



SAN FRANCISCO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
City and County of San Francisco

Daniel Lurie
Mayor

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, June 23, 2026
1:30 PM
(Approved July 14, 2026)

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, Stacy, and Thurlow

Excused: Jamdar

3. Approval of the Minutes of June 9, 2026

No public comment provided.

On motion to approve the Minutes of June 9, 2026:

Ayes: Arce, Leveroni, Stacy, and Thurlow

Excused: Jamdar

4. General Public Comment

- *Francisco Da Costa provided comment relating to the importance of SFPUC setting standards for future generations and discussed three former SFPUC employees.*
- *Peter Drekmeier, Yosemite Rivers Alliance Policy Director, provided comment relating to Spring-run Chinook salmon from the Tuolumne River that did not survive or were able to swim the journey to the San Joaquin River.*
- *John Rosapepe, former commercial fisherman and biologist, provided comment relating to problems with salmon in the Tuolumne River and suggested the design drought be shortened.*

5. Report of the General Manager (discussion only)

a) CleanPowerSF 2026 Integrated Resource Plan

Firas Abu-Sneneh, Acting Principal Administrative Analyst–Power Enterprise, presented the plan.

- *Francisco Da Costa provided comment relating to the percentage of energy distributed from SFPUC and PG&E to the City of San Francisco and inquired about why a needs assessment was not performed ten years ago.*

b) Report on Recent San Francisco Public Utilities Commission Activities, Events and Announcements

General Manager Dennis Herrera reported his plan to retire when his current contract ends in December 2026 and expressed the honor and privilege it has been for him to serve the SFPUC for five years and the public of San Francisco for twenty-five years.

- *Vice President Leveroni commended GM Herrera for his leadership and stated the SFPUC and City and County of San Francisco are in a much*

better place because of Mr. Herrera's involvement and he appreciates his service.

- Commissioner Thurlow informed GM Herrera that his leadership is what influenced her decision to accept the SFPUC commissioner role, she has learned a tremendous amount of information from him, and looks forward to continuing to learn as much as she can over the next six months.
- Commissioner Stacy thanked GM Herrera for his service over many years and commented on the amount of work he has performed behind the scenes that was both unsung and unseen; particularly in the last five years at the SFPUC and during a difficult time he implemented numerous management improvements, encouraged internal collaboration among the enterprises, there is a better sharing of knowledge and cross pollination of experience, ratepayers have better contracting procedures, and Commissioner Stacy stated that she shares GM Herrera's confidence in the future of the organization.
- President Arce reflected on the work of General Manager Herrera, they work they did together, and commented on the amazing ship that he runs at the SFPUC.
- Commissioner Stacy shared her thoughts on next steps, her experience with Director searches for the Planning Commission, and stated they benefitted from the guidance of the City's Department of Human Resources (DHR) and Office of the City Attorney, and suggested asking the Mayor and DHR to come to the next SFPUC meeting to help make the process smooth.
- Denise Louie, member of the Center for Biological Diversity, provided comment stating that under current management the PUC's obstruction of the 2018 Bay Delta Plan has sent delta smelt into extinction.

6. Bay Area Water Supply and Conservation Agency Report

Tom Smegal, BAWSCA CEO and General Manager, provided the report.

No public comment provided.

7. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

- a) Award Contract No. HH-1019, 2023 Storms Remaining Road Repairs, to the responsible bidder that submitted the lowest responsive bid, Njirich & Sons, Inc., in the amount of \$13,577,969, and with a contract duration of 365 consecutive calendar days (approximately one year), to perform repairs to roads, embankments, and drainage facilities for Hetch Hetchy Water and Power that were damaged due to recent adverse wet weather events. The Planning Department has determined that this Project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), and the Commission will rely on the determination to make its decision on this action. This action constitutes the Approval Action for the Project for the purposes of the CEQA pursuant to San Francisco Administrative Code Section 31.04(h). [\(26-0095\)](#)

- b) Approve an increase of \$430,433 to the existing cost contingency for Contract No. WW-769R, Various Locations Sewer Inspection No. 3, with Pipe and Plant Solutions, Inc., for a revised cost limit of \$5,533,470, with no change to the existing duration contingency, for additional manhole inspection and additional sewer cleaning work at existing contract locations. [\(26-0096\)](#)
- c) Award Contract No. WD-2780, 8-Inch Ductile Iron Water Main Replacement and Sewer Replacement on 21st St. from Eureka St. to Church St. and on Hill St. from Castro St. to Church St. and Various Side Streets, to the responsible bidder that submitted the lowest responsive bid, Michael O'Shaughnessy Construction, Inc., in the amount of \$6,301,257, and with a duration of 628 consecutive calendar days (approximately one year and nine months), to install water mains and sewer lines in the Eureka Valley Neighborhood of San Francisco. The Planning Department has determined that the Project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), and the Commission will rely on that determination to make its decision on this action. This action constitutes the Approval Action for the Project for the purposes of the CEQA pursuant to San Francisco Administrative Code Section 31.04(h). [\(26-0097\)](#)
- d) Approve an increase of \$2,800,000 to the existing cost contingency and an increase of 270 calendar days (approximately nine months) to the existing duration contingency for Contract No. WD-2878B, Regional Groundwater Storage and Recovery Phase 2B, with JMB Construction, Inc., for a revised cost limit of \$9,926,625 and a revised duration limit of 1,260 consecutive calendar days (approximately three years and five months), to address potential cost and schedule delays resulting from complications with procuring grid access from Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) for the site and to add scope for treatment facilities to remove ammonia that was recently detected in the groundwater at the separate South Spruce Avenue Well and Treatment Facility site in South San Francisco. [\(26-0098\)](#)
- e) Award Contract No. WW-766, Oceanside Water Pollution Control Plant 930 Administration and Lab Structure Health and Safety Improvements, to the responsible bidder that submitted the lowest responsive bid, Blocka Construction, Inc., in the amount of \$3,387,000 and with a duration of 790 consecutive calendar days (approximately two year and two months), to improve health and safety conditions related to 930 Administration and Lab Structure in the Oceanside Water Pollution Control Plant. [\(26-0099\)](#)

President Arce left the dais at 2:24 P.M. to attend the Board of Supervisors meeting located within City Hall for a Board agenda item expected to be called at 2:30 P.M.

Vice President Leveroni presided over the Commission meeting.

- *Douglas Benton, Sierra Mountain Construction, provided comment relating to*

Agenda Item 7a (Contract No. HH-1019), stating the construction company has been a strong 20-year partner submitting bids for SFPUC projects and constructing buildings; Mr. Benton also expressed sorrow that he was before the Commission to comment on filing a protest of the lowest three bidders.

Vice President Leveroni re-opened the Consent Calendar to call for public comment.

No additional public comment provided.

On motion to approve the Consent Calendar:

Ayes: Leveroni, Stacy, and Thurlow

Excused: Arce and Jamdar

REGULAR CALENDAR

8. Public hearing to consider and possible action to adopt the 2025 Urban Water Management Plan prepared by the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission for the City and County of San Francisco pursuant to California Water Code Sections 10610-10657, incorporating the 2025 Water Shortage Contingency Plan an affordable-housing development water service priority policy; and direct the General Manager to submit the 2025 Urban Water Management Plan and all incorporated documents to the California Department of Water Resources by July 1, 2026, as required by law. The Planning Department has determined that the Project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), and the Commission will rely on that determination to make its decision on this action. This action constitutes the Approval Action for the Project for the purposes of the CEQA pursuant to San Francisco Administrative Code Section 31.04(h). ([26-0100](#))

Jennier Lee, Utility Specialist, presented Item 8.

- Charlene Woodcock provided comment relating to the design drought and referenced data from the State of California website, California Water Watch.*
- Eileen Boken, Coalition for San Francisco Neighborhood's, commented on her own behalf and on her written comments previously submitted to the Commission.*
- Denise Louie provided comment relating to the plan's reliance on other agency's projections and ideal conditions.*
- Female caller (did not self-identify) commented that it is a mistake to rely on voluntary improvements and stated they are not working.*
- David Shrom stated he previously commented at the April 14, 2026 SFPUC Commission meeting and after he read the staff response to his prior comments, he believes his concerns have not been addressed.*
- Mary Butterwick, San Francisco resident, provided comment stating it is too late to make substantive changes to the 2025 Urban Water Management Plan; however, Ms. Butterwick identified outstanding concerns that warrants the attention of SFPUC.*

- *Peter Drekmeier, Yosemite Rivers Alliance Policy Director, provided comment stating the plan is a flawed document based on a flawed process.*

President Arce returned to the dais at 3:05 P.M.

On motion to approve Item 8:

Ayes: Arce, Leveroni, Stacy, and Thurlow

Excused: Jamdar

9. Award Contract Nos. PRO.0333.A-E, As-Needed Environmental Review Services, to Environmental Science Associates, Inc. (PRO.0333.A); AECOM Technical Services, Inc. (PRO.0333.B); Panorama Environmental, Inc. (PRO.0333.C); GEI Consultants, Inc. (PRO.0333.D); and Stantec Consulting Services, Inc. (PRO.0333.E), each for an amount not-to-exceed \$15,000,000, and with a duration of seven years, to provide as-needed environmental consultant services under the California Environmental Quality Act and the National Environmental Policy Act and obtain resource agency permits, subject to the Board of Supervisors approval pursuant to Charter Section 9.118. [\(26-0101\)](#)

Steve Robinson, Assistant General Manager – Infrastructure, congratulated GM Herrera on his retirement and introduced Karen Frye, Manager - Environmental Management Group, who also planned to retire at the end of the fiscal year with 19 years of public service.

Ms. Frye presented Item 9.

No public comment provided.

On motion to approve Item 9:

Ayes: Arce, Leveroni, Stacy, and Thurlow

Excused: Jamdar

10. Approve an increase of 275 calendar days to the existing duration contingency for Contract No. DB-132, New Treasure Island Wastewater Treatment Plant, with PCL Construction, Inc., for a revised duration limit of 1,479 consecutive calendar days (approximately four years), with no change to the contract amount, to allow for the delayed completion of the New Treasure Island Wastewater Treatment Plant, primarily due to increased equipment procurement durations, coordination issues with the distributed control system and program interface, re-sequencing required for tie-ins, ongoing coordination challenges with several external underground utility connections, and startup and commission work. [\(26-0102\)](#)

Calvin Huey, Senior Engineer – Environmental Management Bureau, presented item 10.

No public comment provided.

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

- 11.** Approve the Urban Watershed Stewardship Grant Program Requirements and Terms; and authorize the General Manager of the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission to negotiate, award, and execute grant agreements of up to \$250,000 each. [\(26-0103\)](#)

Kelly Teter, Flood Resilience Planning Lead – Wastewater Enterprise, presented Item 11.

No public comment provided.

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

12. Communications (information only)

- a. Advance Calendar
- b. Contract Advertisement Report
- c. Correspondence Log
- d. Water Supply Conditions Update

13. Items initiated by Commissioners (discussion only)

No items were initiated by Commissioners.

14. Public Comment on matters to be addressed during Closed Session

No public comment provided.

15. Motion on whether to assert the attorney-client privilege regarding the matter(s) listed below:

On motion to assert the attorney-client privilege:
Ayes: Arce, Leveroni, Stacy and Thurlow
Excused: Jamdar

The Commission entered Closed Session at 3:36 P.M.

CLOSED SESSION

SFPUC Officials and Staff Member present during Closed Session: President Josh Arce; Vice President Leveroni, Commissioner Jamdar (excused); Commissioner Kate Stacy; Commissioner Meg Thurlow; General Manager Dennis Herrera; Deputy General

Manager Ron Flynn; General Utilities Counsel Sheryl Bregman; Assistant General Manager-Wastewater, Joel Prather; Assistant General Manager-Water, Steve Ritchie; Special Assistant to the GM, Brittany Feitelberg, and Executive Assistant Jannie Ram.

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL regarding anticipated litigation (Government Code §54956.9, Administrative Code §67.10(d)):

240 Stockton Street, LLC v. City and County of San Francisco

Unlitigated Claim File No.: 25-01016

Date Filed: November 26, 2024

Proposed settlement of an unlitigated claim for property damage resulting from a water service line failure with the City to pay claimant 240 Stockton Street, LLC \$186,000, in exchange for a full and final release, subject to final approval by the Board of Supervisors. (Action Item) (26-0104)

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL regarding anticipated litigation (Government Code §54956.9, Administrative Code §67.10(d)):

Brentwood Holding Company, LP v. City and County of San Francisco

Unlitigated Claim File No.: 26-01906

Date Filed: March 25, 2026

Proposed settlement of an unlitigated claim for property damage resulting from a San Francisco Public Utilities Commission vehicle accident with the City to pay claimant Brentwood Holding Company, LP \$64,186.44, in exchange for a full and final release, subject to final approval by the Board of Supervisors. (Action Item) (26-0105)

The Commission exited Closed Session at 3:43 P.M.

16. Report following Closed Session

President Arce reported that the Commission recommends the Board of Supervisors approve the settlements referenced under Item 15.

17. Motion regarding whether to disclose the discussion during Closed Session pursuant to San Francisco Administrative Code Section 67.12(a).

*On motion not to disclose the discussion during Closed Session:
Arce, Leveroni, Stacy and Thurlow
Excused: Jamdar*

18. Adjournment

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