

**SFPUC Southeast Working Group
Meeting Summary
Tuesday, June 3, 2014, 6:00 P.M.
Southeast Community Facility**

Southeast Working Group Members present for the meeting are indicated in **bold**:

Torrance L. Bynum	Dr. Espanola Jackson	Karen Pierce
Ed Donaldson	Michael Janis	Javieree PruittHill
Drew Gaxiola	Mark Klaiman	Sunny Schwartz
Diane Gray	Marcus Mullen	Lydia Vincent-White
Janine Greer	Misha Olivas	Eddy Zheng
Edward Hatter	Sululagi Palega	Tracy Zhu

Call to Order

Eddy Zheng called the meeting to order.

Remarks from the SFPUC General Manager

Harlan Kelly, Jr. welcomed members and attendees to the meeting. The Southeast Working Group (Working Group) represents a diverse array of communities in the Southeast and will play a role in ensuring community members' voices are heard by the SFPUC. The Working Group will help develop and implement an inclusive vision for the Southeast and enable the SFPUC to be a good neighbor. He thanked members of the Working Group for their participation.

Introductions

Leamon Abrams introduced himself as the convener whose role is to ensure the meetings are productive, substantive, and produce outcomes that are meaningful for the members, SFPUC and public. An ice-breaker was conducted in which Working Group members were asked to introduce themselves and their reason(s) for participating.

Objectives of the Southeast Working Group

Assistant General Manager for External Affairs, Juliet Ellis, shared the formation and purpose of the Working Group:

The San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC) Southeast Working Group was created to provide a public forum to discuss the SFPUC projects and activities in the Southeast. The goal is to work with residents, businesses, community organizations and others to help build a better Southeast community.

She added that the Working Group represents the various communities of the Southeast, and will be an interactive and collaborative body aimed at providing the SFPUC with feedback on its projects in the area. To ensure continuity, the Working Group includes representatives from the Southeast Community Facility Commission, the Wastewater Subcommittee of the SFPUC Citizens Advisory Committee, and the previous Digesters Task Force.

Discussion

- On June 18 a workshop for the Southeast Community Facility Commission will be held and Working Group members are encouraged to attend. Any issues that surface through the Working Group can be brought by the co-chairs (Eddy Zheng and Tracy Zhu) to the SECF Commission and/or the Wastewater Subcommittee. These two official bodies can then create resolutions and present those in their official capacity to the governing body of the SFPUC, and/or the Board of Supervisors.
- While Bayview-Hunters Point is where this sewer treatment plant operates, it affects more than just the Southeast neighborhood. The SFPUC's effort "to be a good neighbor to all whose lives or neighborhoods are directly affected by our water, wastewater, and power operations," is particularly important in the Southeast. The Southeast Plant (SEP) is San Francisco's largest wastewater facility, responsible for treating nearly 80% of the City's flow. The SFPUC improvements to the SEP will have citywide impacts. The SFPUC also has to operate within its jurisdiction as a provider of water, wastewater, and power services.
- Group should plan to discuss "socio-economic" aspects of improvements to SEP such as job development and opportunities for local residents; or how we can help young people get internships/jobs related to ours project. SFPUC plans to discuss workforce development with the Working Group at a future meeting and we will seek input on topics including: efforts to train disadvantaged workers on green infrastructure operations and maintenance.
- It's important that Working Group members share information with their constituents and, to the degree possible, meetings should provide an opportunity to share information.

Sewer System Improvement Program (SSIP) Overview

SSIP Director, Karen Kubick discussed the SSIP, a large part of which involves upgrading SEP. Like our water system, major segments of our aging sewer system were not built to withstand a major earthquake or the impacts of climate change. The plant is operating on outdated technology. It was planned in the 1930s and 40s, and built in the 1950s. The SSIP will upgrade aging infrastructure and ensure the reliability and performance of our sewer system, now and into the future. The SFPUC has approved Phase 1, a \$2.7B program to plan and design solutions for the future of our sewer system. As part of Phase 1, the SFPUC will construct new biosolids digester facilities at the SEP. The public has expressed support for the biosolids projects and the Working Group can help move them forward.

Discussion of future meetings

Table 1 on the following page provides a summary of proposed meetings reflecting the input received during the June 3rd meeting.

Adjournment

Leamon Abrams thanked those that helped organize the meeting and adjourned the meeting.

Table 1 - Working Group Forward Calendar

Meeting Description	Role of the Working Group
<p>June 28 and June 30: Southeast Treatment Plant Walking Tour Location: Southeast Plant, 750 Phelps, Administration Building (Approximate time: 2 hours) A specially developed tour (with accompanying materials) for members to gain an understanding of the treatment process, existing conditions, and planned projects. The meeting will include an overview presentation (George Engel, Operations Superintendent) and walking tour of the SEP. George will be accompanied by Carolyn Chiu (Sr. Project Manager, Biosolids Digesters Facilities Project) and Jignesh Desai, (Sr. Project Manager, SEP) to give an overview of planned projects.</p>	<p>Provide baseline information on the SEP operations and the planned improvements to prepare Working Group members for providing substantive feedback in future sessions.</p>
<p>July 2014: Sewer System Improvement Program (SSIP) and related projects The schedule, cost and description for proposed improvements in the Southeast neighborhood will be presented in non-technical terms in a dynamic presentation. The project managers for the Biosolids Digesters Facilities Project, SEP Improvements, Central Bayside System Improvement Project and adjacent projects (e.g., Quint Street Bridge) will be present. The meeting will allow for an interactive discussion about how SFPUC projects will address earthquake reliability, odors, climate change, environmental sustainability, and community benefits. The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) process will also be discussed.</p>	<p>Provide baseline information about the planned improvements that will prepare Working Group members for providing substantive feedback in future sessions.</p>
<p>August 2014: Community Investments and Partnerships in the Southeast Provide an overview of the existing and project-related community investments in youth and adult workforce, education, and small business opportunities for SFPUC activities within the Southeast area. Discuss efforts to maximize opportunities and identify ways to educate, inform, and involve the community. Describe current activities such as the SSIP Cityworks Interns, 9910 Program, and the Contractors Assistance Center, as well as solicit input on priority areas/strategies for community investments.</p>	<p>Provide input on various stakeholder outreach initiatives, community partnerships and approaches to support project generated opportunities for residents and small/local businesses.</p>
<p>September 2014: Southeast Community Facility (SECF) Rehabilitation and Aesthetics and Southeast Greenhouses Update Members will tour the SECF and greenhouses, discuss the current rehabilitation, and learn about the SFPUC and its community vision for the facilities.</p>	<p>Provide feedback and input to the SFPUC on potential programming and aesthetic elements in the rehabilitation of the SECF.</p>
<p>October and November 2014: Biosolids Project Proposed Features and Aesthetics Discuss aesthetics issues associated with the SEP and solicit input from Working Group members on visual features and theme preferences. Michael Willis & Associates, the architect for the Biosolids Digesters Facilities Project (working with the technical team), would facilitate these meeting(s).</p>	<p>Provide feedback and input to the SFPUC on aesthetic issues for the Biosolids Digesters Facilities Project.¹</p>
<p>December 2014: Preparing for the CEQA Process & Stakeholder Outreach in 2015 Recap the activities and discuss the CEQA process. Provide the members with tools and information needed to support their outreach.</p>	<p>Provide feedback and input on summary of Working Group proceedings and discuss outreach tools.</p>

¹ Although there will be project features that will impact the community and will therefore require Working Group members' input, the exact project features for discussion will depend on the project development schedule and whether specific component options have been reviewed by the project team.