



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

MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, March 22, 2016
5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

525 Golden Gate Ave., 3rd Floor Tuolumne Conference Room

Members:

Jennifer Clary (Chair) (D11)	Nicole Sandkulla (M-Reg'l Water Customers)	Eli Saddler (BOS Pres-- Small Business)
Ted Loewenberg (D5)	Suki Kott (D2)	

B = Board President Appointment, D = SF District, M = Mayoral Appointment

Staff Liaisons: Tracy Zhu, Ryan Iwata, and Jessica Buendia

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Call to Order and Roll Call: Meeting called to order at 5:30pm

Members present: (3) Clary, Sandkulla, Loewenberg

Members absent: (2) Saddler, Kott

Members of the public: Spreck Rosekrans (Restore Hetch Hetchy)

SFPUC Staff present: Nina Negusse, Steve Ritchie

Public Comment: None

2. Report from the Chair (5 minutes)

- Chair welcomes committee members, staff, and the public
- Appreciation to Alison Kastama, who will be leaving the SFPUC to become Manager of External Affairs at EBMUD
- [US Water Alliance and SFPUC Announce Joint Commitment at White House Water Summit](#). In Honor of World Water Day, the US Water Alliance and City of San Francisco Partner To Advance Onsite Water Reuse Projects Across the Country.
- For International World Water Day, SFPUC showcased the onsite water technologies at the White House.
- PUC is a sponsor of the Annual California Water Policy conference, on April 20-21 at UC Davis.
- PG&E Water Showcase was today.

Member Kott arrives at 5:31pm (4 members present)

3. 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 (2 minutes per speaker)

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General Manager



Public Comment: Spreck Rosekrans from Restore Hetch Hetchy: General recommendation that information on water storage and usage by reservoir be made available online.

4. **Approval** of the [November 24, 2015](#) meeting minutes (5 minutes)

Motion was made (Loewenberg) and seconded (Sandkulla) to approve the [November 24, 2015](#) meeting minutes.

Public Comment: None

The motion PASSED by the following vote:

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

NOES: (0)

ABSENT: (1) Saddler

5. **Presentation and Discussion: [Groundwater Update](#)** (20 minute presentation, 10 minute discussion)

Presenters:

- Jeff Gilman, SF Groundwater Supply Project Manager, Water Enterprise
- Alison Kastama, Communications Manager, Hetch Hetchy Regional Water System

Presentation covered:

- SF Groundwater Supply Project Overview
- Project Operational Goals
- SF Groundwater Status
- Groundwater Sustainability Plan
- Groundwater Outreach Plan
- Areas of Outreach Focus
- Focus of Community Message
- Paid Advertising – Ad Campaign
- Outreach Calendar: Feb-June, July-Nov

Topics of discussion:

- General discussion on the outreach for public comment on and level of compliance for draft Groundwater Sustainability Plan – Chair Clary
- General discussion on blending ratio in the reservoir and in the general distribution - Member Sandkulla
- General discussion on how water gets treated for cryptosporidium – Member Loewenberg
- General discussion on posting water quality testing results regularly online – Chair Clary
- General discussion on safe yield of northwest basin – Chair Clary
- General discussion on the Water Subcommittee's support for diversifying water sources and water recycling – Chair Clary

Public Comment: Spreck Rosekrans: General discussion on frequency of water quality testing on acidity

6. **Presentation and Discussion: [Water Resources Planning Update for 2015/2016](#)** (10 minute presentation, 5-10 minute discussion)

- Refer to [Urban Watershed Management Plan](#)

Presenters:

- Fan Lau, Water Resources Specialist
- Julie Ortiz, Water Conservation Manager
- John Scarpulla, Non-potable Program Manager

Presentation covered:

- Urban Water Management Plan
 - Key Updates for 2015
 - Legislative changes
 - Recycled water and wastewater
 - SB X7-7 per capita baselines and targets
 - New retail demand and conservation models
 - We anticipate that our supplies will meet demands through 2040
 - 2015 UWMP Public Review
- Retail Water Conservation Plan
 - Purpose of 2015 Conservation Plan
 - Conservation Goals and Progress
 - Focus over next 5 years
- Potable Offset Investigation
 - 2015 Update
 - Maximum 2040 Potable Offset (preliminary estimates from 2015 update)

Topics of discussion:

- General discussion on uptake of rebates – Member Sandkulla
- General discussion on measuring water conservation rates of non-residential customers – Chair Clary
- General discussion on direct install program – Chair Clary
- General discussion on water-wise audit for low-income customers who apply for Customer Assistance Program (CAP) – Chair Clary
- General discussion on topics left out of the Retail Water Conservation Plan – Member Sandkulla
- General discussion on enforcement measures against customers who violate water conservation goals – Chair Clary
- General discussion on challenges for renters to track their water usage to conserve water – Member Loewenberg
- General discussion on whether tenants can learn about the water usage in their units and obstacles to providing tenants with water usage information in multi-unit buildings – Chair Clary
- General discussion on cost estimate of Potable Offset Investigation, next step of study, and an implementation plan – Member Sandkulla
- General discussion on policy mandate for potable offset programming and funding streams – Member Sandkulla
- General discussion on a realistic volume for potable offsets – Member Kott
- Info request: staff will send to subcommittee members links to the drafts of Groundwater Sustainability Plan, Urban Water Plan Management Plan 5-year update, Retail Water Conservation Plan, and Potable Offset study
- Info request: what are the legal barriers prevent renters from obtaining information about their water usage? – Member Clary

Public Comment: Spreck Rosekrans: general discussion on outreach to customers who are targeted for water conservation.

Public Comment: Spreck Rosekrans: general discussion on alternative ways to offset potable water.

7. Future Agenda Items and Resolutions (5 minutes)

- Staff requested to present two items in May subcommittee meeting: Water Quality Strategic Plan 6-year update and Public Health Goals Report and Contaminants of Emerging Concern 3-year update.

- Chair Clary requested that future items proposed in past agendas roll over into future agendas.

Tentative

- Drought/Water Supply Update (*tentative full CAC in May*)
- Mountain Tunnel (*tentative September*)
- Lake Merced (*tentative*)
- Recycled Water (*tentative*)

Public Comment: Spreck Rosekrans: Requested that the Water Subcommittee consider Federal Energy Regulatory Commission relicensing of Don Pedro Dam as a future agenda item.

8. Staff Update (5 minutes)

-Alison Kastama: Current reservoir storage data is updated on website weekly. Go to SFWater.org > About Us > Who We Are. The Agency is working on second version of My Account. Water Conservation division is conducting a consumer survey to understand conservation behavior, and survey results across consumer classes will be reported online.

Public comment: None

9. Announcements/Comments (5 minutes) – The next regularly rescheduled meeting of the Water Subcommittee will take place on Tuesday, May 24, 2016.

Member Sandkulla – Silicon Valley Water Conservation Awards will be tomorrow, March 23, at Google.

Public comment: None

10. Adjournment

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

Public comment: None

Meeting adjourned at 7:05 pm.