



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

MEETING MINUTES

**Tuesday, September 1, 2020
 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.**

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Mission: The Power Subcommittee shall review power generation and transmission system reliability and improvement programs, including but not limited to facilities siting and alternatives energy programs, as well as other relevant plans, programs, and policies ([Admin Code 5.140-142](#)).

Members

Chair Moises Garcia (D9)
 Mark Tang (M-Eng/Financial)

Steven Kight-Buckley (D3)
 Jim McHugh (D4)

Anietie Ekanem (D10)

M = Mayoral appointment, B = Board President Appointment

Staff Liaisons: Tracy Zhu and Amanda Jimenez

OUR MISSION: To provide our customers with high-quality, efficient and reliable water, power and sewer services in a manner that values environmental and community interests and sustains the resources entrusted to our care.

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ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. **Call to order and roll call he meeting was called to order at 5:34pm**

Members present at roll call: (3) Garcia, Tang, McHugh

Members Absent: (2) Kight, Ekanem

Members of the Public: Sammy Nabahani

2. **Approve July 7, 2020 Minutes**

Motion was made (McHugh) and seconded (Tang) to approve July 7, 2020 Minutes

AYES: (3) Garcia, Tang, McHugh

NOES: (0)

ABSENT: (2) Kight, Ekanem

3. **Report from the Chair** - Moises Garcia

- Welcome members, staff, and the public
- Introduction to Sammy Nabahani
- Recap **Power CAC priorities from the CAC retreat**
- Priorities for the Power subcommittee include: Recruiting public members to fill CAC vacancies, customer programs, CleanPowerSF equity framework, Treasure Island, electrification, communication, training on Power enterprise for new CAC members, energy conservation, Hetch Hetchy power rate, and CleanPowerSF capital 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.

Members of the Public: None

5. **Presentation and Discussion: Power Communications Update**, Peter Gallotta, Power Communications Manager; Karaline Bridgeford, Power Communications Staff; Communications Division, External Affairs

Resources:

1. Communicating affordability information and resources to our customers:
 - **CleanPowerSF bill credit**: CleanPowerSF will provide a one-time October bill credit to all customers enrolled in the CARE and FERA affordability programs.
 - **Hetch Hetchy Power affordability resources and emergency assistance program**: Hetch Hetchy Power is offering a number of assistance programs to customers struggling to pay their bills amid the covid-19 crisis.

2. Encouraging customers to conserve energy during the recent extreme heat events:
 - [Flex Alert: Conserve Energy During the Heatwave](#): SFPUC Newsroom article with information and tips for conserving energy.
 - [Save Energy to Help Prevent Blackouts](#): CleanPowerSF website.
3. Other communications
 - [Stay Home and Fight Climate Change from Your Couch](#): SFPUC Newsroom story on tips for taking climate action while sheltering in place.

Presentation Topics

- Our Goals
- What We've Been Up To
- Supporting Our Customers
- Enrolling New Customers
- Reaching Our Customers
- Ensuring Equity & Access
- CARE/FERA Marketing Campaign
- Proactively Engaging Our Stakeholders
- Increasing Brand Awareness
- Affordable Housing Customer Engagement
- Rolling Blackouts & PSPS
- Power Virtual Tour: More Power To You
- What's Next?

Discussion

- **Member Tang** asked if there a way for customers to input their information and it can generate a list of the programs they are eligible for.
Staff Gollatta answered there is an opportunity to make a user friendly application to help users apply for resources. This moment of remote work has allowed us to rethink how to help users.
- **Member Tang** asked if there a way to publish the shut off schedule published by Cal ISO. This will allows customers can act proactively in case of a shut off.
Staff Gollatta answered that the Department of Emergency Management will schedule AlertSF messages regarding power shut offs to those who are signed up for AlertSF.
- **Member McHugh** asked if there any joint planning on communications with PG&E in the event of power outages.
Staff Gollatta replied our goal is to better understand what PG&E will do since they don't provide much advance notice on power outages and how we can plan accordingly in partnership.

Members of the Public: None

6. **Presentation and Discussion:** [CleanPowerSF Equity Working Group Update](#), Suzanne Merkelson, Policy and Government Affairs; Edgar Barraza, Environmental Justice and Land Use Associate; Cassidy Wallerstein, Power Communications Staff; Karaline Bridgeford, Power Communications Staff

Resources: [CleanPowerSF Equity Working Group Update presentation to Power CAC in June 2019](#)

Presentation Topics

- Equity Working Group Overview
- Progress Update & Timeline
- Equity Policy Mission
- Energy Equity Definition
- CleanPowerSF Equity Commitments
- Recommendations
- Community Engagement Plan Goals
- Community Engagement Plan Tactics
- Next Steps

Discussion

- **Member Tang** asked if there a way to revise the policy to acknowledge communities impacted outside of San Francisco? Is there a timeline to hold accountability?
- **Staff Merkelson** replied, she agrees to take a look to include that aspect more intentionally. As for the second question, we are focused on getting community engagement and making sure the equity lens is being used in all aspects of our work at CleanPowerSF

Members of the Public: None

7. Staff Report

- Reminder about reappointment process
- Budget update on customer programs.

8. Future Agenda Items and Resolutions

- CleanPowerSF Integrated Resource Plan Update and Power Supply Plan – *tentatively November*
- Vote for public member - Sammy Nabahani
- Draft Public Power Resolution
- Strategic Communications and Marketing Plan for Power Enterprise
- Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) speakers
- Future Programs
- Program Development i.e. Electric Vehicles, Electrification, Multi-family Buildings, Storage, Time of Use Rates
- Low-Income Assistance Program
- SFPUC interaction with California ISO
- Treasure Island – power perspective and representative of TIDA, Treasure Island resident

Adopted Resolutions for Follow Up

- Resolution Recommending that the SFPUC Commission Reverses its Position on the "Not to Exceed Rates" for CleanPowerSF, Move Foward with this Important Program, and Allow Staff to Move Foward with its Launch **adopted September 16, 2014**

9. **Announcements/Comments** The next Power CAC meeting will either be on October 27, 2020. Visit www.sfwater.org/cac for confirmation of the next scheduled meeting, agenda and materials.

10. Adjournment

Motion was made (McHugh) and seconded (Tang) to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:18 pm