



September 26, 2012

The Honorable David Chiu
 President, Board of Supervisors
 City Hall
 San Francisco, CA 94102
Sent via electronic mail

Re: File #120488 Drink Tap reuse ordinance

Dear President Chiu and Supervisors,

This letter is to inform you that the Citizens' Advisory Committee of the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission voted, at their August 28, 2012 meeting, to support this ordinance. The resolution is attached.

The SFPUC Citizens' Advisory was established by ordinance to publicly discuss and make recommendations to the General Manager of the Public Utilities Commission, the Public Utilities Commission and the Board of Supervisors on the achievement of the goals and objectives enumerated in the Charter. Our seventeen members are appointed by each of the Supervisors, with additional appointments by the Board President and the Mayor.

We appreciate the opportunity to comment on this legislation, and thank you for bringing it forward.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Clary
 Secretary

cc: Supervisors
 Mayor Lee
 Harlan Kelly, General Manager
 Public Utilities Commission

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**Resolution in Support of Drink Tap ordinance
As adopted August 28, 2012 by SFPUC CAC**

Whereas, the promotion of water for consumption rather than soda can help reduce obesity and its related health problems;

Whereas, reusable water bottles reduce the consumption of single-use bottles, which use significant natural resources in production, transport, and disposal;

Whereas, an ordinance has been introduced at the Board of Supervisors that will require new and remodeled buildings that have drinking fountains to provide bottle filling stations;

Therefore, be it Resolved that the PUC Citizens' Advisory Committee supports the proposed legislation and urges the Mayor and Supervisors to support it.

Be it further Resolved, that the CAC recommends that drinking water stations not be installed in buildings where there is a risk of lead contamination in the water supply.



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August 31, 2012

The Honorable David Chiu
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Sent via electronic mail

Re: File #120717 On-site water reuse ordinance

Dear President Chiu and Supervisors,

This letter is to inform you that the Citizens' Advisory Committee of the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission voted, at their August 28, 2012 meeting, to support this ordinance. The resolution is attached.

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We appreciate the opportunity to comment on this legislation, and thank you for bringing it forward.

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Alternative Water Supply resolution
As approved by the SF PUC Citizen's Advisory Committee
August 28, 2012

Whereas, the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission currently obtains 85% of its water supply from the Tuolumne River,

Whereas, the SFPUC's Tuolumne River supply is threatened by climate change as well as potential state and federal regulations that may require additional releases of water for the protection and restoration of endangered species;

Whereas, the SFPUC and its wholesale customers are actively pursuing alternative water supply options, including conservation and recycling, to diversify their water supply;

Whereas, in April of this year, the SFPUC published its "Potable Offset Investigation Summary" which identifies up to 3.4 million gallons per day of new water supply by 2035 through reuse of gray water, blackwater, stormwater and sump water for nonpotable purposes such as toilet flushing and irrigation;

Whereas, an ordinance has been introduced at the Board of Supervisors to streamline the approvals for the use of alternative water sources for nonpotable uses;

Whereas, the SFPUC has established a pilot grant program to incentivize the development of nonpotable supplies in large developments;

Therefore be it resolved, that the PUC Citizens' Advisory Committee supports the actions of the SFPUC to diversify its water supply, including the aforementioned pilot program;

Be it further resolved that the PUC Citizens' Advisory Committee supports the Alternative Water Supply ordinance being considered by the Board of Supervisors and urges the Mayor and Board of Supervisors to support.

Resolution regarding:

Policy Regarding Francisco Reservoir

Approved by the Full CAC at the June 26, 2012 meeting

WHEREAS, Francisco Reservoir and the land on which it is located was purchased by the City and County of San Francisco as part of its purchase of the Spring Valley Water Company and is under the administrative jurisdiction of the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission and is managed by the SFPUC; and

WHEREAS, the Francisco Reservoir has not been in active use as part of the City system for storage and transmission of water since the 1940s; and

WHEREAS, there is significant interest within the surrounding community and the neighborhood groups active in the community in seeing that the Francisco Reservoir parcel and the surrounding lands not be developed for private uses and remain accessible to the public, and

WHEREAS, the surrounding community and the neighborhood groups active in the community believe that the reservoir site has great value as a park and public open space for the City, and especially for the northern areas of the City; and

WHEREAS, the SFPUC adopted a Stewardship Policy in 2006 that states that “properties in urban surroundings and under SFPUC management will be managed in a manner that protects and restores habitat value where available, and encourages community participation in decisions that significantly interrupt or alter current land use in these parcels”; and

WHEREAS, the General Plan and Zoning Ordinance designates the Francisco Reservoir property and the property immediately north of the parcel as public open space, a designation that does not allow for development for private uses not providing public access; and

WHEREAS, the San Francisco General Plan Recreation and Open Space Element includes the following policies with respect to lands that are presently open space:

Policy 1.2: Make open space lands already in public ownership accessible to the public for compatible recreational uses.

“If San Francisco Water Department property becomes surplus, appropriate land areas should be dedicated for use as public open space.”

Policy 2.2: Preserve existing public open space.

“In cases where the land declared surplus is designated as open space in this plan, the policy is clear: open space should take priority over other public uses.”

WHEREAS, on December 16, 2008, the Board of Supervisors passed Resolution 502-08 recognizing that the Francisco Reservoir property serves acute open space and recreational needs and resolving that it will be the policy of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors that the Francisco Reservoir property remain as public open space; and

WHEREAS, on October 20, 2008, the SFPUC CAC passed a Resolution recognizing that the Francisco Reservoir property is a major open space amenity and recommending that the General Manager of the SFPUC and the Commission review and develop comprehensive criteria for declaring land surplus, incorporating the Stewardship Policy into these criteria and ensuring the protection of properties providing public benefit; and

WHEREAS, the SFPUC has concerns about the costs to the SFPUC of continuing to maintain the property as open space for neighborhood use, and the SFPUC has expressed the desire to receive appropriate compensation if the parcel is transferred to another City department for maintenance and improvement for open space uses; and

WHEREAS, the SFPUC has also articulated a desire to continue to work with the community to advance an appropriate resolution of the Francisco Reservoir property that would allow the SFPUC to divest itself of ownership of the parcel.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the CAC urges that before any further actions are taken with respect to the Francisco Reservoir property, the SFPUC establish a comprehensive and thoughtful process to seek and obtain meaningful community participation and input on future uses of the Francisco Reservoir property.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the CAC urges the SFPUC to cooperate with the community on its efforts to maintain the recreational and open space value of the Francisco Reservoir property as set forth in the General Plan; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the CAC urges that when the SFPUC takes any further action with respect to the Francisco Reservoir property that its actions be consistent with the recognition in State law of the need to address the deficiency in lands available for recreations purposes and with the SFPUC Environmental Stewardship Policy of 2006, and the General Plan designation of the property, and the Board of Supervisors Resolution 502-08.

Resolution regarding: **THE SEWER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**
Approved by the Full CAC at the June 26, 2012 meeting

WHEREAS A reliable sewer system is essential to public health.

WHEREAS San Francisco's combined sewer system is critical to making the City a desirous place to live, work and play.

WHEREAS Many elements of the combined sewer system are old, in poor condition, and in need of improvement to continue to protect public health and the Bay and Ocean.

WHEREAS The Sewer System Improvement Program (SSIP) will require a significant investment of ratepayer dollars to rebuild and modernize San Francisco's wastewater infrastructure.

WHEREAS The Program Validation activities currently being conducted by the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC) staff and consultants are intended to verify that the SSIP as currently designed meets the Goals and Levels of Service established by the SFPUC.

WHEREAS There has been active and extensive public participation in the SSIP prior to this current iteration of the program.

WHEREAS A coalition of environmental and community organizations submitted a letter to the SFPUC reiterating their recommendations for including various programmatic and policy elements, including clearly defined policies for resource allocation between green and gray infrastructure, reductions of disproportionate impacts on communities, overall quality of life improvements, environmental terrestrial and aquatic health, long term climate change adaptation, and transparent triple bottom line analysis into the Urban Watershed Framework that has been developed to guide investment priorities.

WHEREAS The overall success of the SSIP relies on continued stakeholder engagement to address concerns, ancillary environmental benefits and related program features.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED That the SFPUC Citizens' Advisory Committee (CAC) supports the SSIP Program Validation process currently being conducted by SFPUC staff.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That the CAC and its Wastewater Subcommittee commit to on-going dialogue with the SSIP staff to gather public input about the SSIP.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That the CAC urges that the SSIP incorporate and reflect public input.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That the CAC urges that the Program Validation process directly address the various costs and benefits to San Francisco from the SSIP and its associated elements.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That the Program Validation effort is accompanied with a comprehensive public communications program to educate stakeholders about the rate impacts of the SSIP.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That the CAC urges the Commission to ensure that the SSIP incorporate specific, quantifiable goals and Levels of Service for environmental protection and restoration.