



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

**MEETING MINUTES**

**Tuesday, September 22, 2020  
 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.**

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**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](#))

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**Members:**

**Jennifer Clary (Chair) (D11)p**  
 Amy Nagengast (D8)p

Suki Kott (D2)p  
 Nicole Sandkulla (M-Reg'l  
 Water Customers)p

Ted Loewenberg (D5) a  
 Eliahu Perszyk (M-Large Water  
 User)

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**Staff Liaisons:** Tracy Zhu and Amanda Jimenez  
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## ORDER OF BUSINESS

### 1. Call to Order and Roll Call 5:34 pm

Members present at roll call: (5) Clary, Nagengast, Kott, Sandkulla, Perszyk

Members Absent: (1) Loewenberg

Members of the Public: None

### 2. Approval of the July 28, 2020 Minutes

Motion was made (Sandkulla) and seconded (Perszyk) to approve July 28, 2020.

AYES: (5) Clary, Nagengast, Kott, Sandkulla, Perszyk

NOES: (0)

ABSENT: (1) Loewenberg\*\*\*

Public Comment: None

### 3. Report from the Chair

- Chair welcomes committee members, staff, and the public
- Recap [Water CAC priorities from the CAC retreat](#)

### 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

- Steve Lawrence submitted a public comment via email: The Water System Improvement Program (WSIP) prepared for an 8.5 year drought. Since then pressure to reduce take from the Tuolumne River confounds plans. What is right? Is 8.5 too long? Just right? By acting as a jury, perhaps CAC, through Water, can sharpen the arguments. Ask staff, and perhaps TRT (Tuolumne River Trust), to present the case(s). Vote and recommend.

**Chair Clary** asked Steve to email her if they would like to discuss further.

**\*\*\* Member Loewenberg jointed at 5:39pm. Quorum maintained.**

### 5. Presentation and Discussion: Water Enterprise's Environmental Stewardship Policy Update, Tim Ramirez, Director of Natural Resources and Lands Management Division, Water Enterprise; Carla Schultheis, Watershed and Environmental Improvement Program Coordinator

Resource:

- [Water Enterprise Environmental Stewardship Implementation Report](#) submitted for the June 23, 2020, SFPUC Commission meeting

- [SFPUC Bay Area Ridge Trail Extension: New Trail Extension Plans Under Way](#)
- **Presentation Topics:**
  - Overview
  - Meet Environmental Legal Requirements Impact Avoidance & Permits
  - Meet Environmental Legal Requirements Project Review
  - Meet Environmental Legal Requirements WSIP Mitigation
  - Meet Environmental Legal Requirements- BHR
  - Meet Environmental Legal Requirements - Fisheries Monitoring
  - Meet Environmental Legal Requirements - Operations and Maintenance Activities
  - OSD Instream Flow Management Program – Poopenaut Valley
  - OSD Instream Flow Management Program -“mimic” unimpaired flows (2011)
  - Meet Environmental Legal Requirements - Lake Merced Water Level Restoration
  - Manage Natural Resources - Tuolumne River Watershed
  - Manage Natural Resources - Property Acquisition
  - WEIP Acquisitions –Alameda Watershed
  - Manage Natural Resources - Minimize Wildfire Risk
  - SCU Complex Lightning Strike
  - SCU Lightning Complex - Arroyo Hondo start
  - SCU Lightning Complex - SFPUC Alameda Watershed
  - SCU Lightning Complex - Arroyo Hondo post-fire
  - Peninsula Watershed - Lightning Fires
  - Old Canada Road Fire - Tree Work
  - Manage Natural Resources - Non-native Invasive Species Management
  - Manage Natural Resources - Native Species Restoration
  - Education Opportunities - Sunol AgPark
  - Education Opportunities - Alameda Creek Watershed Center in Sunol
  - Education Opportunities - Southern Skyline Boulevard Ridge Trail Extension
  - Manage and operate - Water Enterprise Assets
  - Conclusions and Moving Forward
- **Discission:**
  - **Member Nagengast** asked how risk is modeled and analyzed in order to help inform and prioritize risk reduction measures.

**Staff Ramirez** replied starting last year an internal effort was launched as an effort to update fire management and water element plans. They developed models to direct priorities with the resources we have to the watershed.
  - **Member Perszyk** asked if there are there opportunities to collaborate with local tribes on land management?

**Staff Schulthesis** replied by stating that they are working towards obtaining an access permit for members of the Muwekma Ohlone Tribe for a specific section. They are interested in to collecting native plants and learning about their land, especially since burial remains were uncovered in the construction of the Sunol Yard.

- **Member Sandkulla** asked what is the role that the watershed keepers play in fire management?

**Staff Ramirez** replied the watershed keepers tend to the land and respond in the event of a fire. In this case, the keeper was responding to another fire on the land when she spotted the SCU Lightning Complex fire. The watershed keepers who live on the property are first responders for the fire.

- **Member Clary** asked what is the process of obtaining a permit for the new section of the Fifield-Cahill trail and protocol once permit is obtained. What is enforcement like on the trail?

**Staff Ramirez** replied, once you have a permit and review the rules, you can use the trail at your discretion. There are watershed keepers and docents providing some level of oversight.

## 6. Staff Report

- Reminder about the reappointment process

## 7. Future Agenda Items and Resolutions

- Urban Water Management Plan – *tentatively beginning of 2021*
- State Policy and Programs on Affordability or Low-Income Rate Assistance (LIRA)
- Bay Delta Plan and voluntary settlement agreement
- Legislative Update
- Annual Water Quality Report
- State of the Regional Water System Report – Bi-annual report due to BAWSCA in September 2020
- Water Diversification and Climate Change - November (?)
- Drought resilience: 3-year water supply update
- Water Equity and Homelessness
- State of Local Water Report
- Retail Conservation Report
- Harry Tracy Water Treatment Plant tour

### Adopted Resolutions for Follow Up

- Resolution in Support of Interim Emergency Rate Assistance Program and Revised Community Assistance Program [adopted July 21, 2020](#)
- Resolution in Support of Improved Communications Related to the San Francisco Groundwater Supply Project [adopted August 21, 2018](#)
- Resolution in Supporting Stewardship and Public Access in the Redeveloped Lake Merced West Property [adopted in March 15, 2016](#)
- Resolution on Impacts of Drought on System Maintenance and Improvements [adopted January 19, 2016](#)

**8. Announcements/Comments** The next meeting for the Water CAC will either be on November 24, 2020. Please visit [www.sfwater.org/cac](http://www.sfwater.org/cac) for final confirmation of the next scheduled meeting, agenda and materials.

**9. Adjournment 7:04 pm**

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

Meeting was adjourned at 7:04 pm

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