



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

**Minutes**

January 19, 2012

5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

1155 Market Street, 4th Floor Conference Room

**Members**

Jennifer Clary – Chair  
 Donald Carmignani  
 Richard Hansen

Art Jensen  
 Walt Farrell

Mike Marshall  
 Karen Donovan

**Staff:** Maureen Barry

**ORDER OF BUSINESS**

1. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 5:35 p.m.

2. Roll call

Present: Clary, Carmignani, Hansen, Jensen, Marshall, Farrell

3. Review and approval of minutes from the November 14, 2011 meetings

Approved with corrections submitted in writing by Art Jensen

4. Public comment

None

5. Staff announcements/updates

There were no staff announcements

**Edwin M. Lee**  
 Mayor

**Anson Moran**  
 President

**Art Torres**  
 Vice President

**Ann Moller Caen**  
 Commissioner

**Francesca Vietor**  
 Commissioner

**Vince Courtney**  
 Commissioner

**Ed Harrington**  
 General Manager



6. Presentation: Draft LOS Goals for R&R Projects—Steve Ritchie, AGM, Water

Steve Ritchie, AGM Water, presented the draft Levels of Service (LOS) goals for local Repair and Replacement projects. He explained that the term levels of service refer to the level of performance the SFPUC is trying to achieve for the water system. He said that replacement goals for pipelines were based on age, size, materials, and other factors, with a current replacement rate of approximately 6 miles per year. There are currently two options for increasing that improvement rate. Option one calls for an increase to 9 miles per year in FY 2013 and 15 miles per year in FY 2015. Option 2 calls for up to 12 miles per year. A key consideration is coordination with DPW and that agency's schedule for resurfacing roads. In follow-up discussion, Mr. Ritchie said that the PUC's analysis was done in house, and is contained in a September 23 memo on pipeline age and condition. He also announced that Deputy GM Michael Carlin would present LOS goals for both the water and the power systems at the next day's Commission meeting, January 10, #10 on the agenda,

In reference to the action item to provide feedback into the draft goals, and the possibility of expressing support for the more proactive option, the member consensus was that more information was needed in order to make a recommendation. Ms. Clary said the subcommittee would revisit the issue when they get the Enterprise budget.

7. Highlights of the Water Enterprise Budget—Steve Ritchie, AGM, Water

Mr. Ritchie said that there were two major changes—an increase of \$200 million for water main replacement and a \$200 million investment in the Eastside Recycled Water Project. The operating budget is flat. In follow-up discussion, Mr. Ritchie and the members discussed the issue of payouts to City Departments. Mr. Ritchie said that PUC management was trying to pinpoint what the PUC gets in return. For example, payouts to Rec/Park for management of Lake Merced will be included in the upcoming two-year budget. The next Commission budget meeting will be on Thursday, January 12, 1155 Market Street, 4<sup>th</sup> floor.

8. SFPUC Land Use Policy

Ms. Clary stated that the members were particularly interested in properties at 17<sup>th</sup> and Folsom, Laguna Honda, and Francisco Reservoir. A key issue was protection of surplus properties that provide public benefit, such as open space. The members expressed interest in the development of comprehensive criteria to ensure protection, including conformance with a stormwater management plan.

9. SFPUC Urban Ag Policy

Ms. Clary explained that the subcommittee was considering the relaxation of connection fees for urban agriculture plots. For example, if someone is using water from the house next door, they don't need to pay a wastewater fee. It was proposed that an understanding was needed of how this would impact PUC projections for water supply demand and goals. It was pointed out that the City is considering a number of greening plans.

10. Status of the Climate Change Study on the Upper Tuolumne

The members discussed under what conditions a precipitation increase is anticipated. There are six different scenarios that will be presented at the Commission meeting the next day on January 10. In consideration of a future presentation on the climate change issue to the subcommittee; Art Jensen suggested Norm Crawford as an expert who would provide detailed information. Mr. Crawford will be invited to give a presentation to either the subcommittee or the full CAC in February or March.

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## 12. Future Topics

The members proposed the following topics for future meetings:

Climate change—February or March.  
Budget discussion  
WSIP and Revenue Bond spending  
Update on payouts to City Departments

It was proposed that the budget would be a monthly item, with a presentation on policy review for February

Ms. Clary also asked the members for their long-term ideas. Responses should include how the CAC can support issues that are important, and how the CAC can become more effective. She asked the members to reflect on what they, and the people they represent, were concerned about, and who would approach the Commission on various issues of concern.

Committee members discussed the potential for providing input on qualifications for the next General Manager. Ms. Clary pointed out that personnel did not come under the CAC purview, which covers plans, policies and programs.

## 13. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

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