

# SAN FRANCISCO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

City and County of San Francisco

Daniel Lurie Mayor

# REGULAR MEETING AGENDA Tuesday, April 8, 2025 1:30 PM

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

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#### **Commissioners**

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> Dennis J. Herrera General Manager

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#### **ORDER OF BUSINESS**

- 1. Call to Order
- 2. Roll Call
- 3. Approval of the Minutes of March 25, 2025
- 4. General Public Comment

Members of the public may address the Commission on matters that are within the Commission's jurisdiction and are not on today's agenda. The Commission values civic engagement and encourages respectful communication at the public meeting. We ask that all public comment be made in a civil and courteous manner and that you refrain from the use of profanity. Thank you.

- 5. Report of the General Manager (discussion only)
  - a) Report on Recent San Francisco Public Utilities Commission Activities, Events and Announcements

# **REGULAR CALENDAR**

- 6. Public Hearing to approve the <u>Ultra-High Efficiency Toilet Rebate Program and adopt Rules and Regulations</u> to allow the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission to continue to promote indoor water efficiency in its retail service area, by issuing rebates to customers who purchase and install U.S. Environmental Protection Agency WaterSense, Maximum Performance tested Premium certified ultra-high efficiency toilets to replace existing toilets with a maximum rated flush volume of 1.1 gallons per flush. (Ritchie)
- 7. Public Hearing to consider the adoption of (1) rates of the San Francisco Public Utilities

  Commission Power Enterprise for Hetch Hetchy Power service, to be effective with meter
  readings beginning on or after July 1, 2025 and (2) revision of existing fees for rental of certain
  facilities beginning May 1, 2025 and updated on July 1, 2026. Separately, SFPUC staff are
  proposing to hold CleanPowerSF rates flat for Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-26. 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. (Hom)
- 8. **Approve** Southeast Community Center Digital Equity Operator Grant Program revisions to increase the annual grant award to a total not-to-exceed amount of \$200,000; and authorize the General Manager to execute a grant agreement under the revised Grant program. (Ordikhani)
- 9. **COMMUNICATIONS** (information only)
  - a. Advance Calendar
  - b. Contract Advertisement Report
  - c. Correspondence Log
  - d. Water Supply Conditions Update
  - e. <u>Power Quarterly Report on Delegated Authority Contracts Pursuant to Administrative Code</u> section 21.43
- 10. Items initiated by Commissioners (discussion only)

- 11. Public Comment on the matter to be addressed during Closed Session
- 12. Motion on whether to assert the attorney-client privilege regarding the matter listed below:

The Commission will go into Closed Session to discuss the following item:

### **CLOSED SESSION**

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

Allied World Insurance Company and Golden Bear Insurance Company v. City and County of San Francisco

Unlitigated Claim File Nos.: 24-00462 and 24-00463 San Francisco Superior Court Case No. CGC-25-623204

Date Claims Filed: September 11, 2023 Date Complaint Filed: March 11, 2025

Proposed settlement of an unlitigated claim for property damage resulting from a water main break with the City to pay a total of \$1,611,913.13, with \$967,147.91 to Allied World Insurance Company and \$644,765.22 to Golden Bear Insurance Company, in exchange for a dismissal of the lawsuit with prejudice and a full and final release, subject to final approval by the Board of Supervisors.

(Action Item) (Bregman)

Following Closed Session, the Commission will reconvene in Open Session

- 13. Announcement following Closed Session
- 14. Motion regarding whether to disclose the discussion during Closed Session pursuant to San Francisco Administrative Code Section 67.12(a).
- 15. Adjournment

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