



**San Francisco Public Utilities Commission Citizens’
 Advisory Committee, Water Subcommittee
 Minutes**

April 16, 2012

5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

1155 Market Street, 4th Floor Conference Room

Members

Jennifer Clary – Chair
 Donald Carmignani
 Richard Hansen

Art Jensen
 Walt Farrell
 Terrence Jones

Mike Marshall
 Karen Donovan

Staff: Suzanne Gautier

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

2. Roll call

Present: Clary, Carmignani, Jensen, Jones, Marshall

3. Review and approval of minutes from the **March 19, 2012** meeting. .

Approved as submitted

4. Public comment

None

5. Staff announcements/updates –

Suzanne Gautier announced that a document on the outreach efforts for the Eastside Recycled Water Project would be available soon.

6. Presentation, discussion and possible action on an ordinance to be proposed relative to the On Site Reuse of Non-Potable Water Supply

In a presentation on onsite nonpotable water use, Steve Ritchie addressed the need for a regulatory structure, a collaborative effort, currently under development, with the departments of public health and building inspection, and upcoming formalization of a city ordinance to establish regulatory oversight. Next steps will be the promotion of onsite nonpotable water use where it seems most applicable, with emphasis on the downtown and Civic Center areas. The ordinance will be going to the Commission in late May or early June.

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Follow-up discussion by staff and Subcommittee members focused on monitoring procedures, fees, the need for fleshed-out examples of the cost-return math, and the fact that the program would be voluntary, not mandated. Member of the public Jan Blum asked about preventing the introduction of water pollution into groundwater and the bay. Mr. Ritchie replied that DPH would be examining and addressing the issue.

Motion to support proposed ordinance

Passed without objection

7. Discussion and possible action –Francisco Reservoir Resolution

The Subcommittee addressed a proposed resolution, developed by members Carmignani and Donovan in support of retaining the reservoir site as long-term open space in response to local community interest. Issues raised in discussion included whether the property should be sold for market value, the forthcoming removal of the disintegrated roof, mitigation of storm water flows as a utility purpose, the plan for a security fence, the advisability of collaborating with Rec-Park, and the need to clarify and make transparent the issues related to the value of the land, and the laws relating to any transfer. Member of the public Bruce Keene expressed his wish to see more commitment to open space, and said that the site had been declared surplus in the 1950s. Jan Blum said that Harvey Rose is evaluating what the site's fair market value is.

Chair Clary proposed holding the present ordinance in place in the Committee, pending language about the fair market value determination.

Suzanne Gautier said that staff would provide information the following month on how the determination was made; Jan Blum will provide additional language from the organization Russian Hill Neighbors to Jennifer Clary, Karen Donovan and Suzanne Gautier.

This item was continued.

8. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.