

**Citizens' Advisory Committee  
Wastewater Subcommittee**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**Thursday, March 8, 2012**

5:30 – 7:00 p.m.  
1155 Market Street, 4th Floor

**Date: March 8, 2012**

**Members:** Alex Lantsberg (**chair**) - Terrence Jones - David Pilpel – Javierree PruittHill - Dairo Romero (absent)

**1. Call to order and Roll Call** – Meeting was called to order at 5:34 p.m.

**Roll Call** - See above

**SFPUC Staff present** – Idil Bereket, Jean Walsh, Bessie Tam, Greg Mayer

**Members of the public** – Marissa Lareau, Joe Boss

**2. Minutes** – The February 2012 Regular Meeting minutes were approved.

Public Comment: none

**3. Public Comment** - NONE

**4. Staff Report** – Jean Walsh reported the following:

The Spring 2012 Urban Watershed Stewardship Grant cycle opened. This is under the Community Challenge Grants, offering grants for community-based projects which help manage stormwater using ecologically based strategies known as green infrastructure.

**David Pilpel:** We would prefer to get the list of items under staff report in writing if possible.

Public Comment: none

**5. Presentation** – **North Shore to Channel Force Main (NSFM), Mason/Powell Projects and related Cesar Chavez Sewer and Streetscape Improvement Project** – Bessie Tam

**Presentation Highlights including Discussion/Comments:**

**NSFM:** *The members were provided a map of the project alignment.* The force main serves approximately 350,000 people who work or live in San Francisco, in the northeast quadrant of the City; the force main is almost always operational; the portion that's susceptible is a direct burial (as opposed to the rest of the force main on The Embarcadero); the project has been out to bid and the bid opening was on March 8, and we should find out who the contractor would be in the next week or so; the contract is \$13 million-\$15 million; we are coordinating with the

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water department and DPW's Streets & Highways Division for pavement rehabilitation; the sewer work will be completed by June 2013 prior to America's Cup.; there is currently utility relocation taking place to make way for our upcoming work.

**Terrence:** why couldn't you install the new force main on a straight line at The Embarcadero, adjacent to the existing force main?

- **Bessie Tam (BT):** extreme traffic impacts, soil condition, groundwater issues.

**Terrence:** is it possible that other parts of the force main might be susceptible as well?

- **BT:** No

**Terrence:** are the pumps reversible?

- **BT:** No; but you can stop pumping to the SEP.

**Terrence:** what's North Point's capacity?

- **BT and Greg Mayer (GM):** 28 million gallons per day on dry weather

**Terrence:** what if the SEP went out of commission?

- **BT & GM:** This could be a topic of discussion for another time.

**David:** will the pump station on Drumm and Washington be re-activated?

- **BT:** No

**Mason/Powell:** *The members were provided a map of the project alignment.* This project is also a coordinated effort between the Wastewater Enterprise Capital Improvement Program (CIP), Sewer Repair & Replacement (R&R) and DPW's Streets & Highways Division. We are planning on advertising in April and start construction in summer; the project duration is one year. The portion of the project on Columbus/Mason coincides with the North Beach Library renovation and we are coordinating with them and SF Parks & Recreation Department.

**David:** is there an environmental review document?

- **BT:** This project has been determined to be "statutorily exempt" – it's a project under one mile and on the public right-of-way. We can provide you with the document through Idil/Jean.

**David:** Please provide these documents for other projects as well if/when they become available.

**Cesar Chavez Sewer and Streetscape Improvements:** *A poster board of the project alignment was on view during the meeting.* The project is currently in construction and we are planned to complete the section of Cesar Chavez from Hampshire to Folsom by the end of April 2012, at which point DPW will take over to start construction for the streetscape improvements. This is another project with coordinated efforts between the SFPUC, DPW and MTA. We have just amended the project for additional sewer work on Cesar Chavez Street, 27th Street, San Jose Avenue, Valencia Street, and Duncan Street with a MOU with the California Pacific Medical Center (CPMC). The additional sewer work will be paid for by CPMC – a change order close to \$2.8 million. This additional work will be completed by December 2012.

**David:** what is the schedule for the Mason/Powell project?

- **BT:** We are hoping to get a Notice to Proceed (NTP) in July; the project will last one year. We do not have holiday moratorium for this project.

**Terrence:** is there local hiring for the work at Cesar Chavez?

- **BT:** By ordinance, there is a 20% requirement.

**Terrence:** what would one have to do in order to get a job at a construction project?

- **BT, Greg Mayer, Alex:** you have to have certification, can work with CityBuild; there are apprenticeships – a variety of ways to work on a construction project.
- **Idil:** We have a workforce development group, which would be appropriate to have at one of the Full CAC meetings.

**Javiree:** Perhaps we should invite the labor/workforce groups to the February 27 joint meeting

**Public Comment:**

**Joe Boss:** I am interested in getting an update on the Recycled Water projects.

- **Alex:** Recycled Water is covered at the Water CAC meetings.
- **Jean:** Suzanne Gautier is the best person to inquire about the Recycled Water projects.

**David:** Wastewater CAC requests the Water CAC to include Recycled Water as an agenda item at one of their upcoming meetings.

**6. Comments, suggestions and requests for future agenda items by members of the Wastewater Subcommittee, staff and general public.**

**Alex:** within the next three months, for the sake of new members, we should have a general (big-picture) overview.

**Idil:** for April, we so far have two potential items that we can discuss: 1) Triple Bottom Line (TBL) team can come up for discussion 2) there is legislation being developed that would expand opportunities for commercial developments of a certain size or larger to implement on-site reuse of non-potable water (i.e. graywater, blackwater, seepage water, etc). The Water Resources Division and Wastewater Enterprise are seeking support for this legislation.

**Jean:** the Urban Watershed Framework staff can come back to get input.

**Terrence:** I suggest Javiree take a tour of the wastewater treatment plant, which is very useful and informational.

**Alex:** workforce development would be an item for the Full CAC to consider.

**David:** Offline orientation is very good. New members should be strongly encouraged to go on a wastewater treatment plant tour.

**Alex:** we should bring the laundry list from November to see what next we can discuss.

**Jean:** Idil is back to being the staff coordinator for the Wastewater CAC and will work with Alex in setting up the agenda items.

**Terrence:** as a subcommittee, we have the option of not having to meet twelve times per year. We can meet as little as four times a year.

**Public Comment:**

**Melissa Lareau:** what is the meeting on 3/27 and is it open to the public?

- Alex, David: every 6 months, or every year, the SFPUC Commission jointly meets with the Southeast Community Facility Commission. It is open to the public.

**David:** I am still interested in getting information / updates on some programs and projects in a written format instead of having a presentation.

**7. Adjourned - 6:58 p.m.**