San Francisco Public Utilities Commission
Citizens’ Advisory Committee

MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, August 21, 2018
5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
525 Golden Gate Ave., 3rd Floor Tuolumne Conference Room

Mission: The purpose of the SFPUC CAC is to provide recommendations to the SFPUC General Manager, the SFPUC Commission, and the Board of Supervisors regarding the agency’s long-term strategic, financial, and capital improvement plans (Admin Code 5.140-142).

Members:
Amy Zock (D3)                                Jasmine Conrad (D7)                                Nicole Sandkulla (M-Reg’l Water Customers)
Wendy Aragon, Chair (D1)                      Amy Nagengast (D8)                                Mark Tang (M-Eng./Financial)
Suki Kott (D2)                                 Moisés Garcia (D9)                                Nathaniel Kinsey (M-Lg Water User)
Jim McHugh (D4)                                Anietie Ekanem (D10)                              Owen O’Donnell (B-Small Business)
Ted Loewenberg (D5)                            Jennifer Clary (D11)                              Maggie Thomas (M-Env.Group)                     Misty McKinney (B-Env Justice)
Matthew Steen (D6)                             

M = Mayoral appointment, B = Board President Appointment

Staff Liaisons: Tracy Zhu, Alexandra Johnson

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Call to order and roll call  the meeting was called to order at 5:36

Members present at roll call: Zock, Kott, Steen, Nagengast, Garcia, Clary, Tang, O’Donnell, McKinney

Members absent: Aragon, McHugh, Loewenberg, Conrad, Ekanem, Thomas, Sandkulla, Kinsey, Thomas**

2. Approve June 19, 2018 Meeting Minutes

Motion was made (Clary) and seconded (Kott) to approve June 19, 2018 Meeting Minutes

AYES: (9) Zock, Kott, Steen, Nagengast, Garcia, Clary, Tang, O’Donnell, McKinney

NOES: (0)

ABSENT: (8) Aragon, McHugh, Loewenberg, Conrad, Ekanem, Thomas, Sandkulla, Kinsey

** indicates a member arrived after roll call.

OUR MISSION: To provide our customers with high-quality, efficient and reliable water, power and sewer services in a manner that values environmental and community interests and sustains the resources entrusted to our care.
**Member Thomas arrived at 5:44pm, quorum maintained.**

3. **Report from the Chair** - Chair
   - Welcome members of the public and staff
   - Thank Project Pull Intern Max Ozer-Staton
   - Provide highlights from the Annual CAC Leadership Retreat (July 21, 2018)

4. **Public Comment**: None.

5. **Presentation and Discussion**: Water Resources Division Update, Paula Kehoe, Director of Water Resources, Water Enterprise

   **Presentation Topics:**
   - Recycled Water Ordinance
   - Planning for Recycled Water Has Evolved
   - Sharp Park Recycled Water Project
   - Harding Park Recycled Water Project
   - Westside Enhanced Water Recycling Project
   - Decentralized Non-potable Water
   - Systems on the Eastside
   - Meeting San Francisco’s Non-potable Demands
   - Rescinding the Recycled Water Ordinance
   - Non-potable Grant Program
   - Additional Opportunities for Reuse
   - Pending Action to Rescind RWO

   **Discussion Topics:**
   - Member O’Donnell asked about the possibility of creating a tertiary system in wetlands.
     Staff Kehoe stated that such goals were not included in the current Sewer System Improvement (SSIP) plans.
   - Member Steen asked about the timeline for project.
     Staff Kehoe replied that it was a 9-month construction time but real application was several years away.
   - Nagengast asked about budget.
     Kehoe responded that she did not have specifics but that it was over 1 million dollars.

   **Public Comment**: None

6. **Presentation, Discussion, and Possible Action**: Resolution in Support of Improved Communications Related to the San Francisco Groundwater Supply Project, Jennifer Clary, Water CAC Chair

   The Resolution **PASSES** by the following votes:

   **AYES:** (10) Zock, Kott, Steen, Nagengast, Garcia, Clary, Thomas, Tang, McKinney, O’Donnell

   **NOES:**

   **ABSENT:** (7) Aragon, McHugh, Loewenberg, Conrad, Ekanem, Sandkulla, Kinsey
7. **Presentation and Discussion:** [Lower San Joaquin River Water Quality Control Plan Update](#), Steve Ritchie, Assistant General Manager, Water Enterprise

**Presentation Topics:**
- Agenda
- The Sacramento and San Joaquin Rivers and the San Joaquin Tributaries
- Background
- Timeline on Lower San Joaquin River WQCP Proposal
- Lower San Joaquin River WQCP Proposal
- Tuolumne River Management Plan
- Chinook Salmon Smolt Production
- O. mykiss Young Fish Production
- Striped Bass Predation
- Functional Flows
- Water Supply Impacts Hetch Hetchy Reservoir, January, 1991
- San Francisco Water Supply Planning
- Total System Storage in Design Drought with 265 MGD Demand
- What About the Most Recent Drought?
- Consequences of Being Wrong
- San Francisco Chronicle Editorial January 22, 2017
- What Major Investments in Uncertain Water Supply Projects Could Help?
- Conclusions

**Discussion Topics:**
- *Member Clary* asked for fish numbers in dry years and questioned the number of gallons provided in presentation.  
  *Staff Ritchie* affirmed that his numbers were correct.
- *Member Thomas* asked what their relationship with the water district is.  
  *Staff Ritchie* replied that the district had senior rights to water in San Francisco and therefore priority in decision making.
- *Member Thomas* asked for clarification on graph details.  
  *Staff Ritchie* clarified that graph was a simulation.
- *Member Garcia* asked why state would not approve models presented.  
  *Staff Ritchie* responded that the state had already engaged in other plans for the delta that did not take in account the fish in the river.

**Public Comment:**
- Dave Warner submitted the following for public comment:
  - The Issue is About Risk and The Importance of Our Tuolumne and Delta Ecosystem.
  - Tuolumne River Trust Survey

**Statement** from Nicole Sandkulla, Chief Executive Officer of Bay Area Water Supply and Conservation Agency (BAWSCA), to the SFPUC Citizens Advisory Committee About the State Water Resources Control Board (State Board)’s “Draft Final Bay-Delta Plan Update”

8. **Presentation, Discussion, and Possible Action:** [Draft Letter on Lower San Joaquin River Water Quality Control Plan](#), Amy Zock, Full CAC Chair

**Discussion Topics:**
• Member Clary expressed the opinion that the issue should defer to the water committee due to the brevity of the presentation.
• Member Thomas stated her desire to hear both sides of the issue.
• Committee decides that draft letter should go through water first.
• Chair Zock asked when the next opportunity to discuss letter would be. Staff Ritchie responded that they meet the 2nd and 3rd Tuesdays of the month. Member Clary responded that she would be surprised if they heard anything by October.

9. Presentation, Discussion, and Possible Action: Resolution in Support of SFPUC Class A Biosolids Local Distribution Program Resolution, Amy Nagengast, CAC Secretary and Wastewater CAC Member

Discussion Topics:
• Member O’Donnell asked how much more expensive class B was. Member Clary responded that the price was irrelevant given the fact that legally class B will no longer be allowed.
• Member Clary questioned the SFPUC’s commitment to following through with program. Staff Zhu affirmed the SFPUC’s commitment.

The Resolution PASSES by the following votes:

AYES: (9) Zock, Kott, Steen, Nagengast, Garcia, Clary, Thomas, Tang, McKinney

NOES: (1) O’Donnell

ABSENT: (6) McHugh, Loewenberg, Conrad, Ekanem, Sandkulla, Aragon, Kinsey

Public Comment: None.

10. Staff Report

• 1550 Evans Southeast Community Center Construction Management/General Contractor (CM/GC) Request for Qualifications & Proposal (RFQ&P) has been issued.

11. Future Agenda Items and Resolutions

• FY18-19 CAC Priorities set during the Annual CAC Leadership (September)
• Annual CAC Survey Results (September)
• Seawall (tentative September)
• Meet and Greet with Greg Norby, Assistant General Manager of Wastewater
• Southeast Community Facility
• Agency-wide Planning on Climate Change & Adaptation Planning
• SSIP Resolution City Works
• Human Resources
• Contracting Process
• Communications/ Website Redesign
• Education Resolution
• Social Impact Partnerships
• PUC Properties and City Department Partnerships
• Water Equity and Water Access for Homeless
• Workforce Programs
• Water Rights and Raker Act
• Water Use and Parks
• Flooding Protection
• Water Quality Report

Public Comment: None.

12. **Announcements/Comments** – The next meeting for the Full CAC will be on September 18, 2018. Check [www.sfwater.org/cac](http://www.sfwater.org/cac) for the agenda and materials for the next scheduled meeting.

13. **Adjournment**

   Motion was made (Clary) and seconded (Nagengast) to adjourn the meeting.
   Meeting was adjourned at 7:22