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# Citizens' Advisory Committee (CAC)
# Wastewater Subcommittee meeting

1155 Market Street, 4th Floor Conference Room

## Meeting Minutes

**Date: September 8, 2011**

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

**1. Call to order and Roll Call** – Meeting was called to order at 5:35 p.m.

**Roll Call -** See above

**SFPUC Staff present –** Idil Bereket, Suzanne Gautier, Marielle Earwood, Melissa Moehle, Joanne Siew, Tommy Moala, Sheena Johnson

**Members of the public –** Kevin Fellows (of Parsons Brinckerhoff), Olivia Chen, Karen Hurst, Leamon Abrams

**2. Minutes –** The August, 2011 Regular Meeting minutes were approved

COMMENT: As per item 5 on the August 11 meeting minutes, information about the tour of the Southeast Plant was not distributed to the members.

**3. Public Comment** – NONE

**4. Staff Report -** Idil Bereket reported the following:

- We are kicking off outreach for SFGreasecycle's Residential Holiday Drop Off Opportunities – with the goal of increasing the number of permanent sites throughout the City.

- Under the FOG Control Ordinance, within the past three weeks, we have inspected 70 food service establishments (FSE's):
  24 of Category 4 (Limited Food Preparation Establishment); 3 of Category 3 (Less Significant Grease Discharger); 2 of Category2 (Significant Grease Discharger w/ equipment already installed) and 12 of Category 1 (Significant Grease Discharger w/ no equipment installed)

  QUESTION: The number of FSEs listed do not add up to 70.
  ANSWER: Idil will look into this and provide clarification.

- Rain Barrel Subsidy Program will kick off on October 20 and will be promoted in collaboration with the Laundry to Landscapes Program.

  QUESTION: What is the total amount for the funding and individual discount rates.
  ANSWER: Idil will get the information to the members.

- Idil is working with Customer Service on the question about the number and percentage of ratepayers who have the flow factor adjustments.

- Laura Tam followed up with John Roddy about the third tier of billing for stormwater management and has not gotten the information yet.

**5. Action Item:** Changing the ending time of the meetings of the Citizens' Advisory Committee Wastewater Subcommittee (WWCAC) to 7:00pm (5 minutes)

*Terrence Jones, Laura Tam and Alex Lantsberg voted in favor, and David Pilpel voted against the resolution.*

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*The resolution did NOT pass due to lack of majority vote.*

**Discussion/Comments:**
The members discussed the possibility of ending the meetings of the Wastewater CAC at 7pm. The Full CAC and its other subcommittees end their meetings at 7pm with sufficient time to discuss items on the agendas.

**6. Update: Urban Watershed Framework (UWF) by** Tommy Moala, Joanne Siew, Marielle Earwood and Melissa Moehle. The presentation included an exercise where members were asked to rank the supporting objectives in relation to the UWF.

**Discussion/Comments/Questions**
COMMENT: You should define the terms you use on the exercise for those with not enough knowledge about the subject matter

COMMENT: Define and identify who the stakeholders are and how they are chosen. Stakeholders may be self-interested and have their own agendas; the SFPUC should use the stakeholders' input but tell them what the problem is – the SFPUC is the expert and not the stakeholders.

COMMENT: The supporting objectives are great but SFPUC is the expert and should make a case for them.

COMMENT: It's hard to rank when there is no budget provided.

COMMENT: Instead of just baseline and supporting objectives, it should be: Core objectives, Supportive Objectives and General Community Needs

QUESTION: How will the outcome of SAGE1 be used?
ANSWER: It will be the staff recommendation.

PUBLIC COMMENT: The SFPUC should go to the public with hard data, because the public wouldn't know much about the issue(s).

**7. Key Points/Recap:**
- Idil to check on the rundown of FSEs' categories assessed vs. the total number (41 vs. 70)
- Idil to find out the total amount of the funding for the Rain Barrel Subsidy Program and the details of the discount
- The main comments for the UWF update provided at the meeting are: 1) make sure to present the stakeholders the hard data and tell them what the problem is – the SFPUC is the expert and knows what needs to be done 2) make sure to include information on budget, otherwise it is not possible to prioritize

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

- REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEM: Sea-level rise and rising tides and their impacts on the North Point Facility

- REQUEST: Update the list of agenda items

- QUESTION: Why was there not a resolution on "creating a piece to include cost-benefit information relating to implementing of a wide range of conservation and LID solutions"?
  ANSWER: Jean Walsh is researching whether or not there is such a piece. The subcommittee should also consider … whether or not issues of this sort should constitute a resolution or not. They could be in the form of one of the following: formal resolution, request/suggestion, information request.

- **Potential agenda items for October 13, 2011:** SSIP Update and Budget

**9**. **Adjourned** - 7:30 p.m.