



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

**MEETING MINUTES**

**Tuesday, November 26, 2019  
 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.  
 525 Golden Gate Ave., 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Tuolumne Conference Room**

**Mission:** The Water Subcommittee reviews water supply system reliability, water conservation, recycling, regional cooperation efforts and other relevant plans and policies. ([Admin Code 5.140-142](#))

**Members:**

<b>Jennifer Clary (Chair) (D11)</b>	Suki Kott (D2)	Ted Loewenberg (D5)
Amy Nagengast (D8)	Nicole Sandkulla (M-Reg'l Water Customers)	Eliahu Perszky (M-Large Water User)

D = SF District, M = Mayoral Appointment

**Staff Liaisons:** Tracy Zhu

**ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**1. Call to Order and Roll Call:** The meeting was called to order at 5:31pm.

**Members present at roll call:** (4) Clary, Nagengast, Kott, Perszky

**Members Absent:** (2) Sandkulla, Loewenberg

**2. Approval of the [October 22, 2019](#) Minutes**

Motion was made (Perszky) and seconded (Nagengast) to approve [October 22, 2019](#) minutes.

AYES: (3) Clary, Nagengast, Kott, Perszky

NOES: (0)

ABSENT: (2) Sandkulla, Loewenberg

**3. Report from the Chair**

- Chair welcomes committee members, staff, and the public
- Member Clary represented the CAC at a Mayor lead roundtable to discuss the Bay Area Delta Plan.

**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

Public Comment: None

**London N. Breed**  
Mayor

**Ann Moller Caen**  
President

**Francesca Vietor**  
Vice President

**Anson Moran**  
Commissioner

**Sophie Maxwell**  
Commissioner

**Tim Paulson**  
Commissioner

**Harlan L. Kelly, Jr.**  
General Manager



**5. Presentation and Discussion: Update on the Water Enterprise FY21-22 Budget**, Steven Ritchie, Assistant General Manager, Water Enterprise

**Presentation Topics:**

- Our Water System Spanning the Width of California
- Our Customers
- The System
- Operating Budget
- Capital Budget

**Discussion Topics:**

- *Member Nagengast* asked where does the Hetch Hetchy water stop on the operational systems map.  
*AGM Ritchie* responded that the water stops at the Alameda East Portal.
- *Member Nagengast* asked why Hetch Hetchy Water and the Water Enterprise separate.  
*AGM Ritchie* responded that the SFPUC restructured its organization in the early 2000s into enterprises, which is the main reason they are separate.
- *Member Clary* asked for the status of the asset management plan.  
*AGM Ritchie* responded that the status is different in various parts of the plan, however, they do plan to release a status report this year.
- *Member Clary* wanted to clarify that there has been an ask to increase the operating budget.  
*AGM Ritchie* responded, yes.
- *Member Nagengast* asked if there is a position in the operating budget that will further the SFPUC educational goals.  
*AGM Ritchie* responded that they currently do not.
- *Member Kott* asked about the budget percentage increase.  
*AGM Ritchie* responded that he is currently unable to share that information
- *Member Clary* asked if they are looking at Prop1 as an example to fund their dams.  
*AGM Ritchie* responded, yes.

**6. Presentation and Discussion: Emergency Firefighting Water System – Quarterly Update**, John Scarpulla, Local Policy Manager, Policy and Government Affairs, External Affairs (15 minute presentation, 15 minute discussion)

**Presentation Topics:**

- What is the EFWS?
- Original EFWS Map
- Partnership
- Key ESER Projects Completed
- Key ESER Projects Underway
- Development projects
- Detailed Analysis
- Prioritize Hose Tender

**Presentation Discussion:**

- *Member Clary* asked if the EFWS map analysis considered earthquakes.  
*Staff Scarpulla* responded that they are considering various situations and elements when developing the map analysis.
- *Member Clary* asked if the EFWS system is compartmentalized.  
*Staff Scarpulla* responded that it is compartmentalized to be able to fight fires in different neighborhoods.

- *Member Perszky* asked if there has been public engagement on the EFWS project.
- *Staff Scarpulla* responded, yes that there have been several public and community presentations to inform the public on the EFWS system.
- *Member Clary* stated that inner neighborhoods are disproportionately being served at the expense of outer neighborhoods.
- *Clary* then asked if there are projects in the outer neighborhoods that provide them short term security.  
Staff Scarpulla responded that several small projects in outer neighborhoods are currently in development.
- *Member Nagengast* suggested that there should be a timeline to help provide clarity of the EFWS goals.

#### **7. Staff Report**

- Harry Tracy Water Treatment plant tour is currently being organized by staff.
- The Wastewater CAC is also currently organizing a Treasure Island tour.

#### **8. Future Agenda Items and Resolutions**

- Harry Tracy Water Treatment Plant tour
- Bay Delta Plan and voluntary settlement agreement (tentatively January or February)
- Legislative Update (tentatively March and June)
- Annual Water Quality Report (tentatively July)
- State of the Regional Water System Report – Bi-annual report due to BAWSCA in September 2020
- Groundwater Communications Resolution Update
- Water Diversification and Climate Change
- Statewide Issues: Bay Delta and Affordability
- Drought resilience: 3 year water supply update
- Water Equity and Homelessness
- State of Local Water Report
- Retail Conservation Report
- Urban Water Management Plan

#### **9. Announcements/Comments** – Please visit [www.sfwater.org/cac](http://www.sfwater.org/cac) for the agenda and materials for the next scheduled meeting.

#### **10. Adjournment**

Motion was made (Kott) and seconded (Nagengast) to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:11 pm.