

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

MEETING MINUTES

**Tuesday, February 19, 2019
5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
525 Golden Gate Ave., 3rd Floor Tuolumne Conference Room**

Mission: The purpose of the SFPUC CAC is to provide recommendations to the SFPUC General Manager, the SFPUC Commission, and the Board of Supervisors regarding the agency's long-term strategic, financial, and capital improvement plans (Admin Code 5.140-142).

Members:

Amy Zock, Chair (D3)
Wendy Aragon (D1)
Suki Kott (D2)
Jim McHugh (D4)
Ted Loewenberg (D5)
Matthew Steen (D6)

VACANT (D7)
Amy Nagengast (D8)
Moisés García (D9)
Anietie Ekanem (D10)
Jennifer Clary (D11)
Maggie Thomas (M-Env.Group)

Nicole Sandkulla (M-Reg'l Water Customers)
Mark Tang (M-Eng./Financial)
Nathaniel Kinsey (M-Lg Water User)
VACANT (B-Small Business)
Misty McKinney (B-Env Justice)

M = Mayoral appointment, B = Board President Appointment

Staff Liaisons: Tracy Zhu and Sabrie Grays
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 5:35pm.

Members present at roll call: (9) Zock, Aragon, Kott, McHugh, Loewenberg, Steen, Nagengast, Ekanem, Tang

Members Absent: (6) Garcia**, Clary, Thomas, Sandkulla, Kinsey**, McKinney

Members of the public: Kathryn Hyde, Amerika Sanchez (5 Keys)

****Member Kinsey arrived at 5:36pm, quorum maintained.**

2. **Approve December 18, 2018 and January 15, 2019 Minutes**

Motion was made (Steen) and seconded (Aragon) to approve December 18, 2018 minutes

Motion was made (Loewenberg) and seconded (Tang) to approve January 15, 2019 minutes

AYES: (11) Zock, Aragon, Kott, McHugh, Loewenberg, Steen, Nagengast, Garcia, Ekanem, Tang, Kinsey

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President

Ann Moller Caen
Vice President

Francesca Vietor
Commissioner

Anson Moran
Commissioner

Ike Kwon
Commissioner

Harlan L. Kelly, Jr.
General Manager



NOES: (0)

ABSENT: (4) Clary, Thomas, Sandkulla, McKinney

****Member Garcia arrived at 5:41pm, quorum maintained.**

*** indicates a member arrived after roll call.*

3. **Report from the Chair – Amy Zock**

- Chair Zock yielded time to Member Steen.
 - He provided an update that tonight is his last meeting because he has recently moved out of the district. He also handed out several documents:
 - [SF Board of Supervisors Current Membership](#)
 - [SF Board of Supervisors Committees and Committee Assignments](#)
- Chair Zock also made an announcement that she is no longer in District 3 and now lives in District 6. Supervisor Peskin may be open to Chair Zock staying on the CAC even though she is no longer a resident while he looks for a replacement. Member Nagengast would be the acting chair if Chair Zock is not reappointed as a member by the next meeting.

4. **Public Comment:** None

5. **Presentation and Discussion: Legislative Update for Power Enterprise,** Suzanne Merkelson, Policy and Government Affairs, External Affairs Bureau

Presentation Topics:

- Political Changes in California
 - Democrat supermajorities increased in both Assembly and Senate.
 - Divisions remain within the party, so this does not mean agreement on everything
 - Governor Newsom
 - One of his first major challenges will be his response to PG&E bankruptcy and the devastating wildfires of the past several years.
 - Governor Newsom highlighted Community Choice Aggregation (CCAs) in State of the State
 - Governor Newsom appointed Genevieve Shiroma to fill Carla Peterman's vacant seat on the CPUC. Commissioner Shiroma has served on the state's Agricultural Labor Relations Board, at the California Air Resources Board, and at the Sacramento Municipal Utility District.
- CalCCA Legislative Priorities
 - California Community Choice Association (CalCCA) is working on a response to Power Charge Indifference Adjustment (PCIA) exit fees and looking to be flexible as PG&E bankruptcy progresses.
 - CalCCA is prioritizing principles such as cost transparency and affordability for ratepayers
- Bill Analysis and Advocacy
 - The Policy and Government Affairs team works closely with the Power Enterprise, trade associations (CalCCA, California Municipal Utilities Association (CMUA)) and our lobbying team in Sacramento on bill analysis and advocacy.

- The SFPUC will be closely monitoring issues that could impact Power Enterprise, including: post-wildfire legislation, regionalization, procurement
- Happy to work with anyone interested in bill advocacy
- PG&E Interconnection Updates
 - As you may be aware, last June, a Board of Supervisors Committee hearing was held to discuss PG&E's role in delaying and obstructing service provision, including requiring system impact studies for very small loads
 - A resolution was enacted subsequent to the hearing, requiring the SFPUC to submit quarterly reports to the Board
 - The first quarterly report details denied requests from PG&E for secondary (or low-voltage) service for City projects. PG&E has wanted the City to provide primary (or high-voltage) service for facilities w/ small electric loads that are typically served w/ secondary service
 - These requirements have caused months of delay in meeting project timelines and additional costs, as PG&E has eventually granted secondary service after the SFPUC has already applied for primary service (at additional cost)
 - From the reporting period of Nov. 2018 through Jan. 2019, the SFPUC has identified 53 projects that have experienced interconnection issues due to delays, arbitrary requirements, or increased project costs. **FERC delays:** Confidential settlement discussions are underway in 10 FERC cases related to disputes from 2017-2018. The City filed a complaint against PG&E w/ FERC late last month to address PG&E's demand for primary service for small facilities.

Discussion Topics:

- *Member Steen* asked how many projects are on hold because of issues with PG&E interconnection and are any of those moving through the pipeline.
Staff Merkelson answered that there are currently about 53 delays. Some of them are beginning to move forward.
- *Member Steen* followed with what kind of housing projects.
Staff Merkelson answered affordable housing projects.
- *Member Aragon* inquired that Prop A was supposed to relieve these delays, what's happening with enforcing Prop A.
Staff Merkelson responded that her understanding is that Prop A isn't necessarily something that can be enforced, it's more of a tool for the city to use. That's definitely something they're looking at as they explore acquiring assets from PG&E.
- *Member Ekanem* questioned is there a list broken down by district where these projects are.
Staff Merkelson replied she believes there is one in the summary from the Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee last Thursday. She also provided a physical copy to refer to.
- *Member Nagengast* asked if the interconnection issue was about jurisdiction on who provides primary service verse secondary service or is it more of a funding issue.
Staff Merkelson answered that she wouldn't say it's a funding issue. They can provide service to these projects. The issue is that PG&E manages the distribution grid and the SFPUC is also a competitor of PG&E's. They both have to work together to get this special tariff that they need to do this interconnection.

- *Member Aragon* inquired if the SFPUC has the potential to also take over PG&E's gas business line.
Staff Merkelson responded that she is not involved in the analysis itself, but she understands that they are looking at every possible outcome.
- *Member Ekanem* questioned where in the city new infrastructure would be housed.
Staff Merkelson replied if he has specific comments or information he wants to share he can direct that to his supervisor. There are various levels of analysis that are ongoing including looking at where past infrastructure has been housed and how to make sure whatever process happens is done in an equitable way. A lot of it doesn't need to be built a new, it would be more about acquiring existing infrastructure.
- *Member Garcia* asked in regard to the appropriation summary, how it will merge into the Mayor's current 3-month report.
Staff Merkelson could not answer but assured the committee it's all being worked out as they speak.
- *Member Garcia* inquired if the SFPUC has a communications strategy around everything that's going with the Power enterprise.
Staff Merkelson responded that the Communications team is working on putting together various materials. She believes there is some information on their website. Most of what they're doing is directing folks to PG&E's website which has way more detailed information on operations and how the bankruptcy will play out. They don't want to speak on behalf of PG&E, but they do want to make sure that everybody is involved and informed. There are talking points that exist, and she will check to see if she can share them externally.

Public Comment: None

6. **Presentation, Discussion and Possible Action:** [Resolution in Support of SFPUC's Efforts to Foster a Skilled and Diverse Workforce](#), Anietie Ekanem, Wastewater CAC Chair, and Lisa Beem, Community Benefits, External Affairs Bureau

Discussion Topics:

- *Member Steen* asked if the SFPUC will be looking at job announcements and job descriptions that go out to the public over the SFPUC's website.
Staff Beem answered yes and it is included in the resolution.
- *Member Loewenberg* added that what he sees missing is the PUC's commitment to further develop employees over time.
Staff Beem recommended including professional development in the 'Be It Further Resolved' clause.
- *Member Kott* inquired if the SFPUC has a tuition program for people who want to go back to school.
Staff Beem responded that there is a tuition reimbursement program that's union specific, but managed city-wide through the Department of Human Resources.
- *Member Kott* added how are they going to measure this now, and once it is implemented are they going to receive updates on how it's going.
Staff Zhu responded if we work backwards on this request it's a staff person who usually sets goals, and there should be a system to track those goals.
- *Member Nagengast* questioned if there a way to urge the SFPUC to move more quickly to implement actions in response to this resolution
Member Aragon suggested they ask for a 6-month plan, a 1-year plan, and an 18-month plan in this resolution.

- *Member Aragon* clarified adjusting new language to request a semi-annual report up until two years have passed, and an annual report thereafter.
- *Member Kott* added that whomever they allocate for this position should be getting regular reports from all hiring managers on what their workforce looks like.
Staff Beem responded that SFPUC's hiring process is centralized through Human Resource Services (HRS), which is separate from the Department of Human Resources. One may hear about the Department of Human Resources doing this sort of reflecting work.
- *Member Kott* then asked if the committee has had a presentation on how the hiring process works.
Other members answered no.

The Motion was made (Aragon) and seconded (Steen) to adopt the [Resolution on Workforce](#).

The motion **PASSED** by the following vote:

AYES: (11) Zock, Aragon, Kott, McHugh, Loewenberg, Steen, Nagengast, Garcia, Ekanem, Tang, Kinsey

NOES: (0)

ABSENT: (4) Clary, Thomas, Sandkulla, McKinney

Public Comment:

- Amerika Sanchez suggested when thinking about the recruiting process, particularly about San Francisco Unified School District (SFUSD) and youth, there is also an opportunity for adults to jump into the workforce pipeline.

7. Staff Report

8. Future Agenda Items and Resolutions

- Interagency Working Group on Sea Level Rise
- Agency-wide Planning on Climate Change & Adaptation Planning
- Southeast Community Facility
- SSIP Phase 2
- Human Resources & Hiring Process
- Contracting Process
- Communications/ Website Redesign
- Education Resolution
- Social Impact Partnerships
- PUC Properties and City Department Partnerships
- Water Equity and Water Access for Homeless
- Workforce Programs
- Water Rights and Raker Act
- Water Use and Parks
- Flooding Protection
- Water Quality Report
- Green New Deal
- Micro Hydroelectric Power
- Prop A Bond Funding
- Impacts of PG&E on PUC
- Municipalization of the Power System
- Water Diversification
- Water Bank Reserves

- Water Equity & Water Access

9. **Announcements/Comments** – The next meeting for the Full CAC will be on March 19, 2019. Check www.sfwater.org/cac for confirmation of the final meeting date and agenda for the next scheduled meeting.

10. **Adjournment**

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

Meeting was adjourned at 7:12pm.

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