



SAN FRANCISCO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
City and County of San Francisco

London N. Breed
Mayor

MINUTES
Tuesday, April 14, 2020
1:30 P.M.
(Approved April 28, 2020)

This meeting was held by Teleconference Pursuant to the Governor's Executive Order N-29-20 and the Fifth Supplement to Mayoral Proclamation Declaring the Existence of a Local Emergency

Commissioners

Ann Moller Caen, President
Francesca Vietor, Vice President
Anson Moran
Sophie Maxwell
Tim Paulson

Harlan L. Kelly, Jr.
General Manager

Donna Hood
Secretary



1. Call to Order

President Caen called the meeting to order at 1:31 PM.

2. Roll Call

Present: Caen, Vietor, Moran, Maxwell and Paulson

3. Approval of the Minutes of March 10, 2020

On motion to approve the minutes of March 10, 2020

Ayes: Caen, Vietor, Moran, Maxwell and Paulson

No public comment.

4. General Public Comment

- The Commission Secretary read a letter submitted by Dave Warner regarding the Bay Delta.
- Peter Drekmeier, Tuolumne River Trust (TRT), thanked the Commission for holding the meeting via teleconference. He noted the 50th anniversary of Earth Day, the creation of the Environmental Protection Agency, Clean Water, Clean Air and Endangered Species Acts. He discussed the creation of Don Pedro Dam, salmon runs on the Tuolumne, reduced flows, and noted that fewer salmon are spawning.
- Jessie Raider echoed statements made by Peter Drekmeier and Dave Warner. She discussed her conservation efforts in support of the environment. She stated water held in dams are not benefiting fish. She discussed the TRT's interim proposal.
- Susan Stansbury stated the environment is her motivation for conservation. She expressed support for the TRT's interim proposal. She discussed the loss of salmon habitat and encouraged the sharing of water with all species.
- Bill Martin, Sierra Club Bay Chapter, Water Committee, expressed support for the TRT's interim proposal for 40% unimpaired flow.
- Norma Wallace echoed prior speaker's support of the TRT's proposal and expressed concerns for the fish.
- Mary Butterwick indicated that she shared her concerns at the February 25th Commission meeting regarding insufficient instream flows on the Tuolumne.
- John (inaudible) asked the Commission to look at TRT's interim proposal and expressed concern with health of the Tuolumne.
- Libby Higgs, Modesto, expressed support TRT's proposal and their efforts to restore the river to its natural habitat.
- Francisco DaCosta discussed the Sewer System Improvement Program and cost increases. He indicated that stationary engineers are stressed. He expressed agreement with comments made by Peter Drekmeier.

5. Communications

- a) Correspondence Log
- b) Contract Advertisement Report
- c) Annual Electric Reliability Compliance Program Report
- d) Annual Comprehensive Financial Report and Annual Popular Financial Report
- e) Annual Report on NEM/ShaRE
- f) Water Supply Conditions Update

No public comment.

President Caen thanked the City government representatives, civic leaders, and city workers for their service during the COVID-19 emergency. She thanked Mayor Breed for her decisive action to be the first in the nation to establish stay-at-home orders. President Caen recognized leaders at the Department of Public Health and Department of Emergency management for their work to combat COVID-19. She thanked the General Manager (GM), SFPUC Executive Team, and SFPUC employees for their work to ensure essential services continue.

6. Report of the General Manager (GM)

a) Update on SFPUC Operations During COVID-19 Emergency

GM Kelly updated the Commission on the impact of COVID-19 on SFPUC operations. He noted the SFPUC's Departmental Operations Center and the City's Emergency Operation Centers have been activated and are staffed. He discussed efforts being undertaken to ensure cleaning of SFPUC facilities and for health screening for employees. He indicated he is reviewing the hiring process to evaluate mission-critical positions. GM Kelly thanked the Commission for their patience and understanding and noted that it may take longer to set up meetings regarding topics of their concern.

Vice President (VP) Vietor and Commissioner Paulson thanked the GM and staff for their work, and for their efforts to provide a safe working environment for employees and contractors working on infrastructure projects.

Public Comment

- *Francisco DaCosta discussed the role of the incident commander. He expressed concern with the situation at the navigation centers and hot spots. He stated that stationary engineers are overworked.*

7. New Commission Business

None.

8. Consent Calendar

- a) Accept work performed by K.W. Emerson, Inc. for Contract No. HH-980, Lower Cherry Aqueduct Rehabilitation, for a total contract amount of \$2,834,145, and a total contract duration of 393 consecutive calendar days; and authorize final payment to the contractor. ([Resolution 20-0059](#))
- b) Accept work performed by Sierra Mountain Construction, Inc. for Contract No. HH-993, Early Intake Switchyard Slope Hazard Mitigation Project; approve Modification No. 1 (Final), decreasing the contract amount by \$49,280, for a total contract amount of \$1,041,960; and authorize final payment to the contractor. ([Resolution 20-0063](#))
- c) Approve an increase of 429 calendar days to the contract duration contingency for Contract No. WD-2729, Fish Passage Facilities within the Alameda Creek

Watershed, a sub-project of the Calaveras Dam Replacement Project; and authorize the General Manager to approve future modifications to the contract for a total contract duration of up to 1,718 consecutive calendar days, with no change to the contract amount. ([Resolution 20-0060](#))

- d) Approve an increase of 215 consecutive calendar days to the existing contract duration contingency for Contract No. WD-2794A, Sunol Long Term Improvements Sunol Yard, with S.J. Amoroso Construction Company, Inc.; and authorize the General Manager to approve future modifications to the contract for a total contract duration of up to 1,201 consecutive calendar days, with no change to the contract amount. ([Resolution 20-0064](#))
- e) Approve an increase of 306 calendar days to the existing contract duration contingency for Contract No. WD-2818, Sunol Valley Water Treatment Plant SCADA Server Room, with Integra Construction Services, Inc.; and authorize the General Manager to approve future modifications to the contract for a total contract duration of up to 652 consecutive calendar days, with no change to the contract amount. ([Resolution 20-0062](#))
- f) Accept work performed by Sukut Construction, LLC for Contract No. WD-2855, Turner Dam Spillway and Pond F3 East Erosion Repair Project; approve Modification No. 3 (Final), decreasing the contract amount by \$94,656 for a total contract amount of \$1,487,454, and increasing the contract duration by 22 days for a total contract duration of 232 consecutive calendar days; and authorize final payment to the contractor. ([Resolution 20-0065](#))
- g) Approve an increase of 625 consecutive calendar days to the existing contract duration contingency for Contract No. WW-570, Oceanside Water Pollution Control Plant and Westside Pump Station HVAC Upgrades; and authorize the General Manager to approve future modifications to the contract for a total revised contract duration of up to 1,345 consecutive calendar days, with no change to the contract amount. ([Resolution 20-0066](#))
- h) Accept work performed by Shaw Pipeline, Inc. for Contract No. WW-633, Various Locations Sewer Replacement No. 2; approve Modification No. 9 (Final), decreasing the contract amount by \$113,868, for a total contract amount of \$7,218,710, and authorize final payment to the contractor. ([Resolution 20-0067](#))
- i) Approve an increase of 145 calendar days to the contract duration contingency for Contract No. WW-651, Griffith Pump Station Improvements, with Western Water Contractors, Inc.; and authorize the General Manager to approve future modifications to the contract for a total contract duration of up to 1,020 consecutive calendar days, with no change to the contract amount. ([Resolution 20-0061](#))

No public comment.

On motion to approve the Consent Calendar
Ayes: Caen, Vietor, Moran, Maxwell and Paulson

9. Approve Amendment No. 2 to Agreement No. CS-1053, Interpretive and Archaeological Services, with the Muwekma Ohlone Tribe, to assist with archaeological monitoring of construction activities at the Alameda Creek Watershed Center site, removal of human remains exposed due to construction activities at the Center site, and the development of interpretive exhibits and education programs for the Center; and authorize the General Manager to execute this amendment increasing the agreement amount by \$150,000, for a total not-to-exceed agreement amount of \$508,000, and with a time extension of three years, for a total agreement duration of seven years, eight months. ([Resolution 20-0068](#))

No public comment.

On motion to approve item 9
Ayes: Caen, Vietor, Moran, Maxwell and Paulson

10. Approve the plans and specifications, and award Contract No. WW-694, Lincoln Way/48th Ave Diversion Structure Modification, in the amount of \$967,980 and with a duration of 90 consecutive calendar days, to the responsible bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid, Marinship Development Interest, LLC, to modify the existing sewer diversion junction structure at the intersection of Lincoln Way and 48th Avenue in the City and County of San Francisco. This action constitutes the Approval Action for the project for the purposes of CEQA, pursuant to Section 31.04(h) of the San Francisco Administrative Code. ([Resolution 20-0069](#))

Kathy How, Assistant General Manager, Infrastructure, introduced the item and requested approval.

No public comment.

On motion to approve item 10
Ayes: Caen, Vietor, Moran, Maxwell and Paulson

11. Approve the March 2020 Proposed Revised Water System Improvement Program (WSIP), which would extend the completion dates of five WSIP projects and the overall program completion date of WSIP from December 20, 2021 to May 5, 2023, and direct staff to send a Notice of Change Report to the State Water Resources Control Board and the Alfred E. Alquist Seismic Safety Commission in compliance with Water Code Section 73500 et seq. ([Resolution 20-0070](#))

Katie Miller, Acting Director, Water Capital Programs, began with a summary of the March 2020 proposed revised WSIP and a review of proposed revised project completion dates (current approved completion, March 2020 proposed completion, and variance in months) for WSIP close-out Project San Joaquin, Alameda Creek

Recapture Project, Calaveras Dam Replacement Project, WSIP close-out project Bay Division, and WSIP Close-out Project Peninsula.

She discussed the Regional Groundwater Storage and Recovery Project, indicating no changes are proposed to scope, schedule or budget. She stated the SFPUC and BAWSCA staff met on March 6 and April 8, 2020 to discuss and agreed to postpone any proposal of formal project changes. She stated that staff continue to share information on construction and start-up developments with BAWSCA and work towards agreement on achievable objectives. She indicated that staff will respond to the April 7, 2020 letter submitted by BAWSCA.

She requested that the Commission adopt the March 2020 proposed revised WSIP to extend completion dates for five WSIP projects and extend the Program completion date from December 20, 2021 to May 5, 2023, and direct staff to send a Notice of Change Report to the State in compliance with California Water Code requirements.
No public comment.

On motion to approve item 11

Ayes: Caen, Vietor, Moran, Maxwell and Paulson

12. Adjournment

President Caen adjourned the meeting at 2:47 PM.