



# LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO MINUTES

**Held via Videoconference**  
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**March 19, 2021 - 10:00 AM**

## **Special Meeting**

**Present:** Commissioners Connie Chan, Cynthia Crews-Pollock, Gordon Mar, and Shanti Singh

The San Francisco Local Agency Formation Commission (SF LAFCo) met remotely in regular session through videoconferencing, and provided public comment through teleconferencing, on Friday, March 19, 2021.

Vice Chair Crews-Pollock called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

### **1. Call to Order and Roll Call**

On the call of the roll, Vice Chair Crews-Pollock, and Commissioners Chan, Mar and Singh were noted present.

A quorum was present.

### **2. Election of the 2021 Chairperson and Vice Chairperson**

Commissioner Crews Pollock nominated Commissioner Chan as the Chairperson for 2021.

Commissioner Chan nominated Commissioner Crews-Pollock as the Vice Chairperson for 2021.

Public Comment: Jed Holtzman (350 Bay Area); welcomed Commissioner Chan to the Commission and thanked the Members for their interest and investment in time.

The nominations for Commissioner Connie Chan as Chairperson and Commissioner Cynthia Crews-Pollock as Vice Chairperson for 2021 carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 3 - Chan, Crews-Pollock, Mar

Action: CHAIRPERSON CHAN ELECTED FOR 2021  
VICE CHAIRPERSON CREWS-POLLOCK ELECTED FOR 2021

### **3. Approval of the LAFCo Minutes from the November 20, 2020, Regular Meeting**

Chair Chan inquired whether any Commissioner had any corrections to the minutes of the November 20, 2020, Regular Meeting of the San Francisco Local Agency Formation Commission. There were no corrections.

Public Comment: None.

Commissioner Mar, seconded by Commissioner Crews-Pollock, moved to APPROVE the minutes of the November 20, 2020, Regular Meeting of the San Francisco Local Agency Formation Commission. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 3 - Chan, Crews-Pollock, Mar

Action: MINUTES APPROVED

### **4. Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) Activities Report**

Michael Hyams, Director, CleanPowerSF (San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SF PUC)), presented a power point presentation with an update on the CleanPowerSF Program and answered questions raised throughout the discussions.

#### **A. Enrollment and Service Statistics**

There are more than 409,000 enrolled customers, a 4.0% opt-out rate with a 96% retention since launch, 2.1% SuperGreen 100% renewable upgrade rate, and SuperGreen accounts for more than 5% of retail sales.

#### **B. Generation Rates and Power Charge Indifference Adjustment (PCIA)**

On December 30, 2020, the Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) filed new rates with the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) for implementation on January 1, 2021, with a PCIA increase of around 30% and a generation rate decrease around 4.5%. On February 26, 2021, PG&E filed new rates with the CPUC for implementation on March 1, 2021, with a PCIA increase of around 8% and a generate rate increase less than 2%. CleanPowerSF will need to decrease rates an additional 2.5% from January 2021 rates to maintain customer generation costs. Further reducing CleanPowerSF rates would not allow the program to recover its costs and will need to use its financial reserves to balance since the SF PUC General Manager is not authorized to reduce rates if they do not recover costs.

#### **C. Legislative Update**

Director Hyams provided an update on Assembly Bill (AB) 913 (Calderon) regarding rate securitization for investor owned utilities' (IOUs) undercollected revenues in 2020, which was Adopted; and AB 3014 (Muratsuchi) California Reliability Authority, AB 2689 (Kalra) PCIA Transparency, AB 16359 (Bloom) Wildfire Prevention Bond, and AB 2255 (Eggman), AB 1720 (Carillo), and SB 597 (Hueso), which were Not Adopted.

Director Hyams provided a brief update on Senate Bill 612 (Portantino) regarding ratepayer equity and an overview of the expected areas of focus in 2021.

D. California Community Joint Powers Authority

Director Hyams provided an update on the newly formed Joint Powers Authority called California Community Power or “CC Power,” which is a group of nine CCAs that leverage their combined buying power to develop cost-effective energy supply, programs and services.

E. Disadvantaged Communities Green Tariff Programs

Director Hyams provided an update on the two programs the CPUC created as required by AB 327 (Perea 2013): DAC-Green Tariff and Community Solar Green Tariff.

F. Commercial and Residential Delinquencies Update

Director Hyams provided an update on the delinquency rates for residential and commercial customers, including the number of accounts, average amount, and how SF PUC is addressing this customer debt and providing affordable programs for low-income customers.

Public Comment: Eric Brooks; welcomed Chair Chan to LAFCo and provided his concerns regarding the need for independent energy sources. Jed Holtzman; expressed concerns regarding PCIA and the generation rate increases that need attention.

There was no action taken.

**5. LAFCo 2020 - Year in Review**

Bryan Goebel, Executive Officer (LAFCo), provided a power point presentation regarding LAFCo’s 2020 Year in Review, including the work completed for the On-Demand-and-On-the-Edge: Ridehail and Delivery Workers Survey, recommendations to address labor abuses in the on-demand sector, the impact of the LAFCo-Commissioned surveys of on-demand work, an E-Bike Rebate Program for app-based delivery workers, cooperatives as an alternative to “Gig” Economy Platforms, preventing a disconnection crisis in San Francisco, Request for Qualifications process for a renewable energy consultant, Vanir reports analyzing CleanPowerSF, and assessing bank accountability.

Public Comment: Eric Brooks; expressed support of the work completed during 2020 and shared concerns and suggestions regarding clean energy and programs.

There was no action taken.

*Commissioner Singh was noted absent at 11:00 a.m.*

Commissioner Singh Excused from Attendance

Commissioner Crews-Pollock, seconded by Commissioner Mar, moved to excuse Commissioner Singh beginning at 11:00 a.m. until her return. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 3 - Chan, Crews-Pollock, Mar

Action: Commissioner Singh Excused

Commissioner Singh was noted present at 12:00 p.m.

**6. Proposed LAFCo Projects for Fiscal Year 2021-2022**

Bryan Goebel, Executive Officer (LAFCo), provided a power point presentation regarding the proposed projects for LAFCo to explore.

A. CleanPowerSF Oversight

Executive Officer Goebel provided an overview of the current oversight being provided to the CleanPowerSF Program.

B. Public Bank

Executive Officer Goebel provided an update on the work being done around a Public Bank and the pending legislation at the Board of Supervisors that would require LAFCo to provide support and facilitate the San Francisco Reinvestment Working Group.

C. Co-op Research Project

Marti Shaw, Stephen Bediako, and Danny Spitzberg presented additional information on the outcomes of the co-op research and answered questions raised throughout the discussion.

D. Post-Proposition 22 Survey

Erin Johansson presented additional information on the post-proposition 22 survey and answered questions raised throughout the discussion.

E. Utility Debt Project

Executive Officer Goebel provided an overview of the residential and commercial customer debt being accumulated during this pandemic as more customers are getting behind on their utility bills.

F. Solar and Storage Project

Executive Officer Goebel spoke on pilot solar-plus-energy storage that could be used to enhance community resiliency in neighborhoods.

Public Comment: Jed Holtzman; expressed concerns regarding the need to confer with advocates on the annual plan and to include subject matter experts. Eric Brooks; expressed support of the proposed projects and concerns regarding getting the clean energy build out and expansion of energy storage.

Director Hyams presented additional information on the proposed projects and answered questions raised throughout the discussion.

Executive Officer Goebel indicated he would be meeting with each Commissioner separately to flush out and define the scope for each of the designated projects.

Commissioner Crews-Pollock, seconded by Commissioner Mar, moved to AMEND the list of projects moving forward for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 to only include CleanPowerSF Oversight, a Public Bank, Gig Workers, and a Policy Memo. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 3 - Chan, Crews-Pollock, Mar

Action: PROJECT LIST AMENDED

Commissioner Mar, seconded by Commissioner Crews-Pollock, moved that the project list be CONTINUED AS AMENDED to the next Regular Meeting of the Local Agency Formation Commission. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 3 - Chan, Crews-Pollock, Mar

Action: CONTINUED AS AMENDED

## **7. Approval of the 2021 LAFCo Regular Meeting Schedule**

Bryan Goebel, Executive Officer (LAFCo), provided an overview of the proposed regular meeting schedule and requested the April 16, 2021, meeting date be added to what the memorandum proposed.

Public Comment: Eric Brooks; requested the public comment indication be included with the regular meeting schedule approval.

Commissioner Mar, seconded by Commissioner Crews-Pollock, moved to AMEND the Regular Meeting Schedule to include April 16, 2021. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 3 - Chan, Crews-Pollock, Mar

Action: REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULE AMENDED

Commissioner Mar, seconded by Commissioner Crews-Pollock, moved that the 2021 Regular Meeting Schedule for the Local Agency Formation Commission be APPROVED AS AMENDED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 3 - Chan, Crews-Pollock, Mar

Action: 2021 REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULE APPROVED AS AMENDED

**8. Executive Officer's Report**

- A. Renewable Energy Assessment Update
- B. CALAFCO Annual Reports
- C. CALAFCO April Presentation
- D. Expenditures Update

Executive Officer Goebel provided a brief update on the request for a renewable energy assessment on what is being done to build out local renewable energy projects, the CALAFCO Annual Report, and the upcoming CALAFCO presentation.

Public Comment: None.

There was no action taken.

**9. Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

**10. Future Agenda Items**

Eric Brooks; expressed the need to address the small business debt accumulating during COVID-19 and support the CleanPowerSF Program and other projects.

**11. Adjournment**

There being no further business, the Local Agency Formation Commission adjourned at the hour of 1:53 p.m.

N.B. The Minutes of this meeting set forth all actions taken by the Local Agency Formation Commission on the matters stated, but not necessarily in the chronological sequence in which the matters were taken up.

Approved by the Local Agency Formation Commission