



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

MEETING MINUTES – APPROVED

August 21, 2012

5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

525 Golden Gate Ave 2nd Floor O'Shaughnessy Conference Room

Members

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

Staff: Teresa Young

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Call to order – Chair Jones called the meeting to order at 05:36 p.m.
2. Roll call – Present: D.Carmignani; A.Jensen; D.Mokoro; T.Jones; R.Hansen; J.Clary; K.Donovan
3. Review and approval of [minutes](#) from the July 16, 2012 meeting
 A.Jensen moved; D.Carmignani seconded. Minutes approved by acclamation.
4. Public comment

Tory Francisco was present to discuss the feral pig program in the Alameda Watershed. He was interested in looking at the cost of the contract to remove feral pigs, and to understand the contract and RFP for that program. He provided comments on the Habitat Conservation Plan and contacted Tim Koopman (SFPUC) for information about the watershed management plan, contract, terms, etc. and has not received a response yet.

J.Clary: Suggested to speak with someone from the Natural Resources Division for more information about the feral pig program and watershed management plan.

A.Jensen: Suggested discussing this topic during future agenda items.

5. Staff announcements/updates - none
6. Redraft [Drink Tap Resolution](#), Discussion and Possible Action to support [Drink Tap Ordinance](#) sponsored by Supervisor David Chiu

T.Jones: Suggested addressing testing for lead in resolution.

A.Jensen: Suggested adding language that no drinking fountains should be installed in buildings that contain lead piping. The reason for stating it this way is if we try to add language that specifies what happens to buildings that do have lead problems that suddenly take on this project.

K.Donovan: We are stating that we support the legislation and also support a building with lead-free piping.

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J.Clary: There are no rules about having to remove lead piping. I would note that when they install tap station in schools, they are testing for lead.

T.Jones: Why does it cost \$10,000 in schools?

J.Clary: It might cost more in schools because of plumbing costs and lead abatement.

R.Hansen moved to vote with A.Jensen's suggested change. A.Jensen seconded.

K.Donovan suggested including "where there is a risk in lead contamination," so that it is not open to interpretation.

Public Comment: none.

A.Jensen moved; R.Hansen seconded.

In favor: D.Carmignani; A.Jensen; D.Mokoro; T.Jones; R.Hansen; J.Clary; K.Donovan;

Resolution approved by unanimous vote of members present.

7. Redraft [Non-Potable Water Supply Resolution](#), Discussion and Possible Action to support [Alternative Water Supply Ordinance](#) sponsored by Supervisor David Chiu

A.Jensen: S.Bjorgan was concerned that the fees charged could "kill the program". The fees are minuscule compared to what building owners are required to do. I understand these concerns regarding fees and barriers, but I would either accept the resolution as originally worded with A.Jensen's addition.

T.Jones: The pilot grant program was undefined and it appeared that it was small compared to the fees. It appeared to be "more stick than carrot". Having an alternative water supply is important, but if it is all about fees rather than an incentive program, then it might come across as discouraging than encouraging.

J.Clary: Somewhere along the way we lost the purpose of this legislation. The legislation is not requiring anyone to do anything. The intent is to streamline a regulatory process between three agencies: DPH, DBI and SFPUC, and to ensure there is a clear process to get approval from all three entities.

K.Donovan: Is the legislation still being developed? I'm still trying to understand the streamlining in this rather than adding bureaucracy.

A.Jensen: The whole intent was to enable people to participate if they want to and it doesn't mandate anything. It is a pilot program for the grant, so it's not bolting things down for all time. We learn by doing and make it better later. I would vote against something that states that the grants should be so large that it propels people to participate.

J.Clary: I will ask Paula Kehoe about specific bullet points on how it improves the process and referencing to language in the legislation. Maybe it's less streamlining, but coordinating oversight. We can't eliminate DPH, DBI and SFPUC oversight, because these agencies have authority over public health and safety. What this legislation is aiming to do is coordinating this effort.

K.Donovan: The goal of getting the resolution through the full CAC could be pointing to language that establishes that principle.

R.Hansen: Suggested adding "streamline process to ensure compatibility amongst the respective requirements of the agencies."

A.Jensen: I like the spirit of it, but it is starting to sound a bit complicated. Suggested eliminating "regulations" in the fifth whereas and "Mayor and BOS" in the final resolve.

R.Hansen seconded A.Jensen's proposal.

K.Donovan: In the last resolve, “supports the goals of the alternative water supply ordinance” and the rest of the language – the goal and actual language of it don’t seem to be matching up.

In favor of supporting ordinance and revised resolution without K.Donovan’s suggested change: D.Carmignani; A.Jensen; D.Mokoro; T.Jones; R.Hansen; J.Clary; Motion carries by majority vote of members present.

Not in favor: K.Donovan.

Public comment: none.

- 8. Presentation: Construction outreach practices** by Catania Galvan, Coordinator of Citizen Involvement; Lolita Sweet, Public Information Officer.

Discussion and Q&A:

J.Clary: Several years ago there was a sewer replacement in front of my home, now there is a water main project in front of work office. Does the SFPUC have noise limits on construction projects?

L.Sweet: The 30 and 10 day notices stipulate hours of operation as well as inform the public of work being done.

C.Galvan: There is a noise ordinance in San Francisco, residence. There are instances where we need to conduct emergency repair work (e.g. North Shore Force Main) and we work with other City agencies and stakeholders to get the work done, including MTA, Port, Ferry Building, and delivery companies/trucks.

K.Donovan: For treatment transmission of water projects, local building and zoning ordinances do not apply in the state code. I assume the City tries to work within noise levels in locality if you can get project done much faster by going outside of noise level.

A.Jensen: In looking at the factsheet under project summary, it would be helpful to include the benefit to customers.

T.Jones: Is the factsheet or information about construction posted on website?

L.Sweet: Our website lists all scheduled construction projects in the City under “construction in your neighborhood”. If it’s an emergency project, it is not listed on this page.

C.Galvan: Side sewer repair/replacement projects do not require noticing as these projects take less than 8 hours to complete. The only noticing is if they need to block parking. We are not the only ones digging the streets. DPW also conducts construction work and many independent contractors hired by private property owners also start work before hours. Call 311 for after hours.

K.Donovan: Do you try to coordinate with other utilities to avoid multiple runs of the street?

L.Sweet: We work with PG&E, DPW, cable companies, and if there is a water/sewer project, we try opening the streets at the same time. When a project is on a street with many businesses, we sometimes work beyond 5:00pm to avoid shutting off their water. We will notice for those projects.

D.Mokoro: Where are the graphics designed? Where are the signs placed? Those signs indicate construction is coming, correct? How does graphics indicate that work will go on?

C.Galvan: We have a graphics team here and all construction signs are standardized. Usually the signs will be placed toward the beginning the street, 30 days before it starts. We use a City-wide construction sign template indicating “OneSF”. We work with the Project Managers to get the correct info on the signs and relay that information to Graphics.

T.Jones: It would be nice to have a presentation at the full CAC meeting that includes images of outreach collateral.

J.Clary: When you're doing construction on a block-level, do you scale that down on a census block basis to determine translation?

C.Galvan: What I'd like to see is the "for more info" copy is translated and people can call 311 for immediate in-language assistance. We have placed a few blanket purchase order requests with several translation firms and also include phone service.

A.Jensen: The nature of resolution was inspired by someone being concerned that things weren't doing well or enough. What nature of the resolution would be "enough"?

T.Jones: The intent of the resolution was about going above and beyond the scope of legal notification requirements – that we are doing a public good for the community, not just spending money for the sake of spending money.

J.Clary: Suggested a role of the CAC is to understand what the SFPUC is doing and review the work after one or two major projects are done. For example, the Cesar Chavez project.

L.Sweet: The Cesar Chavez project is headed by DPW. Sometimes people assume DPW projects are ours, but we work with them to coordinate public outreach efforts.

9. Future agenda items

A.Jensen: As SFPUC staff is implementing the watershed master plan, how does SFPUC respond to public member inquiries about right of ways? Perhaps we can get this information in a presentation.

R.Hansen: Pacific Rod & Gun Club at Lake Merced and who is responsible to get rid of the lead.

T.Francisco: Feral pig hunting program and how we can get more information about cost, terms of contract, if this project was put out for bid.

J.Clary suggested contacting Tim Ramirez for more information.

J.Clary: Water supply policy, who gets water and how much. FERC. Revenue Bond Oversight Committee. Budget. Recycled water and survey results.

K.Donovan: RBOC. The process of getting RFP as follow up to do a survey of WSIP and lessons learned going into SSIP.

D.Mokoro: Budget.

A.Jensen recognized Winchell Hayward's contributions to the CAC.

10. Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 06:57 p.m. R.Hansen moved; A.Jensen seconded.