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SAN FRANCISCO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
City and County of San Francisco

Mark Farrell

Mayor

Minutes

Tuesday, June 26, 2018

(Approved July 10, 2018)

1:30 P.M.

1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place
City Hall, Room 400
San Francisco, CA 94102

Commissioners

Ike Kwon, President

Vince Courtney, Vice President

Ann Moller Caen

Francesca Vietor

Anson Moran

Harlan L. Kelly, Jr.

General Manager

Donna Hood

Secretary



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http://sanfrancisco.granicus.com/ViewPublisher.php?view_id=22

1. Call to Order

President Kwon called the meeting to order at 1:33 PM.

2. Roll Call

Present: Kwon, Courtney, Caen, Vietor, and Moran

3. Approval of the Minutes of June 12, 2018

On Motion to approve the Minutes of June 12, 2018:

Ayes: Kwon, Courtney, Caen, Vietor, and Moran

No public comment.

4. General Public Comment

- *Peter Drekmeyer, Tuolumne River Trust, distributed a document titled, "We Can Have a Vibrant Economy AND Healthier Ecosystems". He stated the document addresses SFPUC water rights and storage.*

5. Communications

a) Advance Calendar

b) Correspondence Log

c) Contract Advertisement Report

d) Update on the 2018 March Storm Event Declaration of Emergency

e) Water Pipeline Assessment

Steve Ritchie, Assistant General Manager (AGM) Water, responded to questions from Commissioner Moran regarding impediments to meeting set objectives for miles inspected and repaired, the difficulty of multi-agency projects, the length of time it takes to move those projects along, and their high cost. AGM Ritchie stated the assessment doesn't address that if there are lengthy projects, the possibility of other projects that can take their place to meet the inspection goal.

Commissioner Moran requested that staff report back regarding opportunities for reprioritization.

AGM Ritchie responded to a follow-up question regarding a reported leak in the San Antonio Pipeline, which was due to seismic activity.

f) Water Supply Conditions Update

No public comment.

6. Other Commission Business

Vice President (VP) Courtney thanked the General Manager (GM) for participating in the recognition of three City Distribution Division employees at the 8th Annual Montoya recognition event.

No public comment.

7. Recognition of Jim Wood, Laborers' International Union of North America, Local Union #1130, and Michael Theriault, San Francisco Building and Construction Trades Council, upon their respective retirements.

GM Kelly, Jr., recognized Mr. Mike Theriault and Mr. James Wood for their work to create the Project Labor Agreement (PLA). He began with a summary of Mr. Theriault's distinguished career and impact of his work.

Mr. Theriault thanked GM Kelly and discussed the history of the PLA and the collaborative work to ensure its success.

VP Courtney expressed gratitude for Mr. Theriault and their work together. He commended Mr. Theriault's leadership to bring people together and for outstanding performance.

GM Kelly reviewed Mr. Wood's background and long-serving career and thanked him for his service.

Mr. Wood congratulated Mr. Theriault upon his retirement. He thanked GM Kelly for the recognition. He discussed his career path which included work on Hetch Hetchy projects. He outlined his participation with workforce development efforts and noted the success of the many cohorts he has worked with.

VP Courtney thanked Mr. Wood for his leadership and expressed gratitude that he could work with Mr. Wood on workforce development projects.

Public Comment

- *Leonard Gonzalez, Executive Director, Laborers Training Center Northern California, acknowledged Mike and Jim for their work and thanked the Commission for their support, leadership, and guidance.*

VP Courtney thanked SFPUC staff Masood Ordikhani and Todd Kyger for their work coordinating with the trade unions.

8. Report of the General Manager

a) CleanPowerSF Update

Barbara Hale, AGM Power, provided a CPSF update: (1) Service to Customers: Serving 81,000 accounts; no change to the opt-out or SuperGreen upgrade rates; (2) Enrollment: July auto enrollment in progress and will increase customer count to approximately 105,000, with the addition of mostly commercial accounts; 170 opt-outs for the July phase; 114 opt-up to SuperGreen; and (3) Regulatory: Provided update regarding the California PUC (CPUC) Customer Choice Report (Green Book). On June 22nd a legislative-style hearing was held at CPUC and SFPUC participated on the Affordability Panel. She noted the hearing concluded with CPUC indicating they would act on the report in some form by October.

No public comment.

- b) Update on Section 541 of H.R. 5952 - Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies Appropriations Act of 2019 related to National Marine Fisheries Service's participation in the Don Pedro and La Grange Hydroelectric Projects licensing proceedings before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

Michael Carlin, Deputy General Manager (DGM), stated copies of letters in opposition to the Rider have been received from Senator Diane Feinstein and Mayor Mark Farrell.

Commissioner Vietor expressed appreciation for Mr. Carlin's work to address the issue and facilitate San Francisco going on record opposing the Rider.

Public Comment

- *Peter Drekmeier thanked Michael Carlin and Emily Lam and their efforts to get San Francisco on record in opposition to the Rider.*
- *Barry Nelson, Golden Gate Salmon Association, thank the Commission and staff for their work to get the letters in opposition. He noted it will help with other anti-salmon riders to come.*

Commissioner Vietor thanked Mr. Drekmeier and Mr. Nelson for bringing the Commission's attention to such matters.

- c) Report on Recent San Francisco Public Utilities Commission Activities, Events and Announcements

None.

9. Consent Calendar

- a) Approve Amendment No. 2 to Agreement No. CS-324.A, Security Consulting and Design Services, with CH2M Hill Engineers, Inc.; and authorize the General Manager to execute this amendment, extending the term by six months for a total agreement duration of four years and six months, with no change to the agreement amount. ([Resolution 18-0106](#))

No public comment.

On Motion to approve item 9a:

Ayes: Kwon, Courtney, Caen, Vietor, and Moran

10. Authorize the General Manager to execute Amendment Two to the Gas Pipeline Cross Bore Agreement with Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) to extend the term by three and a half years until April 13, 2021, for a total term of six and a half years, to allow PG&E additional time to complete inspection and repair of gas line cross bores through SFPUC sewer facilities.

DGM Carlin introduced the item and stated the extension is needed to allow PG&E to complete their work.

Commissioner Caen expressed surprise that the extension was requested stating the work should have been completed a year and a half ago. DGM Carlin explained reasons for the extension request and indicated the work has taken longer than anticipated. Commissioner Caen stated the length of time to complete the work is taking too long and should be corrected.

DGM Carlin responded to a question from Commissioner Moran as to whether there is a performance standard attached to the agreement, or a schedule of work to be performed to ensure accountability. Commissioner Moran requested a quarterly reporting of work completed and to be completed. Brief discussion ensued.

Commissioner Moran concurred with Commissioner Caen's concern regarding the length of the contract and that work has not been completed and stated he is hesitant to extend the contract. He stated if extended, reporting which shows work is progressing is necessary.

Commissioner Caen indicated performance guidelines must be set before she will vote for the item. GM Kelly, Jr., provided comments on the timeline and scope of work necessary. DGM Carlin provided additional thoughts.

Commissioner Caen requested the item be continued.

DGM Carlin responded to a question from Commissioner Vietor regarding ramifications of continuing the item.

GM Kelly, Jr., asked for clarification on reporting the Commission requested. Commissioners Caen and Moran indicated what they want the reporting to include.

No public comment

*On Motion to continue item 10 to July 10:
Ayes: Kwon, Courtney, Caen, Vietor, and Moran*

11. Confirm and approve the analysis and conclusions set forth in the Revised Water Supply Assessment for the proposed India Basin Project, pursuant to the State of California Water Code Section 10910 et seq., California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Section 21151.9, and CEQA Guidelines Section 15155. ([Resolution 18-0107](#))

Steve Ritchie, AGM Water, introduced the item and request approval.

*On Motion to approve item 11:
Ayes: Kwon, Courtney, Caen, Vietor, and Moran
No public comment.*

12. Authorize the General Manager to negotiate and execute a grant agreement with the San Francisco Unified School District (SFUSD) for an amount not-to-

exceed \$370,000, and with a duration of four years, to integrate the SFPUC's Big Ideas Science, Technology, Engineering and Math Education Framework into SFUSD science curriculum for all students K-12. ([Resolution 18-0108](#)) Yolanda Manzone, Director of Community Benefits, introduced the item and detailed the framework for the "Big Ideas" curriculum.

Vice President (VP) Courtney expressed support for the item generally, and asked if conversations with students are taking place regarding animal agriculture. Blair Randall, Arts and Education Manager, stated there is no specific mention of animal agriculture in the curriculum, but that watershed pollution is addressed at higher grade levels. VP Courtney stated it is critically important to discuss animal agriculture when it comes to resources and that it should be included in "Big Ideas".

GM Kelly, Jr., clarified that the "Big Ideas" is meant to teach simple basic ideas and there are other ways to incorporate larger issues, such as animal agriculture.

Commissioner Caen stated the "Big Ideas" is a good start. She requested that the Commission see the curriculum and she would like to be a part of curriculum review. Brief discussion ensued.

Commissioner Vietor expressed excitement for the project and asked about the opportunity for updating the curriculum to add watershed center educational opportunities in alignment with the basis curriculum. GM Kelly, Jr., suggested the possibility of outside learning opportunities, such as field trips.

VP Courtney expressed frustration for the Commission not being involved in the process. He noted he and Commissioner Vietor were involved with "Big Ideas" and what was returned was the same information. He emphasized his belief that animal agriculture is the biggest threat to environment and water system.

Commissioner Caen indicated she believes animal agriculture will be part of the overall K-12 curriculum and that it doesn't need to be specifically identified. Ms. Manzone noted the touch-point curriculum in "Big Ideas". Brief discussion ensued.

Commissioner Moran noted the significant range of K-12 education and that the curriculum should be substantive and age appropriate.

President Kwon applauded the program and discussed the importance of the curriculum.

At the request of GM Kelly, Jr., Mr. Randall reviewed the next steps for curriculum development and touchpoints.

Ms. Manzone indicated staff will return to the Commission with a timeline of implementation. Brief discussion followed.

President Kwon indicated he would like to see the Commission “informed” rather than “consulted” and that the educators be allowed to develop the curriculum.

No public comment.

On Motion to approve item 12:

Ayes: Kwon, Courtney, Caen, Vietor, and Moran

Commissioner Moran requested a link to the framework on the SFPUC website (<http://sfwater.org/index.aspx?page=1077>).

13. Approve Amendment No. 3 to Agreement No. CS-242A with Baseline Environmental Consulting, Agreement No. CS-242B with ESA+Orion Joint Venture, and Agreement No. CS-242C with URS Corporation Americas to continue to provide environmental analyses, surveys, and reports, and prepare resource agency permit applications; and authorize the General Manager to negotiate and execute amendments to Agreements Nos. CS-242A–C, increasing each of the three agreements by \$4,000,000, for a total not-to-exceed amount of \$9,600,000 per agreement, with no change to the contract duration, and for CS-242C only, to execute a name change from URS Corporation Americas to URS Corporation. ([Resolution 18-0109](#))

Irina Torrey, Manger, Bureau of Environmental Management, introduced the item and requested approval.

No public comment.

On Motion to approve item 13:

Ayes: Kwon, Courtney, Caen, Vietor, and Moran

14. Approve and authorize the General Manager to execute an Assignment and Assumption Agreement for Agreement No. CS-242D, As-Needed Environmental Support, from RMC Water and Environment to Woodard & Curran, Inc.; approve Amendment No. 3 to Agreement No. CS-242D; and authorize the General Manager to negotiate and execute Amendment No. 3 to CS-242D in an amount of \$4,000,000, for a total not-to-exceed agreement amount of \$9,600,000, with no change to the agreement duration. ([Resolution 18-0110](#))

No public comment.

On Motion to approve item 14:

Ayes: Kwon, Courtney, Caen, Vietor, and Moran

15. Approve Amendment No. 5 to Agreement No. CS-716, Calaveras Dam Replacement, with URS Corporation to provide ongoing engineering support during construction, start-up, and commissioning of the project; and authorize the General Manager to negotiate and execute Amendment No. 5 increasing the agreement by \$2,415,000, for a total agreement amount of \$30,915,000, and extending the term by 13 months, for a total agreement duration of 16

years, 10 months, subject to Board of Supervisors approval pursuant to Charter Section 9.118. ([Resolution 18-0111](#))

No public comment.

On Motion to approve item 15:

Ayes: Kwon, Courtney, Caen, Vietor, and Moran

16. Other New Business\

None.

17. Adjournment

President Kwon adjourned the meeting at 2:54 PM.