2014 Resolutions
Adopted
By
The SFPUC
Full Citizens’ Advisory Committee
A RESOLUTION OF THE CITIZEN’S ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF THE SAN FRANCISCO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION IN SUPPORT OF MOBILE TECHNOLOGY

Whereas San Francisco and California are experiencing a severe drought, and

Whereas the SFPUC has installed water meters that electronically report usage several times a day, and

Whereas mobile information technology exists that can make information readily available, through primary mobile platforms and applications (Apps) that can interact with the device owner,

Be it resolved that the SFPUC is recommended to develop and distribute an App on each of the major smartphone and tablet platforms to promote the conservation of water as soon as possible by providing, among other things, actual usage of the account holder, or an estimated usage by tenants. The App should employ appropriate new techniques for social engagement including game style reward possibilities to maximize consumer participation.

Further resolved, once available, promotion of the App through outreach public relations campaigns and social media, as well as through other communications channels used by the SFPUC and City and County of San Francisco to the residents should be undertaken.

As adopted by the Full Citizens Advisory Committee on April 29th, 2014
A RESOLUTION OF THE CITIZEN’S ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF THE SAN FRANCISCO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION RECOMMENDING THAT THE SFPUC COMMISSION REVERSE ITS POSITION ON THE “NOT TO EXCEED RATES” FOR CLEANPOWERSF, MOVE FORWARD WITH THIS IMPORTANT PROGRAM, AND ALLOW STAFF TO MOVE FORWARD WITH ITS LAUNCH.

WHEREAS, California Community Choice Aggregation law provides the only viable mechanism to group almost all San Francisco electricity customers into a large enough funding base to buy and build sufficient renewable energy and renewable energy and efficiency installation projects, in order to achieve a sufficiently large and rapid reduction in greenhouse emissions to properly address the global climate crisis, and . . .

WHEREAS, in 2004 the City and County of San Francisco made a commitment to adopt a Community Choice Aggregation program and move towards 100% renewable energy, and . . .

WHEREAS, in 2008 the San Francisco Board of Supervisors adopted a goal of an electric system that would be free of greenhouse gases by the year 2030, and . . .

WHEREAS, on September 12, 2012, the recommendation to launch CleanPowerSF was approved by the Budget and Finance Committee followed by an 8-3 super majority vote of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors on September 18, 2012, who then reaffirmed that position with a 9-2 super majority vote on September 17, 2013, and . . .

WHEREAS, The Laborers’ International Union Of North America, The Sierra Club, World Wildlife Fund, and many environmental and green jobs groups have reinforced that Community Choice Aggregation programs such as CleanPowerSF are vital to the transition towards using renewable energy, and . . .

WHEREAS, the rate setting process was halted when not to exceed rates were not approved by a majority of the members of the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission on August 13, 2013, and . . .

WHEREAS, San Francisco’s official Climate Action Strategy calls for 100% renewable electricity as its top priority to combat climate change since 45% of all reductions are from this one action, and . . .

WHEREAS, the City and County of San Francisco has already invested $4.1 million in CleanPowerSF, now therefore...

BE IT RESOLVED that the San Francisco Public Utilities Commissions Citizens’ Advisory Committee, which was created to give voice and representation to citizen, community, and environmental stakeholders within San Francisco, supports CleanPowerSF as a vital step towards achieving 100% renewable energy for San Francisco that must move forward without further delay or obstruction, and . . .
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission Citizens’ Advisory Committee supports CleanPowerSF if it can be 1) self-sustaining and self-funding, and 2) implemented in a way that prioritizes the financial stability of the SFPUC’s Power Enterprise.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission Citizens’ Advisory Committee, urges that the Commission move forward with CleanPowerSF, and allow staff to move forward with its launch.

As adopted by the Full Citizens Advisory Commitee on September 16th, 2014
Whereas, the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission currently obtains 85% of its water supply from the Tuolumne River, where it holds water rights for diversion that are junior to those of the Turlock and Modesto Irrigation Districts who also use water from the River;

Whereas, the SFPUC’s surface water supplies are increasingly constrained by climate change, as well as the obligation to provide instream flows to support a variety of species in the Tuolumne River, Alameda Creek and Peninsula watersheds;

Whereas, the SFPUC has identified a suite of options for limiting its reliance upon its Tuolumne River, Alameda Creek and Peninsula watersheds including water conservation and recycling, reuse of gray water, blackwater, stormwater and sump water, and making use of the region’s groundwater resources;

Whereas, groundwater was a significant source of water supply for San Francisco prior to the completion of the Hetch Hetchy Regional Water System, and remains a major source of supply for communities within the Regional Water System;

Therefore be it resolved, that the SFPUC Citizens’ Advisory Committee supports the actions of the SFPUC to diversify its water supply, including the proposal to augment the City’s drinking water supplies with groundwater, provided that the water delivered to residents exceeds public health requirements.

As Adopted by the Full Citizens Advisory Committee on November 18th, 2014