



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

**MEETING MINUTES
 Tuesday, May 22, 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 5:44

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

Members absent at roll call: (3) Clary**, Conrad, Lowenberg

2. Approval of the [March 27, 2018](#) meeting minutes

Motion was made (Clary) and seconded (Loewenberg) to approve [March 27, 2018](#) meeting minutes

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

NOES: (0)

ABSENT: (3) Clary, Conrad, Lowenberg

3. Report from the Chair

- Chair welcomes committee members, staff, and the public

4. Public Comment: None

**** Member Clary arrived at 5:46pm, quorum maintained.**

**** Member arrived after roll call.**

OUR MISSION: To provide our customers with high-quality, efficient and reliable water, power and sewer services in a manner that values environmental and community interests and sustains the resources entrusted to our care.

Mark Farrell
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 President

Vince Courtney
 Vice President

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 Commissioner

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 Commissioner

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 Commissioner

Harlan L. Kelly, Jr.
 General Manager



5. **Presentation and Discussion:** [Regional Groundwater Storage and Recovery Project](#), Suzanne Gautier, Water Communications Manager

Resources:

- [Regional Groundwater Storage and Recovery Project Webpage](#)
- [Regional Groundwater Storage and Recovery Project Factsheet](#)
- [Regional Groundwater Storage and Recovery Project FAQs](#)

Presentation Topics:

- San Francisco Regional Water System
- A Shared Water Supply
- Risks to Our Regional Water System Supply
- Local Water Program
- What is Groundwater?
- Our Local Groundwater Source
- Why Groundwater? Why Now?
- How the San Francisco Project Works
- Distribution of Groundwater Blend
- Treatment and Blending Strategy
- Pumping and Blending Underway
- Progress: Operations and Water Quality
- San Francisco's Water Supply Blend Changes Over Time
- Outreach from 2007-2018
- Regional Groundwater Storage and Recovery Project
- Project Schedule
- What This Project Means for San Francisco
- Find Out More

Discussion Topics:

A) Groundwater Blending Project

- *Member Steen* wondered whether a bar chart would be a more effective representation of the water quality and water supply data. *Staff Gautier* welcomed suggestions for data visualizations to promote transparency and understanding.
- *Member Kott* asked what percentage of groundwater was in the blended water. *Staff Gautier* responded that the percentage of groundwater varies. For 2 weeks prior to April 1, 2018, groundwater comprised 2.1% of the total water in the Sunset/Sutro Reservoirs with the remainder of the water coming from Hetch Hetchy, Alameda and San Mateo County Reservoirs.

B) Regional Groundwater Storage and Recovery Project

- *Member Clary* wondered whether the City of Colma was included in the project. *Staff Gautier* said that it was not and Colma receives water from Daly City.
- *Member Clary* asked what the constituents were in the Peninsula ground wells. *Member Sandkulla* stated that they are doing onsite treatment right now but testing during summer will confirm quality.
- *Member Clary* asked how many California Statewide Groundwater Elevation Monitoring (CASGEM) wells were in that area. *Staff Gautier* responded that she did not know. *Member Clary* said she would look it up.

- *Member Clary* wondered if the SFPUC is planning on adding treatment for manganese in groundwater as well as what are the SFPUC goals for blended water quality parameters
Staff Gautier answered that the SFPUC is focused on the drinking water standards currently.

Public Comment: None.

6. Discussion and Possible Action: SF Groundwater Supply, Jennifer Clary, Water CAC Chair

- *Member Clary* expressed concern over whether members of the public were receiving proper notification for attending meetings regarding groundwater. She posed the idea of placing information about meetings on newsletters
- *Member Clary* pointed out the need for a groundwater resolution and creating an interested party list on the CAC website for groundwater.
- *Member Nagengast* reiterated the need for clearer graphics regarding groundwater data and mindfulness regarding the type of data presented to stakeholders.
- The committee discussed distinctions between Hetch Hetchy and groundwater and the resulting public concern regarding blending of the two. They also discussed the usefulness of separating water quality data into monitoring wells and blended groundwater.
- *Member Clary* asked how the blending of groundwater is accomplished
Staff Tracy answered that the water was blended in the reservoir.

Resources

- [SF Groundwater Project Presentation to Board of Supervisor's Committee on Public Safety and Neighborhood Services](#) – May 9, 2018
- [San Francisco Groundwater Supply Project](#)

Public Comment: None.

7. Staff Report

- Hetch Hetchy trip is next May 29th and 30th.
- July full CAC Meeting might be canceled

Public Comment: None.

8. Future Agenda Items and Resolutions

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

9. Announcements/Comments– The next meeting of the Water Subcommittee will take place July 24, 2018.

10. Adjournment

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

Meeting was adjourned at 6:57