

**San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC)
Citizens' Advisory Committee (CAC)**

MEETING MINUTES

**Tuesday, December 17, 2019
5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.**

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

Mission: The purpose of the SFPUC CAC is to provide recommendations to the SFPUC General Manager, the SFPUC Commission, and the Board of Supervisors regarding the agency's long-term strategic, financial, and capital improvement plans (Admin Code 5.140-142).

Members:

Amy Zock, Chair (D6)
Wendy Aragon (D1)
Suki Kott (D2)
Steven Kight (D3)
Jim McHugh (D4)
Ted Loewenberg (D5)

VACANT (D7)
Amy Nagengast (D8)
Moisés Garcia (D9)
Anietie Ekanem (D10)
Jennifer Clary (D11)
VACANT (M-Env.Group)

Nicole Sandkulla (M-Reg'l Water Customers)
Mark Tang (M-Eng./Financial)
Eliahu Perszyk (M-Lg Water User)
VACANT (B-Small Business)
Misty McKinney (B-Env Justice)

M = Mayoral appointment, B = Board President Appointment

Staff Liaisons: Tracy Zhu and Edgar Barraza
Staff Email for Public Comment: cac@sfgwater.org

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. **Report from the Chair** – Amy Zock
 - Welcome members of the public and staff
 - Celebrate former CAC member Nate Kinsey's contributions to the CAC
 - Amy's CAC Chair Report to the Commission was on December 10.
2. **Call to order and roll call:** The meeting was called to order at 5:33pm.

****Member Nagengast arrived at 5:38pm, quorum reached.**

Members present at roll call: (9) Zock, Kott, McHugh, Loewenberg, Nagengast, Garcia, Ekanem, Tang, Perszyk

Members Absent: (5) Aragon, Kight, Clary, Sandkulla, McKinney

3. **Approve November 19, 2019 Minutes**
Motion was made (Kott) and seconded (Garcia) to approve **November 19, 2019** minutes.

AYES: (9) Zock, Kott, McHugh, Loewenberg, Nagengast, Garcia, Ekanem, Tang, Perszyk

NOES: (0)

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Mayor

Ann Moller Caen
President

Francesca Vietor
Vice President

Anson Moran
Commissioner

Sophie Maxwell
Commissioner

Tim Paulson
Commissioner

Harlan L. Kelly, Jr.
General Manager



ABSENT: (5) Aragon, Kight, Clary, Sandkulla, McKinney

Public Comment: None

4. **Public Comment:** None

5. **Presentation and Discussion:** [Southeast Treatment Plant Air Monitoring Program](#), Meei-Lih Ahmad, Senior Sanitary Engineer, and Nohemy Revilla, Engineer; Wastewater Enterprise

Presentation Topics:

- Southeast Treatment Plant (SEP) Air Permit & Reporting
- SEP Wastewater Treatment Process
- Southeast Treatment Plant (SEP) Air Permit
- Recent Upgrades – Covered Primary Clarifiers
- Southeast Treatment Plant (SEP) Air Permit
- Southeast Treatment Plant (SEP) BAAQMD Air Permit
- BAAQMD Reporting Process
- Extensive Fixed Gas Monitoring System at SEP
- Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Emissions Reporting
- SSIP Phase 1 Projects Southeast Treatment Plant Upgrade - \$2.0 Billion

Discussion Topics:

- *Member Ekanem* asked if the operation construction and the treatment plant emissions were being reported out to the community. *Staff Meei-Lih* responded that she can speak to the process of air monitoring but is unable to speak to how the information is distributed to the community.
- *Member Ekanem* stated that although constructions emissions are different from the treatment plant emission, the community is unable to determine the difference between them both, which bring the urgency to report on combined emissions. *Staff Colwick* responded that he is unable to respond at the moment but would like to take the concerns back to their team to ensure they look at the totality of emissions.
- *Member Ekanem* asked if there are any hotlines available to the public or factsheets to inform the public on emissions levels and odors. *Staff Colwick* responded that 311 is available to report odors.
- *Member Ekanem* asked about the response rate for staff to respond to a 311 incident report. *Staff Meei-Lih* responded that the time response time is relatively quickly.
- *Member Loewenberg* asked if there was a network of air quality sensors that help determine the emissions that are being emitted from the facility and entering people's homes. *Staff Meei-Lih* responded that they don't monitor air quality beyond the the fence line of the Treatment Plant, however, they do have an air dispersal model that does provide an estimate of air quality.
- *Member Loewenberg* wanted to confirm that the air leaving the treatment plant is not tested and that algorithms are being utilized to provide estimates. *Staff Revilla* responded yes.
- *Member Nagengast* commented and suggested that in light of the SFPU Environmental Justice Policy Anniversary when thinking about permits, it is important to drive towards opportunities to reduce the

emissions at the facility in order to lessen the environmental burden in neighboring communities.

Staff Meei-Lih responded that the Sewer System Improvement Project has more stringent targets than what the permits allow them.

Public Comment: None

6. **Presentation, Discussion and Possible Action: Resolution in Support of SFPUC's Offer for PG&E Assets**, Amy Zock, Full CAC Chair, and Mark Tang, Power CAC Member

- *Member Nagengast* commented that the resolution feels too vague and suggested to add more specificity.
- *Member Loewenberg* also agreed that the resolution seems vague and does not have an action item.
- *Member Ekanem* asked if there were any specific projects currently being delayed by PG&E that the Citizens' Advisory Committee can highlight in the resolution. *Member Tang* responded that a quarterly report is being released listing all of the projects being delayed.
- *Member Loewenberg* commented that a key topic that is missing in the resolution is the reason why the acquisition is important to the City and County of San Francisco and that the bankruptcy itself can cause PG&E to go away.
- *Member Tang* stated that he would revise the resolution to incorporate the feedback and will bring it back to the full Citizens' Advisory Committee.

Public Comment:

- Public member Nate Kinsey suggested that the resolution should clarify the interconnection agreement. Kinsey also suggested to include the total number of projects that have been delayed, local control in decision making, and to consider the idea purchasing of PG&E assets as a Prop A Bond.

7. **Presentation and Discussion: Interested Candidates for CAC Officer Positions**, Amy Zock, Full CAC Chair

- Interested candidates will share why they are interested in running for Chair, Vice Chair or Secretary positions for a two-year term, 2020-21
- Elections will be held in early January 2020
- Newly elected Chair will appoint Subcommittee Chairs for Water, Power, and Wastewater Subcommittee

Discussion:

- *Member Ekanem* announces that he will be running to be the next Citizens' Advisory Committee Chair.
- *Member Tang* announces that he will be running to be the next Citizens' Advisory Committee Secretary.

Public Comment: None

8. **Staff Report**

- Implicit Bias Training: SFPUC CAC members are NOT required to complete the implicit bias training per SFPUC's Human Resources Services
- Renewing Appointments: SFPUC CAC members' terms will be ending on May 8, 2020. CAC staff will provide members the

- appropriate documents to provide to their appointing officials if they would like to renew their appointments
- **Bayview Winter Wonderland:** Bayview Opera House is hosting a family friendly holiday event on December 19, 2019, 5-9pm, sponsored by SFPUC firms Pankow and Parsons

9. Future Agenda Items and Resolutions

- Air pollution monitoring in Southeast – January
- Green Infrastructure Update – January
- General Manager Address
- Commissioner Visits
- Agency-wide Planning on Climate Change & Adaptation Planning
- CleanPowerSF Equity Framework
- Interagency Working Group on Sea Level Rise
- Human Resources Hiring Process
- Southeast Community Facility
- SSIP Phase 2
- Contracting Process
- Education Resolution
- PUC Properties and City Department Partnerships
- Water Equity and Water Access for Homeless
- Workforce Programs
- Water Rights and Raker Act
- Water Use and Parks
- Flooding Protection
- Water Quality Report
- Green New Deal
- Micro Hydroelectric Power
- Prop A Bond Funding

10. Announcements/Comments

- The next meeting for the Full CAC will be on January 21, 2020. Check www.sfwater.org/cac for confirmation of the meeting date for the next scheduled meeting.
- Member Mark Tang announced that the ordinance that created the Balboa Reservoir CAC indicates that the CAC should sunset after the developers obtain entitlements, tentatively summer 2020. The Balboa Reservoir CAC members have a desire to extend the timeline for the CAC's sunset date.
- Member Moises Garcia suggests that CAC members attend a Headworks tour to learn more about the upgrades.

11. Adjournment

Motion was made (Garcia) and seconded (Kott) to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:07pm.