SAN FRANCISCO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

City and County of San Francisco

Daniel Lurie
Mayor

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, October 28, 2025
1:30 PM
(Approved November 10, 2025)

1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place
City Hall, Room 400

Commissioners
Joshua Arce, President
Stephen E. Leveroni, Vice President
Avni Jamdar
Kate H. Stacy
Meghan Thurlow

Dennis J. Herrera
General Manager

Tiffany Lennear
Director of Commission Affairs

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Call to Order
   President Arce called the meeting to order at 1:30 P.M.

2. Roll Call
   Present: Arce, Leveroni, Jamdar, Stacy, and Thurlow

3. Approval of the Minutes of September 23, and October 14, 2025
   No public comment provided.

   On motion to approve the minutes of September 23 and October 14, 2025:
   Ayes: Arce, Leveroni, Jamdar, Stacy, and Thurlow

4. General Public Comment
   - *Francisco Da Costa provided comment relating to the SFPUC dismissal of the grandson and sons of Joe King, a City of San Francisco Samoan doctor and pastor. Mr. Da Costa also submitted a hardcopy document for the record.*
   - *Cedro Meau provided comment relating to the SFPUC method of dismissal of his three nephews.*
   - *Joseph King, San Francisco resident, provided comment relating to his dismissal from the SFPUC Water Enterprise.*
   - *Adolpho Padilla Rios provided comment relating to his claim of discrimination experienced through his dismissal from SFPUC.*
   - *Conrad Valencia King, former SFPUC employee, provided comment relating to his father's placement on administrative leave from SFPUC and of his own feeling of harassment in the workplace.*
   - *Shirletha Holmes-Box, City of San Francisco native, provided comment relating to her familial relationship with Pastor Joe King and claimed racists remarks were made by City and County employees in her presence.*
   - *Steve Zeltzer, United Front Committee for a Labor Party, provided comment placing responsibility for systemic racism and claimed former SFPUC employees were framed, and accused of racism and violent behavior.*

5. Report of the General Manager (discussion only)
   a) San Francisco's Water Supply Planning
      Steve Ritchie, Assistant General Manager-Water, presented the report.

      - *Tom Smegal, BAWSCA CEO and General Manager, provided comment reminding the Commission of BAWSCA's mission to provide a reliable supply of high-quality water at a fair price, the importance of planning to meet obligations, and stated they are in the process of updating demand studies in December and hope to present the study to the Commission in January 2026.*
      - *Francisco Da Costa provided comment stating that SFPUC does not respect indigenous people, does not perform its duty, and commented on the Raker Act.*

- *A Redwood City resident and SFPUC customer provided comment relating to a proposal by Redwood City to increase rates in 2026 by 21 percent, in part to afford payment to SFPUC.*
- *Dave Warner provided comment relating to the length of the design drought as the reason for 50 percent rationing.*
- *Mary Butterwick, long-time San Francisco resident, provided comment relating to numerous 2019 Commission meetings wherein she and other members of the public requested the Commission revisit its 8.5-year design drought and provide support to the Bay Delta plan.*
- *Martin Gothberg, Tuolumne River water consumer, provided comment thanking the Commission for its questions regarding water planning information provided earlier in the year and commented on the 8.5-year design drought.*
- *Mark Shehenigan, San Francisco resident and SFPUC customer, provided comment stating that SFPUC has not been at the 265 MGD (million gallons per day) level since 1988, there has been a 30 percent drop from the peak amount in year 2000, and stated the SFPUC has a tendency to over project demand.*
- *Peter Drekmeier, Policy Director for Yosemite Rivers Alliance, formerly known as Tuolumne Rivers Trust, expressed hope that the Commission received the email he sent Monday, October 27th along with the letter he previously sent to the Commission at the beginning of the calendar year.*
- *John Rosapepe, lifelong angler, stated the meeting access number published on the agenda is inaccurate, commented on the survival of salmon related to the design drought, and recommends the SFPUC have a workshop.*

b) Report on Recent San Francisco Public Utilities Commission Activities, Events and Announcements
No report provided.

6. Bay Area Water Supply and Conservation Agency Report
Tom Smegal provided the BAWSCA report.

No public comment provided.

7. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

a) Approve an increase of $300,000 to the cost contingency and an increase of 353 calendar days to the duration contingency for Contract No. WW-718R, Wastewater Enterprise Elevator Maintenance, Repair, and Modernization 2021-2024, with Star Elevator, for a revised cost limit of $2,650,344 and a revised duration limit of 1,590 calendar days, to provide additional funds and time to modernize the Oceanside Plant, Building 930 freight elevator and continue to service and maintain all Wastewater Enterprise and Southeast Community Center elevators. (25-0152)

b) Accept work performed by Pipe and Plant Solutions, Inc., under Contract No. WW-

733, As-Needed Sewer Inspection (FY23); approve Modification No. 3 (Final) increasing the contract duration by 124 calendar days, with no change to the contract amount, for a total contract amount of $1,767,793 and a total contract duration of 694 consecutive calendar days (approximately one year and eleven months), to adjust the final contract duration to complete all contract work; and authorize final payment to the contractor. (25-0153)

c) Award professional services Contract No. PRO.0309(R), As-Needed Relocation Coordination Services, to Visions Management in the amount not-to-exceed $4,500,000 and with a duration of five years, to provide professional relocation services to support the Water Enterprise relocation of programs, staff, and equipment to newly constructed or renovated facilities at 2000 Marin Street, San Francisco, and 1000 El Camino Real, Millbrae. (25-0154)

President Arce exited the meeting at 2:48 P.M.

No public comment provided.

On motion to approve the Consent Calendar:
Ayes: Leveroni, Jamdar, Stacy, and Thurlow
Absent: Arce

REGULAR CALENDAR

8. Approve the terms and conditions and authorize the General Manager to execute a purchase and sale agreement and associated exhibits for the acquisition of an approximately 41.14-acre property located at 10115 Moccasin Switchback Road, in the unincorporated Town of Moccasin in Tuolumne County. The property is improved with an approximately 1,616-square-foot vacant modular dwelling unit. The negotiated $525,000 purchase price includes a $105,000 deposit to be credited against the negotiated purchase price, plus associated closing costs. If approved by this Commission, the acquisition is expected to occur on or before February 16, 2026. This action constitutes the Approval Action for the Project for the purposes of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), pursuant to San Francisco Administrative Code section 31.04(h). The Planning Department has determined that the Project is exempt from the CEQA. The Commission will rely on that determination to make its decision on this action. (25-0155)

Josh Keene, Real Estate Asset and Finance Manager, presented Item 8.

President Arce returned to the meeting at 2:52 P.M.

No public comment provided.

On motion to approve Item 8:
Ayes: Arce, Leveroni, Jamdar, Stacy, and Thurlow

9. Approve the form of Installment Sale Agreement for a Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Loan for the Sunol Valley Water Treatment Plant Ozonation Project in an amount not to exceed $54,000,000; and authorize the General Manager to execute any other necessary agreements to complete the transaction. (25-0156)

   Alexandra Gunnell, Loans and Grants Director, presented Item 9.

   No public comment provided.

   On motion to approve Item 9:
   Ayes: Arce, Leveroni, Jamdar, Stacy, and Thurlow

10. Approve the forms of (i) Revolving Credit and Term Loan Agreement with BMO Bank, N.A. (BMO) in the aggregate principal amount not to exceed $150 million (exclusive of 270 days' interest) (RCTLA); (ii) BMO Fee Agreement (together with the RCTLA, BMO Bank Agreements); (iii) form of Issuing and Paying Agent Agreement; (iv) form of Amendment to the Dealer Agreement in support of the Wastewater Interim Funding Program; and (v) form of the Offering Memorandum; and authorize the General Manager to execute any other necessary agreements to execute the BMO Bank Agreements. (25-0157)

    Nikolai Sklaroff, Capital Finance Director, presented Item 10 and stated for the record that a non-substantive change was proposed by staff to clarify the Proposition E Certificate process and the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) status of the project to be funded through the Credit Facility Agreement by adding the same details to the resolution that are provided in the staff report. The Director of Commission Affairs distributed the updated staff report and resolution to the Commission and copies were made available to the public.

    No public comment provided.

    On motion to approve Item 10:
    Ayes: Arce, Leveroni, Jamdar, Stacy, and Thurlow

11. Approve Amendment No. 1 to Contract No. PRO.0138.B, Engineering Services for Dams and Reservoirs, with GEI Consultants, Inc., increasing the contract amount by $7,000,000, for a total not-to-exceed contract amount of $18,000,000, with no change to the contract duration, to add design services for the Moccasin Dam and Reservoir Long-Term Improvement project and planning and design services to the O'Shaughnessy Dam Outlet Works Phase II project under the Hetch Hetchy Water Capital Improvement Program, subject to Board of Supervisors approval under Charter Section 9.118. (25-0158)

    Tedman Lee, Civil Division Manager, presented Item 11.

    No public comment provided.

On motion to approve Item 11:
Ayes: Arce, Leveroni, Jamdar, Stacy, and Thurlow

12. **COMMUNICATIONS (information only)**
    a. Advance Calendar
    b. Contract Advertisement Report
    c. Correspondence Log
    d. Water Supply Conditions Update
    e. Power Quarterly Report on Delegated Authority Contracts Pursuant to Administrative Code Section 21.43
    f. Green Infrastructure Grant Quarterly (Q3) Report Pursuant to Board of Supervisors Ordinance 207-24
    g. Quarterly Report on Delegated Actions to the GM Pursuant to Commission Resolution 24-0185

13. Items initiated by Commissioners (discussion only)

    President Arce relayed an offer from Dr. Diana Aroche, Mayor- appointed Director of the Department on the Status of Women, who would like to partner with SFPUC on a roundtable conversation relating to women's views on water access, experiences of single and working mothers with water utilities, and Dr. Aroche shared her observation that the SFPUC has 60 percent women commission members.

14. Adjournment

    President Arce adjourned the meeting at 3:45 P.M.