San Francisco Public Utilities Commission
Citizens’ Advisory Committee

MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, October 21, 2014
5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
525 Golden Gate Ave., 3rd Floor Tuolumne Conference Room

Members:
Wendy Aragon, Chair (D1)  Kelly Groth (D7)  Nicole Sandkulla - (M-Reg’l Water Customers)
Suki Kott (D2)  Shalini Swaroop (D8)  Vacant, (M-Eng./Financial)
Rebecca Lee (D3)  Art Taylor (D9)  Tamar Barlev (M-Lg Water User)
David Pilpel (D4)  Marjorie Goodwin (D10)  Eli Saddler (B-Small Business)
Ted Loewenberg (D5)  Jennifer Clary (D11)  Tracy Zhu (B-Env Justice)
Mark Connors (D6)  Avni Jamdar (M-Env. Group)  M = Mayoral appointment, B = Board President Appointment

Staff Liaison: Ryan Iwata and Jessica Buendia

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Call to order and roll call: Meeting called to order at 5:35 pm

Members present at roll call: (9 members present, quorum confirmed) W. Aragon (D1), R. Lee (D3), D. Pilpel (D4), T. Loewenberg (D5), M. Connors (D6), S. Swaroop (D8), M. Goodwin (D10), N. Sandkulla - (M-Reg’l Water Customers), T. Zhu (B-Env Justice),

Members Absent at roll call (7 members absent): S. Kott (D2), K. Groth (D7), A. Taylor (D9), J. Clary (D11), A. Jamdar (M-Env. Group), T. Barlev (M-Lg Water User), E. Saddler (B-small Business)

Members of the public: John Kelly

2. Report from the Chair - Wendy Aragon, Chair (5 minutes)

- Welcome members, staff, and the public

Member S. Kott arrives at 5:40pm (10 members present, quorum confirmed)

Member E. Saddler arrives at 5:40pm (11 members present, quorum confirmed)

Member A. Taylor arrives at 5:40pm (12 members present, quorum confirmed)

3. Approval of the September 16, 2014 minutes with the small edits that were discussed at the meeting (5 minutes)

Motion was made (D. Pilpel) and seconded (T. Loewenberg) to approve September 16, 2014 minutes with the small edits that were discussed at the meeting.

The motion PASSED by the following vote:
NOES: (0)
ABSENT: (3) K. Groth, J. Clary, A. Jamdar
No public comment.

Member J. Clary arrives at 5:44pm (13 members present, quorum confirmed)

4. Presentation and Discussion – “Infrastructure Overview and Sewer System Improvement Program Update” Assistant General Manager of Infrastructure, Emilio Cruz (10 minute presentation; 10 minute discussion)

Presentation covered:
- Plant has been running 24/7 since 1962
- Moving to a Class A bio solids product
- Meeting present and projected regulatory requirements
- Transforming SEP into a community asset
- Project schedule
- Evaluation criteria based on levels of service: Technical considerations, Financial considerations, and neighborhood considerations
- Explaining how each alternative was selected

Topics of Discussion:
- How does Alternative 4 affect the odor problem in the SouthEast? – M. Goodwin
- Current Stakeholder engagement- T. Zhu
- Digester timelines- T. Zhu
- Projected time horizon for the new technology to be implemented- S. Swaroop
- Using Class A bio solids In the city – J. Clary
- Market demand study for SSIP –What is the best reuse for bio solids- D. Pilpel
- AAR in December and trying to align a possible special meeting to show the CAC before its presented - D. Pilpel
- Driving forces of the real estate acquisitions surrounding the plant- A. Taylor
- Considering Jerrold Ave during construction- T. Zhu

No public comment.

Info Request #029- J. Clary: Quantifiable indicators for the SSIP levels of service.

Member R. Lee leaves meeting at 6:28pm. (13 members present, quorum still in tact)

Member T. Loewenberg leaves meeting at 6:28pm. (12 members present, quorum still in tact)

5. Presentation on Groundwater, Discussion, and Possible Action on “Resolution in Support of Groundwater Program” Water Resources Staff, Communications Staff, and Water Subcommittee Chair Jennifer Clary (10 minute presentation; 10 minute discussion)

Presentation covered: Groundwater
- The in city demand for water
- Project will supply up to 4mgd of groundwater from Westside basin aquifer in SF
- Future Public Outreach
- Preview of future outreach campaign
- Commitment to diversifying water portfolio
- Developing local water supply
- Diversifying water supply without compromising the water quality
Topics of Discussion:
- What will be the eventual blend of Sunset and Sutro Reservoir? - D. Pilpel
- Ratio of contaminants in comparison to the water we serve now - E. Saddler
- Context behind groundwater resolution - J. Clary
- Chlorination/chloramine issue - D. Pilpel

Committee agrees to extend meeting an additional five minutes.

None opposed.

Public Comment: John M. Kelly - long-time City resident. He presented his letter (hyperlinked) to GM Harlan Kelly, challenging the argument that an adequate outreach effort had been done on the introduction of groundwater into the City’s drinking water. He said that he received a letter in response from GM Kelly, committing to a “robust outreach program about groundwater blending,” next year. Citizen Kelly asked the Committee take steps to ensure this commitment was met, sooner rather than later. He requested both letters be made part of the meeting record. Kelly stated that the Groundwater Supply Project was excellent for emergencies, but the Project was not limited to emergencies. He said that a move from the current high quality, pristine snowmelt drinking water to water that only meets basic health standards should require a declaration of emergency by the Board of Supervisors, approved by the Mayor. He recommended an appropriate amendment to this effect. (Submitted pursuant to San Francisco Administrative Code Section 67.16)

6. Future Agenda Items and Possible Resolutions (5 minutes)
- November: BAYWORK Presentation
- December: Reflections from Assistant General Manager Todd Rydstrom

No public comment

7. 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 (2 minutes per speaker)

No public comment

8. Staff Report (5 minutes)
- Updating bio’s for distribution at next meeting - Staff R. Iwata
- Update on Info Request logs - Staff R. Iwata
- Status update on the mobile app for MyAccount - Staff S. Gautier

No public comment

9. Announcements/Comments – The next regularly scheduled meeting for the Full CAC will take place on Tuesday, November 18, 2014

10. Adjournment

Motion was made (N. Sandkulla) and seconded (S. Kott) to adjourn meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm.