San Francisco Water Power Sewer
Services of the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission

SAN FRANCISCO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
City and County of San Francisco

Daniel Lurie
Mayor

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, October 13, 2026
1:30 PM
(Approved October 27, 2026)

1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, City Hall, Room 400

Commissioners
Joshua Arce, President
Stephen E. Leveroni, Vice President
Avni Jamdar
Kate H. Stacy
Meghan Thurlow

Dennis J. Herrera
General Manager

Tiffany Lennear
Director of Commission Affairs

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Call to Order
   President Arce called the meeting to order at 1:30 P.M.

2. Roll Call
   Present: Arce, Leveroni, Jamdar, Stacy, and Thurlow

3. Annual Election of Officers: Discussion and possible action to elect a President and Vice President of the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC), each to serve a one-year term, in accordance with the SFPUC City and County of San Francisco Rules of Order, Rule 6.

   - *Francisco Da Costa provided comment and suggested commission officers be elected to serve for a period of more than one year.*

   Commissioner Stacy nominated Vice President Steve Leveroni for Commission President and Vice President Leveroni accepted the nomination with honor.

   Commissioner Jamdar seconded the motion.

   On motion to elect Vice President Leveroni as Commission President:
   Ayes: Arce, Leveroni, Jamdar, Stacy, and Thurlow

   No public comment was provided for the election of the Commission Vice President.

   Commissioner Arce nominated Commissioner Avni Jamdar for Commission Vice President.

   Commissioner Thurlow nominated Commissioner Stacy for Commission Vice President.

   Commissioner Jamdar accepted the nomination for Commission Vice President.

   Commissioner Stacy accepted the nomination for Commission Vice President.

   President Leveroni acknowledged the two nominations and requested each Commissioner state which nominee for whom they were voting, with the Commissioner receiving three votes to serve as Commission Vice President.

   On motions nominating Commissioners Jamdar and Stacy as Commission Vice President:
   Jamdar: Arce and Jamdar
   Stacy: Leveroni, Stacy, and Thurlow

   President Leveroni announced that with three votes, Commissioner Stacy would

take office of Vice President.

Approval of the Minutes of September 8, 2026

Commissioner Jamdar requested to include the Commission approved revision made on the motion for Agenda Item 8, requiring staff report to the Commission on the CleanPowerSF Net Billing Tariff and the revised NEM Tariff Program in May 2028.

No public comment provided.

On motion to approve the Minutes of September 8, 2026 as amended:
Ayes: Leveroni, Stacy, Arce, Jamdar, and Thurlow

5. General Public Comment
   - *Francisco Da Costa provided comment stating the reservoirs are not maintained to a high standard.*
   - *Deandra Bryant, Bayview Hunters Point resident, provided comment sharing her background and stated that her community carries the wastewater burden.*
   - *Denise Louie shared a map of the City's emergency firefighting water pipeline and provided comment stating that large neighborhoods located on the west side of the map are unprotected.*
   - *John Rosapepe provided comment sharing his background, including his former occupation as a fisheries biologist, stated Tuolumne River Chinook salmon are endangered.*

6. Report of the General Manager (discussion only)
   a) SFPUC Employee Retirement Recognitions for 25+ Years of Service

   General Manager Dennis Herrera recognized the incredible service and dedication of employees who would soon retire with over 25 years of service to the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission, and introduced Terrance Gardner, Rhonda Tessaro, and Steve W. Thomazin.

   Terrence Gardner served the City and County of San Francisco as a Stationary Engineer for 45 years, from 1981 to 2026, contributing his skill, professionalism, and dedication to the City's essential water and wastewater operations.

   Rhonda Tessaro dedicated 35 years of her life to providing excellent service for the Hetch Hetchy Water Division, for employees of the City and County of San Francisco; and for guests coming to visit the Hetch Hetchy Water & Power System.

   Steve W. Thomazin dedicated over two decades of service to the Hetch Hetchy Water & Power System, contributing his engineering expertise, professionalism, and commitment to the City and County of San Francisco.

   Commission Vice President Stacy thanked the incredibly dedicated employees,

stated the SFPUC benefitted from their time, and wished all of them the best.

President Leveroni stated the SFPUC is grateful to have had these three incredibly great employees for a cumulative period totaling 106 years, expressed excitement for their contributions and mentorship of new employees, and thanked them for all of the years.

b) Report on Recent San Francisco Public Utilities Commission Activities, Events and Announcements
No report provided.

7. Citizens' Advisory Committee (CAC) Chair Presentation
Doug Jacuzzi, CAC Chair, presented the CAC 2026 resolution on Salmon Restoration Projects.

- *Denise Louie provided comment on the San Francisco Bay Delta and stated the ecosystem is failing due to the obstruction of the State Water Board's 2018 Bay Delta Plan which would have provided increased fresh water flows for the fish.*
- *Francisco Da Costa provided comment stating the Tuolumne River does not have sufficient water, the water is warm, and the salmon cannot spawn.*
- *Eileen Boken, Coalition for San Francisco Neighborhoods, spoke on her own behalf stated she strongly supports the CAC salmon resolution, thanked CAC for passing the resolution, and urged the Commission to agendize and adopt it as a SFPUC resolution.*
- *Martin Gothberg provided comment acknowledging the Citizens' Advisory Committee resolution.*
- *Norma Wallace provided comment reminding the Commission that SFPUC was founded in 1932 and shared information relating to her family.*
- *Dave Warner expressed excitement about the CAC resolution and stated the final vote for the resolution was 10 to 1 with no abstentions.*
- *John Rosapepe thanked the Citizens' Advisory Committee for their work, the resolution, and hopes that the SFPUC will drop its opposition to the Bay Delta Plan.*
- *Mark Rockwell spoke on behalf of Northern California Council, Fly Fishers International, stated there are 27 member fly fishing clubs in northern California with many in the bay area.*

8. Bay Area Water Supply & Conservation Agency (BAWSCA) Report
Tom Smegal, CEO and General Manager, BAWSCA, presented the report.

- *Mary Butterwick, San Francisco resident, provided comment stating the Bay Delta, its tributaries and the Tuolumne are in ecological crisis.*

9. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

a) Approve execution and submission of an attestation of veracity for CleanPowerSF's 2025 Power Source Disclosure Report and approve final submission of the 2025 Power Source Disclosure Report to the California Energy Commission. (26-0155)

b) Approve execution and submission of an attestation of veracity for Hetch Hetchy Power's 2025 Power Source Disclosure Report and approve final submission of the 2025 Power Source Disclosure Report to the California Energy Commission. (26-0156)

c) Award Contract No. WW-782R2, Wastewater Enterprise Elevator Maintenance, Repair, and Modernization 2026-2030, to the responsible bidder that submitted the lowest responsive bid, Specialized Elevator Corporation DBA San Francisco Elevator, in the amount of $4,576,600 and with a duration of 1,490 consecutive calendar days (approximately four years and one month), to service and maintain all Wastewater Enterprise and Southeast Community Center elevators. (26-0157)

d) Approve Amendment No. 3 to Contract Nos. PRO.0188.A, B, C, and D, As-Needed Specialized and Technical Services, Water Enterprise, with Kennedy Jenks Consultants, Inc. and Applied Technology & Science, Joint Venture (PRO.0188.A); AECOM Technical Services, Inc. and Water Resources Engineering, Inc., Joint Venture (PRO.0188.B); Woodard & Curran, Inc. and SRT Consultants, Joint Venture (PRO.0188.C); and Brown and Caldwell and Lotus, Joint Venture (PRO.0188.D); increasing each contract duration by two years, to continue providing critical, short-term, highly specialized work related to the operations and management of the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission Water Enterprise, for a total duration of seven years, with no change to the contract amount. (26-0158)

e) Award Contract Nos. PRO.0347.A-E, As-Needed Engineering Services for HHWP R&R Services: Operations and Maintenance, to AECOM/WRE – a Joint Venture (PRO.0347.A); Black & Veatch Corporation (PRO.0347.B); GFT Infrastructure, Inc. (PRO.0347.C); Stantec Consulting Services Inc. (PRO.0347.D); and Terra Engineers, Inc. (PRO.0347.E); each for an amount not-to-exceed $9,000,000 and with a duration of five years to provide as-needed professional planning and design services to support Hetch Hetchy Water and Power. (26-0159)

f) Award Contract Nos. PRO.0337.A, B, and C, As-Needed Electrical and Mechanical Engineering Services, to Jacobs Engineering Group Inc. (PRO.0337.A), Auriga Corporation (PRO.0337.B), and NV5, Inc. (PRO.0337.C), each for an amount not-to-exceed $7,500,000 per contract and with a duration of five years, to provide as-needed electrical and mechanical engineering services necessary for the planning, design and construction of improvements to various

San Francisco Public Utilities Commission facilities. (26-0160)

g) Award Contract No. WW-799, As-Needed Large Diameter Sewer Inspection No. 1, to the responsible bidder that submitted the lowest responsive bid, Pipe and Plant Solutions, Inc., in the amount of $2,583,100 and with a duration of 760 consecutive calendar days (approximately two years and one month), to perform inspections for large diameter sewers on an as-needed basis at locations to be determined throughout the City and County of San Francisco. (26-0161)

h) Approve Amendment No. 1 to Contract No. PRO.0226, Treasure Island Water Resource Recovery Facility Construction Management Staff Augmentation Services, with MCK Americas, Inc./Environmental & Construction Solutions, Inc., Joint Venture, increasing the contract amount by $1,500,000 and extending the contract duration by two years, for a total not-to-exceed contract amount of $9,000,000, and a total contract duration of five years, to provide continued professional construction management services necessary to support the construction of the new Treasure Island Water Resource Recovery Facility. (26-0162)

i) Award Contract No. DB-136, Wastewater Facilities Security Enhancements, to the sole, qualified, responsible, and responsive proposer, Cupertino Electric, Inc., to design and construct security enhancements at San Francisco Public Utilities Commission Wastewater Enterprise facilities in accordance with San Francisco Administrative Code section 6.23(c)(2), with an initial award for design and pre-construction services in the not-to-exceed amount of $7,072,108, and with a total contract duration of 730 consecutive calendar days (approximately two years). The Planning Department has determined that the Project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), and the Commission will rely on that determination to make its decision on this action. This action constitutes the Approval Action for the Project for the purposes of the CEQA pursuant to San Francisco Administrative Code Section 31.04(h). (26-0163)

j) Approve an increase of $1,650,000 to the cost contingency and 183 calendar days to the duration contingency for Contract No. HH-1022, Cherry Valley Dam Spillway Short-Term Improvement and Eleanor Dam Bridge Interim Repair, with Njirich & Son, Inc., for a revised cost limit of $11,191,730 and a revised duration limit of 683 consecutive calendar days (approximately one year and ten months). This additional contingency is needed to include additional work at Eleanor Dam to comply with California Department of Water Resources' Division of Safety of Dams requirements. (26-0164)

k) Approve an increase of $300,000 to the existing cost contingency and an increase of 299 calendar days to the existing duration contingency for Contract No. HH-1010, Moccasin Wastewater Treatment Plant Replacement, with Sierra Mountain Construction, Inc., for a revised cost limit of $8,558,404 and a revised duration limit of 1,333 calendar days (approximately four years), due to differing

site conditions, longer-than-anticipated lead time for major equipment, and enhanced quality control needs. (26-0165)

l) Approve Modification No. 1 to Contract No. WW-768, As-Needed Sewer Inspection (FY25), with Pipe and Plant Solutions, Inc., increasing the contract amount by $640,000 and the contract duration by 120 calendar days, to allow the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission Wastewater Enterprise staff to continue to issue contract service orders and provide time for the contractor to perform construction scope, for a revised contract amount of $3,929,175 and a revised contract duration of 500 calendar days (approximately one year and four months). (26-0166)

m) Award Contract No. WW-786, As-Needed Sewer Inspection (FY26) and Spot Lining, to the sole responsible bidder that submitted a responsive bid, Pipe and Plant Solutions, Inc., in the amount of $4,991,200 and with a duration of 400 consecutive calendar days (approximately one year and one month), selected in accordance with San Francisco Administrative Code section 6.23(c)(2), to inspect existing sewers and to install spot liners on an as-needed basis, at locations to be determined by Wastewater Enterprise, throughout the City and County of San Francisco. (26-0167)

n) Award Contract No. WW-787, Various Locations Main Sewer Inspection No. 4 and Spot Lining, to the responsible bidder that submitted the lowest responsive bid, Pipe and Plant Solutions, Inc., in the amount of $7,989,000 and with a duration of 425 consecutive calendar days (approximately one year and two months), to inspect existing sewers and to install spot liners at various locations within the City and County of San Francisco. (26-0168)

No public comment provided.

On motion to approve the Consent Calendar:
Ayes: Leveroni, Stacy, Arce, Jamdar, and Thurlow

REGULAR CALENDAR

10. Update on General Manager Selection Process (Discussion only)

Vice President Stacy reported that the GM preliminary recruitment period closes on Friday, October 16, 2026; the GM selection process discussion is scheduled for the next CAC meeting and Vice President Stacy will attend to hear thoughts and priorities expressed during that meeting; the BAWSCA policy committee will discuss the GM selection process at their next meeting and Vice President Stacy plans to attend their meeting also; the survey period closed on Friday, October 9, 2026 and the survey results will be shared next week with a total of 236 staff respondents and just under 100 responses from members of the public.

Commissioner Arce thanked Vice President Stacy for her work to support this process.

Commissioner Jamdar stated she spoke with a group of advocates who expressed concerns regarding the new General Manager selection and intends to share feedback received with the Commission via email.

- *Francisco Da Costa provided comment stating the GM selection process is an important issue and asked if the incumbent will have an eye towards the future including consideration of technology.*

11. Approve an increase of $13,270,000 to the existing cost contingency and 150 calendar days to the existing duration contingency for Contract No. HH-1000R, Mountain Tunnel Improvements Project, with Mountain Tunnel Constructors, Inc., for a revised cost limit of $178,443,126 and a revised duration limit of 2,526 consecutive calendar days (approximately six years and eleven months). This additional contingency is needed to resolve outstanding disputes under the construction contract that arose between the start of construction (January 29, 2021) and May 29, 2026. (26-0169)

Randy Anderson, Project Management Bureau - Project Manager, presented the Item.

On motion to approve Item 11:
Ayes: Leveroni, Stacy, Arce, Jamdar, and Thurlow

Commissioner Arce left the dais at 3:17 P.M.

12. Authorize the General Manager to execute Amendment No. 1 to the Wastewater Enterprise Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA) Master Loan Agreement with the United States Environmental Protection Agency to: (1) extend the Master Availability Period to April 26, 2033 and (2) update the description of eligible projects from the Wastewater Capital Plan Schedule to allow for continued application of available funds to support the Wastewater Capital Program. (26-0170)

Alexandra Gunnell, Loans and Grants Director – Business Services, presented the Item.

Commissioner Arce returned to the dais at 3:21 P.M.

No public comment provided.

On motion to approve Item 12:
Ayes: Leveroni, Stacy, Arce, Jamdar, and Thurlow

13. Authorize the General Manager to request approval from the Board of Supervisors

under Administrative Code section 10.170-1(b) to accept and expend grant funds of up to $5,000,000 from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) for construction of the Outer Mission Green Nodes Project; and authorize the General Manager to execute the Grant Agreement with the USEPA, and to take such actions deemed necessary or appropriate to facilitate the execution of the Grant Agreement, and to enter necessary or appropriate modifications to the Grant Agreement. (26-0171)

Sarah Minick, Manager – Wastewater Enterprise, presented the Item.

- *Kieran Farr, elected member of the San Francisco Sierra Club runs the Green SF Now Campaign and the Green Streets Collective, expressed excitement for the project and to work with agencies on a regular basis.*

On motion to approve Item 13:
Ayes: Leveroni, Stacy, Arce, Jamdar, and Thurlow

14. Adopt the 2026–2028 Wildfire Mitigation Plan (WMP) and Independent Evaluator Report and authorize the SFPUC General Manager to file the Wildfire Mitigation Plan and Independent Evaluator Report with the California Office of Energy Infrastructure Safety (OEIS) Wildfire Safety Advisory Board (WSAB) on or before October 2, 2026. (26-0172)

Ethan Billigmeier, Utility Analyst – Moccasin, presented the Item.

No public comment provided.

On motion to approve Item 14:
Ayes: Leveroni, Stacy, Arce, Jamdar, and Thurlow

15. Approve an increase of 120 calendar days (approximately four months) to the existing duration contingency for Contract No. WD-2840, Southern Skyline Boulevard Ridge Trail Extension, with Gordon N. Ball, Inc., for a revised duration limit of 1,055 consecutive calendar days (approximately two years and nine months), due to post-construction survey work, leading to a delay in completion of the contract work, with no change to the contract amount. (26-0173)

Mary Tienken, Project Management Bureau - Project Manager, presented the Item.

No public comment provided.

On motion to approve Item 15:
Ayes: Leveroni, Stacy, Arce, Jamdar, and Thurlow

16. Approve an increase of $3,600,000 to the cost contingency for Contract No. HH-1016, San Joaquin Pipeline Valve and Safe Entry Improvements Phases 2B and 2C,

with Ranger Pipeline, Inc., for a revised cost limit of $58,926,499, with no change to the contract duration, to fund the procurement of 14 six-segment Victaulic couplings and associated work needed to improve personnel safety and enhance access within the existing Removable Spool Piece vaults. (26-0174)

Maria Garcia Baeza, Project Management Bureau - Project Manager, presented the Item.

No public comment provided.

On motion to approve Item 16:
Ayes: Leveroni, Stacy, Arce, Jamdar, and Thurlow

17. **Communications (information only)**
    a. Advance Calendar
    b. Contract Advertisement Report
    c. Correspondence Log
    d. Water Supply Conditions Update
    e. Annual Real Estate Report

18. Items initiated by Commissioners (discussion only)

No items were initiated by Commissioners.

19. Public Comment on matters to be addressed during Closed Session

No public comment provided.

20. Motion on whether to assert the attorney-client privilege regarding the matter(s) listed below for Closed Session:

On motion to assert the attorney-client privilege:
Ayes: Leveroni, Stacy, Arce, Jamdar, and Thurlow

The Commission entered Closed Session at 3:58 P.M.

CLOSED SESSION

SFPUC Officials and Staff members present during Closed Session: Stephen Leveroni, Commission President; Kate Stacy, Commission Vice President; Commissioner Josh Arce; Commissioner Avni Jamdar; Commissioner Meghan Thurlow; Dennis Herrera, General Manager; Ron Flynn, Deputy General Manager and Chief Operating Officer; Sheryl Bregman, Utilities General Counsel; Steve Ritchie, Assistant General Manager – Water Enterprise; Steve Robinson, Assistant General Manager – Infrastructure; Joel Prather, Assistant General Manager – Wastewater Enterprise; Yvonne Mere, Chief Deputy City Attorney; David Louk, Deputy City Attorney; Estie Kus, Deputy City

Attorney; and Tiffany Lennear, Director of Commission Affairs.

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL regarding anticipated litigation (Government Code §54956.9, Administrative Code §67.10(d)):

Farmers Insurance a/s/o Prem Tamang v. City and County of San Francisco

Unlitigated Claim No.: 25-00558

Date Filed: September 18, 2024

Proposed settlement of lawsuit for property damage resulting from a water main break with the City to pay claimant Farmers Insurance a/s/o Prem Tamang $121,837.78, in exchange for a full and final release, subject to final approval by the Board of Supervisors. (Action Item) (26-0175)

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL regarding existing litigation (Government Code §54956.9, Administrative Code §67.10(d)):

Julia Jackson v. City and County of San Francisco

San Francisco Superior Court Case No.: CGC-25-630029

Date Filed: October 10, 2025

Proposed settlement of a claim for personal injury with the City to pay plaintiff Julia Jackson $57,500, in exchange for a full and final release, subject to final approval by the Board of Supervisors. (Action Item) (26-0176)

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL regarding existing litigation (Government Code §54956.9, Administrative Code §67.10(d)):

United States of America, et al. v. City and County of San Francisco

U.S. District Court, Northern District of California

Case No. 4:24-cv-02594-AMO

Date Filed: May 1, 2024

Proposed recommendation to the Board of Supervisors for resolution and settlement of claims under the federal Clean Water Act. (Action Item) (26-0177)

The Commission exited Closed Session at 4:39 P.M.

21. Report following Closed Session

President Leveroni reported that the Commission recommends the Board of Supervisors approve the settlements referenced under Item 20.

22. Motion regarding whether to disclose the discussion during Closed Session pursuant to San Francisco Administrative Code Section 67.12(a).

On motion not to disclose the discussion during Closed Session:
Ayes: Leveroni, Stacy, Arce, Jamdar, and Thurlow

23. Adjournment

President Leveroni adjourned the meeting at 4:43 P.M.