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San Francisco Public Utilities Commission
Citizens' Advisory Committee, Water Subcommittee
Approved Minutes

July 16, 2012

5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
525 Golden Gate, 2nd Floor Conference Room

Members

Jennifer Clary	Art Jensen	Diane Mokoro
Donald Carmignani	Karen Donovan	Richard Hansen
		Terrence Jones

Staff: Amy Sinclair

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Call to order

   The meeting was called to order at 5:30pm.

2. Roll call

   Present: Clary, Jensen, Hansen, Mokoro, Jones, Donovan

3. Review and approval of minutes from the June 2012 meeting.

   Approved as submitted

4. Public comment

Tory Francisco, a member of the Bay Area Chapter of the Bull Moose Hunting Society (BMHS- SF) spoke about their review of the Draft Alameda Watershed Habitat Conservation Plan. BMHS-SF shares the SFPUC's goal of promoting safe and reliable water resources while ensuring environmental well-being of natural lands. BMHS-SF has a goal of promoting ethical hunting and environmental responsibility through respectful stewardship and educating locals about the practices. Their goal is to begin a dialogue to promote an innovative, cross-agency, revenue generating approach to reducing invasive feral pig populations on the Alameda Watershed. Tory Francisco submitted a letter from BMHS-SF.

5. Staff announcements/update - none

6. Proposed Eastside Recycled Water Project – Barbara Palacios

SFPUC is currently conducting a second round of public outreach for the eastside project with a focus on facility site selection. Outreach is being conducted using iPad surveys. We are asking public to comment on eight potential sites grouped into north and south, depending on where the member of public is asked. Each person has been

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asked to comment on four sites in his/her area. The sites are for the facility infrastructure/treatment plant. An online version of the survey will launch on July 17th and will be emailed to a large number of people.

Jennifer asked about the location of the sites. Barbara stated proposed sites are: Caltrans/State of California owned parking lot, parking lot along the Embarcadero, parking lot on Embarcadero and Bryant - across from Piers 30 & 32, seawall lot 337, pier 70 development, public works lot at Cesar Chaves near 101 onramp, state owned lot at Selby and Evans near Southeast Plant, Pier 90 & 94 backlands and Griffith Street Pump Station land.

Sites are shown in the survey so people can see all eight sites. To date, 242 surveys are done. The goal is to reach 600 people by survey. All people surveyed either live or work in the Eastern half of City. A public workshop is being planned in mid-September.

Richard stated he recalls it was feasible to do recycled water on the west side but that the east side has leakage and additional salt. Barbara stated reverse-osmosis does remove sodium and chloride. Barbara states we are combining sites with treatment and must get all information before addressing feasibility.

Jennifer asked if we are looking at different types of treatment depending on the location. If on Embarcadero, would you be scalping from transport box? Barbara stated there is a matrix of alternatives. We will be looking at both a scalping and conventional treatment plant.

Terrance asked about survey interviews. Barbara stated we have targeted events such as Sunday Streets and other events. Terrance stated it is important to make sure the surveys are taking place in the right areas, representative of locations under consideration.

Jennifer asked for a report of the results to date of the first phase of the survey and if the CAC can be involved.

Karen suggested having a presentation as survey results come in would make sense for the CAC so that they can understand what the main concerns are.

Art Jensen asked if the committee wants to take a position. Jennifer stated the CAC has taken a position on the SFPUC's programs in non-potable water uses. Recycled water is another piece and will require a third set of pipes to take it to buildings to use it. Karen stated it is important to understand the obstacles to implementing recycled water to help the CAC represent the citizens' interests. Terrance feels more outreach and education with the public will decrease or at least address public concerns about the proposed projects.

7. Drink Tap Ordinance – Paula Kehoe

Paula stated chapter 29 of the plumbing code requires any building with 150 occupants to have a drinking fountain (currently). Supervisor Chiu's proposed Drink Tap Ordinance would require both a drinking fountain and a Drink Tap station or combined unit. A Drink Tap station can be used to fill a water bottle with potable drinking water. The intent is that new buildings will require both. The SFPUC's role is to provide assistance about the types of vendors, outreach and communication.

Terrance asked what the Drink Tap stations cost and what is the installation cost? Paula stated units cost between $750 and $3000 and it is similar to plumbing costs for installing a water fountain. Terrance asked if this is for new construction and remodeling.

Terrance asked what triggers a remodel. Paula stated the Supervisor's office is working on definitions.

Art asked if there is currently a requirement to take out lead pipe when remodeling a building. Paula is not sure but will research. Terrance stated some remodel costs may trigger expensive re-piping and may cause problems for landlords. Paula stated clarification is coming. Karen asked if hardship waivers will be considered.

Paula will work with her team to address key questions about types of buildings, remodel definitions, lead testing/replacement of lead pipes, etc.

Resolution in support of Drink Tap ordinance was approved as updated. Art moved to approve, Richard seconded. Terrance opposed in vote.

8. Non-potable supply ordinance

Comment from Art: Conservation is being done for a variety of reasons. It is the right thing to do, it does liberate existing water supply allocations to satisfy future growth in a cost effective way. Diversify water supply is a political concept. There is not a target for diversification. As a motive, it is fine as the resolution is written. Art suggested removing President Chiu's name from the ordinance and changed it to Board of Supervisors.

Resolution changed. Moved by Richard, seconded by Art. All voted in favor.

9. Topics for future consideration include:
    a. The Water Enterprise – Water Supply Policy
    b. Presentation on FERC relicensing process for Tuolumne/ New Don Pedro
    c. Revenue Bond Oversight Committee
    d. Budget – September/October
    e. Presentation on Recycled Water survey results/feedback round 1
    f. Alameda Watershed Habitat Conservation Plan and feral pigs
    g. Follow up on Francisco Reservoir
10. Jennifer announced this is her last meeting as chair of this committee. She will be Secretary of the CAC. She will oversee resolutions and track them with staff.

    There will NOT be a meeting in August. The next regular meeting of the subcommittee will held at 525 Golden Gate Ave.
11. Motion for adjournment adopted without objection at 6:56pm.

12. Adjournment - The meeting adjourned at 6:56pm.