

**2005 Resolutions
Adopted
By The
SFPUC Full
Citizens'
Advisory
Committee**



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CC: Susan Leal, General Manager

From: David Pascal, Chair, Citizens' Advisory Committee

Subject: Update from the Citizens' Advisory Committee

The following resolutions and recommendations have been approved by the Citizen's Advisory Committee are being presented to the Commission and the GM for their respective consideration. The full resolutions are attached. Our recommendations are as follows:

- MECA Funding:**
Restore the level of funding for the MECA account to its original level of \$15MM. This pool of funds has been the primary financing source for renewables projects in the absence of revenue bond underwriting.
- Bay View Hunter's Point WasteWater Plant Funding for Repair and Maintenance:**
Allocate monies to make routine repairs and conduct routine maintenance necessary to keep the Facility in good visual condition. This is distinct from funding for capital improvements in machinery and infrastructure being addressed by the Interim and Long Term CIP's.
- New PUC Website:**
Expedite review and approval of the PUC's new website. Also, commend the work of the Communications Group and the marked improvement in the level of public communication.

Respectfully,

David Pascal
Chair
Citizen's Advisory Committee to the SFPUC

Staffing Resolution – As approved by PUC CAC 10/17/05

presented by Jennifer Clary

Whereas, the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission is planning a \$4.3 billion upgrade of the local and regional water system, and a possible multi-billion dollar upgrade of San Francisco's sewer system, and it is currently anticipated that these improvements will be funded entirely through ratepayer bill increases;

Whereas, many alternative funding sources exist from state and federal sources, such as the federal EPA and Department of Transportation and 2002 Proposition 50, which could alleviate the burden on the taxpayers;

Whereas, current staff members have pressing responsibilities that interfere with their ability to research, apply for, and track these funding opportunities;

Whereas, most large water agencies in California have dedicated staff to take full advantage of these opportunities

Therefore, be it resolved, that the PUC Citizens' Advisory Committee urges the General Manager and the Commission to designate a person whose primary function is grantwriting, with the object of assisting each Enterprise in seeking out and applying for available grants, with the purpose of reducing the burden on ratepayers.

