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Citizens' Advisory Committee
Wastewater Subcommittee

MEETING MINUTES - *DRAFT*

Date: January 18, 2012

Members: Jennifer Clary - Terrence Jones - Alex Lantsberg **(chair)** - David Pilpel (excused absence) - Dairo Romero (excused absence)

1. Call to order and Roll Call – Meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

Roll Call - See above

SFPUC Staff present – Idil Bereket, Jean Walsh, Raphael Garcia, Marielle Earwood, Carolyn Chiu, Greg Mayer, George Engel, John M. Powell, Sheena Johnson, Leamon Abrams, Manfred Wong

Members of the public – Bill McLaughlin

2. Minutes – The November 2011 Regular Meeting minutes were approved

3. Public Comment
Bill McLaughlin: update on the erosion issue on the Great Highway: the SPUR process is working well; it might be possible to have a low profile sea structure while keeping the wastewater infrastructure (i.e. Lake Merced Tunnel); the tunnel will ultimately be removed; this is just an interim solution.

4. Staff Report – Jean Walsh reported the following:
- We wanted to see what the members thought about getting the agenda within the body of the email message with a link to the related documents on our website.
  - Members prefer to get both attachment and link to agenda and related documents.
- **49ers Football Game on Sunday, January 22:** the parking lot is in a low-lying area; our crews are mobilizing in the area to help minimize impact of potential flooding due to upcoming rain.

5. Presentation and Discussion – Wastewater operations and capital budget

Presentation Highlights including Discussion/Comments:
- **Introductions by Carolyn Chiu:** George Engel, Acting Superintendent, John M. Powell, Maintenance Manager.
- **John:** We are ramping up the Sewer Repair & Replacement projects.
- **John:** We won the National Association of Clean Water Agencies (NACWA) Platinum Award for the Oceanside Treatment Plant, the Gold Award for the Southeast Treatment Plant and North Point Wet Weather Facility.

Jennifer & Terrence: You should promote and have a publicity piece to highlight these awards

- **John:** We are ramping up preventive maintenance.

Terrence: is there anything similar to composting for recycling used cooking oil for residents?

Jean: we do have used cooking oil drop-off sites and did a holiday campaign to promote.

Jennifer: what is the status of CEQA for SSIP?

Carolyn Chiu: we are not there yet.

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- **John:** Central Bayside Improvement Project is not just a tunnel project. It includes green infrastructure improvements. The project will create additional storage and is a critical replacement for the 66" force main.

Alex: do you have a cost of gray versus green infrastructure? You should have a cost differential – an analysis to compare fixing the force main versus doing upstream green infrastructure.

Manfred: the whole project is in the vicinity of $1billion; we do not have a breakdown of costs yet. We will have an analysis with different options.

Jennifer: we should include this at a future meeting and/or invite members of the affected community.

Carolyn: the Central Bayside Improvement Project is the first of the watershed assessment process. The planning process will address gray and green infrastructure.

Jennifer: what is the budget for green programs.

Carolyn: the funding comes through maintenance now. Currently we have a budget of $5million just for LID projects. But also we have a substantial amount just for LID projects (not associated with any other projects.)

John: the SFPUC absorbed 10 gardeners for SFPUC assets.

Terrence: SFPUC installed a cistern at a school that's not working.

Raphael: you can work with me to look into this issue.

Manfred: Raphael will be managing the stormwater elements on the Valencia project. He is the only LID PM for now.

Jennifer: do you have a prioritized model for what you are replacing now?

John: yes.

Carolyn: we have a working group for the paving bond.

Jennifer: is there any LID representation in that group?

Raphael: yes, we are working with the R&R group.

Terrence: what's the cost of the vactor trucks?

John: $300,000 for the truck, and we have 12 trucks; and $0.5 million to run the trucks.

Terrence: perhaps you can involve the community to help keep the streets clean since a lot of the garbage bins on the streets have been removed. Perhaps you can do something where you say, "How to become one of the Top Ten Citizens".

Idil & Jean: we had a catch basin program and worked with DPW on their "leaf campaign." DPW has the "Adopt a Street" program where people can adopt a street and help keep the street clean.

Jennifer: what's the current debt for wastewater?

Carolyn: $224 million.

Terrence: how does our city's wastewater debt compare to other cities'?

Carolyn: upper range normal. We are doing a lot of catch-up now.

6. Key Points/Recap

- Try to improve communications by talking about accomplishments, instead of just in an annual report.
- Let's try to get folks more involved (i.e. in the form of neighborhood stewardship)

Jennifer: the way we can change things could be through creating a council and look at a model for involving community members.

Alex: wastewater folks can take photos, videos and post / share them.

Leamon: if you have contact names and organizations with whom we can engage, let us know.

Alex: it's about engaging people by posting on social media.

Idil: the SFPUC is constantly posting and sharing news via social media.

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

NONE

8. **Adjourned** - 7:00 p.m.