Citizens' Advisory Committee  
Power Subcommittee  

Approved Minutes  
September 6, 2011  

1155 Market Street, San Francisco  
4th Floor, Conference Room  
5:30 - 6:30 p.m.  

Members  

Doug Cain – Chair  
Walt Farrell  
Winchell Hayward  
Stephen Bjorgan  
Jessie Buendia  

Staff Ben Chan  

Members present: Cain, Bjorgan, and Buendia  

ORDER OF BUSINESS  

1. Call to order  
Chair Doug Cain called the meeting to order at 5:35 PM.  

2. Approval of Minutes from August 2, 2011.  
The committee agreed to approve the August 2, 2011 minutes.  

3. Public comments – matters within Subcommittee’s cope, not on today’s agenda  
None.  

4. Report from the chair.  
Gene McKinley would replace Winchell Hayward’s membership  

5. Staff report  
None.  

6 Discussion of future agenda  

Mr. Cain: He wanted to have 3 types of discussions in future meetings:
1. Future reports that would go to the full Commission;

2. Programs and initiatives that wouldn’t necessarily go to the Commission but would be of interest to the subcommittee such as GoSolarSF, CleanPowerSF, etc.;

3 Resolutions and initiatives that the subcommittee would like to make.

Ms Buendia: She wanted an update on the LED street light conversion program, noting that upcoming November 8th meeting would discuss the Electric Resource Plan (ERP).

Mr. Cain: He wanted to discuss and may want a resolution on an update on Proposition E - 2002, which stipulated that no SFPUC funds would be used for General Fund purposes.

He explained that the SFPUC, through the Power Enterprise, has subsidized various City customers and this is causing the projected deficit of $28 million a year for the next 10 years. Although this number comprises only about 1% of the City’s budget, it also represents three quarters of SFPUC’s deficit. That should be significant enough to warrant a closer look,

Mr. Bjorgan: He was interested to have input from the City Attorney’s office.

Ms Buendia: The subsidy issue might be illegal but it would also provide great opportunities for SFPUC to engage the community on projects that would be good for the environment and community at large.

Charles Sheehan: He would come back with recommendations about how to approach the subsidy issue.

Ms Buendia: Community choice aggregation seemed to be more expensive than she had thought.

7. Adjournment.
The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 pm. The next meeting would be Tuesday, October 4th.