



San Francisco Public Utilities Commission
Citizens' Advisory Committee
Water Subcommittee

MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, February 25, 2020
5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
525 Golden Gate Ave., 3rd Floor Tuolumne Conference Room

Mission: The Water Subcommittee reviews water supply system reliability, water conservation, recycling, regional cooperation efforts and other relevant plans and policies. (Admin Code 5.140-142).

Members:

Jennifer Clary (Chair) (D11)
Amy Nagengast (D8)

Suki Kott (D2)
Nicole Sandkulla (M-Reg'l
Water Customers)

Ted Loewenberg (D5)
Eliahu Perszyk (M-Large Water User)

D = SF District, M = Mayoral Appointment

Staff Liaisons: Tracy Zhu and Amanda Jimenez
Staff Email for Public Comment: cac@sfgwater.org

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. **Call to order and roll call:** The meeting was called to order at 5:33pm.

Members present at roll call: (4) Clary, Nagengast, Kott, Sandkulla

Members Absent: (2) Lowenberg, Perszyk

Members of the Public: None

2. **Approve the November 26, 2019 Minutes (5 minutes)**

Motion was made (Kott) and seconded (Nagengast) to approve **November 26, 2019** minutes.

AYES: (4) Clary, Nagengast, Kott, Sandkulla

NOES: (0)

ABSENT: (0)

Public Comment: None

3. **Report from the Chair** – Jennifer Clary

- *Chair Clary* had a conversation with Member Ekanem on reinforcing our strategic goals and we discussed giving members items to take the

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lead on. We should program how we cover areas we would like to discuss throughout the year.

- *Chair Clary* also stated a need to update the water diversification resolution since it was last updated 8 years ago.

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. **Presentation and Discussion: Follow up to the Groundwater Communications Resolution**, Paula Kehoe, Water Resources Director, SFPUC (15 minute presentation, 15 minute discussion)

- **SFPUC CAC Groundwater Resolution**

Discussion Topics:

- *Member Nagengast* noted that the SFPUC will continue to blend water and it will continue to be a contentious topic. How will the SFPUC communicate with constituents on the process to blending water sources. Part of the communication strategy will have be done with graphics displaying the data on water quality.
- *Chair Clary* asked, what is the appropriate time period to report water quality? Staff Kehoe responded, the SFPUC has data represented in these graphs that are collected over two weeks, but we certainly have a lot more data. Therefore, we can do graphs over a specific time scale. It would be helpful to identify what look and feel of the graphs that should be created.
- *Member Kott* stated, perhaps we are not the right group people to answer that question and we need to have other a diversity of members of the public decide what and how this data is shown.
- *Staff Zhu* suggested to create a very basic plot describing the regulatory level of water safety standards and the level the ground water being pumped is at.
- *Chair Clary* stated that our goal is to make information on ground water accessible to the public when they want it. The information currently on the website is not only hard to find but not easy to understand for the public.
- *Member Sandkulla* stated that it is a good idea to also show the levels of contaminant fluctuation in the Hetch Hetchy water as well as contaminant levels in groundwater. The public has a perception of the Hetch Hetchy water source being completely pure with no contaminants.
- *Member Nagengast* stated, the graphs should address the concerns of where is the water coming from, water quality, and source of ground water. In San Francisco that would be the Sutro and sunset reservoirs. Then using the data collected from those revivors to compare water quality data to the water coming from Hetch Hetchy.

Public Comment: None

6. **Staff Report**

- *Staff Zhu* introduces new staff members Amanda Jimenez and Letitia Carpenter. Letitia will be mostly staffing the CAC but Amanda will assist in staffing as needed.

Public Comment: None

7. **Future Agenda Items and Resolutions** (5 minutes)

- Harry Tracy Water Treatment Plant tour
- Bay Delta Plan and voluntary settlement agreement (tentatively January or February)
- Legislative Update (tentatively March and June)
- Annual Water Quality Report (tentatively July)
- State of the Regional Water System Report – Bi-annual report due to BAWSCA in September 2020
- Groundwater Communications Resolution Update
- Water Diversification and Climate Change
- Statewide Issues: Bay Delta and Affordability
- Drought resilience: 3 year water supply update
- Water Equity and Homelessness
- State of Local Water Report
- Retail Conservation Report
- Urban Water Management Plan

Public Comment: None

8. **Announcements** – The next meeting for the Water CAC will be on April 28, 2020. Please visit www.sfwater.org/cac for the agenda and materials for the next scheduled meeting.

9. **Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 7:05pm.