



San Francisco Public Utilities Commission
Citizens' Advisory Committee

MEETING AGENDA

Tuesday, February 20, 2024
5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
525 Golden Gate Ave., 3rd Floor Tuolumne Conference Room

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Members:

Moisés García, Chair (D9)

Caroline Law (D1)

Suki Kott (D2)

Sally Chen (D3)

Douglas Jacuzzi (D4)

Emily Algire (D5)

Barklee Sanders (D6)

Elizabeth Steele Teshara (D7)

Amy Nagengast (D8)

Steven Lee (D10)

Jennifer Clary (D11)

Maika Pinkston (M-Environmental Org.)

Nicole Sandkulla (M-Regional Water

Customers)

Jodi Soboll (M-Engineering/Financial)

Eliahu Perszyk (M-Large Water User)

Andrea Baker (B-Small Business)

Michelle Pierce (B-Environ. Justice)

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D = District Supervisor appointed, M = Mayor appointed, B = Board President appointed

Staff Liaisons: Lexus Moncrease and Sharon Liu-Bettencourt

Staff Email for Public Comment: cac@sfwater.org

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Members present at roll call: Law, Chen, Jacuzzi, Algire, Sanders, Steele Teshara, Clary, Soboll, Perszyk and Baker

Members absent: Kott, Nagengast, Lee, Pinkston, Sandkulla and Pierce

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.



2. Approve [November 21, 2023, Minutes](#)

Motion was made (Clary) and seconded (Sanders) to approve the November 24, 2023, minutes.

Approved without objection

Public Comment: None

3. Report from the Chair

- Welcome members, staff, and the public
- Ohlone Tribal Land Acknowledgement

Public Comment: None

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

5. Discussion and Possible Action: CAC Officer Elections, Moisés García, CAC Chair

- Chair
- Vice Chair
- Secretary
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* Subcommittee Chairs are appointed by the Chair after the election.

Moises García is nominated as Full CAC Chair, Eliahu Perszyk is nominated as Full CAC Vice Chair and Emily Algire is nominated as Full CAC secretary.

Motion was made (Clary) and seconded (Sanders) to nominate the entire slate.

There are no objections. Three days by acclamation.

Public Comment: None

6. Discussion and Possible Action: Remote Public Comment, Moisés García, CAC Chair

Chair García stated that a resolution was already passed to continue remote public comment a year ago.

Staff Moncrease states that no action is needed to continue remote public comment, but a new resolution needs to be passed in order to discontinue remote public comment.

Chair García stated the committee can also codify public comments.

Member Algire stated that while she wants remote public comment, she wants to open a discussion to any negative aspects of it as well

such as zoom bombing. She asked if it's possible to remove someone's video access if they are behaving inappropriately.

Staff Moncrease said that the host and alternative host can stop and mute someone's video but she's unsure if it's legal and if it needs to be put on the agenda. She said she would check and follow up.

Member Clary said that if the CAC meets in a building with a security guard, they must have a way for the public to attend the meeting.

Staff Moncrease mentioned that the PUC staff likes having the option to attend remotely.

Chair García concluded that the committee wants to continue public comment but wants to explore what the guardrail are for folks who behave inappropriately on a remote appearance.

Member Law asked about the possibilities of doing a webinar.

Chair García concluded that the committee will not act today, but that staff will get advice before changing the rule of order.

Public Comment: Marco Guillen (Policy Coordinator for the Central American Resource Center): His organization is looking to possibly do work for water access and he wanted to explore some of the space for potential change.

Member Clary offered her information as Water Subcommittee Chair.

7. **Discussion and Possible Action:** [Resolution Regarding Emergency Authorizations and Power Outages on Treasure Island](#), Barklee Sanders
CAC Member

Presentation

- **Member Sanders** provided a brief history and overview of the issues faced by Treasure Island (TI) and addressed in the resolution. He explained that for the last 25 years TI has experienced power outages every 2 or 3 years.

Discussion

- **Member Clary** asked for where the declaration of emergency is or is the emergency declared in 2017 is still in effect.

Member Sanders responded they cannot request an emergency.

Member Clary commented that they should be able to call on one and asked if staff has looked at it.

Member Sanders responded that he is calling out the emergency but agrees there is no resolve clause that specifically declares an emergency.

Member Clary commented that the first resolve should be asking for a declaration of emergency since there is a clear health and safety concern.

- **Member Soboll** commented that they should reference the Mayor's declaration against PG&E as a whereas item as well. She explains that the PUC does the repair work whenever there is an outage, and they are paid by TIDA. Member Soboll further commented that the resolution asks the PUC to analyze the data from the past 10-15 years to address the failure modes. She noted that a new grid system is a big ask, so it is a good idea to ask for data as well.

Member Sanders commented that TIDA built and tore down a powerline over the course of a year and the island is split by new developments full of wealthy people and current residents who do not even have the means to attend CAC meetings.

Member Soboll commented that that the resolution is also requesting detailed accounting from TIDA on spending from the \$15 million of city funding.

Member Clary asked when the \$15 million was allocated.

Member Sanders responded it was allocated in 2011 through bonds.

- **Member Clary** asked why the second clause asks the Mayor and Board of Supervisors to name what public agency has responsibility and authority over Treasure Island and why the resolution doesn't just name the agencies.

Member Sanders responded that the committee does not know what public agency authority over Treasure Island since the redevelopment agency has been dissolved and TIDA is not under the normal umbrella if you look at the organization chart.

- In the second whereas clause, "identify that public agency has authority" was changed to "identify a public agency that has authority."
- After the first whereas clause changed "now, therefore, be it resolved" to "be it further resolved."
- After the last Whereas a new resolve was added stating, "Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the Citizens' Advisory Committee of the San Francisco Public Utilities Commissioner hereby requests that the Board of Superiors, the Mayor to endorse the emergency declaration for the immediate inspections and development of the new grid."
- In the first Whereas clause, "481 power outages" was changed to "487 power outages".
- **Member Clary** commented she wants to add something regarding any other funding in additional to the \$15 million that has been allocated or spent by TIDA and she also asked about asked mitigation.

Member Sanders responded that he specifically didn't put mitigation in the resolution.

Member Clary commented that mitigation is not repair and asked if there are more instances of using generators or batteries that could help mitigate the outages.

Member Soboll responded that they do not want to tell TIDA how to fix the outages but rather provide criteria for fixing the outages.

Member Sanders commented there should not be more than 3 outages a year.

Member Clary responded that she isn't asking about that but wondering if we can require TIDA to pay a fine anytime there is an outage.

Member Sanders commented on the winter storm where there was a presidential declaration that allowed FEMA to help repair downed powerlines and that there were downed powerlines in Treasure Island, but TIDA did not request funding to help fix the downed powerlines.

Member Clary commented that we should add something about institutional racism into the resolution because Treasure Island is a majority low income and minority community.

- In the last Resolved clause, “and mitigation of the continuing health and safety crisis affecting existing residents pending implementation of long-term corrective action.” was added to the end of the clause.
- After the last Whereas clause, a new Whereas clause was added stating “Whereas on May 3rd, 2023, Mayor London Breed declared that ‘the safety and wellbeing of our residents and business is our first priority, and as a fundamental principle of good government, it’s our duty to deliver services San Franciscans deserve’ in response to a power outage in northeastern San Francisco.”
- Member Steele asked for clarification on how new developments have sustainable power, but the older developments do not. She further commented that Member Sanders showed her how some of the management of power has been transferred and some has not been.

Member Soboll responded that this is happening because there are separate plans for new and existing residents.

Chair García commented that it feels like the City is kicking the can down the line in order to kick people off Treasure Island to make room for expensive new developments.

- After the last Resolved Clause, a new and final Resolved clause was added stating “Resolved that the Citizens Advisory Committee urges the Mayor and Board of Supervisors to quit practicing institutional racism within its own borders.”

Motion was made (Algire) and seconded (Sanders) to adopt all the new changes.

The motion was PASSED with the following votes:

Approved with no objections.

Public Comment: None

8. Staff Report

No staff report.

Public Comment: None

9. SFPUC Communications

- [Two-Year Operating Budget FY2024-25 & FY2025-26](#)
- [Two-Year Capital Budget and Authorize Associated Bond Financing for FY 2024-25 & FY 2025-26](#)
- [10-Year Financial Plan for FY 2024-25 to FY 2033-34](#)
- [10-Year Capital Plan for FY 2024-25 to FY 2033-34](#)
- [Human Resources Update \(January 3, 2024\)](#)
- [Affordability Policy](#)
- [Green Bond Update](#)
- [Southeast Community Center Fee Schedule](#)
- [Contract Performance and Delivery Methods](#)
- Water Enterprise
 - [Water Supply Conditions Update \(February 4, 2024\)](#)
 - [Annual Report on Dry Year Supply Progress Pursuant to AB1823](#)
 - [Water Enterprise Level of Service Goals and Objectives](#)
 - [Annual Water Supply Development Report](#)
 - [Annual Water Resources Division Report](#)
 - [2009 Water Supply Agreement Update](#)
- Wastewater Enterprise
 - [Umbrella Memorandum of Understanding between San Francisco Public Utilities Commission and the San Francisco Unified School District for Green Infrastructure Projects](#)
 - [Green Infrastructure Grant Program, Quarterly Update FY 2023-24, Q2](#)
- Power Enterprise
 - [2022 Municipal Energy Benchmarking Report](#)
 - [Power Enterprise Levels of Service Goals and Objectives](#)
 - [Hetch Hetchy Power Updated Integrated Resource Plan](#)

Public Comment: None

10. Future Agenda Items and Resolutions

- [CAC Advance Calendar](#)

Public Comment: None

11. Announcements/Comments Please visit www.sfpuc.org/cac for confirmation of the next scheduled meeting, agenda, and materials.

Public Comment: None

12. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 7:08 pm.

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