San Francisco Public Utilities Commission
Citizens’ Advisory Committee

MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, November 18, 2014
5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
525 Golden Gate Ave., 3rd Floor Tuolumne Conference Room
San Francisco, CA, 94102

Members:

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

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 5:41 pm

   Members present at roll call: (10 members present, quorum confirmed) W. Aragon (D1), S. Kott (D2), R. Lee (D3), D. Pilpel (D4), T. Loewenberg (D5), K. Groth (D7), S. Swaroop (D8), A. Taylor (D9), M. Goodwin (D10), T. Zhu (B-Env Justice),

   Members absent at roll call (6 members absent): M. Connors, A. Jamdar, T. Barlev, N. Sandkulla - (M-Reg’I Water Customers) 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 J. Clary arrives at 5:44pm (11 members present, quorum maintained)

   No public comment

3. Approval of the October 21, 2014 minutes (5 minutes)

   Motion was made (D. Pilpel) and seconded (T. Loewenberg) to approve October 21, 2014 minutes with the small edits that were discussed at the meeting.

   No public comment.

   The motion PASSED by the following vote:
   NOES: (0)
   ABSENT: (5) M. Connors, A. Jamdar, T. Barlev, N. Sandkulla, E. Saddler
4. Presentation and Discussion – “BAYWORK: Regional Collaboration and Workforce Reliability” Cheryl Davis, Manager, Water Enterprise (15 minute presentation; 15 minute discussion)

Presentation covered: http://baywork.org/
- An Overview of BAYWORK (review video in advance: http://vimeo.com/96857717)
- How the SFPUC Contributes and Benefits
- Future Directions
- Review of the BAYWORK website: http://baywork.org/

Topics of Discussion:
- Discussion ensues regarding what type of metrics were used to measure success- J. Clary
- Strategic transition plan- D. Pilpel
- Where do you get your funding and how do employees get paid?- S. Kott
- Long term plans for Baywork?- M. Goodwin
- Employment diversity index or goals to meet?- R. Lee

No public comment

5. Discussion and Possible Action on “Resolution in Support of Groundwater Program” Water Subcommittee Chair Jennifer Clary (10 minute discussion)

Motion was made (T. Loewenberg) and seconded (A. Taylor) to adopt the Resolution in Support of Groundwater Program for possible action.

Public Comment: John Kelly- Submitted his public comments pursuant to San Francisco Administrative Code Section 67.16 (The content is neither generated by, nor subject to approval or verification of accuracy by the SFPUC)-

“John M. Kelly – long-time City resident. Kelly spoke in opposition to “Resolution in Support of Groundwater Program.” His opposition concerned the introduction of groundwater into San Francisco’s drinking water without a statement of emergency declared by the Board of Supervisors or adequate notice to residents concerning the reduction in the high quality of their drinking water. Kelly stated the groundwater at issue did not meet federal and state health standards at two wells and totally failed to meet City water quality standards. He produced page 1-11 (Vol. 1) of the agency’s FEIR in support of this statement, and he asked it be made part of the record. Kelly related that groundwater was part of City drinking water 80 years ago, but questioned why San Franciscans spent billions of dollars to construct the magnificent Hetch Hetchy system to bring pristine, snowmelt drinking water to the City, if they liked groundwater.”

The motion PASSED by the following vote:
NOES: (0)
ABSENT: (5) M. Connors, A. Jamdar, T. Barlev, N. Sandkulla, E. Saddler

No public comment.

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

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)
“John M. Kelly – long-time City resident. Kelly commented that although he disagreed with the Committee's vote concerning the Groundwater Project Resolution, he appreciated the hard work of Committee members. He suggested that the Committee move General Public Comment from the end of the agenda to the beginning of the agenda, in order not to discourage public participation in the Committee's work.”

8. Staff Report (5 minutes)

9. Announcements/Comments – The next regularly scheduled meeting for the Full CAC will take place on Tuesday, December 16, 2014
   - Member D. Pilpel spoke about the Natural Resources tour they went on last month.
   - Member T. Zhu announced the Bayview popup urban agriculture program this Saturday.

10. Adjournment

Motion was made (D. Pilpel) and seconded (T. Loewenberg) to adjourn meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:03pm