

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

MEETING MINUTES

**Tuesday, January 21, 2020
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 5.140-142).

Members:

Amy Zock, Chair (D6)
Wendy Aragon (D1)
Suki Kott (D2)
Steven Kight (D3)
Jim McHugh (D4)
Ted Loewenberg (D5)

VACANT (D7)
Amy Nagengast (D8)
Moisés García (D9)
Anietie Ekanem (D10)
Jennifer Clary (D11)
VACANT (M-Env.Group)

Nicole Sandkulla (M-Reg'l Water Customers)
Mark Tang (M-Eng./Financial)
Eliahu Perszyk (M-Lg Water User)
VACANT (B-Small Business)
Misty McKinney (B-Env Justice)

M = Mayoral appointment, B = Board President Appointment

Staff Liaisons: Tracy Zhu and Edgar Barraza
Staff Email for Public Comment: cac@sfgwater.org

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: (11) Zock, Aragon, Kott, Loewenberg, Nagengast, García, Ekanem, Clary, Tang, Perszyk, McKinney

Members Absent: (3) Kight, McHugh, Sandkulla

2. **Approve December 17, 2019 Minutes**

Motion was made (Loewenberg) and seconded (García) to approve December 17, 2019 minutes

AYES: (11) Zock, Aragon, Kott, Loewenberg, Nagengast, García, Ekanem, Clary, Tang, Perszyk, McKinney

NOES: (0)

ABSENT: (3) Kott, McHugh, Sandkulla

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Mayor

Ann Moller Caen
President

Francesca Vietor
Vice President

Anson Moran
Commissioner

Sophie Maxwell
Commissioner

Tim Paulson
Commissioner

Harlan L. Kelly, Jr.
General Manager



Public Comment: None

3. **Report from the Chair** – Amy Zock

- Happy 2020!

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

- None

5. **Presentation and Discussion:** [SFWater.org Redesign Project Status Update](#), Teresa Young, Communications Manager, External

Presentation Topics:

- Schedule
- Refining Site Designs
- Visual Editorial Style
- Visual elements that tell our story
- What are some feelings that we should bring out through the website?
- Continue site design
- Rewrite content
- Take photos that match our visual style
- Continue to get feedback

Discussion Topics:

- *Member Aragon* requested that there be pictures that highlight different types of families and pictures of young people working at the PUC to show that we are planning for our future.
- *Member Nagengast* requested that they communicate diversity in terms of how the different sources of water. As well as, the different ways in which people use water.
- *Member Ekanem* highlighted including land use and requested more information on the status of the infrastructure.
- *Member Garcia* requested highlighting the large project at Ocean Beach and showcasing that the SFPUC is a regional company.
- *Member Loewenberg* requested including pictures of seniors of all body types and emphasizing conservation.
- *Member Tang* requested highlighting the Power enterprise as well as the others.
- *Member Clary* requested showing the use of the watershed land and opportunities to enjoy the watershed.
- *Member Perszyk* requested that there should be pictures that engage a young workforce.

Public Comment: None.

6. **Presentation and Discussion:** [Southeast Treatment Plant Projects Air Emissions and Mitigation](#), Sarah Minick, Utility Planning Division Manager, Wastewater Enterprise; Lisa Beyer, Urban Water Infrastructure Manager, Natural Infrastructure Initiative

Presentation Topics:

- Southeast Treatment Plant Projects
- Goals and Active Projects
- Air Pollutant Exposure Zone (APEZ)
- Air Quality Regulations
- APEZ Clean Construction Requirements
- California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Air Quality Analysis
- Emissions Sources
- CEQA Air Quality Analysis for Biosolids Digester Facilities Project (BDFP)
- Criteria Air Pollutant Emissions-Construction
- Criteria Air Pollutant Emissions -Operations
- Cumulative Health Risk –PM 2.5
- Environmental Construction Compliance
- Construction Air Quality Mitigation
- Construction Compliance Methods
- Environmental Training

Discussion Topics:

- *Member Clary* asked *Staff Stern* about the construction hotline and whether they do proactive outreach like door knocking. *Staff Colwick* answered that they have been actively trying to distribute material to community members.
- *Member Clary* asked *Staff Fry* where the offsets were from this project. *Staff Fry* answered that they are working to distribute these offsets in the neighborhood that the project sits within to reduce net emissions. Examples of these offsets were using cleaner fuels on other projects and upgrading equipment that would not have otherwise been updated.
- *Member Nagengast* asked *Staff Fry* to give further detail on the “no project line” in the graphic on the Biosolids Project. *Staff Fry* answered that they developed the “no project line” based on the actual emissions from the plant in combination with future population growth and found that it will increase. *Staff Robinson* added that the goal is to bring emissions closer to the no project line, which represents what air quality would be if the project were not conducted at all.
- *Member Aragon* asked how the team is considering the ways in which the impacts of air quality might be exacerbated by the impacts of climate change. *Staff Robinson* replied that the team is utilizing the environmental justice policy to do their part in mitigating the impacts of the long-term changes caused by climate change. He also added that on a day by day basis they are monitoring impacts and trying to keep the community informed. *Staff Colwick* added that the team would check with their oversight bodies regarding policies related to this topic.
- *Member Ekanem* explained the importance of understanding this project in terms of cumulative impacts.
- *Member Ekanem* suggested working with other construction project teams to ensure they are following these same guidelines. He also suggested monitoring the emissions from each project and collecting data on the amount and type of emissions produced by each specific project. *Staff Stern* stated that there are requirements for the contractors to install monitors for their projects, work with specialty firms on the monitoring aspects, and to meet minimum qualifications. She also

added that her team is monitoring emissions daily with handheld devices.

- *Member Ekanem* asked if this type of data was available to the public? *Staff Stern* stated that the contractors must provide the PUC team with data constantly but that the data is complex and requires context to understand. She added that they would provide the CAC with this data on their regular updates.
Staff Robinson added that they are open to working with the CAC to determine a process for reporting this data.
- *Member Ekanem* specifically asked to receive data on how many 311 calls are made about these types of projects, how many of these calls are answered, and how long it takes for the call requests to be communicated to their team.
- *Member Ekanem* requested to have monthly reporting of the total number of 311 calls made related to air quality.
- *Member Ekanem* requested that the PowerPoint be turned into a fact sheet and have it updated quarterly.
Staff Robinson committed to an ongoing conversation regarding a fact sheet and other ways to better communicate this information to the community.

Public Comment: None

7. **Presentation and Discussion:** [SFPUC's Citywide Green Infrastructure Strategy and Joint Benefits Authority Briefing](#), Sarah Minick, Utility Planning Division Manager, Wastewater Enterprise; Lisa Beyer, Urban Water Infrastructure Manager, Natural Infrastructure Initiative

Presentation Topics:

- Impervious Surfaces
- Our Combined Sewer System
- Green Infrastructure Technologies
- Green Infrastructure Citywide Strategies
- Storm water Management Ordinance
- Watershed Stewardship Grant Program
- SFPUC's Green Infrastructure Grant Program
- Early Implementation Projects
- Octavia Boulevard Enhancement Project
- Green Infrastructure Long Term Goal
- Joint Benefits Authority (JBA)
- Opportunity for new governance and finance mechanism
- Challenges facing the City
- Coordinated Right of Way Design
- Potential for Multi-Objective Projects
- JBA Vision
- Capture Co-benefits
- Establish Integrated Project Delivery
- Pioneer Innovative Financing
- Advance Social Equity
- Measuring Co-Benefits
- Establish Integrated Project Delivery
- How does JBA Work?
- Potential for JBA Projects
- Current Resilient Efforts
- Framework for Evaluating Potential

Discussion Topics:

- *Member Aragon* brought up the idea of establishing equity zones.
- *Member Aragon* also asked how the grant will be distributed.
Staff Minick, responded by saying that anyone can apply to the grant program, but that there are specific criteria for the application, one of which includes the environmental justice policy.
- *Member Clary* questioned why there was not a reduction in combined sewage overflow in the watershed?
Staff Minick, responded that they can come back to the CAC to explain this.
- *Member Clary* stated that they were excited about the JBA idea but questioned how departments would work together if they all received funding at different times.
Staff Minick responded that one of the exciting things about the JBA is that as a singular agency the JBA would have the authority to administer funding all at one time.
- *Member Loewenberg* asked what innovative funding sources they are looking at for the grants?
Staff Minick responded that by bringing folks together around a collaborative process they are hoping to pool resources and potentially attract state and federal funding.
- *Member Moises* asked who would be responsible for establishing the JBA?
Staff Minick responded that it could be established by the Board of Supervisors.
- *Member Moises* stated that it would be great to incorporate green infrastructure into the work being done on Folsom Street between 18th and 19th.
Staff Minick responded that there is already a large project being implemented there, but that they are still considering how green infrastructure can be incorporated into the project.
- *Member Ekanem* requested an update on the inclusion of equity zones in this work, more information on how the CAC can support Staff in this work, and another opportunity to tour SFPUC facilities. He also suggested incorporating money from different sources to advance the work of the JBA.
Staff Minick responded that they would like to work with the CAC to brainstorm the equity framework for this project and that Staff can return to the CAC to go into more detail regarding their successes and challenges of incorporating equity into this work.

Public Comment: None.

8. **Presentation, Discussion, and Action: CAC Election**, Amy Zock, Full CAC Chair

Motion was made (Aragon) and seconded (Clary) to nominate Member Ekanem for Chair.

Motion was made (Aragon) and seconded (García) to nominate Member Nagengast for Vice Chair.

Motion was made (Ekanem) and seconded (Clary) to nominate Member Tang for Secretary.

AYES: (11) Zock, Aragon, Kott, Loewenberg, Nagengast, García, Ekanem, Clary, Tang, Perszyk, McKinney

NOES: (0)

ABSENT: (5), Kight, McHugh, Sandkulla

Public Comment: None.

9. Staff Report

- Southeast Community Center Groundbreaking, March 7, 2020, 11AM
- – 2PM at 1550 Evans Avenue (at 3rd Street)
- Black Cuisine Festival, March 7, 2020, following the Groundbreaking
- Mason Scholar Award Application is due February 14, 2020
- City Works Application is due March 27, 2020
- Treasure Island Tour – *tentatively March*
- Harry Tracy Water Treatment Plant Tour – *in process*
- Member Clary will represent the CAC at the Mayor's Roundtable to talk about Delta Flows.

Public Comment: None.

10. Future Agenda Items and Resolutions

- Public Power resolution – *tentatively February*
- SFPUC Agency-wide Sustainability Strategy and Strategic Plan – *tentatively February*
- Human Resources Hiring Process – *tentatively March n*
- Overall Budget Recap – *tentatively March*
- General Manager Address
- Commissioner Visits – *tentatively April and May*
- Agency-wide Planning on Climate Change & Adaptation Planning
- CleanPowerSF Equity Framework
- 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

Public Comment: None.

11. Announcements/Comments – The next scheduled meeting for the Full CAC is February 18, 2020. Visit www.sfwater.org/cac for confirmation of the next scheduled meeting.

12. Adjournment

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

Meeting was adjourned at 7:20