This meeting was 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

During the Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) emergency, the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission’s (SFPUC) regular meeting room, City Hall, Room 400, is closed. Commissioners and SFPUC staff will convene Commission meetings remotely by teleconference.

Commissioners
Sophie Maxwell, President
Anson Moran, Vice President
Tim Paulson
Ed Harrington
Newsha Ajami

Michael Carlin
Acting General Manager

Donna Hood
Secretary
1. Call to Order
   President Maxwell called the meeting to order at 1:30 PM.

2. Roll Call
   Present: Maxwell, Moran, Paulson, Harrington and Ajami

   The Commission Secretary announced that Closed Session item 20 would not be heard.

3. Approval of the Minutes of April 13, 2021
   On Motion to approve the Minutes of April 13, 2021
   Ayes: Maxwell, Moran, Paulson, Harrington and Ajami

   No public comment.

4. General Public Comment
   • Eileen Boken asked that the scope of the requested staff presentation for the potable Auxiliary Water Supply System (AWSS) on the westside of the City be revised, that it be a workshop, and the scope should include expansion of AWSS in Districts 10 and 11. She asked that member of the Civil Grand Jury who penned the report be invited in addition to those who advocate for dedicated AWASS. She suggested what staff presentations should include.
   • David Pilpel expressed concern with the Mayor’s announcement of Mr. Dennis Herrera for the position of General Manager. He provided positive words for Acting General Manager Carlin and SFPUC staff. He indicated he had not determined if he would file CEQA appeal on the Vincente/Wawona Project. He expressed support for CleanPowerSF time-of-use rates which will take affect in June. He thanked the Commission and staff for the sewer and flooding workshop.
   • Dick Allen stated the Commission can reverse Tuolumne river mismanagement, which has resulted in a decline in the fish population. He asked that an additional section 12 be added to the Urban Water Management Plan (UWMP) titled “Tuolumne River Environment” and that the current UWMP be rejected.
   • Francisco DaCosta indicated that instruction to dial-into the meeting was missing from the SFGTV broadcast and asked that it be displayed.
   • Unknown speaker discussed concerns with the Floodwater Grant Program.

5. Communications
   a) Advance Calendar
   b) Contract Advertisement Report
   c) Correspondence Log
   d) General Manager Delegation of Authority Report
   e) Streetlight Program Update
   f) Water Supply Conditions Update

   Public Comment:
   • Francisco DaCosta stated that to communicate we need to respect one another and that the Commission should have high standards. He stated that some participate in
deliberations to understand one another. He asked that the meeting not start if the dial-in information is not being shown on the SFGTV broadcast.

- David Pilpel expressed support for item 5e, Streetlight Report, and asked that future reports include data on streetlights maintained and operated by Caltrans and other public entities.

   a) **Presentation of Muwekma Ohlone Tribal Land Acknowledgement**

   Michael Carlin, Acting GM, introduced Tim Ramirez, Manager, Natural Resources and Land Management, welcomed Muwekma Ohlone Chairwoman, Charlene Nijmeh and Vice Chairwoman, Monic Arellano. He discussed the importance of acknowledging that the Bay Area water system in Alameda, San Francisco, San Mateo, and Contra Costa, and Santa Clara Counties is on Muwekma Ohlone land and that it is important to learn the history and integrate this experience into our collective work together going forward.

   Chairwoman Nijmeh started with a welcome, “Mákkin Mak Muwékma Wolwóolum, ‘Akkoyt Mak-Warep, Manne Mak Hiswi!’ (We Are Muwekma Ohlone, Welcome To Our Ancestral Homeland!). She proceeded to read the Muwekma Ohlone Tribal Land Acknowledgement and then turned the reading of the Acknowledgement over to Vice Chairwoman Arellano. She asked that all visitor and residents of the aboriginal lands and natural habitats strive to be good stewards and be respectful.

   Carla Schultheis provided a review of the SFPUC’s work with the Muwekma Ohlone on the Watershed Center: (1) Review of SFPUC Alameda Watershed Lands, (2) Alameda Creek Watershed project construction update and native nursery, (3) Interpretation exhibit (history of land and people), (4) Signage with native language translation, (5) Artwork (Ruupaywa) and native language recordings through landscape, (6) History Terrace – timeline walk, and (7) Outreach and education efforts.

   The Commissioners thanked Chairwoman Nijmeh and Vice Chairwoman Arellano for their work with the SFPUC. President Maxwell and Commissioner Harrington expressed the importance of the Land Acknowledgment, indicating that will be read prior to each SFPUC meeting. They asked that staff keep them informed as to the opening of the Watershed Center.

   **Public Comment**

   - Francisco DaCosta noted that three of the Commissioners have met former tribal chair Rosemary Cambra. He stated since 1985 he has vouched for the Muwekma Ohlone and discussed the importance of ancestral land and artifacts. He asked that a resolution be passed as to the SFPUC’s work and that it be sent to the new Secretary of the U.S. Department of the Interior.

   President Maxwell thanked Mr. DaCosta for his work with the Muwekma Ohlone over the years.
b) Water Enterprise Racial Equity Action Plan (REAP)
Steve Ritchie, Assistant General Manager (AGM) Water, introduced the item and discussed the importance of the Plan. Water staff then presented (1) Building Water’s REAP priorities and Survey top takeaways: inadequate diversity in hiring, not enough opportunity for promotion, job series with limited upward mobility in organization, support of diversity, equity and inclusion effort is growing, though resisters are present and vocal, and expand on the culture of inclusion and belonging (Ellen Levin); (2) Water REAP Priorities: Hiring and Recruitment: Increase diversity in candidate pools, increase diversity in pipelines, and partner with Human Resources and unions for greater diversity in candidate pools (Margaret Hannaford); (3) Water REAP Priorities: Pathway to Promotion: Career ladders for job series with limited mobility, mentoring program, and acting assignments and succession planning (Angela Cheung); and (4) Water REAP Priorities: Inclusion and Belonging: Leadership training, racial equity training, develop opportunities for greater staff input on REAP, and include interview questions related to experience with diversity, equity and inclusion for management and supervisory positions (Tim Ramirez).

Ms. Levin responded to a question from Commissioner Ajami as to the approach to the difference between conformity and accepting cultural differences, noting their planned use of an (evolutionary) cultural competency training.

Public Comment
• Francisco DaCosta discussed the struggle in the 1960’s – 1990’s with Title VI and said that what is being discussed is infusing cultural competency and stated legacy must be shared.

c) Update on December 2018 Bay Delta Plan Amendment and Voluntary Agreement Negotiations with the State and the Governor Newsom’s Drought Proclamation
Acting GM Carlin provide the update noting activity at the State level with meetings taking place and indicated that a larger global proposal (settlement) has been developed and another meeting will be taking place. He stated any agreement reached would go the State Water Board first.

Acting GM Carlin discussed an upcoming meeting with Modesto Irrigation District (MID) and Turlock Irrigation District (TID) leadership to discuss areas of common interest around the Tuolumne River Voluntary Agreement, and for dialogue on possible Early Implementation and other opportunities that can be worked on together, moving forward.

He continued with an update regarding Governor Newsom’s Drought Proclamation, which declared a drought in Marin and Sonoma Counties. He indicated additional orders, including curtailments, may be forthcoming. He noted funding will be available for conservation and safe drinking water.
Acting GM Carlin responded to a question from Commissioner Ajami as to whether the drought will impact electric generation. AGM Ritchie noted price could also be affected.

Vice President (VP) Moran expressed pleasure that the emergency declaration was location and fact specific. He discussed the Urban Water Management Plans that are being developed that address drought policies and practices.

**Public Comment**

David Pilpel stated he was encouraged by discussions with MID and TID and with policy decisions that were made to minimize the impact of drought on SFPUC customers.

**d) Report on Recent San Francisco Public Utilities Commission Activities, Events, and Announcements**

None.

**7. Discussion only of the Commission Water Workshops held on November 30, 2020, February 5, 2021, and March 26, 2021, to provide direction to staff regarding further consideration of issues raised in connection with the workshops.**

AGM Ritchie reviewed the Water Workshops that were conducted on November 30, 2020 (NGO presentation on the State’s basis for the Bay-Delta Water Quality Control Plan); February 5, 2021 (SFPUC presentation on the basis for the Bay-Delta Water Quality Control Plan); and March 26, 2021 (SFPUC background document, SFPUC presentation on yield impacts of various scenarios, and NGO presentation on various options).

AGM Ritchie briefly reviewed (1) water available to the City (water year 2021), (2) Tuolumne River water available to the City; and (3) Summary of water in Tuolumne River (1983 through 2020).

In response to a question from Commissioner Harrington, AGM Ritchie discussed what is the “rivers share” of water (entitlement) and that there isn’t agreement on what that share is.

VP Moran noted that the water in Don Pedro belongs to the Irrigation Districts and that we can use the part in our water bank as a “pre-payment” of rights. He stated fishery obligations below Don Pedro are met by Irrigation Districts.

Commissioner Paulson stated that there has been extensive time spent on these issues and asked what are the takeaways that are important to discuss.

Commissioner Harrington stated that everyone owns the discussion, but the workshops helped key the focus on areas that resonate including the Design Drought, working with the Districts, alternative sources of supply, and the Voluntary Agreement. He stated there is no deliverable timeline but allows for on-going discussions as to next steps. He discussed public comment that has been made.
AGM Ritchie provided comments. Commissioner Harrington indicated he would like to see five or six areas of focus with regular reporting on those to continue the conversation.

VP Moran indicated he was impressed by the magnitude of the issues discussed and stakes involved. He discussed the different approaches to fishery issues and water supply impacts that were presented in the first two workshops. He stated the workshops made him more interested in Early Implementation. He discussed the letter received from the Tuolumne River Trust regarding the Design Drought.

Commissioner Harrington stated that a resolution or policy statement should be created as to what the Commission’s goals and commitments are for the river and what will be the focus over the next several years. He proposed that staff present a timeline for discussion to move the topic along.

Commissioner Paulson indicated the items discussed are important but there shouldn’t be decision-making timelines.

VP Moran discussed the deliverable and stated that in the future there may be periodic reports or additional workshops. He reviewed what he thought did and did not work during the workshops and what was done differently for each workshop.

President Maxwell stated the workshops provided the opportunity for in-depth discussions. Commissioner Paulson agreed and Commissioner Harrington stated the ability to discuss policy issues is important.

Acting GM Carlin noted the issues that need to be addressed and that staff will return with items for discussion and a future meeting. He indicated the workshops were valuable for staff.

Commissioner Ajami stated the workshops were useful. She expressed the need to focus on demand management, working with wholesale customers, and alternative water supplies.

Public Comment
- John Rosenfield, Baykeeper, thanked the Commission for the workshops. He noted his work on the Water Quality Control Plan. He stated there is nothing in the staff presentation on Voluntary Agreement proposal that shows there is any chance to restore Salmon to the Tuolumne River. He discussed the workshop on water supply.
- Eileen Boken thanked the Commission for the workshops. She indicated the meeting with MID/TID should include a discussion of a pilot project to implement the UC solar aqua grid.
- Hunter Cutting thanked the Commission for workshops and stated that they are helpful steps forward. He stated historically the SFPUC has not presented solutions and he expressed appreciation for current discussion on solutions. He discussed his work on the Design Drought.
• Barry Nelson, Golden State Salmon Association, thanked the Commission for the workshop and stated he looks forward to next steps and process. He (1) noted the follow-up letter that was sent with data requests after the science workshop; (2) indicated there are NO NGO’s involved in Voluntary Agreement discussions; (3) noted the urgent need for credible progress on Bay Delta issues; and (4) requested that during the meeting with MID/TID that the independence of the SFPUC on policy issues be presented.
• Peter Drekmeier, Tuolumne River Trust, discussed AGM Ritchie’s presentation and acre feet projections and stated there is enough water in storage. He discussed information in the UWMP.
• Dave Warner, Palo Alto, stated the UWMP is a widely used document. He expressed support for the Tuolumne River Proposal and discussed his Design Drought model.
• John Rosepeppie expressed the need to value clean water and the rivers and fish. He thanked the Commission for the workshops.
• Cindy Charles, Tuolumne River Trust Board and California Sportfishing Protection Alliance (CSPA), asked the Commission to take steps to make further progress on water use. She encouraged the SFPUC to use demand projections rather than contractual obligations to represent water demand, and that the use of alternative water supplies be prioritized. She asked that data sets for 200 MGD scenario for input into Don Pedro’s Operation Model be provided. She asked that CSPA’s request for discussions on recommendations and options for dry year sequence within framework of Phase I of the Bay Delta Plan also be provided.
• Carol Steinfeld, Sierra Club Water Committee, noted the need to pay attention to how water is used for best opportunities and that everyone needs to work together to make the best decisions.
• Doug Obegi, Natural Resources Defense Council, thanked the Commission for the discussions and for the workshops, stating he found them informative and valuable. He noted he was encouraged by the tenor of discussions and continuing dialogue. He stated after the February 5 workshop a request was made for data on the fish population model and analysis of required flows under the Voluntary Agreement compared to the State Board’s proposal and requested the information again. He discussed the draft UWMP.

AGM Ritchie responded to a question from Commissioner Harrington as to the status of requests for information, indicating a response is being prepared.

VP Moran stated Climate Changes needs to be included on the list of items for follow-up discussion.

8. New Commission Business
None.

9. Consent Calendar
a) Accept work performed by Pipe and Plant Solutions, Inc. for Contract No. WW-661, As-Needed Sewer Cleaning and Inspection (FY18); approve Modification No. 5 (Final), decreasing the contract amount by $6,764 for a total contract
amount of $1,410,533, with no change to the agreement duration of 570 consecutive calendar days; and authorize final payment to the contractor. (Resolution 21-0060)

b) Approve an increase of 280 calendar days to the contract duration contingency for Contract No. WW-691, Sunset Boulevard Greenway – Phase II, Irving Street to Ulloa Street with Minerva Construction, Inc.; and authorize the General Manager to approve future contract modifications for a total contract duration of up to 714 consecutive calendar days, with no change to the contract amount. (Resolution 21-0061)

c) Approve the plans and specifications, and award Contract No. HH-1003R, Moccasin Powerhouse Generator Step Up Transformer Installation, in the amount of $3,321,432, and with a duration of 716 consecutive calendar days, to the responsible bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid, Big Valley Electric, to make improvements to the two transformer bays and install two new City-furnished generator step-up transformers. (Resolution 21-0062)

Public Comment
• David Pilpel requested that item 9c be removed for discussion.

On Motion to approve Consent Calendar items 9a and 9b:
Ayes: Maxwell, Moran, Paulson, Harrington and Ajami

Item 9c: AGM How described the action requested by the Commission and requested approval.

Public Comment
• David Pilpel expressed support for the project and note the importance of the project. He indicated he has no issues with CEQA.

On Motion to approve Consent Calendar item 9c:
Ayes: Maxwell, Moran, Paulson, Harrington and Ajami

10. Authorize the General Manager to extend by nine months through March 31, 2022, the following programs currently scheduled to end June 30, 2021: (1) the Temporary Emergency Customer Assistance Program for COVID-19 Relief for single-family residential customers providing a discount of 15% on water, 35% on sewer, and 30% on Hetch Hetchy Power bills, (2) the application deadline for the Small Business and Nonprofit Customer Assistance Program for COVID-19 Relief providing a 20% discount on water and sewer bills with bill discounts under this program continuing for six months from the date of application approval, and (3) the temporary suspension of rules governing water/power shutoffs, liens, and fines. (Resolution 21-0063)

Erin Franks, Rates Administrator, began with an overview of each program (residential discount, small business and nonprofit discount, and shutoffs, liens, and fines moratorium) and eligibility, benefit and effective date of each. She reviewed the emergency program status (enrollment and average monthly benefit). She presented a
map that indicated program applications are concentrated in lower income neighborhoods.

Ms. Franks outlined the purpose of the extension (1) goal to balance support for customers during difficult times with the need to fund operations; (2) don’t want to end emergency programs without new programs ready; and (3) will use time during extension to develop proposals for restarting collections.

She reviewed extension changes for the (1) Residential Program (extends application deadline through March 31, 2022, and existing and new enrollees continue receiving benefits through March 31, 2022, with minimum one month of discount); (2) Small Business and Nonprofit Program: (extends application deadline through March 31, 2022, and all enrollees receive six months of discounts – no charge); (3) Extends shutoff, liens, and fines moratorium to March 31, 2022; (4) Current enrollees notified of extension, reminded to notify SFPUC if no longer eligible; and (5) Targeted outreach to vulnerable communities.

Ms. Franks responded to a question from Commissioner Ajami about the emergency program status for CleanPowerSF customers, noting they are a separate customer base.

No public comment.

On Motion to approve Item 10:
Ayes: Maxwell, Moran, Paulson, Harrington and Ajami

11. Approve Amendment No. 4 to Agreement No. PRO.0029, Project Pull Internship Services, with the Japanese Community Youth Council, to continue providing administrative services and technical assistance for the Project Pull Internship Program through the Summer 2021 session; and authorize the General Manager to execute this amendment, increasing the agreement duration by six months, for a total agreement duration of five years and six months, with no change to the contract amount. (Resolution 21-0064)

Ben Poole, Acting Director Workforce and Economic Program Services, introduced the item, indicating that the upcoming year will be the Project Pull’s 26th year. He stated that 2,000 students have been given internship opportunities through the program.

Commissioner Harrington stated that Project Pull is a good program but that the contract is not the best practice. He discussed the history of the item indicating it started with GM approval and then has added multiple amendments and it has gone from a $1M program to a $4M program and from two years to five years. He stated he does not want to continue to see incremental growth over time, and that another amendment cannot be requested.

Public Comment
• Shula Richardson discussed her seven-year experience as a participant with the Project Pull Program. She stated participants are given the experience to work with various City departments and gain valuable experience.

• Kelly (inaudible) discussed her six-year experience as a participant with the Program. She discussed the Program’s mission and goals, noted the diversity of the program participants, and discussed the work experience she has gained and doors that have opened.

• Carlos Ramos indicated the SFUPUC is one of the few agencies bringing services to the community. He discussed his experience in the Program and the work experience he gained.

• Shanice Patterson discussed how the Program has benefited her and other participants. She stated the Program gives second chances and he opportunity to learn to work with others and in a professional environment. She stated the Program is needed.

• Angie, eight-year Project Pull participant noted the Program has given her professional and interpersonal skills that has helped her in her career.

• Erica, 10-year Project Pull participant, stated the Program allowed her to find a support system and become a leader and without it she would not be where she is today.

• Cyrus, Project Pull alumni, stated the Program has given him the understanding of the importance of being a public sector employee.

Commissioner Harrington thanked Harlan Kelly for founding the program.

On Motion to approve Item 11:
Ayes: Maxwell, Moran, Paulson, Harrington and Ajami

12. Approve the selection of Edelstein Gilbert Robson & Smith LLC (EGRS); award Agreement No. PRO.0178, State Legislation Representation and Advocacy Services to provide state legislative lobbying services; and authorize the General Manager to negotiate and execute a professional services agreement with EGRS for an amount not-to-exceed $1,680,000, and with a duration of five years. (Resolution 21-0065)
Megan Scott, Policy and Government Affairs, introduced the item and noted the scope of work to be performed.

Commissioner Harrington stated that it would be useful to arrange for Sacramento and DC lobbyists come before the commission to discuss their strategies and engagement.

Ms. Scott responded to a question from Commissioner Ajami as to whether EGRS represents other utilities or water agencies, stating they do represent associations that the SFPUC is part of. Acting GM Carlin noted there is no conflict of interest.

No public comment.

The Commission Secretary re-announced that item 20 would not be heard.

13. Public comment on matters to be addressed during Closed Session
None.

14. Motion on whether to assert the attorney-client privilege regarding the matters listed below as Conference with Legal Counsel.

On Motion to assert the attorney-client privilege:
Ayes: Maxwell, Moran, Paulson, Harrington and Ajami

The Commission entered Closed Session at 4:33 PM.

Commissioner Paulson departed the meeting at 4:33 PM.

Present in Closed Session: Commissioners Maxwell, Moran, Harrington and Ajami (Items 15 through 19), Michael Carlin, Acting GM, Francesca Gessner, Deputy City Attorney, Eric Sandler, SFPUC CFO, Steve Ritchie, AGM Water, Lee Sayao, SFPUC IT, Donna Hood, Commission Secretary (items 15 through 19), Deputy City Attorneys Nicholas Whipps and Josh Milstein, Ellen Levin, Water Enterprise (items 18 and 19).

15. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – Pursuant to California Government Code, Section 54956.9(d)(2), and San Francisco Administrative Code, Section 67.10(d)(1)

Unlitigated Claim
Julieta Jay Carlos DMD, Inc. v. City and County of San Francisco
Unlitigated File No.: 21-00132
Date Filed: 07/17/2020
Proposed settlement with City to pay claimant $175,000 and claimant to release all claims.
(Resolution 21-0065)

16. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – Pursuant to California Government Code, Section 54956.9(d)(2), and San Francisco Administrative Code, Section 67.10(d)(1)

Unlitigated Claim
Monika Neuendorf/State Farm v. City and County of San Francisco
Unlitigated File No.: 21-00777
Date Filed: 10/30/2020
Proposed settlement with City to pay claimant $46,181.51 and claimant to release all claims.
(Resolution 21-0066)

17. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – Pursuant to California Government Code, Section 54956.9(d)(2), and San Francisco Administrative Code, Section 67.10(d)(1)

Unlitigated Claim
Stephen Besselman/State Farm v. City and County of San Francisco
Unlitigated File No.: 21-00238
Date Filed: 08/05/2020
Proposed settlement with City to pay claimant $29,107.03 and claimant to release all claims.
(Resolution 21-0067)

18. Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation as Petitioner per California Government Code 54956.9(d)(4) and San Francisco Administrative Code Section 67.10(d)(2)

19. Conference with Legal Counsel – Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54965.9 (d)(1) and San Francisco Administrative Code Section 67.10 (d)(1)

Existing Litigation
San Joaquin Tributaries Authority, et al v. California State Water Resources Control Board
Tuolumne Superior Court Case No. CV62094/Date Filed: January 10, 2019
Coordinated as State Water Board Cases by order filed May 13, 2019 in Sacramento Superior Court, JCCP No. 5013

20. Conference with Legal Counsel – Pursuant to California Government Code, Section 54956.9(a), and San Francisco Administrative Code, Section 67.10(d)(1)

The Commission exited Closed Session at 5:38 PM.

21. Announcement following Closed Session.
President Maxwell announced that the Commission recommends the Board of Supervisors resolve and settle the unlitigated claims under Closed Session items 15, 16, and 17.

22. Motion regarding whether to disclose the discussions during Closed Session pursuant to San Francisco Administrative Code Section 67.12(a).

On Motion not to disclose discussions during Closed Session:
Ayes: Maxwell, Moran, Paulson, Harrington and Ajami

President Maxwell adjourned the meeting at 5:39 PM