



SAN FRANCISCO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
City and County of San Francisco

London N. Breed
Mayor

Minutes
Tuesday, March 10, 2020
1:30 P.M.
(Approved April 14, 2020)

1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place
City Hall, Room 400
San Francisco, CA 94102

Commissioners
Ann Moller Caen, President
Francesca Vietor, Vice President
Anson Moran
Sophie Maxwell
Tim Paulson

Harlan L. Kelly, Jr.
General Manager

Donna Hood
Secretary



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1. Call to Order

President Caen called the meeting to order at 1:34 PM.

2. Roll Call

Present: Vietor, Moran, Maxwell and Paulson

President Caen arrived at 1:41 PM

3. Approval of the Minutes of February 25, 2020

On motion to approve the Minutes of February 25, 2020

Ayes: Vietor, Moran, Maxwell and Paulson

No public comment.

4. General Public Comment

- *Eileen Boken distributed a San Francisco Chronicle Article, "Sunset Reservoir seismic upgrade nearly done". She discussed the retrofit of north basin. She questioned the 10-Year Capital Plan financing.*
- *Francisco DaCosta discussed concerns expressed by those who attend the Commission meetings. He discussed Marina Times article.*

President Caen arrived at 1:41 PM.

- *Ann Clark, Commonwealth Club, discussed the Commonwealth Club's Women's Luncheon and thanked President Caen and Vice President for their attendance.*

5. Communications

- Advance Calendar
- Correspondence Log
- Contract Advertisement Report
- Annual Power Risk Management Plan
- Water Supply Conditions Update

No public comment.

6. Report of the General Manager

a) Bay Delta Water Quality Control Plan Update

Steve Ritchie, Assistant General Manager (AGM) Water, stated that the State of California is suing the Department of the Interior regarding the Biological Opinion for the state and federal water projects and that staff is tracking the suit. He noted some environmental groups and state water contractors have also filed suit against the Department of the Interior.

AGM Ritchie responded to a question from VP Vietor regarding the status of resolutions she requested.

No public comment.

- b) Update on PG&E's Bankruptcy and City's Acquisition Offer
Barbara Hale, AGM Power, provided the following update: (1) PG&E - Federal Bankruptcy: PG&E filed additional revisions to its plan of reorganization and accompanying disclosure statement. Hearings are underway and are projected to conclude on March 16. She discussed a motion filed by the Tort Claims Committee; (2) PG&E - California PUC (CPUC) Bankruptcy: AGM Hale reviewed SFPUC's testimony at the CPUC bankruptcy hearing; (3) Education efforts: Web education efforts have been enhanced (publicpowersf.org). As of March 10, there have been 2,665 unique site visits; 175,000 individuals have been reached via pushing content to social media; 77 unique individuals have signed up to receive updates; majority of traffic to site is from social media; and working with neighborhood newspapers on print advertising, per Commissioner Maxwell's request.

AGM Hale responded to a question from President Caen whether any feedback has been received.

No public comment.

- c) Sewer System Improvement Program Quarterly Report
Stephen Robinson, Wastewater Enterprise Capital Program Director, presented the report. He indicated that 37.1% of Phase I Projects are complete with \$0.958 billion expended. He provided highlights for the Baker Beach Green Street Project, Southeast Plant New Headworks Facility Project, and other Phase I Projects. Mr. Robinson continued with a review of current construction status for the Oceanside Plant LED Fixture Replacement Project, Mariposa Dry-Weather Pump Station and Force Main Improvements, and Bruce Flynn Pump Station.

No public comment.

- d) Wastewater Enterprise Capital Improvement Program Quarterly Report
Mr. Robinson reviewed projects that have exceeded schedule forecast by six months and/or have cost variances exceeding 10%: New Headworks Project (cost variance), CM/CG delivery - Scope 1, 2A, and 3 (cost variance), Van Ness BRT Sewer Improvements (cost variance), Better Market Street Sewer Improvement Phase I (cost and schedule variance), Fifth, North, Sixth and Division Streets Combined Sewer Discharge rehabilitation (delay), Wastewater Storm Water Management Planning (cost variance), Large Sewer Condition Assessment Improvements (cost and schedule variance), and Ocean Beach Project (cost variance).

At the request of GM Kelly, Mr. Robinson provided a brief update for the Alemany Project. GM Kelly and Mr. Robinson responded to a question from VP Vietor regarding green options for the Project. Brief discussion ensued.

President Caen requested that going forward the report be submitted in writing in addition to the verbal update.

No public comment.

e) SFPUC Activities Associated with the Mayor's February 25, 2020 Emergency Declaration for COVID-19

Justine Hinderliter, Chief People Officer, stated the SFPUC is working in coordination with the City's Department of Human Resources, Department of Emergency Management (DEM), and the Department of Public Health to address the rapidly changing event. She discussed internal work being conducted and noted regular meeting are being convened. She touched on some major issues being addressed, including analysis of Continuity of Operations Plan, implementation of social distancing programs (e.g. limiting in-person meetings, cancellation of non-essential trainings, eliminate on-essential travel), launch of temporary telecommute policy for vulnerable populations to reduce the number of on-site employees, obtaining additional resources (laptops, bandwidth capabilities), increased cleaning, scenario planning, increased cleaning of shared electronic equipment, increased communication regarding hand washing, and Disaster Service Worker (DSW) response.

GM Kelley stated conversations have taken place with the Southeast Facility Commission regarding the need to reduce the usage of their facility. He stated he is working with DEM to identifying employees who can work as DSW during the event.

In response to a question from Commissioner Maxwell regarding employee's ability to use accrued sick leave and as to what is being done for new employees or for employees that have limited sick leave accrued, Ms. Hinderliter indicated those situations will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis. Discussion ensued on the feasibility of a case-by-case determination due to the large number of SFPUC employees. Brief discussion ensued.

Ms. Hinderliter responded to a question from Commissioner Maxwell regarding the availability of hand sanitizer and what we are doing for employees' families. President Caen emphasized the SFPUC must be proactive.

No public comment.

f) Report on Recent San Francisco Public Utilities Commission Activities, Events and Announcements

None.

7. New Commission Business

None.

8. Consent Calendar:

Commissioner Maxwell requested that item 8a be removed from the Consent Calendar.

a) Approve Amendment No. 2 to Agreement No. CS-369.A, Program Scheduling and Cost Control Staff Augmentation Services, with ECS Inc., to provide program/

project scheduling, Critical Path Method scheduling, forecasting, change control, cost controls, and cost estimating for capital improvement projects in the Sewer System Improvement Program, Water Enterprise Capital Improvement Program, and Hetch Hetchy Capital Improvement Program; and authorize the General Manager to execute this amendment increasing the agreement amount by \$2,250,000, for a total not-to-exceed amount of \$7,000,000, and extending the agreement duration by two years, for a total duration of seven years. ([Resolution 20-0053](#))

- b) Approve Amendment No. 1 to Agreement No. CS-369.B, Program Scheduling and Cost Control Staff Augmentation Services, with PMA Consultants LLC - Dabri Joint Venture, to provide program/project scheduling, Critical Path Method scheduling, forecasting, change control, cost controls, and cost estimating for capital improvement projects in the Sewer System Improvement Program, Water Enterprise Capital Improvement Program, and Hetch Hetchy Capital Improvement Program; and authorize the General Manager to execute this amendment, increasing the agreement amount by \$2,250,000, for a total not-to-exceed amount of \$7,000,000, and extending the agreement duration by two years, for a total duration of seven years. ([Resolution 20-0049](#))
- c) Approve Modification No. 1 to Job Order Contract, JOC-58, Micro-LBE Set Aside, General Building (B-License) for San Joaquin, Stanislaus and Tuolumne Counties, with Southwest Construction and Property Management, to complete ongoing facility and asset improvements, increasing the contract amount by \$1,000,000 and the contract duration by 730 consecutive calendar days, for a total contract amount not-to-exceed \$3,000,000, and a total contract duration of 1,825 consecutive calendar days, in accordance with San Francisco Administrative Code 6.62. ([Resolution 20-0050](#))
- d) Approve the selection of Eurofins Eaton Analytical, LLC; award Agreement No. PRO.0165, PUC As-Needed Lab Analytical, to provide reference laboratory testing of drinking water, wastewater, groundwater, soils, sediments, solids, hazardous waste, water and wastewater treatment chemicals, biosolids, and biota (tissue); and authorize the General Manager to negotiate and execute a professional services agreement with Eurofins Eaton Analytical, LLC for an amount not-to-exceed \$4,500,000 and with a duration of five years. ([Resolution 20-0051](#))
- e) Accept work performed by Pipe and Plant Solutions, Inc. for Contract No. WW-640, As-Needed Sewer Cleaning and Inspection (FY17); approve Modification No. 4 (Final), decreasing the contract duration by 136 consecutive calendar days, for a total contract duration of 434 consecutive calendar days with no change to the agreement amount; and authorize final payment to the Contractor. ([Resolution 20-0052](#))

*On motion to approve Consent Calendar items 8b through 8e:
Ayes: Caen, Vietor, Moran, Maxwell and Paulson*

Item 8a: AGM How responded to questions from Commissioner Maxwell regarding the meaning of “critical method path scheduling”, and “cost control staff augmentation services”. GM Kelly provided additional response.

*On motion to approve Consent Calendar item 8a:
Ayes: Caen, Vietor, Moran, Maxwell and Paulson*

No public comment.

9. Approve the plans and specifications, and award Contract No. DB-129.2 Bay Corridor Transmission & Distribution - Phase 2 (2019) South, in the amount of \$29,280,870, and with a duration of 396 consecutive calendar days, to the responsible bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid, Anvil Builders, Inc. to install electrical conduits, electrical vaults, and potable water supply pipelines. This action constitutes the Approval Action for this project for the purposes of CEQA, pursuant to Section 31.04(h) of the San Francisco Administrative Code. ([Resolution 20-0054](#))
Kathy How, AGM Infrastructure, introduced the item and requested approval.

*On motion to approve Item 9:
Ayes: Caen, Vietor, Moran, Maxwell and Paulson*

No public comment.

10. Approve the selection of HDR Engineering, Inc.; award Agreement No. PRO.0021, Hetch Hetchy Water and Power Technical Services for San Joaquin Pipeline Program (Lines 1-4 Including Appurtenances) to provide engineering support to extend the life of the San Joaquin Pipeline System; and authorize the General Manager to negotiate and execute a professional services agreement with HDR Engineering, Inc. for an amount not-to-exceed \$9,000,000, and with a duration of eight years. ([Resolution 20-0055](#))

*On motion to approve Item 10:
Ayes: Caen, Vietor, Moran, Maxwell and Paulson*

No public comment.

11. Discussion and possible action to authorize the General Manager of the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC) to consent, on behalf of the SFPUC, to the Development Agreement for the Potrero Power Station Mixed-Use Project at the approximately 29-acre site generally bound by 22nd Street to the north, the San Francisco Bay to the east, 23rd Street to the south and Illinois Street to the west, between the City and County of San Francisco and California Barrel Company, LLC, as it relates to matters under the SFPUC’s jurisdiction; and adopt findings pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act and a Mitigation, Monitoring and Reporting Program. ([Resolution 20-0056](#))

*On motion to approve Item 11:
Ayes: Caen, Vietor, Moran, Maxwell and Paulson*

No public comment.

12. Approve Amendment No. 5 to Agreement No. CS-911R, Construction Management Services, Calaveras Dam Replacement Project, with Black and Veatch Corporation, to provide ongoing construction management support during completion of construction and close-out of the Fish Passage Facility Project and close-out of the Calaveras Dam Replacement Project; and authorize the General Manager to execute this Amendment No. 5, increasing the duration by nine months, for a total not-to-exceed agreement duration of 10 years and five months, with no change to the agreement amount. ([Resolution 20-0057](#))

On motion to approve Item 12:

Ayes: Caen, Vietor, Moran, Maxwell and Paulson

No public comment.

13. Adopt resolution affirming the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission's (SFPUC) support for acquiring Pacific Gas and Electric Company electric assets in San Francisco, so that SFPUC can provide affordable, reliable, safe public power service to all customers in the City and County of San Francisco, and confirm that before finalizing the acquisition, the SFPUC would have sufficient information to find that ongoing service by the City would be consistent with SFPUC policies on financial stability, support for utility workforces, community and worker safety, climate change prevention and mitigation, affordability and equity, operational excellence, and improved service to City Departments. ([Resolution 20-0058](#))

AGM Hale reviewed key priorities that would need to be satisfied for the City to move forward on the proposed acquisition of PG&E transmission and distribution assets in San Francisco: financial stability, support for utility workforces, community and worker safety, climate change prevention and mitigation, affordability and equity, operational excellence, and improved service to City departments. She noted the SFPC resolution is consistent with a Board of Supervisors resolution, which was referred out of the Land Use Committee.

AGM Hale responded to a question from President Caen regarding the Board resolution.

On motion to approve Item 13:

Ayes: Caen, Vietor, Moran, Maxwell and Paulson

No public comment.

14. Adjournment
President Caen adjourned the meeting at 2:58 PM.