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**SAN FRANCISCO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
 RATE FAIRNESS BOARD
 CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO**

**Minutes of Special Meeting
 Friday, March 17, 2023, 1:30 PM – 3:30 PM
 (Approved April 11, 2023)**

Members of the Rate Fairness Board will attend this meeting in-person. Members of the public are invited to observe the meeting in-person or remotely online as described below. Members of the public attending the meeting in person or remotely online will have an opportunity to provide public comment on every item. It is possible that not every person in the queue will have an opportunity to provide remote public comment.

In-person Meeting: San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC), 525 Golden Gate Avenue, 3rd Floor, Tuolumne Conference Room, San Francisco, CA 94102

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39 **MEETING AGENDA**

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41 *Materials Distributed: Special Meeting Agenda for March 17, 2023; Draft*
42 *Special Meeting Minutes of February 7, 2023; Fiscal Year 2023-2024*
43 *CleanPowerSF Rates Setting presentation; Stormwater Credit Program*
44 *presentation; 2023 Water & Wastewater Rate Study: Staff Recommendation*
45 *presentation; Draft SFPUC Rate Fairness Board Bylaws*

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47 **1. Call to Order**

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49 *The special meeting of the SFPUC Rate Fairness Board (RFB) was called*
50 *to order at 1:32 PM in-person and via teleconference.*

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52 **2. Roll Call**

Member Name/Title	Appointed By
Howard Ash, Chair, Residential City Retail Customer	Board of Supervisors
Trisha McMahon, Budget and Planning Manager	City Administrator
Ken Hinton, Budget and Revenue Analyst	Controller's Office
Vishal Trivedi, Financial Analyst of Office of Public Finance	Controller's Office
<i>Vacant</i> , City Retail Small Business Customer	Board of Supervisors
<i>Vacant</i> , City Retail Large Business Customer	Mayor's Office
<i>Vacant</i> , Residential City Retail Customer	Mayor's Office

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54 *Roll Call:*

- 55 • *Present: Chair Ash, Member Hinton, Member McMahon, Member*
- 56 *Trivedi*

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58 **3. General Public Comment**

59 Members of the public may address the Rate Fairness Board (RFB) on
60 matters that are within the Board's jurisdiction but not on today's
61 agenda.

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63 *Public Comment: None*

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65 **4. Approval of the Special Meeting Minutes of February 7, 2023**

66 (Discussion and Action)

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68 *Chair Ash asked Board for comments, questions, or concerns. There were*
69 *no comments from the Board.*

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71 *Public Comment: Mr. David Pilpel requested to correct the spelling of his*
72 *name. Mr. Pilpel also suggested to move line 74 – "Public Comment: None"*
73 *prior to line 71 – "Roll-call Vote."*

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75 *Chair Ash agreed to make the correction of moving line 74 prior to line 71.*

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77 *The minutes of the special meeting of February 7, 2023, were adopted, as*
78 *amended, unanimously upon a motion by Member Trivedi and seconded by*
79 *Chair Ash.*

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81 *Roll Call Vote:*

82 • *Ayes: Chair Ash, Member Hinton, Member McMahon, Member Trivedi*

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84 **5. Report of the Chair**

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86 **a. Fiscal Year 2023-2024 CleanPowerSF Rates Setting**

87 (Presentation and Discussion)

88 Yee Nwe (Ma Yee) Yap, SFPUC Principal Revenue/Rates Analyst

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90 *Yee Nwe (Ma Yee) Yap presented the Fiscal Year 2023-2024*
91 *CleanPowerSF Rates Setting. Presentation included the following*
92 *topics: CleanPowerSF rates landscape, rate schedules, rate study*
93 *process, FY 2023-24 rates setting, and upcoming milestones.*

94 *Discussion transpired throughout presentation.*

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96 *The Board Members requested information about whether it was a*
97 *good idea to only adopt one year of rates, and whether the last year*
98 *of having lower rates than PG&E caused any customers to return to*
99 *CleanPowerSF.*

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101 *Public Comment: Mr. David Pilpel suggested to incorporate*
102 *comments from the public who participated in the integrated*
103 *resource plan and had thoughts that are relevant to power rates.*

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106 **b. Stormwater Credit Program**

107 (Presentation and Discussion)

108 Blake Hihara, SFPUC Stormwater Credit Program Lead

109 Will Logsdon, SFPUC Utility Analyst

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111 *Blake Hihara and Will Logsdon presented on the Stormwater Credit*
112 *Program. Presentation included the following topics: overview of*
113 *stormwater charge rate structure, recommended stormwater credit*
114 *program, SFPUC available resources, and next steps for the*
115 *program. Discussion transpired throughout presentation.*

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117 *Chair Ash suggested presenting the change in rate structure without*
118 *rate increases to isolate the impact of the stormwater charge alone*
119 *in graphs.*

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121 *Public Comment: Mr. David Pilpel had various questions and*
122 *comments on the stormwater revenue and implementation.*

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124 **c. 2023 Water & Wastewater Rate Study: Staff Recommendation**

125 (Presentation and Discussion)

126 Matthew Freiberg, SFPUC Principal Revenue/Rates Analyst

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128 *Matthew Freiberg presented the 2023 Water & Wastewater Rate*
129 *Study: Staff Recommendation. Presentation included the following*
130 *topics: review the final rates package that will go to the Commission*
131 *for adoption on May 9th, wastewater rate recommendation and water*
132 *rate recommendation. Discussion transpired throughout*
133 *presentation.*

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135 *Member McMahon requested additional information on the impact of*
136 *the new stormwater charge on City departments and public*
137 *agencies.*

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139 *Public Comment: Mr. Antonio Guerra, Director of Administration and*
140 *Finance for San Francisco Recreation and Parks Department,*
141 *asked if this is a three-year recommendation that will be presented*
142 *to the Commission. He also wanted to confirm when the full draft*
143 *consultant report will be released.*

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145 *Public Comment: Mr. David Pilpel had concerns about the timing of*
146 *the stormwater charge implementation and when the Rate Fairness*
147 *Board would make a recommendation to the SFPUC Commission.*

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149 **6. Items Initiated by Board Members**

150 **a. Rate Fairness Board Bylaws**

151 (Discussion)

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153 *Chair Ash expressed that he wanted some clarification on specific*
154 *sections in the bylaws. The Board Members would like to see some*
155 *clarification on the organization of members. Discussion transpired*
156 *throughout.*

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158 *Public Comment: Mr. David Pilpel had some suggestions and*
159 *comments to the edits in the bylaws.*

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161 **7. Announcements and Requests for Future Agenda Items**

162 (Discussion)

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164 *Chair Ash asked when the next meeting will be scheduled. The next*
165 *meeting is tentatively scheduled for the week of April 3rd or 10th.*

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167 *The Board Members expressed their interest to see the full draft consultant*
168 *report when it is available.*

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170 *Public Comment: Mr. David Pilpel thanked the Board Members and SFPUC*
171 *staff.*

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173 **8. Adjournment**

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175 *Meeting adjourned at 3:30 PM.*

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177 **Accessible Meeting Policy:** To obtain meeting materials in alternative format, please
178 contact the Rate Fairness Board Secretary at 415-554-3477 or via email at
179 RateFairnessBoard@sfwater.org. Providing at least 72 hours notice will help to
180 ensure availability. Written reports or background materials for calendar items are
181 available on-line at [https://sfpuc.org/about-us/boards-commissions-committees/rate-](https://sfpuc.org/about-us/boards-commissions-committees/rate-fairness-board)
182 [fairness-board](https://sfpuc.org/about-us/boards-commissions-committees/rate-fairness-board).

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184 **Meeting Procedures:** Public Comment will be taken before or during the
185 Board's consideration of each agenda item. Speakers may address the Board
186 for up to three minutes on that item. During General Public Comment,
187 members of the public may address the Board on matters that are within the
188 Board's jurisdiction and are not on the agenda. Procedures do not permit: 1)
189 persons in the audience to vocally express support or opposition to statements
190 by Board Member, by other persons testifying; 2) ringing and use of cell
191 phones, pagers, and similar sound-producing electronic devices; 3) bringing in
192 or displaying signs in the meeting room; and 4) standing in the meeting room.
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194 electronic devices are prohibited at this meeting. Please be advised that the
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196 responsible for the ringing or use of a cell phone, pager, or other similar sound-
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209 67 of the San Francisco Administrative Code on the Internet, at
210 <http://www.sfbos.org/sunshine>.

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212 / Бесплатная помощь переводчиков / Trợ giúp Thông dịch Miễn phí /
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215 **Lobbyist Registration and Reporting Requirements:** Individuals and entities
216 that influence or attempt to influence local legislative or administrative action
217 may be required by the San Francisco Lobbyist Ordinance [SF Campaign &
218 Governmental Conduct Code Sec. 2.100] to register and report lobbying
219 activity. For more information about the Lobbyist Ordinance, please contact the
220 San Francisco Ethics Commission at 25 Van Ness Avenue, Suite 220, San

221 Francisco, CA 94102; telephone (415) 252-3100; fax (415) 252-3112; web site
222 at www.sfgov.org/ethics.

223 **Explanatory documents** that have been provided to the Board in connection
224 with this agenda are available for public inspection online at
225 [https://sfpuc.org/about-us/boards-commissions-committees/rate-fairness-](https://sfpuc.org/about-us/boards-commissions-committees/rate-fairness-board)
226 [board](https://sfpuc.org/about-us/boards-commissions-committees/rate-fairness-board).