



**San Francisco Public Utilities Commission  
 Citizens' Advisory Committee  
 Power Subcommittee**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**Tuesday, September 5, 2023  
 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.  
 525 Golden Gate Ave., 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Tuolumne Conference Room**

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**Mission:** The Power Subcommittee shall review power generation and transmission system reliability and improvement programs, including but not limited to facilities siting and alternatives energy programs, as well as other relevant plans, programs, and policies ([Admin. Code Article XV, Sections 5.140 - 5.142](#)).

**Members**

**Chair Emily Algire (D5)**  
 Jodi Soboll (M- Engin.  
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Barklee Sanders (D6)

Moisés García (D9)

D = District Supervisor appointed, M = Mayor appointed, B = Board President appointed

**Staff Liaisons:** Mayara Ruski Augusto Sa, Lexus Moncrease, and Jotti Aulakh  
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**ORDER OF BUSINESS**

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

Members present at roll call: (4) Algire, García, Sanders, and Soboll

Members Absent: (0)

Staff: Peter Gallotta and Ramon Abueg

Members of the Public: None

**2. Approve [August 8, 2023](#) Minutes**

**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.



Motion was made (Soboll) and seconded (García) to approve the August 8, 2023, Minutes.

AYES: (4) Algire, García, Sanders, and Soboll

NOES: (0)

ABSENT: (0) García

Public Comment: None

**3. Report from the Chair**

- Welcome members, staff, and the public
- Ohlone Tribal Land Acknowledgement

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, Discussion, and Possible Action: [Resolution Regarding Emergency Authorizations and Power Outages on Treasure](#), CAC Member Barklee Sanders**

*Presentation*

- **Member Sanders** provided a brief overview of the resolution and provided additional edits.
- In the first Whereas clause, 468 power outages was changed to 474 power outages (as of September 5, 2023).
- In the first Whereas clause, the word "average" was removed and replaced with "PG&E power."
- In the fifth Whereas clause, the word "upgrade" was replaced with "stabilize."
- In the sixth Whereas clause, "it is anticipated that parts of the the..." was replaced with "new development customers, while there are no improvements planned for the." "Which" was added after "existing system" and "or more as development continues" was replaced with "creating an even greater disparity between these communities." "ten" was replaced with "10."

*Discussion*

- **Member García** commented that the 2024 deadline does not seem feasible. He then asked if the SFPUC was the appropriate party to address.

**Member Sanders** responded that it is reasonable because there is a new power pole installed within 24 hours of an outage, and the SFPUC has worked at a fast pace for other emergency declarations.

- **Staff Gallotta** commented that the SFPUC has limitations and noted that without TIDA's (Treasure Island Development Authority) approval, the inspection and the Capital Improvement Plan could not be done. He added that the 2024 timeline regarding the below ground inspection was feasible but would require more resources and would need to be approved and funded by TIDA. Staff Gallotta commented that TIDA should be the authority addressed in the resolution because they play a decision-making role, or it could be the Board of Supervisors (BoS) or the Mayor, which is a question for the City Attorney to address.

**Member Sanders** responded that the City Attorney's office informed him that the SFPUC cannot urge TIDA, the Mayor, or the BoS.

**Staff Moncrease** responded that the CAC can advise the General Manager of the SFPUC and the BoS, which is stated in the CAC ordinance.

- **Member Soboll** asked who was responsible for routine maintenance of the grid.

**Member Sanders** responded that it was TIDA.

- **Member Soboll** commented that the resolution should be addressed to the Mayor or whoever has power to demand a corrective action from TIDA that will allow no more than three outages per year on Treasure Island (TI). She added that the resolution should ask for a preventative maintenance plan for TI from TIDA, and it is unacceptable if they do not have one. Soboll noted that there is \$15 million that is dedicated to having a maintenance plan, and she would like to see where and how that money is being spent.

**Member Sanders** responded that the plan was to fix things once they break because that is the cheapest option for TIDA. He noted that he had included that information on a previous draft of the resolution but had removed it because he believed it made the resolution long and confusing. Sanders then asked if it was correct that the resolution urge the SFPUC, the Mayor, and the BoS to immediately inspect TI's grid.

- **Member García** responded that there needs to be clarity around who oversees TIDA. He commented that the resolution could ask the SFPUC, the Mayor, and the BoS to clarify this issue with the City Attorney and have the City Attorney make that determination.

**Member Sanders** commented that he has asked the City Attorney's office about this to which they responded that TIDA controls all the upgrades and only the Mayor or the BoS can take executive action over TIDA.

**Member García** responded that the City Attorney's response should be recorded in writing, and they should provide some innovative ideas to solve the issue.

- **Chair Algire** asked if an email from the City Attorney's office was sufficient.

**Member García** responded that the City Attorney's office represents the City and not the CAC, so it would be better to have something more official.

- **Member Soboll** asked if that would require the Power Subcommittee to draft another resolution or can they directly ask the City Attorney's office for that information.

**Member García** responded that it would be helpful to both ask and draft a resolution. He then noted that the Resolved clauses in the resolution had the wrong target, and the resolution was not feasible.

- In the first Resolved clause, "Mayor and the" was removed from the first sentence.
- In the first and second Resolved clauses, "end of June 2024" was replaced with "July 2024."

Motion was made (Sanders) and seconded (Algire) to adopt the resolution.

AYES: (3) Algire, Sanders, and Soboll

NOES: (1) García

ABSENT: (0)

Public Comment: None

**6. Discussion: Water CAC FY 2023-2024 Priorities**, Emily Algire, Power CAC Chair CAC Chair

- a. Resource: [Citizens Advisory Committee Annual Report FY 21-22](#)

*Discussion*

- **Chair Algire** asked if any priorities from the previous fiscal year should be included in the list of 2023-2024 Priorities.

**Member Soboll** responded that Climate Change Resiliency and Weatherization should be included.

- **Member García** commented that Strategic Investments in Power Infrastructure should be included because the SFPUC is still trying to acquire PG&E assets.

**Chair Algire** responded that Strategic Investments in Power Infrastructure was general enough to also encompass TI.

- **Member Soboll** commented that resiliency and the wildfire situation should also be included under Strategic Investments in Power Infrastructure.

**Chair Algire** responded that the first priority should be Climate Change Impact and Weatherization and the second priority should be

Strategic Investments in Power Infrastructure for Resiliency to incorporate Soboll's recommendations.

- **Member Sanders** commented that he was interested in TI's power outages, but he was open to broadening that to encompass other disenfranchised communities.

**Chair Algire** added Equitable Power Reliability to the list of priorities.

- **Member García** commented that Power Programs and Affordability should also be included from the list of priorities from the previous fiscal year. He noted that the Racial Equity Plan Implementation Updates and the Power Enterprise Hiring and Training priorities from the 2022-2023 fiscal year were topics that were being covered by the Full CAC, so they did not need to be included for the current list.

Public Comment: None

## 7. Staff report

- The Power Subcommittee has two meetings remaining for the year, which will be held in October and December.
- Reminder to let staff know in advance if CAC members cannot attend a meeting.

Public Comment: None

## 8. Future Agenda Items and Resolutions

- Lean Quality Management System Discussion for TI (Member Soboll) – *tentatively October*
- Update from Michael Hyams – *tentatively October or December*
- Wildfire Updates (focus on the Peninsula and PG&E wires going over SFPUC land) – *tentatively December or February*
- Purchase Power Contract
- IEPR from the CEC
- TI Resolution Report back
- Bayview Power
- Emergency Preparedness
- Power Enterprise Training
- Legislative Update – Federal and State
- Electrification: San Francisco Climate Action Plan
- Municipalization: Interconnection, FERC Order 568, CCSF Purchase Offer
- Electric Rates & Equity
- Power Enterprise Residential & Commercial Power Programs: Heat Pumps, CAP
- California Community Choice Aggregation Residential & Commercial Power Programs
- Redevelopment Projects: Hunter's Point Shipyard & Treasure Island
- Time-of-Use Rates Update
- Reliability: Wildfires and Public Safety Power Shutoffs

Adopted Resolutions for Follow Up

- Resolution Recommending that the SFPUC Commission Reverses its Position on the "Not to Exceed Rates" for CleanPowerSF, Move

Forward with this Important Program, and Allow Staff to Move Forward with its Launch [adopted September 16, 2014](#)

- Resolution in Support of SB 612 Electrical Corporations and other Load-Serving Entities [adopted on July 20, 2021](#)
- Resolution in Supporting of the Transition of CleanPowerSF Residential Customers to Time-of-Use Rates [adopted on July 20, 2021](#)

Public Comment: None

- 9. Announcements/Comments** Visit [www.sfpuc.org/cac](http://www.sfpuc.org/cac) for confirmation of the next scheduled meeting, agenda, and materials.

Public Comment: None

**10. Adjournment**

Motion was made (Algire) and seconded (Sanders) to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:10 pm.