

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

**MEETING MINUTES**

**Tuesday, December 18, 2018**  
**5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.**  
**525 Golden Gate Ave., 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Tuolumne Conference Room**  
**Webinar link: <https://bluejeans.com/893382334>**  
**Meeting ID: 893 382 334**  
**Dial in number: +1.866.226.4650**  
**Participant number: 9728**

**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 (D3)**  
Wendy Aragon (D1)  
Suki Kott (D2)  
Jim McHugh (D4)  
Ted Loewenberg (D5)  
Matthew Steen (D6)

Daisy Quan (D7)  
Amy Nagengast (D8)  
Moisés García (D9)  
Anietie Ekanem (D10)  
Jennifer Clary (D11)  
Maggie Thomas (M-Env.Group)

Nicole Sandkulla (M-Reg'l Water Customers)  
Mark Tang (M-Eng./Financial)  
Nathaniel Kinsey (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 Sabrie Grays  
Staff Email for Public Comment: [cac@sfgwater.org](mailto:cac@sfgwater.org)

**ORDER OF BUSINESS**

- Call to order and roll call:** The meeting was called to order at 5:35pm.

**Members present at roll call:** (12) Zock, Aragon, Kott, McHugh, Loewenberg, Quan, Nagengast, Garcia, Clary, Thomas, Tang, McKinney

**Members Absent:** (4) Steen, Ekanem, Sandkulla, Kinsey

- Approve November 20, 2018 Minutes**

Motion was made (Clary) and seconded (Kott) to approve November 20, 2018 minutes

AYES: (12) Zock, Aragon, Kott, McHugh, Loewenberg, Quan, Nagengast, Garcia, Clary, Thomas, Tang, McKinney

NOES: (0)

ABSENT: (4) Steen, Ekanem, Sandkulla, Kinsey

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Commissioner

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Commissioner

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Commissioner

**Harlan L. Kelly, Jr.**  
General Manager

**OUR MISSION:** To provide our customers with high-quality, efficient and reliable water, power and sewer services in a manner that values environmental and community interests and sustains the resources entrusted to our care.



3. **Report from the Chair** – Amy Zock
4. **Public Comment:** Members of the public may address the Committee on matters that are within the Committee's jurisdiction and are not on today's agenda: None
5. **Presentation and Discussion:** [Annual General Manager Address to the CAC](#), General Manager Harlan L. Kelly, Jr.

**Presentation Topics:**

- General Manager's Annual Address
- 2018 Priorities
  - Water Diversification
  - CleanPowerSF
  - Sewer System Improvement Program
  - 1550 Evans Southeast Community Facility
    - Entrance at Third and Evans Corner
    - Entrance at Evans
    - View from Gardens and Picnic Area
    - View from the Meadow and Lawn
    - View from Boulder Hill
    - Green Spaces for Children
    - Discussion

**Discussion Topics:**

- *Member Nagengast* commented regarding the heating and cooling aspect of water dispensers. She urged the committee to think about energy cost compared to convenience. It's a show ship for generally our city and our values. Keep in mind it's not for free and while it may be cheap, it's off placing that capacity that could be used for something else.  
*GM Kelly* responded that he hears her concerns. He also agreed it's a good conversation to have, and that they have time to influence it.
- *Member Thomas* asked regarding the city as a power provider and increasing the power rates, what amount of infrastructure needs to be built or already exists to accomplish your goals.  
*GM Kelly* responded that what their strategy has been is to look at growing our power business and building our distribution systems. Now we're looking at opportunities where we may want to put conduit so we're ready. This also may be an opportunity for us to take over distribution lines and system.
- *Member Aragon* asked a question about the Camp Fire. There is talk that a lot of people are pushing to break PG&E up. How would that effect the SFPUC? Also, there are a lot of questions around why more municipalities can't have publicly owned power like Sacramento, Seattle, and Portland.  
*GM Kelly* answered that it had been on the ballot numerous times for public power. The opportunity to address it and deal with it is now. We want to be ready and make sure we can move at commercial speed. The problem we are having is to hire people or get equipment.
- *Member McHugh* asked if the SFPUC has a new strategy for the rehearing of the Power Charge Indifference Adjustment (PCIA) Exit Fee decision, and why they would think the CPUC would reverse their decision so quickly.  
*GM Kelly* replied that he thinks CPUC made the wrong decision. Hopefully, SFPUC can provide more information to change CPUC's opinion. We're also recommending to the governor candidates for the CPUC.

- *Member Kott* asked why when water is being tested for pesticides, it is not being tested for lead as well.  
*GM Kelly* and *AGM Ellis* did not have a response.
- *Member Kott* questioned if the SFPUC is working on the communication of the switch to blending in groundwater. She added that finding information on the SFPUC website could've been much cleaner.  
*GM Kelly* answered that the SFPUC is planning to spend a lot of money on redoing their website because they also found that it's not easy to locate things. They are pushing for the need for it to be cleaner, easier, and more intuitive on the groundwater topic, as well as water diversification.
- *Member Loewenberg* urged the SFPUC to find a strategy that focuses on how to get everybody in the city to pay the rates, not just the ratepayers (less than 100,000). If the SFPUC can expand to upwards of 850,000 people, that's where the relief may come up.  
*GM Kelly* responded that they are always looking at increasing the denominator and are actively looking at ways to expand the base. He added that this is something the CAC can help them with too.

Public Comment: None

6. **Presentation and Discussion:** [Sewer System Improvement Program \(SSIP\) Update](#), Howard Fung, Interim SSIP Director, Infrastructure Bureau

**Resource:**

- Sewer System Improvement Program (SSIP) Quarterly Update to the SFPUC Commission on December 11, 2018 ([presentation](#) and [video](#))

**Presentation Topics:**

- Sewer System Improvement Program Update for CAC
- Brief History of SSIP
- Program Status
- Biosolids Digester Facilities Project
- SEP New Headworks Facility Project
- Other Phase 1 Projects
- Current Construction: SEP
- Current Construction: Collection System & Stormwater Management
- Other Program Updates
- OSP Condition Assessment Improvements
- Large Sewer Condition Assessment Improvements
- Lower Alemany Area Stormwater Improvement Project
- Summary of Priority Projects
- Thank You

**Discussion Topics:**

- *Member Clary* asked how many of the 70 projects in Phase 1 are located at the Southeast Plant.  
*Staff Fung* answered about 2 billion dollars' worth of projects.
- *Member Clary* questioned how the construction impacts in the Southeast are affecting the community.  
*Staff Fung* responded that so far most of the projects are currently inside Southeast Plant boundaries. Headworks will be starting construction, breaking ground early 2019. That's when the major project impacts will be affecting the public.
- *Member Loewenberg* asked what the purpose of the Phase 1 project versus Phase 2 is.

*Staff Fung* clarified that the phase approach is how they implement projects in a stretched-out timeframe. They define projects in Phase 1 as the first step. They want to make sure they're implementing those projects correctly and successfully before they go into Phase 2 and 3.

- *Chair Zock* inquired how the priorities for implementation of Phase 2 are being set.

*Staff Fung* answered that they use consequences and risks of failure to form priorities.

- *Member Garcia* asked what the impacts of increased construction costs are, and what are they looking like.

*Staff Fung* responded that sometimes it's cyclical, like putting money in your investment accounts. Sometimes it goes great and sometimes you lose money. They try to look at their scope to make sure it's tight, and they work to make sure they understand lessons learned from Water System Improvement Program (WSIP) so that they don't repeat the same mistakes.

Public Comment: None

## 7. Staff Report

- [7<sup>th</sup> Annual Winter Wonderland](#) at the Bayview Opera House on December 20, 2018, 5-8pm

## 8. Future Agenda Items and Resolutions

- Interagency Working Group on Sea Level Rise
- Agency-wide Planning on Climate Change & Adaptation Planning
- Southeast Community Facility
- SSIP Phase 2
- Human Resources
- Contracting Process
- Communications/ Website Redesign
- Education Resolution
- Social Impact Partnerships
- 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

9. **Announcements/Comments** – The next meeting for the Full CAC will be on January 15, 2019. Check [www.sfwater.org/cac](http://www.sfwater.org/cac) for confirmation of the final meeting date and agenda for the next scheduled meeting.

## 10. Adjournment

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

Meeting was adjourned at 6:59pm.