



San Francisco Public Utilities Commission
Citizens' Advisory Committee
Power Subcommittee

MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday August 13, 2024
5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
525 Golden Gate Ave., 3rd Floor Tuolumne Conference Room

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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 Article XV, Sections 5.140 - 5.142](#)).

Members

Chair Emily Algire (D5)
Jodi Soboll (M- Eng./Fin.)

Barklee Sanders (D6)
Sally Chen (D3)

Moisés García (D9)
Caroline Law (D1)

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

Staff Liaisons: Lexus Moncrease and Desiree Almendral
Staff Email for Public Comment: cac@sfwater.org

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Call to order and roll call:

Members present at roll call: Sanders*, Algire, Soboll, and Chen

Members absent: Garcia, Law**

*Approved accommodation to attend remotely

** Member Law joined the meeting at 5:36pm

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2. Approve – June 11, 2024, Minutes

Motion was made (Soboll) and seconded (Chen) to approve the June 11, 2024 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 (2 minutes per speaker)

Public Comment: None

5. Presentation and Discussion: [SFPUC Emergency Planning & Security Overview](#), Amanda Higgins, Principal Administrative Analyst, SFPUC

Presentation

- Emergency Planning & Security
- Emergency Planning and Security Team
- Emergency Planning & Security
- Emergency Planning Responsibilities
- ICS and Response Framework
- 2023 Winter Storm Damages
- Power Enterprise 2023 Winter Storm Damages
- 2023 Winter Storm Cost Recovery Efforts
- External Support and Coordination
- Power Enterprise Activities
- Security Responsibilities

Discussion

- **Member Soboll** asked for clarification on whether Staff Higgins was describing an emergency plan for keeping power on in San Francisco or if this was more for the employees and situational emergencies. She asked Staff Higgins to clarify what the goal of this plan is so that she could understand which areas Staff Higgins is discussing.

Staff Higgins responded that Emergency Planning and Security (EPS) works with all the SFPUC enterprises: Water, Power, Sewer (Wastewater) and the divisions within each. She explained that there are over 20 emergency plans but that she was giving an overall view of what EPS does.

- **Member Soboll** asked whether this group worked with hacking (into the system) and other internet related stuff.

Staff Higgins explained that SFPUC does have an Information Technology Service (ITS) team which is robust and that the team has a cyber security program. She further noted that all SFPUC employees are required to take an annual cybersecurity training, and that if there was a citywide or department wide cyber threat EPS would work with ITS to respond.

- **Member Sanders** asked in connection with the federal government or FEMA funds that SFPUC requested related to the winter storms, whether the Treasure Island Development Agency (TIDA) or any other bodies asked for reimbursement from FEMA or San Francisco because Treasure Island also experienced outages due to the winter storms.

Staff Higgins explained that she did not know the answer to Member Sander's specific question. She explained that the slide was about SFPUC recovering costs it spent, for example labor costs and repairs, and the FEMA reimbursement.

Member Sanders thanked Staff Higgins for her response and noted that he would file a public records request.

- **Member Chen** asked Staff Higgins to share what about her work is important for the public to know.

Staff Higgins responded that her work is internal to the SFPUC and that it makes sure employees are prepared and keeps facilities secure. She added that it is also important to note that the SFPUC tracks costs appropriately, because they do not want to pass on costs to ratepayers, power customers.

Member Chen asked Staff Higgins what were some of the challenges associated with the work her team does?

Staff Higgins responded that the SFPUC is so big, for example she explained she speaks with people in Hetch Hetchy, Moccasin, Sunol and down the Peninsula to make sure that they are aware of the SFPUC's policies. She then provided an example of an employee starting employment in Hetch Hetchy and that she needed to get an ID badge to that person. She summarized that because SFPUC is so large managing consistency across the different SFPUC facilities can be a challenge due to the size of the SFPUC.

- **Member Law** referred to the part of the discussion about reimbursements from FEMA and asked whether that was the only source from which the SFPUC was seeking such reimbursements.

Staff Higgins explained that while she is not personally involved with cost recovery, her understanding regarding cost recovery is that it is coordinated at a citywide level. She noted that she believed that the funding would likely go from FEMA to the state and then the state will disperse it to the city and then the city to the SFPUC.

Member Algire explained that the reason the subcommittee asked to have the presentation was because the group was pretty interested in emergency response. She noted that as the CAC Power subcommittee they were interested in power emergency response, for example due to the increasing fires in the Sierras, specifically regarding fires and outages with a focus on

transmission wire vulnerabilities. She then asked Staff Higgins to provide a deeper explanation on power related examples regarding what has happened or is anticipated.

Staff Higgins explained that she did not have an answer to Member Algire's question, but that she could do some research and communicate a response to the Power Enterprise.

Public Comment: None

6. Staff report

- Full CAC meeting next week (8/20/2024)
- Water subcommittee meeting the following week (8/27/2024)

Public Comment: None

7. Future Agenda Items and Resolutions

- IEPR from the CEC
- TI Resolution Report back
- Bayview Power
- Emergency Preparedness
- Power Enterprise Training
- Legislative Update – Federal and State
- Electrification: San Francisco Climate Action Plan
- Municipalization: Interconnection, FERC Order 568, CCSF Purchase Offer
- Electric Rates & Equity
- Power Enterprise Residential & Commercial Power Programs: Heat Pumps, CAP
- California Community Choice Aggregation Residential & Commercial Power Programs
- Redevelopment Projects: Hunter's Point Shipyard & Treasure Island
- Time-of-Use Rates Update
- Reliability: Wildfires and Public Safety Power Shutoffs

Adopted Resolutions for Follow Up

- Resolution Recommending that the SFPUC Commission Reverses its Position on the "Not to Exceed Rates" for CleanPowerSF, Move Forward with this Important Program, and Allow Staff to Move Forward with its Launch [adopted September 16, 2014](#)
- Resolution in Support of SB 612 Electrical Corporations and other Load-Serving Entities [adopted on July 20, 2021](#)
- Resolution in Supporting of the Transition of CleanPowerSF Residential Customers to Time-of-Use Rates [adopted on July 20, 2021](#)

8. **Announcements/Comments** Visit www.sfpuc.org/cac for confirmation of the next scheduled meeting, agenda, and materials.

Public Comment: None

9. Adjournment at 6:18pm

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