San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC)
Citizens’ Advisory Committee (CAC)
Water Subcommittee

MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, March 27, 2018
5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
525 Golden Gate Ave., 3rd Floor Tuolumne Conference Room

Mission: The Water Subcommittee reviews water supply system reliability, water conservation, recycling, regional cooperation efforts and other relevant plans and policies. (Admin Code 5.140-142)

Members:
Jennifer Clary (Chair) (D11)          Suki Kott (D2)          Ted Loewenberg (D5)
Matthew Steen (D6)                   Jasmine Conrad (D7)      Nicole Sandkulla (M-Reg’l Water Customers)
Amy Nagengast (D8)

D = SF District, M = Mayoral Appointment

Staff Liaisons: Tracy Zhu, Alexandra Johnson

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Call to Order and Roll Call: The meeting was called to order at 5:32 pm.

   Members present at roll call: (4) Clary, Kott, Nagengast, Loewenberg

   Members absent at roll call: (3) Steen, Conrad, Sandkulla

   Members of the public: (2) Dave Warner, Tony Marks

2. Report from the Chair

   • Chair welcomes committee members, staff, and the public

3. Approval of the January 23, 2018 meeting minutes

   Motion was made (Loewenberg) and seconded (Nagengast) to approve the January 23, 2018 meeting minutes.

   AYES: (4) Clary, Kott, Nagengast, Loewenberg

   NOES: (0)

   ABSENT: (3) Steen, Conrad, Sandkulla

4. Public Comment:

   Dave Warner provided an update on a recent meeting with Steve Ritchie the Assistant General Manager of SFPUC Water Enterprise, Ike Kwon of the SFPUC Commission, Peter Jack Meyer of the Tuolumne River Trust, Bill

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Martin of the Sierra Club, Noah Oppenheim of the California Sportfishing Protection Alliance and the San Francisco Board of Supervisors. The outcome of this meeting was to discuss how to align the SFPUC’s environmental interests with their constituents’. Dave mentioned that the SFPUC’s initiatives are inconsistent with San Francisco residents; for example 77% residents voted to tax themselves to restore wetlands and passed a Resolution in Support of the Bay Delta Conservation Plan. However the SFPUC opposed Phase I of the State Water Resources Control Board’s Proposal to change the flow regime in Tuolumne to conserve more water for fishes and also opposed fish passage through the Don Pedro Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) Relicensing.

5. Staff Report

- Water System Improvement Program (WSIP) Update: Calaveras Dam
  i. Dam Embankment at 693 Feet Elevation (January 2018)
  ii. Fish Passage Facilities at Alameda Creek Diversion Dam
  iii. Regional Groundwater Storage and Recovery
  iv. Bioregional Habitat Restoration
  v. WSIP Close-out Projects
  vi. WSIP Cost and Schedule Forecast
  vii. March 2018 Proposed Revised WSIP Summary

- Moccasin Area
  i. Moccasin Area
  ii. Moccasin Dam Spillway
  iii. Moccasin Dam Emergency Spillway
  iv. Moccasin Creek Fish Hatchery
  v. Moccasin Upper Dam
  vi. Moccasin Dam
  vii. Emergency Spillway Damage
  viii. Moccasin Creek Diversion
  ix. 2017 Overflow – 2018 Overflow Major Difference

Discussion Topics:
- Member Clary asked how the dam spillage incident will affect the fish. Staff Ramirez mentioned that unfortunately most of the fish died or are in recovery.
- Member Loewenberg asked if the SFPUC will be paying for the costs to repair the damage. Staff Ramirez informed that the SFPUC will be paying for the repairs and may get insurance money through the state and/or federal disaster assistance.
- Member Nagengast asked if the SFPUC has drones. Staff Ramirez stated that the city policy prohibits the use of drones. The drones used to take photos shown in presentations are owned by Tuolumne County.

6. Presentation and Discussion: Water Enterprise Environmental Stewardship Policy Implementation Report 2017, Tim Ramirez, Natural Resources Division Manager, Water Enterprise

- Water Enterprise Environmental Stewardship Policy Implementation Report 2017

Presentation Topics:
- Water Enterprise Environmental Stewardship Policy
- Watershed and Environmental Improvement Program
Annual Reporting and Alignment
SF Water System Level of Service Goals and Objectives
WSIP Mitigation Requirements
WSIP Mitigation Requirements: Bioregional Habitat Restoration
WSIP Mitigation Requirements: Fisheries Monitoring
Operations and Maintenance Activities
Lake Merced Water Level Restoration Project
Water Resources Programs
Manage Natural Resources and Physical Systems to Protect Watershed Lands and Their Ecosystems
Tuolumne River Watershed
Alameda Watershed
Peninsula Watershed
Prescribed Burn at San Andreas Dam – June 2017
Non-Native Invasive Species Management
Native Species Restoration
San Francisco Lands
Yosemite National Park and Interpretive Programs
Sunol Ag Park
Alameda Creek Watershed Center
Fifield-Cahill Trail and Docent Program
Education and Recreation Programs Bay Areas Ridge Trail
San Francisco Bay Area Ridge Trail

Discussion Topics:
- Member Clary suggested including an item on Fishery Monitoring in the Water Enterprise Environmental Policy Implementation 2017 report.
- Member Kott asked if the SFPUC operates fisheries. Staff Ramirez mentioned that the SFPUC does operate fisheries but the hatchery showed in the slides is owned by the state.
- Member Clary asked if SFPUC had environmental goals and if they have been achieved. Staff Ramirez discussed that achievements differ from each year; the targets are developed based on the year types.
- Member Clary asked if the plan included stewardship goals or restoration goals. Staff Ramirez mentioned that the plan focuses on programmatic policy frameworks developed by the SFPUC Commission.
- Member Clary asked if the staff is still planning to use the Docent Volunteer Program to protect the watersheds. Staff Ramirez mentioned that the plan hasn’t been published yet but the staff is leaning towards more protective services for Fifield-Cahill.
  - Staff Zhu mentioned that Fifield-Cahill Trail is a protected watershed and that members can sign up to go on a hike, bike or ride through the trail.
- Member Nagengast suggested including more quantitative data in the report to mark progress towards goals and to showcase relative impacts.
  - Member Kott agreed with Member Nagengast and requested more metrics for the presentation.

Public Comment:
- Dave Warner commented that the Environmental Stewardship Policy Implementation Report does not accurately reflect environmental stewardship because of the damaged state of the Tuolumne River. He stated that San Francisco constituents are interested in knowing what
the circumstances are to get water supplied. Then suggested that the report include more metrics on the current state of environmental damage and impact on wildlife.

7. Future Agenda Items and Resolutions

- Legislation – (March/May)
- State of the Regional Water System Report (September/October)
- Living Machine Tour
- Drought resilience: 3 year water supply update
- Water Equity and Homelessness
- State of Local Water Report
- Retail Conservation Report
- Bioregional Habitat Restoration
- Fishing Monitoring

8. Announcements/Comments – The next meeting of the Water Subcommittee will take place May 22, 2018.

9. Adjournment

Motion was made (Clary) and seconded (Loewenberg) to adjourn the meeting.

AYES: (4) Clary, Kott, Nagengast, Loewenberg

NOES: (3) Steen, Conrad, Sandkulla

ABSENT: (0)

Meeting was adjourned at 7:24pm.