SAN FRANCISCO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
City and County of San Francisco

Daniel Lurie
Mayor

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, September 8, 2026
1:30 PM
(Approved October 13, 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 1:31 P.M.

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

   President Arce announced the passing of former SFPUC Commission President Ann Moller Caen on August 7, 2026 who served the commission for 23 years from 1997 to 2020; and, stated the Commission will adjourn the meeting in honor and memory of Ms. Caen.

3. Approval of the Minutes of July 28, 2026
   No public comment provided.

   On motion to approve the Minutes of July 28, 2026:
   Ayes: Arce, Leveroni, Jamdar, Stacy, and Thurlow

4. General Public Comment
   - *Francisco Da Costa provided comment recalling comments he made on October 28th about three employees who were dismissed without cause.*
   - *Tai Seals-Jackson, descendant of the indigenous aborigines to the land and granddaughter of the late Espinola Jackson, provided comment relating to the Southeast Community Facility.*
   - *Eileen Boken, Coalition for San Francisco Neighborhoods spoke on her own behalf, provided comments relating to the Bay Area Water Supply & Conservation Agency (BAWSCA) July 16, 2026 meeting agenda Item No. 5, SFPUC Report, SFPUC Water Operations and Design Drought.*

5. Report of the General Manager (discussion only)
   a. Quarterly Budget Status Report (Q4) FY 2025-26
      Trey Hunter, Acting Capital Budget Manager, presented the report.

      No public comment provided.

   b. Quarterly Audit and Performance Review (Q4) FY 2025-26
      Irella Blackwood, SFPUC Audit Director, presented the report.

      - *Francisco Da Costa provided comment relating to his practice of explaining SFPUC reports to university students.*

   c. Wastewater Enterprise Capital Improvement Program Quarterly Report (Q4) FY 2025-26
      Bessie Tam, Infrastructure Wastewater Capital Program (SSIP) Director, presented the report.

No public comment provided.

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

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

a) Ratify correction of the contract award duration for Contract No. HH-1019, 2023 Storms Remaining Road Repairs, under Resolution No. 26-0095, adopted by the Commission on June 23, 2026, from 365 consecutive calendar days to 360 consecutive calendar days. The agenda item and award resolution incorrectly identified the duration as 365 consecutive calendar days, when the conformed specifications in the contract, identified it correctly as 360 consecutive calendar days. (26-0095)

b) Award Contract Nos. PRO.0346.A-B, As-Needed Curb Ramp Engineering Design Services, to AGS Inc. (PRO.0346.A) and Water Resources Engineering, Inc. (PRO.0346.B), each for an amount not-to exceed $4,000,000 and with a duration of five years, to provide as-needed curb ramp engineering design and support during construction for the City's water, wastewater, and power systems. (26-0134)

c) Approve Modification No. 1 to Job Order Contract No. JOC-112, General Engineering (A-License) Construction, San Joaquin, Stanislaus, and Tuolumne Counties, Hetch Hetchy, with Sinclair General Engineering Construction, Inc., to increase the contract not-to-exceed amount by $2,500,000, for a revised not-to-exceed contract amount of $7,500,000, with no change to the contract duration, to provide additional capacity for facility and asset improvements. (26-0135)

d) Award Job Order Contract No. JOC-118, Electrical (C-10 License) Construction, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara, and Alameda Counties, in the amount not-to-exceed $5,000,000, with a guaranteed minimum task order opportunity amount of $50,000, and a duration of two years, to the responsible bidder that submitted the lowest responsive bid, U.S. Electric Technologies, Inc., to perform C-10 licensed electrical construction work on San Francisco Public Utilities Commission systems and operations around the Bay Area. (26-0136)

e) Award Job Order Contract No. JOC-117, General Building (B-License) Construction, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara, and Alameda Counties, in the amount not-to-exceed $5,000,000, with a guaranteed minimum task order opportunity amount of $50,000, and a duration of two years, to the sole responsible bidder that submitted a responsive bid, City Building, Inc., to perform B-licensed general building construction work on San Francisco Public Utilities

Commission systems and operations around the Bay Area. (26-0137)

f) Approve Modification No. 1 to Job Order Contract No. JOC-111, General Engineering (A-License) Construction, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara, and Alameda Counties, with GSW Construction, Inc., to increase the contract not-to-exceed amount by $2,500,000, for a revised not-to-exceed contract amount of $7,500,000, with no change to the contract duration, to provide additional capacity for facility and asset improvements. (26-0138)

g) Award Job Order Contract No. JOC-114, General Engineering (A-License) Construction, San Francisco, Santa Mateo, Santa Clara, and Alameda Counties, in the amount not-to-exceed $5,000,000, with a guaranteed minimum task order opportunity amount of $50,000, and a duration of two years, to the responsible bidder that submitted the lowest responsive bid, Corcus Construction, Inc., to perform A-licensed general engineering construction work on San Francisco Public Utilities Commission systems and operations around the San Francisco Bay Area. (26-0139)

h) Approve an increase of 180 calendar days (approximately six months) to the existing duration contingency for Contract No. WD-2901, San Andreas Pipeline 3 – Drainage & Erosion Repair at Junipero Serra Park, with JDB & Sons Construction, Inc., for a revised duration limit of up to 576 consecutive calendar days (approximately one year and seven months), due to unforeseen poor soil conditions that required field modifications to a storm drain pipe, leading to a delay in completion of the contract work, with no change to the contract amount. (26-0140)

i) Approve Amendment No. 1 to Contract Nos. PRO.0308.A-D, As-Needed Engineering Design Services, with AECOM Technical Services, Inc. and Water Resources Engineering, Joint Venture (AECOM-WRE, JV) (PRO.0308.A); Kennedy/Jenks Consultants and AGS, Joint Venture (KJ-AGS, JV) (PRO.0308.B); Brown and Caldwell and Joe Hill Consulting & Engineering Corporation, Joint Venture (BC-JHCE, JV) (PRO.0308.C); and Stantec Consulting, Inc. and SRT Consultants, Inc., Joint Venture (Stantec-SRT, JV) (PRO.0308.D) increasing each contract amount by $2,400,000, for a total not-to-exceed contract amount of $7,200,000 each contract, with no change to the contract durations, to continue providing as-needed professional engineering design services necessary for the design and construction of improvements to various San Francisco Public Utilities Commission facilities. (26-0141)

j) Approve Modification No. 1 to Contract No. WW-720, As-Needed Main Sewer Replacement No. 10, with Mitchell Engineering, increasing the contract duration by 365 consecutive calendar days, to allow the San Francisco Public Utilities

Commission staff to continue to issue contract service orders and provide time for the contractor to perform construction scope, for a revised contract duration of 1,095 consecutive calendar days (approximately three years), with no change to the contract amount. (26-0142)

k) Approve an increase of $1,021,000 to the cost contingency and 90 calendar days to the duration contingency for Contract No. HH-1017, Warnerville Substation Rehabilitation – Phase 2, with Big Valley Electric, for a revised contract cost limit of $8,385,500 and a revised contract duration limit of 696 consecutive calendar days (approximately one year and eleven months). This additional contingency is needed to address owner-requested changes, compliance with updated safety and regulatory requirements, hazardous materials abatement, and compatibility with Pacific Gas & Electric Company standards. (26-0143)

l) Award Contract No. WD-2885, 8-Inch Ductile Iron Water Main Replacement, Sewer Replacement, and Paving Renovation on Fulton Street from Great Highway to 31st Avenue and on Various Side Streets, to the responsible bidder that submitted the lowest responsive bid, KJ Woods Construction, Inc., in the amount of $9,888,000 and with a duration of 630 consecutive calendar days (approximately one year and eight months), to install water mains and sewer lines in the Outer Richmond neighborhood of San Francisco. 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). (26-0144)

m) Approve Amendment No. 1 to Contract No. CS-1248, Equipment and Software Maintenance, with Schneider Electric Systems USA, Inc., increasing the contract amount by $5,352,254, and increasing the contract duration by five years, for a total not-to-exceed contract amount of $6,897,586, and a total contract duration of eight years, due to ongoing maintenance that is needed for the existing Wastewater Enterprise distributed control system. (26-0145)

No public comment provided.

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

REGULAR CALENDAR

7. Update on General Manager selection process. (Discussion only)

President Arce thanked Commissioner Stacy for her role, expertise, and experience

representing the Commission to recruit the next SFPUC General Manager (GM) and asked Commissioner Stacy for an update.

Commissioner Stacy reported that the San Francisco Department of Human Resources (DHR) selected CPS Human Resources Consulting Services from the City's list of qualified consultants and the contract was finalized on August 26, 2026. The plan is for CPS to post the job listing within the next few days and Commissioner Stacy thanked Mr. Sherburne (Assistant Director, Employment Services) and Mr. Bito (Human Resources Manager, Employment Services) for their assistance, support, and expertise. Commissioner Stacy stated the Commission seeks as much input as possible from members of the public and employees and explained there will be two separate surveys posted, one on the SFPUC website for the public and a second posted internally for SFPUC employee access. Commissioner Stacy encouraged feedback anytime the GM selection process is agendized to help inform priorities and named the Citizens' Advisory Committee (CAC) hoping they include the GM selection as a future agenda discussion item and the Commissioner also encouraged feedback from BAWSCA, and other stakeholders. The Commissioner stated the résumé submittal date is October 16th if everything goes according to plan and the Commissioner review will commence shortly thereafter.

- *Francisco Da Costa provided comment relating to the Hetch Hetchy reservoir stating that it was stolen from the indigenous people and SFPUC has not given them the right to talk about the Hetch Hetchy waters.*

8. Public Hearing to consider possible action to approve: 1) the proposed "Electric Schedule NBT-CleanPowerSF, Net Billing Tariff" (CleanPowerSF Net Billing Tariff) and 2) a revised "Electric Schedule NEM-CleanPowerSF, Net Energy Metering" (NEM Tariff) both to be effective the first day of the May 2027 billing period. CleanPowerSF Net Billing Tariff may also be referred to as the "Solar Billing Plan" in customer-facing communications. 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). (26-0146)

Mike Hyams, Assistant General Manager - Power Enterprise, presented the Item.

- *Francisco Da Costa provided comment stating climate change will negatively impact a lot of people and we are not paying attention.*
- *Bernadette Del Chiaro, Senior Vice President, Environmental Working Group, provided comment and respectfully asked the Commission not to approve the solar billing plan and place it on hold to provide their coalition the opportunity to meet with SFPUC and the Mayor's Office to discuss the future of rooftop solar in San Francisco.*
- *Jessica Guadalupe Tovar, Executive Director, Local Clean Energy Alliance,*

provided comment stating concern that an approval means the action would be locked in for the next five years.

- *Claire Broome, representing 350 Bay Area with over 20,000 Bay Area members, provided comment stating members care about the environment and the skyrocketing costs of electricity where 75% of costs go to Pacific Gas and Electric Company.*
- *Laura Dehen, State Director of Environment California, provided comment urging the Commission to hold the item to allow for further discussion.*
- *Suzannah Portie, San Francisco professional musician, asked the Commission not to approve the solar billing plan and stated the proposal falls short because it does not consider all benefits of rooftop solar.*
- *Heather McLeod, Solar Rights Alliance member, provided comment stating she cares about the environment, thanked the Commission for its leadership, and asked the Commission to continue working with groups and not approve the item.*
- *John Carrise, retired City College of San Francisco faculty member, urged the Commission to table the item.*
- *Mike Volk, Neighbors for Progressive Action member represented his daughter, Sarah Volk and her husband, Josh Lists, and provided comment relating to climate change and asked the Commission not to approve the proposed solar billing plan and to study it further.*
- *Tom Kunhardt, California resident since 1977, thanked the Commission and stated that they have done a good job listening to staff; however, he believes the city needs to do more outreach.*
- *Dave Rosenfeld, Solar Rights Alliance Director, respectfully asked the Commission not to approve the proposal.*
- *Mary Ann Rodriguez Gavel, Albion Power Company employee and CCA ratepayer, provided comment stating the proposal leaves too many critical questions unanswered.*
- *Charles Adams, Albion Power Company, shared a report with the Commission from the Albion Power Company's commissioned Power Economist, Richard McCann, titled Inclusion of Benefits in Valuing Solar and Storage Beyond Direct Market Effects, August 2026 and encouraged the Commission to read it.*
- *Jeanine Cotter, President, CEO, and co-founder of Luminalt, shared her cellphone screen displaying her home battery power system through the meeting room overhead projector, and stated battery storage and incentivizing it in the City is important.*
- *Juliano Lodi, Sutro Power Co-CEO and SF Solar and Storage Coalition member, provided comment stating consideration should be offered to San Francisco homeowners and businesses that invest their own capital to build generation and storage in the city.*
- *John-Paolo Rapagnani, Sutro Power Co-CEO and a local solar contractor, provided comment stating the local industry met with CleanPowerSF three times over the past six months and proposed plan is a result of the first two meetings.*

- *Oniyoko Young, Utility Power Justice Campaign policy organizer, provided comment to incentivize responsible energy use.*
- *Richard McCann, Partner of M. Cubed on behalf of Albion Power, provided comment stating he testified on behalf of the Northern California's EPA from 2015 to 2020 and stated that although the current plan has been revised, it falls short of reflecting the full value that rooftop solar customers deliver.*
- *John Smigelski, California Alliance for Community Energy, President, provided comment and stated that he was one of the members who submitted written comment to the SFPUC Commission and to Mayor Lurie.*
- *Shirley Lilgalski, works with Friends of Open Space and Vinyards, provided comment stating the regional goals are not local as proposed by the solar plan.*

On motion to approve Item 8 as amended to include a report to the Commission in May 2028, one year from the May 2027 effective date:
Ayes: Leveroni, Stacy, and Thurlow

No: Arce and Jamdar

9. Approve the Water Supply Assessment for the proposed Treasure Island Residential Program Modification Project, pursuant to California Water Code Section 10910 et seq., California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Section 21151.9, and CEQA Guidelines Section 15155 (26-0147)

Steve Ritchie, Assistant General Manager – Water Enterprise, presented the Item.

No public comment provided.

On motion to approve Item 9:
Ayes: Arce, Jamdar, Stacy, and Thurlow
Excused: Leveroni

10. Adopt a refined Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and award Contract No. WD-2915, Crystal Springs Pipeline No. 2 Reach 5 Lining Replacement, to the responsible bidder that submitted the lowest responsive bid, Mitchell Engineering, in the amount of $63,102,346 and with a duration of 960 consecutive calendar days (approximately two years and eight months), to rehabilitate 3.8 miles of 60-inch diameter transmission pipeline by replacing its lining, upgrading appurtenances, renewing wholesale customer service connections, and installing large diameter valves. (26-0148)

Janet Ng, Project Manager, presented the Item.

No public comment provided.

Vice Commissioner Leveroni left the dais at 4:18 P.M.

On motion to approve Item 10:
Ayes: Arce, Jamdar, Stacy, and Thurlow
Excused: Leveroni

Vice Commissioner Leveroni returned to the dais at 4:20 P.M.

11. Award Contract No. WW-770, Oceanside Water Pollution Control Plant HVAC Upgrades, to the responsible bidder that submitted the lowest responsive bid, Monterey Mechanical Co., in the amount of $22,309,000 and with a duration of 790 consecutive calendar days (approximately two years and two months), to upgrade ventilation systems of several structures on site. The work includes selective demolition, installation of structural supports for mechanical and Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning equipment and systems; modifications to existing ventilation systems, and all associated electrical work, including conduit, wiring, panels, and devices at various structures in the Oceanside Water Pollution Control Plant. (26-0149)

Brittany Jones, Project Manager, presented the Item.

No public comment provided.

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

12. Approve Amendment No. 2 to Contract No. CS-249, Planning and Design Services, Mountain Tunnel Improvements, with Jacobs Associates, Inc., dba Delve Underground, formerly known as McMillen Jacobs Associates, Inc., increasing the contract amount by $2,000,000, for a total not-to-exceed contract amount of $30,780,000, with no change to the contract duration, to continue providing specialized engineering services for the Mountain Tunnel Improvements Project, subject to Board of Supervisors approval under Charter Section 9.118. (26-0150)

Tedman Lee, Civil Division Manager – Engineering Management Bureau, presented the Item.

No public comment provided.

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

13. Communications (information only)
a. Advance Calendar
b. Contract Advertisement Report
c. Correspondence Log

d. Water Supply Conditions Update
e. 2009 Water Supply Agreement Update
f. Annual Commission Update on Final Changes to FY 2026-27 and FY 2027-28 Budget
g. CleanPowerSF Quarterly Report (Q3)
h. Quarterly Report to the Board of Supervisors on the Status of Applications to PG&E for Electric Service
i. Water System Improvement Program (WSIP) Annual Report
j. Water Enterprise Capital Improvement Program Quarterly Report (Q4) FY 2025-26

14. Items initiated by Commissioners (discussion only)

No items were initiated by Commissioners.

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

No public comment provided.

16. Motion on whether to assert the attorney-client privilege regarding the matter(s) listed below:

Commissioner Jamdar left the dais at 4:24 P.M.

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

The Commission entered Closed Session at 4:25 P.M.

CLOSED SESSION

Commissioner Jamdar returned to the dais at 4:28 P.M.

SFPUC Officials and Staff members present during Closed Session: Josh Arce, Commission President; Stephen Leveroni, Commission Vice President; Commissioner Avni Jamdar; Commissioner Kate Stacy; Commissioner Meg Thurlow; General Manager Dennis Herrera; Deputy General Manager Ron Flynn, Utilities General Counsel Sheryl Bregman, Steve Ritchie, Assistant General Manager – Water, Joel Prather, Assistant General Manager – Wastewater; and Tiffany Lennear, Director of Commission Affairs.

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

Mark Caro v. City and County of San Francisco, et al.

Unlitigated Claim No.: 26-02149

Date Filed: April 28, 2026

Proposed settlement of lawsuit for property damage resulting from a water main break to subject to final approval by the Board of Supervisors. (Action) (26-0151)

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

Kristina K. Hall v. City and County of San Francisco

San Francisco Superior Court Case No.: CGC-25-622894

Date Filed: March 3, 2025

Proposed settlement of a claim for personal injury with the City to pay plaintiff Kristina K. Hall $50,000, in exchange for a full and final release, subject to final approval by the Board of Supervisors. (Action Item) (26-0152)

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

Ronald Mirkovich v. City and County of San Francisco, et al.

Unlitigated Claim No.: 26-01674

Date Filed: March 2, 2026

Proposed settlement of lawsuit for property damage resulting from a water main break with the City to pay claimant Ronald Mirkovich $118,088, in exchange for a full and final release, subject to final approval by the Board of Supervisors. (Action Item) (26-0153)

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

Joe Fong, et al. v. City and County of San Francisco, et al.

San Francisco Superior Court Case No.: CGC-25-624317

Date Filed: April 14, 2025

Proposed settlement of lawsuit for property damage resulting from a water main break with the City to pay plaintiff Joe Fong $350,000, in exchange for a full and final release, subject to final approval by the Board of Supervisors. (Action Item) (26-0154)

The Commission exited Closed Session at 4:38 P.M.

17. Report following Closed Session

President Arce reported that the Commission recommends the Board of Supervisors

approve the settlements referenced under Item 16.

18. 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: Arce, Leveroni, Jamdar, Stacy, and Thurlow

19. Adjournment

President Arce adjourned the meeting at 4:40 P.M. in memoriam for former San Francisco Public Utilities Commission President Ann Moller Caen.