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

July 18, 2011

5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. 1155 Market Street, 4th Floor Conference Room

**Members:** Jennifer Clary (Chair), Doug Cain, Richard Hansen, Walt Farrell, Art Jensen, Mike Marshall, Donald Carmignani

Staff: Suzanne Gautier

### **ORDER OF BUSINESS**

### 1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm.

#### 2. Roll Call

Present: Clary, Carmignani, Jensen, Hansen

## 3. Approval of Minutes

The June minutes were approved by acclamation, May minutes were held for resubmittal and consideration at the next regular meeting.

### 4. Public Comment

None

## 5. Staff Announcements/Updates

Suzanne Gautier reported that the Water Enterprise will present a draft MOU and new management plan for Lake Merced to a community meeting on July 19. The Natural Resources and Lands Management Division of the Enterprise has assumed responsibility for management of Lake Merced as well as other properties in San Francisco effective 1 July 2011.

# 6. Water System Improvement Program Update

Jeet Bajwa reported on the status of the Water System Improvement program, see attached presentation. (This report was presented prior to quorum call.) Highlights included the projects completed, projects entering the construction phase, and the realignment of the Program to move the Water Supply projects out of the program so that they can continue to be developed after 2016. In addition, the overall program will be completed in July of 2016.

Edwin M. Lee Mayor

Francesca Vietor President

> Anson Moran Vice President

Ann Moller Caen Commissioner

> Art Torres Commissioner

Vince Courtney Commissioner

**Ed Harrington** General Manager



## 7. Resolution relative to: Climate Change Information Request

Whereas, the impacts of climate change on San Francisco's water supplies can affect residents, businesses and jobs in both the retail and wholesale service areas; and

Whereas, the SFPUC Citizens' Advisory Committee on May 25, 2010, adopted a resolution urging "the General Manager and the Commission to make public all scopes of work for studies and reports from studies related to the impacts of or adaptation to climate change, including draft documents in order to make this information available and to receive public input;" and

Whereas, the SFPUC is a founding member and chair of the Water Utility Climate Alliance; and

Whereas, the SFPUC has been engaged in modeling climate change impacts on their system for several years; and

Whereas, the Commission, at their June 14, 2011, authorized a grant application for federal funding to assess the potential effects of climate change on the SFPUC's water supply;

Whereas, that application specifically states that the project will be designed and performed with the "expectation" that the conclusions will be communicated to the public, but also states that such communication is not included in the grant workplan;

Therefore, be it Resolved, that the CAC urges the Commission to make public all past reports generated by the SFPUC's climate research activities; and

Be it Further Resolved that the CAC urges the Commission to produce a written report that states: a) what, if any, specific results from that research that have been incorporated into planning for water and wastewater management and capital improvements, and b) what results the Commission expects will be achieved by these research activities, on what schedule and at what expense.

Moved by member Jensen, second by member Hansen. Approved without objection, by acclamation.

# 8. Resolution Relative to: Staff Report Content for Informed Commission Decisions

Whereas, the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission is charged with representing the public in directing policy and budget decisions for the agency;

Whereas, the Commission currently has limited mechanisms for assessing the full costs and benefits of their actions;

Whereas, the public has limited ability to understand the impact of Commission decisions on their environment and their water rates;

Therefore, be it resolved, that for assessing actions and policies being considered by the Commission, the Commission direct staff to cite in staff reports to the Commission:

- How the proposed action forwards or addresses sustainability and precautionary decision making;
- ➤ The life-cycle cost of the proposed action, including environmental and public health costs and benefits;
- ➤ The short and long-term impact on rates of the decision and the alternatives considered, including no action.

Moved by member Hansen, second by member Cain, approved without objection, by acclamation

# 9. Proposed Schedule for meetings for 2011

August – no meeting September 19 – Report back on Commission Retreat; Debt financing of capital projects and O&M – The Citys' 10 year capital plan October 17, 2011 – Budget presentation and preparation for the 2012/2013 November 21, 2011 December – no meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 7 p.m.