



## **SAN FRANCISCO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

City and County of San Francisco

**London N. Breed**

Mayor

### **SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA**

**Friday, February 5, 2021**

**2:00 P.M.**

This Special Meeting is being held by Teleconference Pursuant to the Governor's Executive Order N-29-20 and the Twelfth Supplement to Mayoral Proclamation Declaring the Existence of a Local Emergency Dated February 25, 2020

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#### **PUBLIC COMMENT CALL-IN:**

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#### **Commissioners**

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Tim Paulson  
Ed Harrington


**Michael Carlin**  
Acting General Manager

**Donna Hood**  
Secretary



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**SPECIAL NOTE:** *This Special Meeting is the second of several workshops being held by the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission regarding the Tuolumne River, its fishery, water supply, water demand, drought resiliency, and water supply alternatives. The first workshop was held on November 30, 2020 and focused on the Legal Framework and Scientific Basis for the December 2018 Water Quality Control Plan for the San Francisco Bay/Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Estuary. This workshop focuses on the scientific basis for the proposed Tuolumne River Voluntary Agreement (TRVA). The TRVA is in response to the State Water Resources Control Board Resolution 2018-0059 which stated “The State Water Board encourages stakeholders to continue to work together to reach voluntary agreements that incorporate a mix of flow and non-flow measures that meet or exceed the new and revised water quality objectives and protect fish and wildlife beneficial uses, and to present those voluntary agreements to the State Water Board for its review as soon as feasible”. A third workshop, likely to be held in late March, is anticipated to focus on water demands, drought resiliency, and water supply alternatives.*

## **ORDER OF BUSINESS**

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. **SFPUC Presentation on the Scientific Basis for the Proposed Tuolumne River Voluntary Agreement (discussion only)**
  - a) Introduction (Steve Ritchie, SFPUC Assistant General Manager, Water)
  - b) Regulatory Context for In-stream Flows and Habitat Restoration on the Lower Tuolumne River (Ellen Levin, SFPUC Deputy Manager, Water Enterprise)
  - c) Lower Tuolumne River Environmental Setting (Tim Ramirez, SFPUC Natural Resources and Lands Management Division Manager)
  - d) Hydrology of the Lower Tuolumne River (Matt Moses, SFPUC Water Resources Engineer)
  - e) Scientific Basis for Development of the Tuolumne River Voluntary Agreement (Bill Sears, SFPUC Science and Policy Analyst)
  - f) Commissioner Questions for SFPUC Staff and the Following Panelists: Ronald M. Yoshiyama, Consulting Fisheries and Marine Biologist, Independent Consultant; Noah Hume, Aquatic Ecologist and Senior Scientist, Stillwater Sciences; John Devine, Independent Consultant to Modesto and Turlock Irrigations Districts/HDR’s Project Lead for the FERC relicensing process (2010 to 2019); Andrea Fuller, Senior Biologist, FishBio.
  - g) Panel Wrap up (Steve Ritchie)

**4. Response by Non-Governmental Organizations to the SFPUC's Scientific Basis for the Proposed Tuolumne River Voluntary Agreement (discussion only)**

- a. Doug Obegi, Natural Resources Defense Council; Jon Rosenfield, San Francisco Baykeeper; Jeanette Howard, The Nature Conservancy; Barry Nelson, Golden State Salmon Association
- b. Commissioner Questions

5. Adjournment

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