

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

MEETING MINUTES

**Tuesday, March 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)
VACANT (D6)

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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 5:32pm.

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

Members Absent: (5) Garcia**, Ekanem, Thomas, Sandkulla, Kinsey**

****Member Garcia arrived at 5:35pm, quorum maintained.**

2. **Approve February 19, 2019 Minutes**

Motion was made (Loewenberg) and seconded (Tang) to approve **February 19, 2019** minutes

AYES: (11) Zock, Aragon, Kott, McHugh, Loewenberg, Nagengast, Garcia, Clary, Tang, Kinsey, McKinney

NOES: (0)

ABSENT: (3) Ekanem, Thomas, Sandkulla

****Member Kinsey arrived at 5:40pm, quorum maintained.**

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Mayor

Vince Courtney
President

Ann Moller Caen
Vice President

Francesca Vietor
Commissioner

Anson Moran
Commissioner

Ike Kwon
Commissioner

Harlan L. Kelly, Jr.
General Manager



** indicates a member arrived after roll call.

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

- Welcome members of the public and staff
- CAC Chair Report to the Commission has been rescheduled to Tuesday, April 9, 2019

Public Comment: None

4. **Public Comment:** None

5. **Presentation and Discussion:** [Water Supply Conditions Update](#), Steve Ritchie, Assistant General Manager, Water Enterprise

- **Resource:** [Water Supply Conditions Update](#) at SFPUC Commission meeting on March 12, 2019

Presentation Topics:

- March 17, 2019 Reservoir Storage
- Other California Reservoirs
- Hetch Hetchy Precipitation
- Upcountry Snowpack
- Tuolumne River Water Available to the City
- Upcountry 6-station Precipitation Index as of March 17, 2019
- Bay Area 7-station Precipitation Index as of March 17, 2019
- National Precipitation Forecast
- Total Deliveries

Discussion Topics:

- *Member Loewenberg* asked about the water source for the Calaveras Reservoir.
AGM Ritchie answered that it is local runoff from Calaveras Creek and primarily the Arroyo Hondo River which joins the Calaveras Creek in the Calaveras Reservoir.
- *Member Clary* commented that she's noticed room is being left for snow melt in the Tuolumne and local system reservoirs but wondered how much room in Don Pedro is being reserved for snow melt.
AGM Ritchie replied that similar to the other reservoirs Don Pedro has above the normal amount reserved for snow melt.
- *Member Clary* asked about the total daily deliveries and the translation to average daily consumption.
AGM Ritchie responded that last year in 2018 it turned out to be about 198 million gallons per day, and the year before it was a bit less than that but fairly close. He's not sure where this year will come out to, but he believes it's partly demand driven by behavior, and partly weather related.
- *Member Aragon* inquired how staff is working with customers to keep them on the pattern of water conservation.
AGM Ritchie replied that they have a variety of programs they continue to push regardless of what the weather is like outside, and they may even step up their campaign. If they ever notice any serious change, they're prepared to step up their public relations strategy. San Francisco users and wholesale customers have generally been pretty good about conserving water over time.
- *Member Kott* asked how constituents can receive information on what current conditions are.

AGM Ritchie answered that there is a section on the website that shows total deliveries. However, the commission agenda is the best place to get the most up to date information. It is available every two weeks. He added that he is happy to consider other forms of getting information out.

Public Comment: None

6. Presentation and Discussion: Subcommittee Updates

- Wastewater Subcommittee, Anietie Ekanem
 - Scheduling for a possible Oceanside Treatment Plant and Northside Wet Weather Facility Tour
- Water Subcommittee, Jennifer Clary
- Power Subcommittee, Nathaniel Kinsey
- Full CAC, Amy Zock
 - Green New Deal

Discussion Topics:

- *Staff Zhu* shared on behalf of *Member Ekanem* and sought input on a tour of Northpoint Wet Weather Facility or Oceanside Treatment Plant including preference on week days or weekends.
- *Member Clary* explained that the Water subcommittee decided they did want to focus on supply diversification, so they had a presentation from Paula Kehoe talking about what San Francisco is doing in terms of gray water, onsite water recycling, and both the recycled water and ground water program. Their next meeting is going to be about water quality because every three years the SFPUC does a report on emerging contaminants and potential water quality issues in the supply. They also want to talk about the specific issues around the local groundwater supply and how we create better information for the public and what they're going to use as standards for upper limits for contaminants in the groundwater supply that they're blending.
- *Member Kinsey* began his update with the Power Charge Indifference Adjustment (PCIA) exit fee discussion. Quickly following, PG&E went bankrupt, so they started 2019 asking themselves what is going on with the PCIA community choice aggregation (CCA) enrollment and its' impact. Outside of the what SFPUC is doing, there's legislation and all kinds of issues going on with The California Community Choice Association (CalCCA) trying to push the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) to change their ruling on the PCIA exit fee. The Power subcommittee also got an update on what the 2019 legislative priorities are which involved the CCA's. Regarding the PG&E update, bankruptcy and potential takeover of infrastructure by the City of San Francisco, there is a report being developed by the SFPUC expected in May. Committee members are very interested in seeing the report before making any formal resolution.
- *Chair Zock* brought up The Green New Deal as a possible topic to bring to the Full CAC. She has begun working with *Member Garcia* to reach out to Supervisor Ronan's office to see if they would be willing to have someone give a presentation. *Chair Zock* opened up the floor for anyone who had any strong opinions, would like to hear from specific folks outside of the Supervisor's office, or even if it's something they're interested in.

Public Comment: None

7. Staff Report

- Resignation of Commissioner Vince Courtney from SFPUC
- California Water Policy Conference on April 4th & April 5th in San Diego
- Water Conservation Expo at Pacific Energy Center on March 21st from 9am-6pm
- [Rain Guardians program](#) for rain water gardens
- Question from the SFPUC's Communications team on areas the CAC members would be interested in helping them educate the public on

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
- 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
- Communications Plan
- Green New Deal

9. **Announcements/Comments** – The next meeting for the Full CAC will be on April 16, 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 (Clary) and seconded (Kinsey) to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:58pm.