

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

MEETING MINUTES

**Tuesday, December 6, 2016
5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
525 Golden Gate Ave, 3rd Floor, Tuolumne Conference Room**

Members

Amy Zock (D4)	Wendolyn Aragon (D1)	Anietie Ekanem (D10)
Misty McKinney (B-Enviro. Justice)	Tamar Barlev (M-Large Water User)	

M = Mayoral appointment, B = Board President Appointment

Staff Liaisons: Tracy Zhu and Justin Gardner

1. **Call to order and roll call:** Meeting Called to order at 5:39
Members present at roll call: (4) Aragon, Ekanem, Barlev, Zock
Member's absent at roll call: (1) McKinney
Members of the public: (1) Tim Cronin

2. **Approve [September 6, 2016](#) Minutes**

Motion was made (Aragon) and Seconded (Barlev) to approve [September 6, 2016](#) meeting minutes

- Member Aragon questioned the correct last name for Gwendolyn Jackson Fagan, Staff member Zhu will look into it and update the minutes appropriately.

Misty McKinney arrives at 5:41pm. (5 members present. Quorum maintained.)

The motion PASSED by the following vote:
AYES: (5) Aragon, Barlev, Ekanem, McKinney, Zock
NOES: (0)
ABSENT: (0)

Public Comment: None

3. **Report from the Chair**

Public Comment: None

4. **Public Comment:**
 - Tim Cronin is visiting us as per CAC staff's suggestion. He is a new member of the Revenue Bond Oversight Committee
5. **[Presentation and Discussion: Wastewater Enterprise Workforce Efforts](#)**, Catherine Curtis, Workforce Reliability Manager

Presentation topics included:

- 9916 Program

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- Components of 9916 Model
- Accomplishments
- Apprenticeship Program
- Internal focus –Technical Training
- Internal Focus – candidate development

Topics of discussion:

- Member McKinney: What is the age range of people in program?
Staff Curtis: They range from age 18 to 50s.
- Member McKinney: How many have been hired?
Staff Curtis: Everyone except for one in first 2 groups have been hired, which is about 13-14 people.
- Member Barlev: Have you been recruiting in the high schools?
Staff Curtis: We have not for this program because they need to be high school graduates
- Member Ekanem: How many per year graduate?
Staff Curtis: It is 7 every 3 years, followed by 1 year for recruitment of next cohort.
- Member Aragon: Are there any pathways for reentry for people who recently got out of jail?
Staff Curtis: She always will keep the apprentice as long as their background is not violent. As of yet not a single person has been turned down because of criminal history.
- Member Ekanem: Is that your policy or the official policy?
Staff Curtis: It is personal policy
- Member Ekanem: what is limiting us from recruiting more trainees?
Staff Curtis: Total Number of trainee's in 9916 program is 7 per cohort. Cohort Lasts 3 years.
- Member Ekanem: What about other qualified applicants?
Staff Curtis: We do our best to place other qualified applicants at places in programs like BAYWORK.
- Member Ekanem: What is reason we don't have more people in program?
Staff Curtis: There is not financing to do more. Each student ends up costing something like \$100000 to develop.

Wendy leaves at 6:06 – Returns at 6:10

Public Comment: None

6. **Discussion and Possible Action: Green Infrastructure Walking Tour Debrief**

Presentation Topics Included:

- For the October meeting, Wastewater CAC members did a walking tour led by Green Infrastructure (GI) staff that stopped at Rosa Parks Elementary School, Kennedy Senior Center, among other locations to learn about green infrastructure.
- GI staff had a lot of knowledge about how hard it was to develop and implement some of these green strategies.
- Member Ekanem impressed by the flexibility and large number of options available to make a given location more green.
- Member McKinney thinks there should be more focus in the residential sections of city as well such as single houses in the Sunset and the Richmond. More funding should also be directed to more nonprofits through a grant program. More funding should be directed this way.
- Staff Zhu explains that SFPUC staff wanted to show the range of green infrastructure projects. Rosa Parks Elementary was an example of what is possible through smaller grants from programs such as the urban watershed project on existing structures. The Kennedy Senior Center was an example of the impact of passing the Storm Water

Management ordinance which requires all new developments to include green infrastructure if it is over 5000 square feet.

- Member Aragon said that the Urban Watershed Management Program celebrated the 10 year anniversary of the program
- Member Aragon and other members expressed interest in expressing a desire to make sure low income residents are not left behind in the push to modernize and make more green properties in city.
- Member Ekanem and Member McKinney volunteered to meet with staff to work out language for a resolution.
- Member Aragon suggests another infrastructure tour of the wastewater treatment plant.

Staff Zhu says there are already tours being offered for that. She encourages the board to leverage their powers as CAC board members to request a tour that is not already available.

Topics of Discussion:

- Chair Zock: How far was the tour?
Member Aragon: Started by Safeway at Rosa park, went down Laguna to Gough and Fulton, and then to 55 Laguna.
- Member Ekanem: Are these grants for some of these projects issued irrespective of income?
Staff Zhu: No, the first project was funded by the Watershed Stewardship Grant but the rest were Stormwater Management Project which was required by ordinance.
- Member Ekanem: Can we get a map of all the green infrastructure projects to see where everything is taking place?
Staff Zhu: The [map](#) is available as a link in July meeting.
- Member Ekanem: What are we doing to incentivize water conservation?
Staff Zhu: There is a proposal to restructure the sewer bill to restructure the sewer rate to incentivize people to reduce the stormwater runoff input into the system. This incentivizes people to take steps to reduce stormwater runoff as well as encouraging the reuse of grey water sources, etc. The question on the table whether the Agency should move forward with the restructure the rate, and how it should be rolled out. The most recent update is the Executive Management team has decided to lead with incentives and grants, since the rates will be going up.
- Member Barlev: Does the staff have a sense of the timeframe for when this stormwater cost allocation is moving forward?
Staff Zhu: Staff at the November meeting indicated that the stormwater rates allocation will be considered at the Commission meeting and Rate Fairness Board meeting in December. Staff Zhu recommended that members check the Commission agenda online to see if it has been agendized.
- Member Aragon suggested that Wastewater CAC members take a Southeast Treatment Plant tour.

Public Comment: None

7. Staff Report

- Staff Zhu passed out the 2017 Pollution Prevention Calendars released by the Agency's Pollution Prevention program. Anyone can request one from sfwater.org/calendar.
- Adopt-a-Drain: Help prevent clogged drains by adopting a drain. Anyone can sign up on the Adopt-a-drain app that can be downloaded on a smart phone.

Public Comment: None

8. Future Agenda Items and Resolutions

- Member Ekanem would like to reach out to MUNI, SFPUC, and PG&E to create a joint meeting to explain all the construction projects that are taking place in the Bayview. He explained that residents in Bayview are becoming increasingly frustrated by the never ending construction in the neighborhood.
 - Member Aragon suggests checking <https://sanfrancisco.buildingeye.com/> to see all the current building permits and ongoing construction as well as <https://data.sfgov.org/>
 - Member Ekanem's concern is that there will be massive opposition at the upcoming Environmental Impact Report (EIR)
 - Member Barlev mentioned a similar interagency working group that was arranged to coordinate across agencies, so maybe could use that as a template
 - Staff Zhu explains anything coordinating multiple agencies is always a challenge so they could always use encouragement to collaborate more.

Public Comment: None

9. **Announcements**

- The next regularly rescheduled meeting of the Wastewater Subcommittee will take place in early 2017. See www.sfwater.org/cac for next scheduled meeting.

10. **Adjournment**

Motion was made (Aragon) and seconded (Ekanem) to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:09.