



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

MEETING MINUTES

**Tuesday, July 14, 2020
 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.**

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Mission: The Wastewater Subcommittee shall review sewage and stormwater collection, treatment, and disposal system replacement, recycling, and other relevant plans, programs, and policies (Admin Code 5.140-142).

Members

Misty McKinney, Chair (B-Enviro. Justice) Wendy Aragon (D1) Amy Zock (D6) Amy Nagengast (D8) Anietie Ekanem (D10)

M = Mayoral appointment, B = Board President Appointment

Staff Liaisons: Tracy Zhu and Letitia Carpenter

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Additional staff who were present: Kristen Asato-Webb and Jignesh Desai

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. **Call to order and roll call:** The meeting was called to order at 5:32 pm

Members present at roll call: (3) McKinney, Aragon, Nagengast

Members Absent: (2) Zock, Ekanem

Public Comment: None

2. **Approve [February 11, 2020](#) Minutes**

Motion was made (Nagengast) and seconded (Aragon) to approve [February 11, 2020](#) Minutes.

AYES: (3) McKinney, Aragon, Nagengast

NOES: (0)

ABSENT: (2) Zock, Ekanem

3. **Report from the Chair**

- Welcome members, staff, and the public

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

Public Comment: None

5. **Presentation and Discussion: [Biosolids Program Update](#),** Ryan Batjiaka, Manon Fisher, and Karri Ving; Business Strategy and Performance Division, Wastewater Enterprise

- Resource: [CAC adopted resolution in support of Class A Biosolids Local Distribution Program](#)

Presentation Topics

- How were biosolids used in 2019?
- Continuing to transition away from landfill
- Costs and budget
- Regulatory updates
- PFAS
- PFAS – Presence in human blood serum
- PFAS in soil
- PFAS study with UC Davis
- UC Merced Carbon Sequestration Research
- Mine reclamation with biosolids
- Covid-19 impacts on SFPUC biosolids program
- Benefit of SFPUC Biosolids Applied to Soils
- Biosolids Management System

- Class A Biosolids at Oceanside via TPAD
- Class A Biosolids at Southeast via THP

Discussion

- **Member Nagengast** asked what is the goal for 2025 in terms of biosolids use in land application?
Staff Fischer answered the goal would be to maximize the potential benefits biosolids provide to soil. That would be reflected in being 100% of biosolids use in direct land application. Another goal would be addressing public concern and answering questions from the public and state regulatory agencies.
- **Member Aragon** asked, it was mentioned that there is no evidence that human waste as a route for COVID-19 infection, is this a major concern from the public?
Staff Batjiaka answered, we have received only one inquiry on if wastewater is a form of infection. Additionally, we are working to develop testing to track trends in cases within a service area. As testing and methodology becomes more consistent we can develop ways to test RNA (i.e. proteins) of COVID-19 in wastewater.

Public Comment: None

6. **Discussion: “[Southeast Treatment Plant: Minimizing Air Quality Impacts](#)” [Factsheet](#)**, prepared by Infrastructure Bureau and Wastewater Communications

Discussion

- **Chair McKinney** asked, how is this factsheet reaching community members, and being circulated effectively to get the information out?
Staff Zhu noted that the factsheet was intended to communicate the commitments of the SFPUC in the Biosolids Digesters Facilities Project’s Environmental Impact Report (EIR) in regards to air quality. This factsheet was created because CAC requested more information on air quality.
- **Chair McKinney** suggested that the factsheet include a link to the EIR and Environmental Justice analysis so the reader can find more in-depth information on this air monitoring project.
Member Argon added, that it would be helpful for the factsheet to avoid being overly technical in order to provide accessibility to the public while offering a way for the reader to access more information if desired.
- **Member Nagengast** suggested sharing this factsheet with community groups who are participating in air monitoring and the Southeast Community Facilitate commission.

Public Comment: None

7. Staff report

- **Staff Carpenter** asked the CAC Members to decide when they would like to meet next.
All Members agreed to meet in September and the following meeting will be October, if needed.

8. Future Agenda Items and Resolutions

- Wastewater Capital Program Update (July FULL CAC meeting)
- Environmental Justice Analysis update
- Watershed Stewardship Grants

- Stormwater Management Ordinance and the Southeast Treatment Plant
- Environmental Justice in Capital Projects
- Upcoming Construction
- Green Infrastructure Resolution Update
- Workforce Programs and Qualifications
- Treasure Island Field Trip
- Phase 2 of SSIP Collection system
- Wastewater communications on green infrastructure program
- Stormwater prevention programs
- Update on Stormwater rate

9. **Announcements/Comments** The next scheduled meeting of the Wastewater Subcommittee will take place on September 8, 2020. Visit www.sfwater.org/cac for final confirmation of the next meeting date.

10. **Adjournment** the meeting was adjourned at 6:57pm

Motion was made (Nagengast) and seconded (Argon).

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