



**San Francisco Public Utilities Commission
 Citizens' Advisory Committee
 Water Subcommittee**

MEETING MINUTES

**Tuesday, October 22, 2019
 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)	Suki Kott (D2)	Ted Loewenberg (D5)
Amy Nagengast (D8)	Nicole Sandkulla (M-Reg'l Water Customers)	

D = SF District, M = Mayoral Appointment

Staff Liaisons: Tracy Zhu and Samira Nuru

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Call to Order and Roll Call: The meeting was called to order at 5:31pm

Members present at roll call: (3) Clary, Loewenberg, Sandkulla

Members Absent: (2) Kott, Nagengast

Members of the Public: Nancy Wuerfel, Thomes Doudiet, Elleen Boken, Eliahu Perszyk

2. Approval of the [August 27, 2019](#) Minutes

Motion was made (Kott) and seconded (Nagengast) to approve [August 27, 2019](#)

AYES: (3) Clary, Loewenberg, Sandkulla

NOES: (0)

ABSENT: (2) Kott, Nagengast

3. Report from the Chair

- Chair welcomes committee members, staff, and the public.
- Chair introduced Eliahu Perszyk to the Water subcommittee.

London N. Breed
Mayor

Ann Moller Caen
President

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Vice President

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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
- Eileen Boken (Coalition for San Francisco Neighborhoods) submitted a memo on [Emergency Firefighting Capabilities on Taraval](#).
5. **Presentation and Discussion: Perspectives on the Emergency Firefighting Water System**, Jennifer Clary, Water CAC Chair; Ted Loewenberg, Water CAC Member

Presentation Topics:

- Thomas Doudiet submits the report [The SFPUC Plan for Post-Earthquake Firefighting: Not based on Reality](#) to the CAC Water Subcommittee.
- *Public member Doudiet* provides perspective on the report.

Presentation Discussion:

- *Member Loewenberg* asked what kind of fire vulnerability does the city face that would require such a system that uses ocean water. *Public member Doudiet* replied that large earthquakes can break gas mains in the streets and gas main in houses which can lead to large fires.
- *Member Clary* asked if public member Doudiet had any comments about the previous San Francisco departments oversight on the firefighting system. *Public member Doudiet* replied that the Fire Department budget was cut in the late 1980s, which also lead to cutting civil engineer staff members.
- *Member Clary* mentioned that she has been working with other climate folks on trying to get to ban on natural gas in new construction buildings and asked if the Fire Department would support the ban to protect the city from future fires. *Public member Doudiet* replied that a seismic safety shutoff on every gas meter to prevent fires during an earthquake.

Presentation Topic:

- Nancy Wuefel submits a [Factsheet Report](#) on firefighting systems to the CAC Water Subcommittee.
- *Public member Wuefel* provides brief overview of factsheet.

Presentation Discussion:

- *Member Clary* asked *Member Sandkulla* for clarification on the state annual report and to explain how unaccounted water is dealt with. *Member Sandkulla* replied that she does not know and wanted to relay those questions to public member Wuefel.
- *Member Sandkulla* asked if non-potable water metered. Public member Doudiet replied no.
- *Member Clary* mentioned that audit does not really include unaccounted for water or unmetered water in the annual state report. Public member Wuefel exclaimed that it does. Member Sandkulla added that the annual report has to show water losses.
- *Member Loewenberg* experienced his concerned that the cost of SFPUC firefighter system work will be borne by the rate payers.

Public Comment:

- *Public member Boken* (Coalition for San Francisco Neighborhoods) comments that she is in full support of high pressure and high volume of using non-potable water. A believes that it is a superior option.

- 6. Presentation and Discussion: Water CAC Subcommittee-led Field Trip,**
Jennifer Clary, Water CAC Chair
- Members discussed field trip to Harry Tracy Water Treatment Plant.
 - Staff follow up on scheduling a tour in partnership with Water Communications staff.

7. Staff Report (*5 minutes*)

8. 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

- 9. Announcements/Comments** – The next scheduled meeting is November 26, 2019. Please visit www.sfwater.org/cac for the agenda and materials for the next scheduled meeting.

10. Adjournment

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

Meeting was adjourned at 7:14pm.