

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

**MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, April 18, 2017
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.

Members:

Wendy Aragon, Chair (D1)

Suki Kott (D2)
Leslie DeTaillandier (D3)
Amy Zock (D4)
Ted Loewenberg (D5)
VACANT (D6)

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Amy Nagengast (D8)
Ernesto Martinez (D9)
Anietie Ekanem (D10)
Jennifer Clary (D11)
Angela Paige Miller (M-Env.Group)

Nicole Sandkulla (M-Reg'l Water Customers)
Rebecca Lee (M-Eng./Financial)
VACANT (M-Lg Water User)
Owen O'Donnell (B-Small Business)
Misty McKinney (B-Env Justice)

M = Mayoral appointment, B = Board President Appointment

Staff Liaisons: Tracy Zhu, Justin Gardner

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. **Call to order and roll call:** The meeting was called to order at: 5:35pm

Members present at roll call: (10) Aragon, Kott, DeTaillandier, Zock, Loewenberg, Nagengast, Ekanem, Clary, Sandkulla, McKinney

Members absent at roll call: (4) Martinez, Miller, Lee, O'Donnell

Members of the public present: David Warner, Matthew Steen, Michael Sizemore

Staff present: Suzanne Gautier

2. **Approval** of the [March 21, 2017 meeting minutes](#)

Motion was made (Loewenberg) and seconded (Clary) to approve the March 21, 2017 meeting minutes.

The motion PASSED by the following vote:

YEAS: (10) Aragon, Kott, DeTaillandier, Zock, Loewenberg, Nagengast, Ekanem, Clary, Sandkulla, McKinney

NOES: (0)

Edwin M. Lee
Mayor

Anson Moran
President

Ike Kwon
Vice President

Ann Moller Caen
Commissioner

Francesca Vietor
Commissioner

Vince Courtney
Commissioner

Harlan L. Kelly, Jr.
General Manager



ABSENT: (4) Martinez, Miller, Lee, O'Donnell

Public Comment: None

3. **Public Comment:**

- David Warner is speaking to the Supplemental Environmental Document for the Tuolumne River Flows issue that was discussed at the last Water CAC meeting. He explained that Los Angeles is reducing its water imports from 85% to 50 % by 2040, Santa Monica will be down to zero by 2040, San Francisco's water imports expected to remain same at 85%. He has 3 points
 - The CAC should ask SFPUC to set a water import reduction guideline
 - We don't need to rely solely on conservation
 - The CAC should ask SFPUC to provide environmentally friendly recovery plan

Member Miller arrives at 5:35 (11 Members present. Quorum Maintained)

4. **Report from the Chair** - Wendy Aragon, Chair

- Member Amy Nagengast is now in wastewater subcommittee

Public comment: none

5. **Presentation and Discussion:** [Power Enterprise 101](#), Barbara Hale, Assistant General Manager, Power Enterprise

Presentation Topics:

- Power Enterprise SF's Municipal Power Provider
- Hetch Hetchy Water & Power System
- Where your Hetch Hetchy Water Comes From
- Power Enterprise SF's Community Aggregator
- Renewable Generation
- Energy Efficiency
- GoSolarSF – Solar incentives – \$20 Million since July 2008
- LED Street Light Conversion \$16 Million Program

Topics of Discussion:

- Member Ekanem: does GoSolarSF apply to apartment buildings?
AGM Hale: Yes as long as the bill payer is a CleanPowerSF or Hetch Hetchy customer.
- Member Loewenberg explains that a number of businesses in his district have complaints with customer service and asks if it is CleanPowerSF's fault.
- AGM Hale explains that most business complaints come from connection issues which are 100% PG&E Responsibility.
- Member Clary: Are the upcountry Power customer charges enough to cover the cost of maintenance for the upcountry service are?
AGM Hale: we have been increasing rates for general fund customers year by year so that we can ultimately balance costs with funds coming in from upcountry.
- Member Clary: How long until that balance is reached?
AGM Hale: The costs continue to grow, but we will get to point where costs cover operation costs for all customers. The last study said over 8 years.
- Member Clary: What are joint costs that Power Enterprise shares with the Water Enterprise?
Member Sandkulla: An asset like Mountain Tunnel. A contract with BAWSCA from 1984 indicated that 55% of joint assets would be paid for by the Power Enterprise. The same methodology carried over into 2009 contracts.
- Member Miller: When will rollout of CleanPowerSF be complete and what percentage opts to go Super Green?

AGM Hale: The rollout should be complete by 2019, and approximately 2.7 % of customers go Super Green.

- Member Nagengast: what is the trajectory for growth of green power? Where do the renewables come from?

AGM Hale: the state requires 50% by 2030 which the SFPUC is on track to meet by 2020. Most of our power comes from wind because of low prices. Another source is geothermal power from Geyserville .

- Member Loewenberg: When we are installing new street lights? Are we considering adding additional technologies?

Chair Hale: We have looked into cameras at congested intersections for SFMTA, smart meter reading technologies and air quality sensors. However when we did that, the control technology was still rather basic and there was not a centralized way to feed all that data back.

6. **Presentation and Discussion:** [Water Enterprise 101](#), Steve Ritchie, Assistant General Manager, Water Enterprise

Presentation Topics:

- Our Water System: Spanning the Width of California
- Our Customers
- The System
- City Distribution Division
- Some Water Enterprise Highlights
- 2013 Challenge – The Rim Fire
- 2012-17 Challenge – The Recent Drought
- Current Challenges
- What Makes It All Work: Our Employees

Topics of Discussion

- Member McKinney asked about the situation in East Palo Alto to which AGM Ritchie explained that Palo Alto and Mountain View are both in negotiations to give part of their water allocation to East Palo Alto.
- Chair Aragon ask AGM Ritchie if he would be open to a webinar on groundwater at the next meeting Ground water and he agreed.
- Member Nagengast inquired about the energy costs of the water system and wonders if any energy reduction plans exist. AGM Ritchie explains the system is already extremely efficient since it is gravity powered. SFPUC is also fine tuning system to cut chemical and electric energy.

Public Comment: None

7. **Presentation, Discussion, and Action:** [Resolution on Stewardship Policy](#), Jennifer Clary, Water CAC Chair

- Member Clary explained that The Watershed and Environmental Improvement Program was a 10 year capital program passed in 2006 to maintain and protect our watersheds and to further that aim, the [Water Enterprise Environmental Stewardship Policy](#) was created.
- A requirement of program was annual reporting which is set to stop this year.
- The [Resolution on Stewardship Policy](#) that was passed by the Water CAC calls for the continuation of the annual reporting requirements.

Public Comment: None

The Motion was made (Clary) and seconded (Sandkulla) to adopt the [Resolution on Stewardship Policy](#).

The motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES: (11) – Aragon, Kott, DeTaillandier, Zock, Loewenberg, Nagengast, Ekanem, Clary, Miller, Sandkulla, McKinney

NOES: (0)

ABSENT: (3) Martinez, Lee, and O'Donnell

8. Staff Report

- Staff Zhu will forward the info about the Earth Day event at College Hill on April 22
- The Committee expressed interest in a Land Management Framework Policy Update
- Legislative Update – Member Clary

9. Future Agenda Items and Resolutions

- The committee expressed interest in groundwater update
- A general discussion about problems with the webpage was discussed.
- Staff Zhu will work with Chair Aragon to agendize the customer service experience through the website
- Wastewater CAC is working on a Green Infrastructure Resolution that may be brought to the Full CAC in June.
- Address from the General Manager (*tentative May*)
- Customer Experience on Website (*tentative June*)
- Training on how to write a resolution - Member Clary (*tentative June*)
- Annual CAC Leadership Retreat (*July*)
- Joint Meeting with Southeast Community Facility Commission – Update on Community Benefits and Environmental Justice Policies Implementation (*tentatively August 9*)
- Strategic Plan Update
- Climate Change
- Land Management Framework Policy Update
- Compliance with Prop 218
- Training on advancing the work of the utility through an equity lens – Chair Aragon
- Contracting Process
- Legislative Update
- Rate Study

10. Announcements/Comments – The next scheduled meeting for the Full CAC will take place at our regularly scheduled time on Tuesday, May 15, 2017.

11. Adjournment

Motion was made (Ekanem) and seconded (Clary) to adjourn meeting.

Public comment: none

Meeting was adjourned at 7:02pm.