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Citizens' Advisory Committee (CAC)

Wastewater Subcommittee meeting

1155 Market Street, 4th Floor Conference Room

Meeting Minutes

Date: August 11, 2011

Members: Laura Tam (Chair) - Alex Lantsberg (excused absence) - Jennifer Clary - David Pilpel (late) – Terrence Jones – Dairo Romero – Judy West (excused absence)

1. Call to order- 5:40 p.m.

2. Roll Call- See above

SFPUC Staff present – Kenya Briggs, Jean Walsh, Rosey Jencks, Marielle Earwood
Members of the public – Kevin Fellows (of Parsons Brinckerhoff)

3. Minutes – The June, 2011 Regular Meeting minutes were approved (with one correction, below):

> CORRECTION: Item 6, last line – Beth Goldstein represents HydroConsult (not Brown and Caldwell).

4. Public Comment – Introduction of member of the public Kevin Fellows of Parsons Brinckerhoff.

5. Staff Report

Jean Walsh reported that special tour of the Southeast Wastewater Treatment Plant and Bayside infrastructure is being planned next Friday, 8/19, for CAC members (WW CAC member Terrence Jones is planning to attend).

AECOM/Parsons has been selected as the contractor program manager for the SSIP.

REQUEST: Please send an email about the tour to the entire WWE CAC subcommittee.

Rosey Jencks reported that the latest Watershed Stewardship Grant cycle has finished and new projects have been awarded funds.

QUESTION: What records are kept on past grants?
ANSWER: Grant winners sign a Memorandum of Understanding promising to maintain their new systems.

6. Stormwater rates discussion, presented by Rosey Jencks – incentives to reduce water use and implement Low Impact Design (LID).

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Discussion/Comments:

The presentation was followed by a discussion rather than a question and answer session. Topics discussed: flow factor adjustments (especially that they don't encourage water conservation), green roofs, water-saving calculators, creating a conservation and LID cost schedule/brochure.

REQUEST: Please find out and let CAC members know how many city-wide residents currently have flow factor adjustments.

COMMENT: Members voiced a consensus to develop a resolution (possibly at the September CAC subcommittee meeting) to encourage the SFPUC to create a communications piece with cost-benefit information relating to implementing a wide-range of conservation and LID solutions (how to get the "biggest bang for your buck").

QUESTION: How does this project relate to commercial rates and parking lots?
ANSWER: This project doesn't address those issues.

COMMENT: Ask John Roddy (attorney) if it's possible to create a third tier of billing rates for stormwater management. (Laura Tam volunteered to do this.)

COMMENT: CAC subcommittee members would like to have Rosey return in the future to discuss results of the "incentives to reduce water use" study.

PUBLIC COMMENT: A large amount of stormwater goes into the sewer system. It would take a lot of new stormwater management infrastructure to make a difference. Also, there's a risk of potential problems in the future with regulations.

7. Key Points/Recap:

- Encourage the agency to develop a brochure/communications piece showing residents and businesses how to get the biggest bang for their buck when implementing water conservation and stormwater management solutions.

- Follow up with John Roddy on possibility of third tier of billing for stormwater management (Laura Tam)

- Let CAC subcommittee members know how many residents city-wide currently have flow factor adjustments (SFPUC Staff)

8. Comments, suggestions and requests for future agenda items by members of the Wastewater Subcommittee, staff and general public.

- REQUEST: Please make existing list of future agenda items available to new subcommittee members (Jean)

- Possible September agenda item – Watershed Framework (including discussion of triple bottom line calculator).

- Develop a resolution (possibly at the September CAC subcommittee meeting) to encourage the SFPUC to create a communications piece with cost-benefit information relating to implementing of a wide range of conservation and LID solutions.

David Pilpel reported that he and Jennifer Clary attended last Tuesday's Commission retreat and it went well.

9. **Adjourned** - 7:11 p.m.