

SAN FRANCISCO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

City and County of San Francisco

Daniel Lurie Mayor

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, September 23, 2025
1:30 PM
(Approved October 28, 2025)

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

Commissioners

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

> Dennis J. Herrera General Manager

Tiffany Lennear Director of Commission Affairs

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Call to Order

President Stacy called the meeting to order at 1:30 P.M.

2. Roll Call

Present: Stacy, Jamdar, Leveroni, and Thurlow

Tardy: Arce

3. Approval of the Minutes of September 9, 2025

No public comment provided.

On motion to approve the minutes of September 9, 2025:

Ayes: Stacy, Jamdar, Leveroni, and Thurlow

Tardy: Arce

4. General Public Comment

- Peter Drekmeier, Policy Director of Tuolumne River Trust, provided comment relating to the State Water Board's release of the draft Scientific Basis Report for the Tuolumne River Voluntary Agreement (TRVA) and requested that the SFPUC have a workshop with an NGO panel to become familiar with the TRVA.
- Maurice Rehm, San Francisco long-time resident and recent retiree on a fixed income, stated that he shares the Commission's concern about rate increases and encourages the Commission to do something about them.

5. Report of the General Manager (discussion only)

a) SFPUC Quarterly Budget Status Report through June 2025 and Budget Development Update

Anna Duning, Budget Director, presented the report.

Commission Vice President Arce arrived at the meeting at 1:44 P.M.

• Mica Pinkston of Bayview-Hunters Point asked the Commission about the number and percentage of people from Bayview-Hunters Point that will be hired for the position under the Community Budget Agreement.

Director Duning presented the Budget Development Update.

- Ms. Pinkston provided comment stating that the Bayview-Hunters Point community should be included in the budget.
- Alicia Rochelle of the Bayview-Hunters Point Coordinating Council provided comment relating to her desire to participate in as many conversations as possible that include the Bayview area and related budget oversight.
- Peter Drekmeier provided comment to remind the Commission that the budget does not include alternative water supply and shared data provided by the Urban Water Management Plan.

- Dave Warner provided comment relating to the budget process.
- b) <u>Hetch Hetchy Capital Improvement Program Quarterly (Q4) Report</u> *Katie Miller, Director of Water Capital Programs Infrastructure Division, presented the report.*

No public comment provided.

- c) <u>Wastewater Enterprise Quarterly Report (Q4 FY 2024-25)</u>
 Bessie Tam, Wastewater Capital Programs Director, presented the report
 - Ms. Rochelle made an inquiry about available resources and training for emergency response in the Bayview-Hunters Point community.
 - Demetrius Williams; Bayview-Hunters Point resident, President of the San Francisco Hyper Local Building Trades Contractors Collective, and owner of CIW & Son's Plumbing Company, expressed concern relating to emergency response planning and the community involvement process for the sewer and water treatment plant.
- d) <u>SFPUC Employee Retirement Recognitions for 25+ Years of Service</u> Ron Flynn, Deputy General Manager, recognized Mr. Winfred "Pete" Flewellen for demonstrating the highest form of commitment and pride in public service through his 39 years of dedicated service to the SFPUC.

No public comment provided.

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

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

- a) Approve Modification No. 1 to Contract No. WW-751, As-Needed Sewer Inspection (FY24), with Pipe and Plant Solutions, Inc., increasing the contract duration by 120 days, for a revised contract duration of 500 consecutive calendar days (approximately one year and five months), to allow the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission Wastewater Enterprise to continue to issue Contract Service Orders for as-needed sewer infrastructure inspection, with no change to the contract amount. (25-0136)
- b) Award Contract No. WW-769R, Various Locations Main Sewer Inspection No. 3, to the responsible bidder that submitted the lowest responsive bid, Pipe and Plant Solutions Inc., in the amount of \$4,639,125 and with a duration of 455 consecutive calendar days (approximately one year and three months), to inspect existing sewers at various locations within the City and County of San Francisco. 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. (25-0137)
- c) Award Contract No. WW-793, Brannan Street Outfall Improvements, to the responsible bidder that submitted the lowest responsive bid, R&S Construction Management, Inc., in the contract amount of \$3,318,205, with a contract duration of 330 consecutive calendar days (approximately 11 months), to rehabilitate the Brannan Street Outfalls, located in the City and County of San Francisco. 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.
- d) Approve execution and submission of an attestation of veracity for Hetch Hetchy Power's 2024 Power Source Disclosure Report and approve final submission of the 2024 Power Source Disclosure Report to the California Energy Commission.

 (25-0139)
- e) Approve execution and submission of an attestation of veracity for CleanPowerSF's 2024 Power Source Disclosure Report and approve final submission of the 2024 Power Source Disclosure Report to the California Energy Commission. (25-0140)

No public comment provided.

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

REGULAR CALENDAR

7. Award Contract No. DB-139, Transmission Line Clearance Mitigation Moderate and Low Risk Project, to Wilson Utility Construction Company, in the amount of \$59,163,762, and with a contract duration of 1,095 consecutive calendar days (approximately three years), to design and construct clearance mitigations to span the existing San Francisco Public Utilities Commission owned and operated 115 kilovolt (kV) and 230kV overhead power transmission lines; and authorize proceeding only with design and pre-construction services in the not-to-exceed amount of \$10,000,000 for a duration of 365 calendar days. (Ritchie)

The Commission did not consider Item No. 7.

8. Accept work performed by Pipe and Plant Solutions, Inc., under Contract No. WW-735, Various Locations Main Sewer Inspection No. 1; approve Modification No. 4 (Final) decreasing the contract amount by \$414,877 and increasing the contract duration by 188 calendar days, for a total contract amount of \$1,761,911 and a total contract duration of

658 consecutive calendar days (approximately one year and ten months), to adjust the final contract amount to the value of actual contract quantities completed and adjust the final contract duration to complete all contract work; and authorize final payment to the contractor.

(25-0141)

John Wong, Project Manager Bureau - Project Manager, presented the report.

No public comment provided.

On motion to approve Item 8:

Ayes: Stacy, Arce, Jamdar, Leveroni, and Thurlow

9. COMMUNICATIONS (information only)

- a. Advance Calendar
- b. Contract Advertisement Report
- c. Correspondence Log
- d. Water Supply Conditions Update
- e. Water System Improvement Program Quarterly Report (Q4 FY 2024-25)
- f. Annual Real Estate Report 2025
- g. Quarterly Report of CAISO charges compared with projections and remaining contract expenditures under Contract No. PRO.0152, Power scheduling Coordination and Related Support Services, with APX, Inc. [Board of Supervisors Resolution No. 095-23]

President Stacy asked questions relating to Item 9f and Deputy General Manager Flynn provided a response to those questions.

No public comment provided.

10. Items initiated by Commissioners (discussion only)

Vice President Arce requested a revised schedule for public outreach and information about rate-setting before February 2026 and before the Commission finalizes the budget.

President Stacy requested a series of informational presentations by staff, including the following general topics:

- Update on the Bay Delta Plan amendments and the Healthy Rivers & Landscapes programs
- BAWSCA history and discussion of obligations of BAWSCA customers and the SFPUC
- Water supply and drought planning
- o Wastewater permitting issues; prognosis for the future
- Contracting approaches for different kinds of contracts; inclusive outreach to micro businesses and LBEs
- o Power what's ahead, what can we do better; update on PG&E process
- o Climate change issues

o Workforce, hiring, and DEI efforts

Commissioner Thurlow requested (1) an overview from wastewater on flood control planning and the increased variability in precipitation, and how it affects capital planning; and (2) information on the SFPUC emergency response planning in a large-scale emergency.

Commissioner Jamdar requested information on (1) inclusive procurement, community investment, workforce training for local workers and contractors, how to increase Local Business Enterprise (LBE) numbers in SFPUC contracts; and (2) on climate change and customer-facing programs being developed.

- Mr. Williams provided comment thanking the Commission for their communication and expressed concern relating to SFPUC disaster and emergency response team training.
- Ms. Rochelle provided comment relating to her interest for the community and all of San Francisco to receive emergency preparedness training as a public benefit.

11. Public Comment on the matters to be addressed during Closed Session

No public comment provided.

12. <u>Motion on whether to assert the attorney-client privilege regarding the matters listed</u> below:

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

Commissioner Leveroni left the meeting at 3:16 P.M.

The Commission entered Closed Session at 3:16 P.M.

CLOSED SESSION

SFPUC Officials and Staff members present during Closed Session: Kate Stacy, Commission President; Joshua Arce, Commission Vice President; Commissioner Avni Jamdar; Commissioner Meghan Thurlow; Ron Flynn, Deputy General Manager; Estie Kus, Deputy City Attorney; Steve Ritchie, Assistant General Manager - Water; Jannie Ram, Executive Assistant; and Tiffany Lennear, Director of Commission Affairs.

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

Victor Granados and Martha Hidalgo Rosado v. City and County of San Francisco

Unlitigated Claim File No.: 25-02550

Date Filed: June 16, 2025

Proposed settlement of an unlitigated claim for property damage resulting from a water main break with the City to pay claimants Victor Granados and Martha Hidalgo Rosado \$35,000, in exchange for a full and final release, subject to final approval by the Board of Supervisors.

(Action Item) (25-0142)

The Commission exited Closed Session at 3:26 P.M.

13. Announcement following Closed Session

President Stacy stated that the Commission recommends the Board of Supervisors approve the settlement referenced under Item 12.

14. <u>Motion regarding whether to disclose the discussion during Closed Session pursuant to San Francisco Administrative Code Section 67.12(a).</u>

On motion not to disclose:

Ayes: Stacy, Arce, Jamdar, and Thurlow

Excused: Leveroni

15. Adjournment

President Stacy adjourned the meeting at 3:27 P.M.