



**Citizens' Advisory Committee (CAC)**  
**APPROVED MINUTES**

**Tuesday, July 24, 2012**  
 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.

**NEW MEETING LOCATION:** 525 Golden Gate Ave., 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

**Members:**

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|------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Richard Hansen (D1)    | Walt Farrell (D7)                  | Avni Jamdar (M-Env. Group)           |
| Donald Carmignani (D2) | Javieree PruittHill (D8)           | Art Jensen (M-Reg'l Water Customers) |
| Doug Cain (D3)         | Dairo Romero (D9)                  | Stephen Bjorgan (M-Eng./Financial)   |
| David Pilpel (D4)      | <b>Terrence Jones, Chair</b> (D10) | Vacant (M-Lg Water User)             |
| Diane Mokoro (D5)      | Jennifer Clary (D11)               | Ted Ko (B-S. Business)               |
| Jessica Buendia (D6)   |                                    | Alex Lantsberg (B-Env. Justice)      |

M = Mayoral appointment, B = Board President appointment

**Staff Liaisons:** Jean Walsh and Teresa Young

**ORDER OF BUSINESS**

- 1. Call to Order and Roll Call** - Chair Jones called the meeting to order at 05:58 p.m. when the panel achieved quorum.

**Present:** A.Jensen; T.Jones; D.Pilpel; D.Cain; D.Mokoro; D.Romero; R.Hansen; J.Pruithill; S.Bjorgan

**Absent:** D.Carmignani; T.Ko; J.Clary; W.Farrell; J.Buendia; A.Jamdar; A.Lantsberg;

- 2. Approval of the June 26 meeting minutes**

D.Pilpel moved; A.Jensen seconded. No public comment. Minutes approved by acclamation.

R.Hansen: Is there a standard on how meeting minutes are recorded?

D.Pilpel: There is no standard on minutes except that it records actions taken. The body decides how much detail to include as long as it complies with the Sunshine Ordinance and City Charter.

- 3. Public Comment:** none.

- 4. Report from the Chair: T.Jones**

There will be no meeting for the water subcommittee next month. J.Clary has stepped down as water chair to focus on streamlining minutes, attendance, and resolution processes. T.Jones will be the interim water chair while looking for a replacement. A.Lantsberg is stepping down as wastewater subcommittee chair, but will remain a member and start a new subcommittee focusing on community benefits and environmental justice. J.Pruithill will now be the wastewater chair.

T.Jones had the opportunity to visit one of the private tenants (Kevin) at Southeast Community Facility (SECF). Kevin is part of a commercial wholesale greenhouse specializing in interior office plants. Kevin talked to T.Jones about the potential uses for SECF. J.Pruithill and A.Lantsberg will be following up and talking to City College stakeholders.

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**5. Subcommittee Chair Reports:**

- a. Power Subcommittee (D.Cain)
  - i. There was a presentation on streetlights at the last meeting. A representative of a consulting firm for PG&E requested to make a presentation to contest the SFPUC presentation. A PG&E representative will share during public comment at the next subcommittee meeting.
- b. Water Subcommittee (J.Clary) – *absent, T.Jones provided report*
  - i. Regarding the Francisco Reservoir Resolution from the last full CAC meeting: There was a memo included in the Commission agenda from Rosanna Russell, SFPUC Real Estate Director, with a list of appraised values for SFPUC properties. Francisco Reservoir was listed at \$9.5M.
- c. Wastewater Subcommittee (A.Lantsberg) – *absent, T.Jones provided report*
  - i. The subcommittee was updated about the SSIP validation workshop, added another “level of service” goal to maintain affordability, and heard about the focus group feedback.
  - ii. There was a summary of SSIP about program updates. The current number on wastewater for the program in process is \$2.5B, some of that amount has happened, some is taking place.

**6. Staff Updates: J.Walsh – none.**

**7. Presentation: 5-year Rate Study. Crispin Hollings, Director of Financial Planning** (item was discussed prior achieving quorum)

**8. Possible Action on Rate Increases and Capital Improvements.** Resolution recommending that the SFPUC increase its efforts to inform the public of the coming rate increases and the need to maintain infrastructure.

A.Jensen: In my past experience, SFPUC did a pretty good job reaching out to commercial enterprises if there are street impacts, but people traveling through the street may not get a door hanger. If the five year rate plan is adopted, then the public may already know about it and need reminders along the way so that they remember rate increases are approaching. This is all about retail rates, so we should include “retail rates” in the resolution. Question about the information listed on the fourth “whereas”, I saw that the SSIP alone is \$7B. Suggested to change to “several billion” instead. I think the “therefore” statement read strictly is strong, but read casually, someone might assume SFPUC would be given a blank check for infrastructure.

D.Pilpel: This provides some context that makes sense to CAC, but wonder if there’s been any discussion with staff. My understanding is that there will be at least one person in Communications to discuss rate impacts with customers. I don’t think staff is unaware about rate impacts to customers and sensitive to it. One could easily read this as though staff hasn’t been doing something about rate outreach. I suggest rewording it to support what staff is already doing.

T.Jones: In general, that’s not intended to say that no one is doing anything about it, but it’s about being proactive in this level at this body to diffuse problems in advance from blowing up.

J.Walsh: What makes people think that may be in the seventh “whereas” statement. Suggest adding “yet” in this statement. In fact, this is a huge part of our communications plan. Including communication on WSIP complicates the resolution because it happened in the past.

C.Hollings: There was a lot of outreach done for WSIP and adding “yet” on SSIP may be good.

T.Jones: If members are willing to vote on this as is, then we can move forward on a vote. If this isn’t ready for vote, it would be better not to spend this time wordsmithing the resolution and postpone it for a future meeting.

R.Hansen: I suggest tabling this and ask the outreach group to share about the plan.

D.Cain: I don't mind adopting the suggestions, because I believe we should get a solution now. We're consumers too and we're not hearing it. We're making it known that effort needs to increase. Propose a vote with the amendments suggested and modifications.

D.Cain moved; R.Hansen seconded. Chair T.Jones decided not to call a vote on the motion.

D.Pilpel proposed a revision on outreach and moved to appeal the decision of the Chair not to move forward to the vote.

Vote in favor of sustaining Chair's decision to move forward with the vote: T.Jones; D.Cain; D.Mokoro; D.Romero; R.Hansen; J.Pruithill S.Bjorgan;  
Not in favor: A.Jensen; D.Pilpel;  
Chair's decision was sustained.

Vote in favor of passing resolution with the proposed amendments: T.Jones; D.Cain; D.Romero; R.Hansen; J.Pruithill; S.Bjorgan;  
Not in favor: A.Jensen; D.Pilpel; D.Mokoro  
Motion failed (6-3)

D.Pilpel: A substantive motion requires the affirmative vote of the majority of the members of the body, which means nine votes are needed to carry. I would like us to try passing this tonight because it is timely to what the Commission is going to consider adopting on 8/28. Passing some version of this would be good and timely.  
T.Jones: We'll bring this back another date. To pass any of these resolutions, we need to have a total of nine, which means we cannot have any objections. We can continue to wordsmith this resolution and pass it unanimously or we can move on to the other two resolutions.

D.Romero: I think we should pass something tonight because it is timely. This would affect everyone the same way, regardless of whether they are rich or poor.

A.Jensen: We had some questions coming out of the water subcommittee about the resolutions and wording of them. J.Clary did not provide alternate wording and Karen Donovan was going to work with J.Clary on that. We had some questions between that meeting and this meeting for staff as well. If those resolutions are still not ready, I propose to focus on this tonight.

D.Mokoro: I don't agree to the wording and would like to work on this some more.

D.Pilpel: I still have an amendment and propose making that amendment but not vote on it tonight. That way, we can be in a better place next time.

\*discussion put on hold to review items 9 and 10 while SFPUC staff was available to answer questions

9. **Possible Action to support the Drink Tap Ordinance** – Paula Kehoe, SFPUC Manager of Water Resources Planning was present to answer questions.

P.Kehoe: There were three questions that were brought up from the water subcommittee: 1) How do they respond to the remodel? We have not received response from supervisor's office yet. 2) What types of buildings? As with chapter 29 on building systems, any building with 30 or more occupants needs a drinking fountain, but it did not mention anything about individual residential units. 3) Are there any plumbing requirements for lead abatement and replacement for remodeled buildings? DBI responded there isn't any plumbing code that requires that. I spoke with J.Clary that we would need further discussion and research.

T.Jones: Could we move forward on the vote?

A.Jensen: Lead would create an issue. My suggestion for the CAC is to insist that the lead issues be resolved so people don't put in any drinking fountain in remodeled buildings with lead. If we put that in our resolution, then it may make something happen.

T.Jones: If no one objects, we can just table this for now and bring it back to the water subcommittee to rework.

D.Pilpel: I support the legislation. If there are other opportunities to reduce the use of single-use plastic water bottles and encourage use of Hetchy tap water, it would be good for this committee to support those efforts. This is part of a larger menu of things we support.

10. **Possible Action to support the Alternative Water Supply Ordinance**

P.Kehoe provided background information about the ordinance and the partners involved in developing it. This is for commercial applications only. SFPUC also established a grant program in place to encourage participation.

D.Romero: Is there an economic incentive for developers to do this?

P.Kehoe: Our grant program is up to \$250,000. Project costs can range from \$100,000 to several million, depending on the size of the building and complexity of systems.

T.Jones: In section 855 that talks about application fees, is there any logic to why some fees are higher than others?

P.Kehoe: These fees cover DPH costs depending on the complexity of the system. For example, a rainwater system is less complex than a black water system. This ordinance is to help set up and streamline permitting processes in the City. SFPUC has established grants as a financial incentive. This is a voluntary program for developers to participate in.

D.Pilpel: These fees don't cover SFPUC or DBI fees, correct?

P.Kehoe: That's correct.

D.Pilpel: Suggest adding a resolved clause to support SFPUC's efforts with the grant program to minimize financial impact and encourage people to participate.

A.Jensen: The grant program provides an incentive but it is small compared to the cost of the building. The grant program isn't designed to help you save money, it is designed for you to feel good about participating.

D.Pilpel moved the resolution; A.Jensen seconded.

Vote in favor: A.Jensen; T.Jones; D.Pilpel; D.Cain; D.Mokoro; D.Romero; R.Hansen; J.Pruithill

Vote not in favor: S.Bjorgan. (Motion failed 8-1)

11. **Future CAC Agenda Items:** Next regularly scheduled Full CAC meeting **Tuesday, August 28.**

- D.Pilpel: Technology Policy Discussion (Todd Rydstrom)
- Further discussion and possible action:
  - Drink Tap Ordinance
  - Non-Potable Water Ordinance
- Presentation on SSIP rates communications plan, resolution on rate increases and capital improvements (pending communications plan)

12. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 7:02 p.m. D.Cain moved; S.Bjorgan seconded.