

**San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC)
Citizens' Advisory Committee (CAC)**

MEETING MINUTES

**Tuesday, October 20, 2020
5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.**

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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).

This meeting is being held by Teleconference Pursuant to the Governor's Executive Order N-29-20 and the Sixteenth Supplement to Mayoral Proclamation Declaring the Existence of a Local Emergency Dated February 25, 2020

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Members:

Anietie Ekanem, Chair (D10)

Marria Evbuoma (D1)
Suki Kott (D2)
Steven Kight (D3)
Jim McHugh (D4)
Ted Loewenberg (D5)

Amy Zock, (D6)
VACANT (D7)
Amy Nagengast (D8)
Moisés García (D9)
Jennifer Clary (D11)
VACANT (M-Env. Org)

Nicole Sandkulla (M-Reg'l Water Customers)
Mark Tang (M-Eng./Financial)
Eliahu Perszyk (M-Lg Water User)
VACANT (B-Small Business)
Misty McKinney (B-Env Justice)

London N. Breed
Mayor

Ann Moller Caen
President

Francesca Vietor
Vice President

Anson Moran
Commissioner

Sophie Maxwell
Commissioner

Tim Paulson
Commissioner

Harlan L. Kelly, Jr.
General Manager

M = Mayoral appointment, B = Board President Appointment

Staff Liaisons: Tracy Zhu and Amanda Jimenez

Staff Email for Public Comment: AJimenez@sfwater.org

ORDER OF BUSINESS

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.



1. **Call to order and roll call**

Members present at roll call: (10) Ekanem, Evbuoma, Kott, McHugh, Loewenberg, Nagengast, Garcia, Clary, Tang, Perszyk

Members absent: (4) Kight, Zock, Sandkulla, McKinney

2. **Approve [September 15, 2020](#) Minutes**

Motion was made (Clary) and seconded (Tang) to approve September 15, 2020 Minutes

AYES: (10) Ekanem, Evbuoma, Kott, McHugh, Loewenberg, Nagengast, Garcia, Clary, Tang, Perszyk

NOES: (0)

ABSENT: (4) Kight, Zock, Sandkulla, McKinney

3. **Report from the Chair – Anietie Ekanem**

- Welcome members of the public and staff
- Welcome new District 1 appointee Marria Evbuoma!
- Thank you to Wendy Aragon for 7 years of service!
- [2019-2020 CAC Annual Report](#) was submitted to the SFPUC Commission on October 13, 2020
- Reminder about recruitment for CAC seats: D6, D7, Regional/Statewide Environmental Org (M), Small Business (B)

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: Annual General Manager Address**, Harlan Kelly, Jr., General Manager

Presentation:

- Presentation Overview
- Our Core Priorities
- Major Initiatives for FY 20 –21
- Upcoming Rates Packages
- Affordability Program
- Racial Justice & Equity
- COVID Business Continuity
- Succession Planning
- Diversifying Local Water Supply
- Bay Delta Plan
- Sewer System Improvement Program
- Stormwater Management & Localized Flooding

- Power Business Plan
- CleanPowerSF Capital Plan
- CAC's Role & Engagement

Discussion:

- **Member Clary** asked, what is the strategy around voluntary agreements? Environmental groups are hesitant to endorse the strategy, so it leads me to believe SFPUC can improve its approach.
- **General Manager Kelly** replied, the irrigation districts (Turlock and Modesto) have a lot of control and power, so we have to work in partnership with the irrigation districts to get them to agree to release more water. We need the state to engage to get us over the finish line and come to an agreement to release water.
- **Chair Ekanem** asked, regarding the Local Renewable Energy RFP, are you open to creating an impact and incubator fund around energy, water, and wastewater? Specifically around social impact ventures
- **General Manager Kelly** replied, yes, we are open to look at different ways that we can impact communities. We can have a conversation with staff to align RFPs with those outcomes.
- **Member Loewenberg** asked, as of 2018, new multi-unit housing buildings are supposed to have individual unit water metering. The potential water savings of 25%. What is the PUC doing to ensure that this is implemented?
- **General Manager Kelly** responded, my understanding is that it depends on where our responsibility stops. In some developments, our responsibility ends at the master meter, then it is distributed through HOAs.
- **Member Garcia** asked, there is potential to do better in informing the Citizen's Advisory Committee on what is happening in the SFPUC network? What can SFPUC do to keep us informed?
- **General Manager Kelly** replied, I provide a weekly report to SFPUC commissioners, and we can extend the report to the CAC members and ensure add you all to the distribution list.

6. **Presentation and Discussion:** [SFPUC Strategic Plan Update](#), Emily Alt, Sustainability, Strategic Planning and Budget Manager; Alexandra Johnson, Budget and Strategic Planning Analyst; External Affairs

Resources:

- [SFPUC Strategic Plan 2020](#)

Presentation:

- Agenda
- What we are not Changing
- Strategic Plan Revisions
- FY 2020-2021 Timeline
- Next 5 years
- CAC Engagement
- Questions

Discussion:

- **Chair Ekanem** asks, what is the timing or strategic planning being incorporated into the budget?

- **Staff Alt** responded, every division creates a proposal, and all spending needs to be correlated back to the strategic plan under a goal or objective. In the add-back process, there also needs to be a specific correlation to the strategic plan in order to ensure progress.
- **Chair Ekanem** asks, how do we ensure certain values are reflected in the strategic plan then the budget?
- Staff Alt replied by stating, the strategic plan is created around themes such as racial equity, affordability, and climate change.
- **Chair Ekanem** requests Emily to receive resolutions and come back often to use CAC as sounding board for the strategic plan.
- **Member Nagengast** asks, if the green recovery is different from the strategic plan or if it is incorporated in?
Staff Alt replied, it is not currently in the plan but I can inquire about how can we include those concepts in the strategic plan.

Public Comment: None

7. **Presentation, Discussion, and Possible Action:** [Resolution in Support of Online Virtual Tours and Educational Videos](#), Suki Kott, CAC Member

Motion was made (Clary) and seconded (Garcia) to adopt the resolution.

The motion PASSED with the following vote:

AYES: (10) Ekanem, Evbuoma, Kott, McHugh, Loewenberg, Nagengast, Garcia, Clary, Tang, Perszyk

NOES: (0)

ABSENT: (4) Kight, Zock, Sandkulla, McKinney

8. **Staff Report**

- Reminder about the reappointment process
- Subcommittee Meetings
 1. Power – October 27, 2020
 - CleanPowerSF Integrated Resource Plan
 - CleanPowerSF Supply Plan
 2. Wastewater – November 10, 2020
 - Collection Systems
 - Biosolids Update
 3. Water – November 24, 2020

9. **Future Agenda Items and Resolutions**

- Outreach and Limited-English Proficiency Outreach for Emergency Customer Rate Assistance Programs - *November*
- Commissioner Visits - *tentative October and November*
- Agency-wide Planning & Policy on Climate Change & Adaptation
- Interagency Working Group on Sea Level Rise
- Contracting Process
- Education Resolution
- 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
- Green New Deal
- Micro Hydroelectric Power
- Prop A Bond Funding
- Natural Resources Program

Adopted Resolutions for Follow Up

- Resolution in Support of a Skilled and Diverse Utility Workforce [adopted February 19, 2019](#)
- Resolution Honoring the Life, Activism, and Contributions of Dr. Espanola Jackson to the Local Community [adopted on April 19, 2016](#)
- Resolution on Balboa Reservoir [adopted March 15, 2016](#)

10. **Announcements/Comments** – The next meeting for the Full CAC will be on November 17, 2020. Check www.sfwater.org/cac for confirmation of the meeting date for the next scheduled meeting.

11. **Adjournment**

Motion was made (Clary) and seconded (Ekanem) to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:09 PM.