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**SAN FRANCISCO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
 RATE FAIRNESS BOARD
 CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO**

**Minutes of Special Meeting
 Friday, April 28, 2023, 1:30 PM – 3:30 PM
 (Approved May 5, 2023)**

Members of the Rate Fairness Board will attend this meeting in-person. Members of the public are invited to observe the meeting in-person or remotely online as described below. Members of the public attending the meeting in person or remotely online will have an opportunity to provide public comment on every item. It is possible that not every person in the queue will have an opportunity to provide remote public comment.

In-person Meeting: San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC), 525 Golden Gate Avenue, 3rd Floor, Tuolumne Conference Room, San Francisco, CA 94102

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Commissioner

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Commissioner

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Commissioner

Dennis J. Herrera
General Manager



39 **MEETING AGENDA**

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41 *Materials Distributed: Special Meeting Agenda for April 28, 2023; Draft Special*
42 *Meeting Minutes of April 11, 2023; Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Hetch Hetchy*
43 *Power Rates for Tuolumne County presentation; Rate Fairness Board*
44 *Recommendations to San Francisco Public Utilities Commission on FY 2023-*
45 *24 CleanPowerSF Rates presentation; Rate Fairness Board*
46 *Recommendations to San Francisco Public Utilities Commission on 2023*
47 *Water and Sewer Rates Study draft presentation*

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49 **1. Call to Order**

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51 *The special meeting of the SFPUC Rate Fairness Board (RFB) was called*
52 *to order at 1:34 PM in-person and via teleconference.*

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54 **2. Roll Call**

Member Name/Title

Howard Ash, Chair, Residential City Retail Customer

Trisha McMahon, Budget and Planning Manager

Ken Hinton, Budget and Revenue Analyst

Vishal Trivedi, Financial Analyst of Office of Public Finance

Vacant, City Retail Small Business Customer

Vacant, City Retail Large Business Customer

Vacant, Residential City Retail Customer

Appointed By

Board of Supervisors

City Administrator

Controller's Office

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Board of Supervisors

Mayor's Office

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56 *Roll Call:*

- 57 • *Present: Chair Ash, Member Hinton, Member McMahon, Member*
58 *Trivedi*

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60 **3. General Public Comment**

61 Members of the public may address the Rate Fairness Board (RFB) on
62 matters that are within the Board's jurisdiction but not on today's agenda.

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64 *Public Comment: The RFB Secretary read a public comment from Mr.*
65 *Pachai Salelanonda that was received by email on April 6, 2023, and a*
66 *public comment from Mr. John Goldberg that was received by email on*
67 *April 12, 2023.*

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69 **4. Approval of the Special Meeting Minutes of April 11, 2023**

70 (Discussion and Action)

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72 *Chair Ash asked Board for comments, questions, or concerns. There were*
73 *no comments from the Board.*

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75 *Public Comment: Mr. David Pilpel had one suggested edit to the April 11,*
76 *2023, meeting minutes.*

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78 *The minutes of the special meeting of April 11, 2023, were adopted, as*
79 *amended, unanimously upon a motion by Member Trivedi and seconded by*
80 *Member McMahon.*

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Roll Call Vote:

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- *Ayes: Chair Ash, Member Hinton, Member McMahon, Member Trivedi*

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5. Report of the Chair

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a. Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Hetch Hetchy Power Rates for Tuolumne County

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(Presentation and Discussion)

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Yee Nwe (Ma Yee) Yap, SFPUC Principal Revenue/Rates Analyst

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Yee Nwe (Ma Yee) Yap presented the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Hetch Hetchy Power Rates for Tuolumne County. Presentation included the following topics: Hetch Hetchy power rates landscape, Tuolumne customers per lease or tenant agreements, FY 2023-24 power rates proposal, and upcoming milestones. Discussion transpired throughout presentation.

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Chair Ash asked if RFB is required to opine on power rates.

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Member Trivedi inquired about the number of housing units and potential energy retrofits to these units.

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Ms. Yap will follow-up with the City Attorney on whether the RFB should opine on the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Hetch Hetchy Power Rates for Tuolumne County.

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Public Comment: Mr. David Pilpel had various questions and comments on the cost of service and revenue impact on the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Hetch Hetchy Power Rates for Tuolumne County.

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6. Items Initiated by Board Members

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a. Rate Fairness Board Recommendations to San Francisco Public Utilities Commission on FY 2023-24 CleanPowerSF Rates

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(Discussion and Possible Action)

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Chair Ash presented the Rate Fairness Board draft letter to San Francisco Public Utilities Commission on the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 CleanPowerSF rates and asked the Board for comments and edits. Member McMahon wanted to get more clarification on the delegated authority parameters. Discussion transpired throughout presentation.

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124 *Public Comment: Mr. David Pilpel had comments and suggested*
125 *some edits to the draft letter.*

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127 *The Rate Fairness Board Recommendation letter to San Francisco*
128 *Public Utilities Commission on the Fiscal Year 2023-2024*
129 *CleanPowerSF rates, was adopted, as amended, unanimously upon*
130 *a motion by Member Trivedi and seconded by Member Hinton.*

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132 *Roll Call Vote:*

- 133 • *Ayes: Chair Ash, Member Hinton, Member McMahon, Member*
134 *Trivedi*

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136 **b. Rate Fairness Board Recommendations to San Francisco**
137 **Public Utilities Commission on 2023 Water and Sewer Rates**
138 **Study**

139 (Discussion and Possible Action)

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141 *Chair Ash went through the draft Rate Fairness Board presentation*
142 *on the SFPUC staff proposed water/wastewater rates. The Board*
143 *Members would like to review the consultant's water and sewer*
144 *rates study report before making more comments/edits on the Rate*
145 *Fairness Board recommendation to the San Francisco Public*
146 *Utilities Commission. Discussion transpired throughout.*

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148 *Public Comment: Mr. David Pilpel had comments and suggested*
149 *some edits to the slides to add the impact of general fund*
150 *departments.*

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152 **7. Announcements and Requests for Future Agenda Items**

153 (Discussion)

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155 *The RFB Secretary raised a question from the Citizens' Advisory*
156 *Committee (CAC) regarding if the RFB can convene meetings after*
157 *5:00PM. The Board will take this into consideration for future meetings.*

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159 *Chair Ash asked when the next meeting will be scheduled. The next*
160 *meeting is tentatively scheduled for Friday, May 5th at 1:30PM.*

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162 *Public Comment: Mr. David Pilpel had comments about the CAC and RFB*
163 *jurisdiction.*

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165 **8. Adjournment**

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167 *Meeting adjourned at 3:14 PM.*

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169 **Accessible Meeting Policy:** To obtain meeting materials in alternative format, please
170 contact the Rate Fairness Board Secretary at 415-554-3477 or via email at
171 RateFairnessBoard@sfwater.org. Providing at least 72 hours notice will help to
172 ensure availability. Written reports or background materials for calendar items are
173 available on-line at [https://sfpuc.org/about-us/boards-commissions-committees/rate-](https://sfpuc.org/about-us/boards-commissions-committees/rate-fairness-board)
174 [fairness-board](https://sfpuc.org/about-us/boards-commissions-committees/rate-fairness-board).

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176 **Meeting Procedures:** Public Comment will be taken before or during the
177 Board's consideration of each agenda item. Speakers may address the Board
178 for up to three minutes on that item. During General Public Comment,
179 members of the public may address the Board on matters that are within the
180 Board's jurisdiction and are not on the agenda. Procedures do not permit: 1)
181 persons in the audience to vocally express support or opposition to statements
182 by Board Member, by other persons testifying; 2) ringing and use of cell
183 phones, pagers, and similar sound-producing electronic devices; 3) bringing in
184 or displaying signs in the meeting room; and 4) standing in the meeting room.
185 The ringing of and use of cell phones, pagers and similar sound-producing
186 electronic devices are prohibited at this meeting. Please be advised that the
187 Chair may order the removal from the meeting room of any person(s)
188 responsible for the ringing or use of a cell phone, pager, or other similar sound-
189 producing electronic devices.

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191 serve the public, reaching its decisions in full view of the public. Commissions,
192 boards, councils, and other agencies of the City and County exist to conduct
193 the people's business. This ordinance assures that deliberations are conducted
194 before the people and that City operations are open to the people's review. For
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196 San Francisco Administrative Code) or to report a violation of the ordinance,
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201 67 of the San Francisco Administrative Code on the Internet, at
202 <http://www.sfbos.org/sunshine>.

203 **311 Free Language Assistance:** 免費語言協助 / Ayuda gratuita con el idioma
204 / Бесплатная помощь переводчиков / Trợ giúp Thông dịch Miễn phí /
205 Assistance linguistique gratuite / 無料の言語支援 / 무료 언어 / 지원 / ក្រសួង
206 យុវជន ក្រសួង "ម" ដោយឥត គិតថ្លៃ / Libreng tulong para sa wikang Tagalog យុវជន

207 **Lobbyist Registration and Reporting Requirements:** Individuals and entities
208 that influence or attempt to influence local legislative or administrative action
209 may be required by the San Francisco Lobbyist Ordinance [SF Campaign &
210 Governmental Conduct Code Sec. 2.100] to register and report lobbying
211 activity. For more information about the Lobbyist Ordinance, please contact the
212 San Francisco Ethics Commission at 25 Van Ness Avenue, Suite 220, San

213 Francisco, CA 94102; telephone (415) 252-3100; fax (415) 252-3112; web site
214 at www.sfgov.org/ethics.

215 **Explanatory documents** that have been provided to the Board in connection
216 with this agenda are available for public inspection online at
217 [https://sfpuc.org/about-us/boards-commissions-committees/rate-fairness-](https://sfpuc.org/about-us/boards-commissions-committees/rate-fairness-board)
218 [board](https://sfpuc.org/about-us/boards-commissions-committees/rate-fairness-board).