



**San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC)
 Citizens' Advisory Committee (CAC)
 Water Subcommittee**

MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, March 27, 2018

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)

Matthew Steen (D6)

Suki Kott (D2)

Jasmine Conrad (D7)

Amy Nagengast (D8)

Ted Loewenberg (D5)

Nicole Sandkulla (M-Reg'l Water Customers)

D = SF District, M = Mayoral Appointment

Staff Liaisons: Tracy Zhu, Alexandra Johnson

ORDER OF BUSINESS

- 1. Call to Order and Roll Call:** The meeting was called to order at 5:32 pm.

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

Members absent at roll call: (3) Steen, Conrad, Sandkulla

Members of the public: (2) Dave Warner, Tony Marks

- 2. Report from the Chair**

- Chair welcomes committee members, staff, and the public

- 3. Approval of the [January 23, 2018](#) meeting minutes**

Motion was made (Loewenberg) and seconded (Nagengast) to approve the [January 23, 2018](#) meeting minutes.

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

NOES: (0)

ABSENT: (3) Steen, Conrad, Sandkulla

- 4. Public Comment:**

Dave Warner provided an update on a recent meeting with Steve Ritchie the Assistant General Manager of SFPUC Water Enterprise, Ike Kwon of the SFPUC Commission, Peter Jack Meyer of the Tuolumne River Trust, Bill

Mark Farrell
Mayor

Ike Kwon
President

Vince Courtney
Vice President

Ann Moller Caen
Commissioner

Francesca Vietor
Commissioner

Anson Moran
Commissioner

Harlan L. Kelly, Jr.
General Manager



Martin of the Sierra Club, Noah Oppenheim of the California Sportfishing Protection Alliance and the San Francisco Board of Supervisors. The outcome of this meeting was to discuss how to align the SFPUC's environmental interests with their constituents'. Dave mentioned that the SFPUC's initiatives are inconsistent with San Francisco residents; for example 77% residents voted to tax themselves to restore wetlands and passed a Resolution in Support of the Bay Delta Conservation Plan. *However* the SFPUC opposed Phase I of the State Water Resources Control Board's Proposal to change the flow regime in Tuolumne to conserve more water for fishes and also opposed fish passage through the Don Pedro Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) Relicensing.

5. Staff Report

- Water System Improvement Program (WSIP) Update: Calaveras Dam
 - i. Dam Embankment at 693 Feet Elevation (January 2018)
 - ii. Fish Passage Facilities at Alameda Creek Diversion Dam
 - iii. Regional Groundwater Storage and Recovery
 - iv. Bioregional Habitat Restoration
 - v. WSIP Close-out Projects
 - vi. WSIP Cost and Schedule Forecast
 - vii. March 2018 Proposed Revised WSIP Summary
- Moccasin Area
 - i. Moccasin Area
 - ii. Moccasin Dam Spillway
 - iii. Moccasin Dam Emergency Spillway
 - iv. Moccasin Creek Fish Hatchery
 - v. Moccasin Upper Dam
 - vi. Moccasin Dam
 - vii. Emergency Spillway Damage
 - viii. Moccasin Creek Diversion
 - ix. 2017 Overflow – 2018 Overflow Major Difference

Discussion Topics:

- *Member Clary* asked how the dam spillage incident will affect the fish. *Staff Ramirez* mentioned that unfortunately most of the fish died or are in recovery.
- *Member Loewenberg* asked if the SFPUC will be paying for the costs to repair the damage. *Staff Ramirez* informed that the SFPUC will be paying for the repairs and may get insurance money through the state and/or federal disaster assistance.
- *Member Nagengast* asked if the SFPUC has drones. *Staff Ramirez* stated that the city policy prohibits the use of drones. The drones used to take photos shown in presentations are owned by Tuolumne County.

6. Presentation and Discussion: [Water Enterprise Environmental Stewardship Policy Implementation Report 2017](#), Tim Ramirez, Natural Resources Division Manager, Water Enterprise

- [Water Enterprise Environmental Stewardship Policy Implementation Report 2017](#)

Presentation Topics:

- Water Enterprise Environmental Stewardship Policy
- Watershed and Environmental Improvement Program

- Annual Reporting and Alignment
- SF Water System Level of Service Goals and Objectives
- WSIP Mitigation Requirements
- WSIP Mitigation Requirements: Bioregional Habitat Restoration
- WSIP Mitigation Requirements: Fisheries Monitoring
- Operations and Maintenance Activities
- Lake Merced Water Level Restoration Project
- Water Resources Programs
- Manage Natural Resources and Physical Systems to Protect Watershed Lands and Their Ecosystems
- Tuolumne River Watershed
- Alameda Watershed
- Peninsula Watershed
- Prescribed Burn at San Andreas Dam – June 2017
- Non-Native Invasive Species Management
- Native Species Restoration
- San Francisco Lands
- Yosemite National Park and Interpretive Programs
- Sunol Ag Park
- Alameda Creek Watershed Center
- Fifield-Cahill Trail and Docent Program
- Education and Recreation Programs Bay Areas Ridge Trail
- San Francisco Bay Area Ridge Trail

Discussion Topics:

- *Member Clary* suggested including an item on Fishery Monitoring in the Water Enterprise Environmental Policy Implementation 2017 report.
- *Member Kott* asked if the SFPUC operates fisheries.
Staff Ramirez mentioned that the SFPUC does operate fisheries but the hatchery showed in the slides is owned by the state.
- *Member Clary* asked if SFPUC had environmental goals and if they have been achieved.
Staff Ramirez discussed that achievements differ from each year; the targets are developed based on the year types.
- *Member Clary* asked if the plan included stewardship goals or restoration goals.
Staff Ramirez mentioned that the plan focuses on programmatic policy frameworks developed by the SFPUC Commission.
- *Member Clary* asked if the staff is still planning to use the Docent Volunteer Program to protect the watersheds.
Staff Ramirez mentioned that the plan hasn't been published yet but the staff is leaning towards more protective services for Fifield-Cahill.
 - *Staff Zhu* mentioned that Fifield-Cahill Trail is a protected watershed and that members can [sign up to go on a hike, bike or ride through the trail.](#)
- *Member Nagengast* suggested including more quantitative data in the report to mark progress towards goals and to showcase relative impacts.
 - *Member Kott* agreed with *Member Nagengast* and requested more metrics for the presentation.

Public Comment:

- Dave Warner commented that the Environmental Stewardship Policy Implementation Report does not accurately reflect environmental stewardship because of the damaged state of the Tuolumne River. He stated that San Francisco constituents are interested in knowing what

the circumstances are to get water supplied. Then suggested that the report include more metrics on the current state of environmental damage and impact on wildlife.

7. Future Agenda Items and Resolutions

- Legislation – (March/May)
- State of the Regional Water System Report (September/October)
- Living Machine Tour
- Drought resilience: 3 year water supply update
- Water Equity and Homelessness
- State of Local Water Report
- Retail Conservation Report
- Bioregional Habitat Restoration
- Fishing Monitoring

8. **Announcements/Comments** – The next meeting of the Water Subcommittee will take place May 22, 2018.

9. Adjournment

Motion was made (Clary) and seconded (Loewenberg) to adjourn the meeting.

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

NOES: (3) Steen, Conrad, Sandkulla

ABSENT: (0)

Meeting was adjourned at 7:24pm.