



SAN FRANCISCO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
City and County of San Francisco

London N. Breed
Mayor

Minutes
Tuesday, April 28, 2020
1:30 P.M.
(Approved May 12, 2020)

This meeting was held by Teleconference Pursuant to the Governor's Executive Order N-29-20 and the First, Fifth, and Eighth Supplements to Mayoral Proclamations 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 April 14, 2020

On motion to approve the minutes of April 14, 2020

Ayes: Caen, Vietor, Moran, Maxwell and Paulson

No public comment.

4. General Public Comment

- *Chris Gilbert, Sierra Club Bay Chapter, Water Committee, urged the Commission to continue to address restoration of the Bay Delta and Tuolumne River. He expressed concern with the decline in fish stock.*
- *Peter Drekmeier, Tuolumne River Trust, stated the SFPUC lacks progress on environmental protections. He stated that there is a need for alternative water supplies. He noted other localities efforts to do so.*
- *Aleta Dupree expressed the need to increase the amount of renewables in all classes of service in the CleanPowerSF Program, and indicated that work must continue to create a municipal utility district.*

5. Communications

- Contract Advertisement Report
- Correspondence Log
- Streetlight Program Update
- Water Supply Conditions Update

Public Comment

- *Aleta Dupree asked that pronouns she/her be used. She discussed the need to use LED's in historical street lights.*

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 discussed the remote work performed by many employees, including customer service, finance, and water evaluation staff, who continue providing essential business functions. He noted some staff have been assigned to the City's Emergency Operation Center and the SFPUC's Departmental Operations Center. He indicated that staff who must physically report to certain SFPUC facilities are provided with personal protective equipment and must maintain appropriate social distance, as per mandated guidelines. GM Kelly stated standardized disinfecting procedures are in place and that there are voluntary health-screening procedures for employees entering those facilities. He stated that the Bryant Street facility and Southeast Treatment Plant have mandatory health screenings, with the City Distribution Division screenings to become mandatory later in the week.

He noted efforts to assist customers who are experiencing financial difficulties.

He discussed efforts to move forward with finalizing vacant positions that are vital to operations.

President Caen thanked GM Kelly and SFPUC staff for their work during this unrepresented time.

No public comment.

7. Bay Area Water Supply and Conservation Agency (BAWSCA) Written Update
The Commission Secretary stated that Nicole Sandkulla, BAWSCA CEO, submitted BAWSCA's monthly update in writing. She indicated the correspondence was included with the published meeting materials.

No public comment.
8. New Commission Business
None.
9. Consent Calendar:
 - a) Approve Amendment No. 2 to Agreement No. PRO.0129, Construction Contract Audit and Project Consulting Services, with PMA Consultants, LLC to provide compliance and performance audits on construction safety in Hetch Hetchy Capital Improvement Projects; and authorize the General Manager to execute this amendment, increasing the contract duration by two years for a total duration of three years and one month, with no change to the contract amount. ([Resolution 20-0071](#))
 - b) Approve the plans and specifications, and award Contract No. WD-2616, 8-Inch Ductile Iron Water Main Replacement on Baker Street from Geary Boulevard to Broadway Street and on Sutter Street from Divisadero Street to Presidio Avenue, in the amount of \$3,701,180, with a duration of 525 consecutive calendar days, to the responsible bidder that submitted the lowest responsive bid, M Squared Construction, Inc. 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. This project is not designated as an Essential Infrastructure project under the March 31, 2020 Shelter in Place ("SIP") Order; this authorization therefore allows the contract to be executed but no field work may proceed at this time under the applicable City and State directives, including without limitation the SIP Order. ([Resolution 20-0072](#))
 - c) Accept work performed by M. Hernandez Construction, Inc. (dba: Hernandez Engineering), for Contract No. WD-2781, 8-inch Ductile Iron Water Main Replacement, Sewer Replacement, Pavement Renovation on Russia Avenue, Prague Street and Various Side Streets; approve Modification No. 2 (Final), decreasing the contract amount by \$84,499 for a total contract amount of

\$5,629,359, and increasing the contract duration by 424 consecutive calendar days, for a total contract duration of 1,069 consecutive calendar days; and authorize final payment to the contractor. ([Resolution 20-0073](#))

- d) Approve an increase of \$50,000 to the existing contract cost contingency, for Contract No. WW-611, Cutler Avenue, Lower Great Highway, Sloat Boulevard and Wawona Street Sewer Replacement; and authorize the General Manager to approve future modifications to the contract for a total contract amount of up to \$2,413,669, with no change to contract duration. This project is currently stopped since it is not designated as an Essential Infrastructure project under the March 31, 2020 Shelter in Place (“SIP”) Order. This authorization is only for an increase in contingency to compensate the contractor for additional quantities and no field work is permitted to proceed under the applicable City and State directives, including without limitation the SIP Order. ([Resolution 20-0074](#))
- e) Accept work performed by Shaw Pipeline, Inc. for Contract No. WW-629, Various Locations Sewer Replacement and Pavement Renovation No. 1; approve Modification No. 8 (Final), decreasing the contract amount by \$293,637 for a total contract amount of \$7,896,069, and a total contract duration of 663 consecutive calendar days (approximately one year and 10 months); and authorize final payment to the contractor. ([Resolution 20-0075](#))
- f) Approve the plans and specifications, and award Contract No. WW-679, Various Locations Sewer Replacement No. 8, in the amount of \$4,412,862, and with a duration of 425 consecutive calendar days to the responsible bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid, Precision Engineering, Inc. to replace existing sewers on specified streets in the City and County of San Francisco, provided that no field work may proceed and Notice to Proceed shall not issue until allowed under applicable City and State directives, including without limitation the San Francisco County Health Officer’s March 31, 2020 Shelter in Place Order. 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 20-0076](#))

No public comment.

On motion to approve the Consent Calendar

Ayes: Caen, Vietor, Moran, Maxwell and Paulson

- 10. Approve Project No. CUW35201, Alameda Creek Recapture Project; adopt the required California Environmental Quality Act Findings, including a Statement of Overriding Considerations, and the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program; and authorize the General Manager to implement the Project, in compliance with the Charter and applicable law, and subject to subsequent Commission action and Board of Supervisors approval, where required. ([Resolution 20-0077](#))\

Kathy How, Assistant General Manager (AGM) Infrastructure, introduced the item and requested project approval.

Public Comment

- *The Commission Secretary noted correspondence was received from Robert Shaver, General Manager, Alameda County Water District, expressing support for the project. The letter was provided to the Commission.*

On motion to approve item 10

Ayes: Caen, Vietor, Moran, Maxwell and Paulson

11. Approve Project No. 10014227 Bay Corridor Transmission and Distribution Project; and authorize the release of the remaining \$56,668,701 in funding for construction under Hetchy Power Capital Fund-funded Contract No. DB-130 Bay Corridor Transmission and Distribution – Phase 3, provided that such funding may only be expended at this time for procurement of long lead items in accordance with the Shelter in Place Order and City Administrator guidance. This action authorizes a second Notice to Proceed for equipment purchase only, and no construction. The City Administrator has authorized this limited portion of the work on this project to proceed at this time under the “Essential Infrastructure” exception to the City’s March 31, 2020 Shelter in Place (“SIP”) Order. 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 20-0078](#))

AGM How introduced the item and requested project approval.

No public comment.

On motion to approve item 11

Ayes: Caen, Vietor, Moran, Maxwell and Paulson

12. Approve Amendment No. 1 to Agreement No. PRO.0078, Helicopter Services for Hetch Hetchy Water and Power, with A&P Helicopters, Inc., to provide continued use of helicopter services for aerial inspection of transmission towers and lines; transport for emergency response and equipment to inaccessible areas; 'short haul' transport of personnel for training and other as-needed flights; and authorize the General Manager to execute this amendment, extending the contract duration by three years, for a total agreement duration of six years, with no change to the agreement amount. ([Resolution 20-0079](#))

Steve Ritchie, AGM Water, introduced the item and requested contract approval.

No public comment.

On motion to approve item 12

Ayes: Caen, Vietor, Moran, Maxwell and Paulson

13. Approve the terms and conditions of and authorize the General Manager to execute a Purchase and Sale Agreement for Real Estate in the amount of \$1,227,500 for the purchase of approximately 164.5 acres of agricultural land commonly known as the

Driscoll Ranch in an unincorporated area in Alameda County, California, from Walter A. Starr, III, as successor trustee for each of the Allan M. Starr Trust and the Allan M. Starr Family Trust. ([Resolution 20-0080](#))

Michael Carlin, Deputy General Manager (DGM), introduced the item and requested approval for the purchase and sales agreement.

AGM Ritchie responded to a question from Vice President (VP) Vietor as to how the property came to be on the market. VP Vietor asked that future property acquisitions presented to the Commission for approval include information as to how the property came to be on the market.

No public comment.

On motion to approve item 13

Ayes: Caen, Vietor, Moran, Maxwell and Paulson

14. Adopt a new, optional electric generation tariff for Hetch Hetchy Power customers called a “green tariff” that qualifies as renewable energy generation under California’s Renewable Portfolio Standard regulations. This “green tariff” would be voluntary, requiring customers to opt in, and be made available for a premium charge on top of the customer’s otherwise applicable existing rate. This action constitutes the Approval Action for the project for the purposes of CEQA, pursuant to Section 31(h) of the San Francisco Administrative Code. ([Resolution 20-0081](#))

Eric Sandler, Chief Financial Officer and AGM Business Services, introduced the item and requested approval for the green tariff.

Public Comment

- *Aleta Dupree stated the tariff looks complicated and that it needs to be monetized.*

On motion to approve item 14

Ayes: Caen, Vietor, Moran, Maxwell and Paulson

15. Approve the award of a Green Infrastructure (GI) Grant in the amount of up to \$480,958 to Lycee Francais de San Francisco (LFSF) to design, and if following completion of environmental review the project proceeds and the Commission authorizes disbursement of grant funds for construction, construct stormwater management features at the LFSF Ortega Campus located at 1201 Ortega Street, and authorize the General Manager to execute a Green Infrastructure Grant Agreement with LFSF for a duration of 20 years. ([Resolution 20-0082](#))

Greg Norby, AGM Wastewater, introduced the item and requested approval for planning and design of the GI Grant.

AGM Norby responded to a question from VP Vietor regarding permeable pavement for the basketball court noted in the grant, and about the potential for city-wide use for permeable pavement at other city athletic facilities.

No public comment.

On motion to approve item 15

Ayes: Caen, Vietor, Moran, Maxwell and Paulson

16. Adjournment

President Caen adjourned the meeting at 2:38 PM.