in general, the SFPUC anticipates that its customers will reduce their use by 5% due to drought, and the 5% drought surcharge will recover that lost revenue to result in a near no change to the customer.

- **Member Algire** commented that the presentation mentioned investments in the Power Enterprise work force potentially ahead of the purchase of PG&E's assets. Algire then asked if the focus was on shoring up the workforce ahead of the silver tsunami. Algire explained that her main takeaway from talks with Union IBEW (International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers) 1245 was that the SFPUC currently cannot provide competitive wages, benefits, and potentially union power compared to what PG&E can offer their workforce. Algire asked if this year's budget take any of this into account and how much of the budget is shoring up current labor resources in preparation for the silver tsunami and how much in preparation for acquiring PG&E's assets. Algire also asked what happens if the purchase does not move forward.

**Staff Busch** responded that they are not staffing up and anticipating a successful purchase of PG&E's assets. They would not do that until it becomes clearer that it will go in the SFPUC's direction. They are adding one to two project funded staff positions in the Power

Enterprise to work on the acquisition projects. It is a project that must be done and there is much work to be done with the CPUC (California Public Utilities Commission). They are shoring up that project management through additional positions in this year's budget, but they are not adding staff to anticipate taking over that distribution network. The staff that the SFPUC is adding to Power is to shore up areas where there are staffing shortages and where the SFPUC is having trouble meeting their level of service. It is difficult for the SFPUC to hire electrical line workers and other engineer positions to work on the assets that they have, so they are adding positions to shore up that capacity. Many of the positions being added to the Power Enterprise are temporary to permanent conversions. They have recruitment challenges. Some of the issues can hopefully be resolved by hiring permanent civil service union staff rather than temporary staff. They have been trying to convert the temporary positions in the budget into permanent positions.

**Member Sandkulla** acknowledged how difficult it must have been to construct the budget, especially considering the pandemic. This committee has a strong, documented interest in making sure the SFPUC has the resources to implement projects to ensure reliable water supply to the customers. That includes an active involvement with WSIP (Water Storage Investment Program) and supporting an asset management policy. There has been a fair amount of discussion about using appropriated funds to fund this next year of the CIP (Capital Improvement Projects). It reminds Sandkulla of appropriation requests that were made two years ago for the first time. Now it has been two rounds in a row. She can support this approach, but believes it is not appropriate for a long-term practice because it implies that there is something else going on. There could be trouble delivering projects, which was an issue experienced in the early 2000s as well. Sandkulla asked what steps is the SFPUC taking moving forward to address this important issue so that there can be successful project delivery. There was also a discussion about unfunded sections in the CIP with projects such as the Pilarcitos and the San Andreas Dam projects, and future alternative water supply. There is not enough money in future years to fund the likely CIP cost. The concern is that by not placing the future money even as a placeholder, the SFPUC can underestimate the cost of those projects significantly. Sandkulla expressed her concern on the impact this would have on policy makers and decision makers and how that connects to investments on the infrastructure and reliable supply. Sandkulla also asked what steps is the SFPUC taking to ensure that this issue is being highlighted moving forward so that they can invest appropriately and if the identified unfunded portion of the CIP capture all the potential unfunded costs for known future projects.

**Staff Perl** responded that the SFPUC has a working group that will be working over the next year or so on examining a consulting study that was done about a year and a half ago. The SFPUC had an independent set of eyes examine how they currently do their capital planning and budgeting work. There were a series of strong, helpful recommendations that came from it, which the SFPUC wants to make sure the new General Manager can weigh in on and provide direction around. Ultimately, this will better tie their capital planning efforts in a more consistent approach across the agency to the available resources to execute. Currently, it is a bi-directional conversation between each the AGMs and their infrastructure team. There is little consolidation regarding all the needs of the agency and how those needs are competing to get the attention of their infrastructure team. It

is about digging into infrastructure and trying to get a sense of what resources the SFPUC needs to get the projects done. The key here is to arm their AGMs within each enterprise with a helpful way to prioritize. In infrastructure, many things need to be looked at such as how critical a piece of infrastructure is to the overall operation, what condition it is in, and how one project compares to another when they are both competing for the same dollar. A scorecard needs to be created to create a sense of prioritization. They have \$2 billion of incorporated resources that is already for projects that are underway, but new needs might arise. There needs to be an ongoing work group that works on this year-round that will involve better reporting, better information management, better data management, more communication, and executive leadership and direction when needed. Hopefully they will have a capital plan a year from now that is in balance with no unfunded piece.

- **Member Sandkulla** asked if the unfunded category captures by list all the projects that might need to be funded moving forward.

**Staff Perl** replied affirmatively. However, the further out one goes in a capital plan, the more questions there are. Many times, things are placed in capital plans as place holders until an idea or need is better refined, and sometimes time handles that. Sometimes infrastructure needs handle that. It is probably a little of both. Ultimately, their preference is to not have an unfunded piece to the capital plan.

- **Chair Ekanem** asked how the debt is being managed for folks who are not able to pay their debt today and what is the SFPUC's projection for how that will be managed in the future. Chair Ekanem has a concern about how that will be managed and capitalized over time. Chair Ekanem also asked if it is accurate to say that there are plans for 120 new positions. Chair Ekanem asked how is the SFPUC going to racial equity goals when the hiring pool is not that diverse.

**Staff Perl** responded that there will be an extension on the moratorium. Currently, the shut-off moratorium with waivers and late fees expires at the end of March, but it will be extended to the end of June. The Commission will also receive revisions to their CAP (Community Assistance Program) at the same meeting, which will take everybody in the temporary program and move them permanently into the CAP program. There will be some rule changes that provide folks with the ability to remain eligible even if their income is above the eligibility criteria from a grandfathered perspective. The SFPUC takes the shut-off moratorium seriously. The SFPUC was successful in receiving money through the State from the recent Federal bills. It provided arrearage funding for mostly water, but some benefited power as well. The SFPUC has applied for funds to help clear a good portion that meets maybe half of the outstanding bills for current customer arrearages. Beyond that, the SFPUC will be working with those customers clearing what remains in terms of the outstanding balances. The State set up the Water Arrearage Management Program, and if the funds were not fully utilized there, it rolled over into Wastewater Arrearage Management Program for the sewer systems. Power had a separate application process. They received almost \$5 million across water and power in terms of lowering customer arrearage amounts.

**Member Clary** commented that Wastewater debt will be addressed over the next 3 months.



**Staff Busch** added that there were almost 120 position changes through this budget. It is more than just 57 new positions because 57 is just the net, and then there are 60 position substitutions. This will be a huge opportunity for the SFPUC to implement their commitments in the Racial Equity Action Plan around hiring, recruitment, and retention. The main themes of the plan are all about human resources, hiring, retention, and recruitment. Through the last budget, the SFPUC added over \$3 million to ensure they could meet the commitments in the Racial Equity Action Plan. They created a team under the General Manager that would manage racial equity throughout the SFPUC. A good chunk of that money was put into the human resources division ensuring they had the people and the systems in place to make good on the promises made in the Racial Equity Action Plan. With this budget, it further bolsters the human resources team in terms of workforce analytics, recruitment, and employee life cycle to be able to further help meet the plan goals.

- **Member García** asked if they could be provided with information on the arrearages such as where they are today and how many shutoffs are a part of the moratorium. He has seen it for CleanPowerSF's in its quarterly report, so it would be great to see it for the other enterprises. Previously Justine Hinderliter had mentioned civil service reform as part of achieving the greater goal on hiring. García was curious if there was any multi-departmental movement on that.

**Staff Perl** responded that he is not aware of it.

**Staff Busch** responded that she is not aware as well. This is a labor year, so the Mayor's office will be negotiating with the unions in the Spring.

- **Chair Ekanem** commented that he sits on the San Francisco African American Reparations Task Force. He does not want urban renewal to be synonymous with Black removal. Chair Ekanem added that Treasure Island residents are living with a huge amount of disruption and it would be great if these problems are solved.

**Staff Busch** responded that being able to hear the actual impacts of the money being put into the spreadsheets and what it means to the customers is helpful.

- **Member Clary** asked if they could sue TIDA.

**Member Sanders** responded that he would love to because it is needed. Even if they lose, he thinks filing a lawsuit could possibly make more waves.

Public Comment: None

7. **Presentation and Discussion:** [Overview of Treasure Island and Yerba Buena Island Electricity Service](#), Ramon Abueg, Deputy Assistant General Manager for Operations, Power Enterprise

*Presentation*

- Overview of Treasure Island and Yerba Buena Island Electricity Service
- Presentation Overview

- Treasure Island Development Authority (TIDA)
- The Electricity System
- Treasure Island and Yerba Buena Island Power System
- SFPUC's role on Treasure Island and Yerba Buena Island
- Current Electricity System Challenges
- Outages by Type (2016-2020)
- Power Outage Response
- Addressing System Challenges
- Completed Improvements
- Next Steps (Near-term)
- Ongoing SFPUC Actions
- Looking to the Future
- Questions?

#### *Discussion*

- **Member Sanders** commented that Martin Luther King Jr. Day just passed. One of his quotes was that "there comes a time when one must take a position that is neither safe, nor political, nor popular, but he must take it because his conscious tells him that it is right." The Treasure Island community is a large community of people of color that were probably homeless, aged out youth, veterans, and people that did not choose to live here but were placed here by the City because of their social economic status. Sanders then asked what an emergency declaration for the SFPUC is and if there were any emergency declarations for utility related outages in general throughout the City.

**Staff Abueg** responded that he is aware of only one emergency declaration since he has been at the SFPUC. It was a declaration that included Treasure Island, and it was when they had a dig in the cable on the Oakland side back in November of 2019.

- **Member Clary** commented about development progresses and mentioned that the development agreement was signed in the 90s.

**Member Sanders** asked if that emergency declaration was declared by TIDA or the SFPUC.

**Staff Abueg** responded that it was declared by TIDA. It enabled the SFPUC to implement the mutual aid and get help from PG&E and the Modesto Irrigation Project with the repairs on the cable because it was a big project.

- **Member Sanders** commented that Treasure Island had an outage on December 29 and asked if there was an SF alert sent to the community on Treasure Island.

**Staff Abueg** responded that the alert was sent later, which is not ideal. Abueg added that this is one of the things they are trying to fix to get the notices out sooner rather than later.

- **Member Sanders** commented that it is surprising that there has not been an SOP (Standard Operating Procedure) put in place when someone who lives on Treasure Island calls 311 to report an outage. Sanders asked why is the SFPUC not sending alerts for every single outage including brown outs. He added that there were no alerts about the brown outs that followed the December 29<sup>th</sup> outage.

**Staff Abueg** responded that the SFPUC is looking at that. There is an existing SOP. When a call is placed to 311 from the island, they need to assess if only the caller's unit is out, or if the whole building is out. If the whole building is out, the resident is supposed to call the building supervisor manager. These cases do not come to the SFPUC, and the assumption is that the problem is internal. The SFPUC is trying to improve their communication with the 311 staff. They have had several meetings with them to make sure that the notifications get to them sooner rather than later. There is no explanation on how they missed the notification on the 29<sup>th</sup>. The outage was caused by an underground outage, which they were able to repair and fix. The subsequent brown outs, which they need to improve on as well, occurred because they were trying to fix the cable and needed to do some switching that caused some of the outages. Currently, the policy is not to send SF alerts for those areas that are not affecting a great deal of people. They will start sending out alerts regardless of how small the outages are. The hope is that there are no more outages, but if there is, Abueg hopes that the notification is sent sooner rather than later.

**Staff Gallotta** commented that he is the marketing and communications manager for Power. After a 311 request is made and the SFPUC crews go out to understand the problem, they send an internal notification that informs the SFPUC and other City partners, such as TIDA and DEM (Department of Emergency Management), about the outage situation. At that point, DEM issues the alert SF text messages, so that is under their purview. Under the watch center's protocol at DEM, they are supposed to be sending out the notifications to residents of the island to inform them. The SFPUC has been in conversation with DEM recently just to confirm the SOP on when they are sending those out. When the SFPUC issues their internal phone notification, DEM is supposed to send those text messages out. They do in most cases, but there are a few situations where there is some discretion on the watch center director. The SFPUC is going to continue to coordinate with them to make sure that there is consistency in those notifications being sent out.

**Member Sanders** responded that the biggest issue is that there is not an alert sent out for every outage, there is no update when crews arrive for every outage, and there are no updates and ETAs (estimated time of arrival) about when power will be restored. If the SFPUC has come out to the island and told residents to sign up for this and do their part, then the SFPUC should have a simpler way of notifying residents on Treasure Island. Sanders is the one who is emailing and asking for updates and then providing that information to the community. It should not be his job to do this as a volunteer who is not getting paid. It should be the City's job and the job of the salaried people who are in these positions. It is extremely stressful for Sanders that the responsibility of notifying the community is falling to him because he is assuming that responsibility, but technically, there is an SOP in place where the City is responsible for this duty. He would love to see continued improvement and continued openness to the feedback that he and others are providing because they are literally left in the dark when these outages take place. There are so many outages and the least that the City can do as is to provide context. Treasure Island will continue to have these outages until redevelopment is complete.

- **Member Sandkulla** asked what are TIDA's funding sources and where does TIDA get its funding to implement these infrastructure improvements.

**Staff Abueg** responded that he is not sure where all their funding is coming from, but they are requiring the re-developers to pay for the improvements on the utilities for electric, water, and sewer. That is one source of funding. He is unaware whether there is a bigger source of funding for the entire island.

- **Member Williams** commented that Staff Abueg mentioned that the areas of Treasure Island that aren't receiving redevelopment will not receive new infrastructure. Williams asked if the SFPUC will still take control of the entire system, old and new.

**Staff Abueg** responded no. The SFPUC will not take over the entire island until it is fully redeveloped. The ownership will not be transferred to the SFPUC until TIDA is no longer there.

- **Chair Ekanem** asked when does TIDA sunset and if the SFPUC will replace TIDA once a part of the island is redeveloped with new infrastructure. Ekanem also asked for clarification if SFPUC will only take over the new portion and not the old.

**Staff Abueg** responded that the entire island is supposed to be redeveloped and improved, and that is when the SFPUC takes over. They are making suggestions to TIDA on where improvements can be made without having to rebuild. They can use the capability of the new switch gear so that the service to the residential area can be separate and not affected by anything on the other side of the island. The proposal has been submitted, and they are hoping to get it approved. Staff Abueg will be happy to report on that once those discussions with TIDA are complete.

- **Member Algire** brought up the earlier comments between Clary and Sanders about suing TIDA because this is becoming an unmanageable situation. Algire asked what is the SFPUC's relationship with TIDA, and if TIDA takes every recommendation that the SFPUC makes. Algire acknowledged that some people were shaking their head. She asked what the practical course for litigation is, what would the CAC's role be in that, and if the CAC should write a resolution.

**Staff Abueg** responded that he does not know how to answer that question. Regarding the question about recommendations, lately TIDA has been taking more recommendations. Three years ago, they were not because of some budget issues, but they took the last two recommendations that were made. The last recommendation the SFPUC made to TIDA was to separate the circuit between residential and the rest of the island, and he will report back on the status of that once he gets more information on whether that will be approved or not. Once TIDA does approve it, the SFPUC will take over construction of that, which they will do through their contractors. TIDA will be paying for that cost, though.

- **Member Sanders** asked if the SFPUC, the Mayor, or whoever made the decision to have TIDA own the grid on the island can ask TIDA to hand over ownership of the infrastructure. Sanders also asked who can be asked to transfer the ownership from TIDA's approval process so that the SFPUC can take over with their capabilities and have a bigger budget to take more drastic action for this drastic problem.

**Staff Abueg** responded that unfortunately he does not have an answer to that. He lacks the history regarding how the TIDA relationship was set up because it happened back in the 90s.

- **Member Sanders** asked if the SFPUC has data farther back than six years regarding how many outages there were on Treasure Island.

**Staff Abueg** responded that the accurate records they had dated back to 2016 and they do not have any accurate reporting about outages before 2016. They can try to locate that, but the data will not be accurate. Staff Abueg can assure Sanders that there were a great number of outages, though, which is unacceptable to his standards. They are trying to convince TIDA to make the improvements that they recommend.

Public Comment: None

8. **Discussion and Possible Action: CAC Officer Elections**, Anietie Ekanem, CAC Chair

Chair Ekanem nominated Moisés García for Chair, Eli Perszyk for Vice Chair, and Emily Algire for Secretary. The nominations were accepted.

A motion was made (Ekanem) and seconded (Clary) to vote for the full slate of Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary.

**Moisés García is elected for Chair, Eli Perszyk is elected for Vice Chair, and Emily Algire is elected for Secretary by the following vote:**

AYES: (13) Ekanem, Evbuoma, Kott, Algire, Sanders, Ochoa, Nagengast, García, Clary, Williams, Perszyk, Pierce, and Sandkulla

NOES: (0)

ABSENT: (2) Kight and Pinkston

Public Comment: None

9. **Staff Report**

- CAC members need to report their vaccination status by January 31, 2022
- In-person meetings are expected to resume February 28, 2022

\*CAC members expressed concern over having in-person meetings resume on February 28, 2022 during the Omicron surge.

Public Comment: None

10. **Future Agenda Items and Resolutions**

- CleanPowerSF Overview and DAC Solar Programs Update – *tentatively* February
- CleanPowerSF and Power Rate Study
- Racial Equity – Composition of the Management Team
- SECFC/CAC Joint Meeting
- Power Rate Increases

- Education Update
- President Anson Visit
- Drought and Bay Delta Discussion
- CleanPowerSF and Hetch Hetchy Power Study Rates
- Agency-wide Planning & Policy on Climate Change & Adaptation
- Interagency Working Group on Sea Level Rise
- Contracting Process
- Education Resolution
- PUC Properties and City Department Partnerships
- Water Equity and Water Access for Homeless
- Workforce Programs
- Water Rights and Raker Act
- Water Use and Parks
- Flooding Protection
- Water Quality Report
- Green New Deal
- Micro Hydroelectric Power
- Prop A Bond Funding
- Commissioner Visits

#### Adopted Resolutions for Follow Up

- Resolution for Continued Support and Budget for SFPUC Racial Equity Plan and Community Benefits [adopted on September 21, 2021](#)
- Resolution in Support of a Resilient Water Supply [adopted August 17, 2021](#)
- 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](#)
- Resolution in Support of the Southern Skyline Boulevard Ridge Trail Extension project [adopted April 20, 2021](#)
- Resolution in Support of Interim Emergency Rate Assistance Program and Revised Community Assistance Program [adopted on July 21, 2020](#)
- Resolution in Support of a Skilled and Diverse Utility Workforce [adopted February 19, 2019](#)
- Resolution Honoring the Life, Activism, and Contributions of Dr. Espanola Jackson to the Local Community [adopted on April 19, 2016](#)
- Resolution on Balboa Reservoir [adopted March 15, 2016](#)

11. **Announcements/Comments** Please visit [www.sfpuc.org/cac](http://www.sfpuc.org/cac) for confirmation of the next scheduled meeting, agenda, and materials.

- Member García commented that the more in-depth Power Enterprise budget meeting is on Thursday. Member García also commented that the Board of Supervisors will have a hearing on inter-connection issues on Monday January 31, 2022.
- Member Sanders expressed concern over how much of the Full CAC meeting should be dedicated to discussing Treasure Island topics.
- Chair Ekanem thanked everyone for their time, energy, and commitment over the past couple years.

Public Comment: None

#### 12. Adjournment

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

Meeting was adjourned at 8:08 pm.