

**San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC)
Citizens' Advisory Committee (CAC)**

MEETING MINUTES

**Tuesday, August 20, 2019
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)	VACANT (D7)	Nicole Sandkulla (M-Reg'l Water Customers)
Wendy Aragon (D1)	Amy Nagengast (D8)	Mark Tang (M-Eng./Financial)
Suki Kott (D2)	Moisés Garcia (D9)	Nathaniel Kinsey (M-Lg Water User)
Steven Kight (D3)	Anietie Ekanem (D10)	VACANT (B-Small Business)
Jim McHugh (D4)	Jennifer Clary (D11)	Misty McKinney (B-Env Justice)
Ted Loewenberg (D5)	VACANT (M-Env.Group)	

M = Mayoral appointment, B = Board President Appointment

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

ORDER OF BUSINESS

- Call to order and roll call:** The meeting was called to order at 5:44pm.

Members present at roll call: (9) Zock, Kott, Kight, McHugh, Nagengast, Garcia, Ekanem, Sandkulla, Tang

Members Absent: (5) Aragon, Loewenberg, Clary, Kinsey, McKinney

Members of the Public: John Collins, Sam Rubin (Freedom Socialist Club), Bob Price (Freedom Socialist Club)

- Report from the Chair – Amy Zock (5 minutes)**

- Welcome members of the public and staff
- Report back from the Northpoint Wet Weather Facility tour
- Report back from Annual CAC Leadership Retreat on Sunday, August 18, with Chair, Vice Chair (vacant), Secretary, and Subcommittee Chairs

Public Comment: None

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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



3. **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)
- Bob Price (Freedom Socialist Club) commented to voice his concern of the SFPUC workforce demographics. From recent years, when workers of color have left the agency, white workers have been hired to replace them. While he supports the Citizens' Advisory Committee's Resolution from February 19, 2019, to support a diversified utility workforce, he urges them to push for the implementation of programs that will ensure positions at all levels are filled with more women and people of color.
 - Sam Rubin (Freedom Socialist Club) commented in support of the Citizens' Advisory Committee's Resolution from February 19, 2019. Most of the women and people of color who work at the Public Utilities Commission have at-will positions, which allow them to be vulnerable. Sam Rubin urges that all San Francisco City and County positions become permanent and to develop recruitment programs that focus on underrepresented groups.
4. **Presentation and Discussion: Public Power Options Update**, Barbara Hale, Assistant General Manager, Power Enterprise

Discussion Topics:

- *Member Nagengast* asked if the SFPUC will continue to have an increase of projects that held up by PG&E.
AGM Hale answered yes, PG&E has said that they are not going to negotiate with the SFPUC to work around the challenges they are putting in front of them.
- *Member Garcia* asked in terms of process, would the SFPUC file a plan to take over PG&E electrical grid.
AGM Hale answered it would be less formal than that. The SFPUC would hold a formal and well documented meeting and would offer PG&E a fair market price value for their electrical grid system.
- *Member Garcia* asked if PG&E would have to exit bankruptcy by June 30, 2020, to access AB1054 or does PG&E have to file by the deadline.
AGM Hale answered that the bankruptcy judge stated that PG&E would have to confirm a detailed plan by June 30th.
- *Member Knight* asked if the negotiation meeting with the SFPUC and PG&E be available to the public or will it be held in private.
AGM Hale responded that she did not have an answer.
- *Member Garcia* asked about the General Manager's communication with the Board of Supervisors on the Public Power Options plan.
AGM Hale responded that they have been in communication with the Board of Supervisors, Commissioners, and the Mayor about the plan and would take actions that are aligned.

Public Comment:

- John Collins asked if the SFPUC would also investigate purchasing PG&E natural gas asset.
AGM Hale responded no, the SFPUC is only looking at its electrical assets.

5. **Presentation and Discussion: Emergency Firefighting Water System (EFWS)**, John Scarpulla, Local Policy Manager, Policy and Government Affairs, External Affairs

Presentation Topics:

- What is EFWS?
- Original EFWS Map
- Partnership
- Reliability in 2010
- Key Earthquake Safety Emergency Response (ESER) Projects Completed
- Key ESER Projects Under Construction
- Reliability after 2010/2014 ESER Bond Projects
- Development Projects
- Projects for Future ESER Funding
- Westside Potable EFWS
- Conceptual Alignment for a Westside Potable EFWS
- Water Sources for Westside EFWS
- EFWS Common Components
- Example of connection to Potable Water Main
- Manifold Projects
- Reliability – After ESER 2010/2014 & Recommended Future Projects
- Civil Grand Jury Executive Summary
- Civil Grand Jury Responses
- SFPUC Citizen Advisory Committee

Discussion Topics:

- *Member Nagengast* asked what Public Works brought to the table in the context of the Emergency Firefighting Water System. *Staff Scarpulla* answered that Public Works brings continuity to project management.
- *Member Nagengast* asked for clarification on the hierarchy of the water supply that is used to fight fires. *Staff Scarpulla* answered that a domestic hydrant system is used first to fight fires. The second water supply option would be the auxiliary water supply system (AWSS) also known as the Emergency Firefighting Water System (EFWS)
- *Member Kott* asked if a valve is automatically shut off during a fire, would the shut off cause more issues for firefighters that are trying to access water in another area. *Staff Scarpulla* answered that mechanisms are placed in areas that would allow firefighters to access their auxiliary water supply system.
- *Member Nagengast* asked about the percentage goal for the Earthquake Safety Emergency Response (ESER) bond projects. *Staff Scarpulla* answered that they are trying to achieve 90% project completion citywide.
- *Member Ekanem* asked about the timeline on completing EFWS projects in Hunters Point and the Candlestick area. *Staff Scarpulla* answered that a timeline has not been confirmed and that various factors can impact the project's timeline.
- *Member Sandkulla* asked if there have been communications on informing residents about their water being shut off during an event of an emergency. *Staff Scarpulla* answered that there are multiple redundancies and will likely always have water flowing through the pipelines.
- *Member Sandkulla* commented that the Sunset District is part of the regional water system which connects to the south city line and asked what would happen if the water system was shut down for an emergency. *Staff Scarpulla* answered that they do not plan to shut off the regional water supply, only at individual pump stations.

- *Member Garcia* asked if future EFWS maps can have layers that show districts and population density.
John Scarpulla answered that it can be included.
- *Member Ekanem* asked for a request of ESER project list, the timeline, and the money that has been allocated for the projects in District 10.
John Scarpulla answered that he is unable to provide a timeline for each project and its dollar value, however, can provide a list of the projects.

Public Comment: None

6. **Approve May 21, 2019 Minutes (5 minutes)**

Motion was made (Kott) and seconded (Anietie) to approve May 21, 2019 minutes

AYES: (9) Zock, Kott, Kight, McHugh, Nagengast, Garcia, Ekanem, Sandkulla, Tang

NOES: (0)

ABSENT: (5) Aragon, Loewenberg, Clary, Kinsey, McKinney

Public Comment: None

7. **Staff Report**

- Staff Tracy Zhu will be out next CAC meeting. The next CAC meeting will be staffed by Edgar Barraza and another SFPUC staff.

8. **Future Agenda Items and Resolutions (5 minutes)**

- Communications Division's Website update (September)
- Response to the CAC Workforce Resolution and the Hiring Process (October)
- PureWaterSF tour (October)
- Air pollution monitoring
- General Manager Address
- Interagency Working Group on Sea Level Rise
- Agency-wide Planning on Climate Change & Adaptation Planning
- Southeast Community Facility
- SSIP Phase 2
- 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

9. **Announcements/Comments** – The next meeting for the Full CAC will be a meeting on September 17, 2019. Check www.sfwater.org/cac for confirmation of the final meeting date for the next scheduled meeting.

10. **Adjournment**

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

Meeting was adjourned at 7:18pm.

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