MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, June 23, 2020
5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

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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)
Amy Nagengast (D8) Nicole Sandkulla (M-Reg’l Water Customers) Eliahu Perszyk (M-Large Water User)

D = SF District, M = Mayoral Appointment

Staff Liaisons: Tracy Zhu and Letitia Carpenter

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Call to order and roll call: The meeting was called to order at 5:46 pm.

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

Members Absent: (1) Loewenberg

Members of the Public: None

2. Approve the February 25, 2020 Minutes

Motion was made (Clary) and seconded (Sandkulla) to approve February 25, 2020 minutes.

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

NOES: (0)

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.
3. **Report from the Chair** - Suki Kott

- Chair Clary saw that the [Environmental Stewardship Report](#) was presented at the SFPUC Commission meeting and asked that the report be shared with the committee via email.
- Member Knott states that the committee may want to have a presentation on the Environmental Stewardship report and discuss how to increase access to the information.

Public Comment: None

4. **Public Comment:** Members of the public may address the Committee on matters that are within the committee’s jurisdiction and are not on today’s agenda

Public Comment: None

5. **Presentation and Discussion:** [Time-series plots of SFGW groundwater blend report data through May 2020](#), Nick Johnson, Water Operations Analyst, Water Resources Division, Water Enterprise, SFPUC


**Presentation Topics:**
- San Francisco Groundwater Supply Project
- Blended Water Characteristics
- Water Quality Data for Groundwater Parameters that Require Blending - Sunset Reservoir
- Water Quality Data for Groundwater Parameters that Require Blending - Sutro Reservoir
- Alkalinity and Hardness of Reservoir Blended Outflow, April 2017 - May 2020
- Chloride Concentration, Total Dissolved Solids, and Specific Conductance of Reservoir Blended Outflow, April 2017 - May 2020
- Hexavalent Chromium Concentration of Reservoir Blended Outflow, April 2017 - May 2020
- Manganese Concentration of Reservoir Blended Outflow, April 2017 - May 2020
- Nitrate Concentration of Reservoir Blended Outflow, April 2017 - May 2020

**Discussion Topics:**
- Member Nagengast asked how this blend of groundwater compares with pure Hetch Hetchy water?
- Staff Gautier commented that there really is no pure Hetch Hetchy water.
- Staff Johnson answered that Hetch Hetchy water is low in minerals, and as it travels from the system it picks up minerals because it is so low in minerals from the source. The data would not be relevant because SFPUC doesn’t serve pure Hetch Hetchy water to our customers as drinking water.
- Staff Kehoe states that we do not want to continue this public perception that consumers drink pure Hetchy water because that is not true. We are faced with the challenge of not continuing that misconception.
• Member Perszyk asked is there a way to show data before the use of blended ground water and now, so the public can see how ground water does not effect the levels.
• Staff Gautier responded that it is only after the ground water has been introduced that the community asked for more information on water quality. We are making sure we are documenting sufficiently to give people the assurance scientifically that the water consumed is safe.
• Staff Zhu commented that during times when water is primarily from the Harry Tracy Water Treatment Plant, the water quality if not significantly different than the times when water is primarily from Hetch Hetchy. Is the broad message the CAC requested coming across in these graphics?
• Member Sandkulla replied by stating that the average reader will not receive the complete message.
• Staff Zhu reiterated that these graphics are for a more sophisticated audience like the CAC. Does the graphics accomplish the goal for an audience like the CAC who is interested in groundwater that the water quality is healthy?
• Member Sandkulla replied yes.
• Staff Nagengast noted that there should be contact information added if members of the public would like more information on ground water

Public comment:
• Public member Steve Lawrence shared via email that groundwater is a small percentage of SF water supply. When will water projects be conceived and built? SF plans on taking less water from the Bay Delta program. San Francisco wants to move to stop river water use. Please ask the presenter why the percentage of ground water is not 4% at least? Is San Francisco trying as hard as it can to reduce its river water use and prevent greater use of ground water?

6. Discussion: Water CAC Members Priorities and Scheduling, Jennifer Clary, Water CAC Chair

Discussion Topics:
• Member Sandkulla stated that Mayor Breed has put together on a water stakeholder group. There was a resolution focused on the Tuolumne River voluntary agreement as a part of the Delta Bay Plan, which has stalled with litigation agreements at a state and federal level. There is a resolution ready to be put forth to the State Water Board to move forward with early implementation as soon it has been seen at the State Board for evaluation. The PUC is asking that the State Water Board ensures that the water is moved through the Delta out to the ocean and is not diverted by other water users. The resolution passed after discussion.
• Member Kött stated that Jennifer is working on a resolution for the revised Customer Assistance Program (CAP). We hope to have a discussion scheduled for July in the Water Subcommittee and to have the resolution presented to full CAC in August.

Public Comment: None

7. Staff Report

• Verify July Agenda Items
• Budget Process Extended to September 31, 2020

Public Comment: None

8. Future Agenda Items and Resolutions
• Emergency Firefighting Water System Update – tentatively July
• State Policy and Programs on Affordability or Low-Income Rate Assistance (LIRA) – tentatively July
• Bay Delta Plan and voluntary settlement agreement
• Legislative Update
• Annual Water Quality Report
• State of the Regional Water System Report – Bi-annual report due to BAWSCA in September 2020
• Groundwater Communications Resolution Update
• Water Diversification and Climate Change
• Drought resilience: 3-year water supply update
• Water Equity and Homelessness
• State of Local Water Report
• Retail Conservation Report
• Urban Water Management Plan
• Harry Tracy Water Treatment Plant tour

9. **Announcements/Comments**  – The next meeting for the Water CAC will be on July 28, 2020. Please visit [www.sfwater.org/cac](http://www.sfwater.org/cac) for the agenda and materials for the next scheduled meeting.

   Public Comment: None

10. **Adjournment**

    Motion was made (Sandkulla) and seconded (Perszyk) to adjourn the meeting.

    Meeting was adjourned at 7:02 pm.