



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

City Hall, Legislative Chamber, Room 250  
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place  
San Francisco, CA 94102-4689

December 11, 2015 - 1:30 PM

## SPECIAL JOINT MEETING with the PUBLIC SAFETY AND NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES COMMITTEE

### Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCo) Members

**Present:** Commissioners John Avalos (Chair), David Campos, Cynthia Crews (Vice Chair), Edwin Lindo, and Eric Mar

### Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee (PSNS)

**Present:** Supervisors Eric Mar and David Campos

### **Call to Order and Roll Call**

Chair John Avalos, on behalf of LAFCo, and Chair Eric Mar, on behalf of PSNS, called the meeting to order at 1:49 p.m. On the call of the roll, Commissioner London Breed (LAFCo) and Supervisor Aaron Peskin (PSNS) were noted not present. There was a quorum of both bodies.

### Commissioner Breed Excused from Attendance

Vice Chair Crews, seconded by Commissioner Campos, moved to excuse Commissioner Breed from attending the Special Joint Meeting with the Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee of December 11, 2015. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 4 - Avalos, Campos, Crews, Mar

Excused: 1 - Breed

*Item Nos. 1 and 2 were called and heard together.*

### **1. Board of Supervisors Resolution (File No. 151230) Urging the California Public Utilities Commission to Reject the Pacific Gas and Electric Company's Proposed Increases to Net Energy Metering Fees**

Jason Fried, Executive Officer (LAFCo), provided opening remarks and a short narrative on the presentations on the local impacts of the California Public Utilities Commission's (CPUC) decisions on the agenda subject matters.

Susannah Churchill, Regional Director (Vote Solar), presented information and a power point presentation on Net Metering in California. PG&E has submitted proposals to the CPUC to reduce bill credits for exports of solar energy, add a monthly demand charge to solar energy customers, disallow rolling over bill credits, and add a new interconnection fee. These proposals would decimate residential solar savings for customers. Ms. Churchill provided additional information and answered questions raised throughout the discussion.

Cal Broomhead (Department of the Environment) presented information on changes that are being proposed for San Francisco and how the need for additional electricity will be increased. These projects and programs will make San Francisco more resilient in the event of an emergency or natural disaster.

Public Comment: Eric Brooks (SF Green Party/Our City); shared his concerns regarding PG&E's proposals and provided his recommendations. Jed Holtzman (350 San Francisco); shared his concerns regarding the PCIA rate hike and provided his recommendations. Walter Paulson; shared in song various concerns regarding solar power energy.

PSNS approved amendments to the Board of Supervisors Resolution (File No. 151230) to include language regarding net energy metering for solar customers and other technical revisions.

**2. Board of Supervisors Resolution (File No. 151231) Urging the California Public Utilities Commission to Re-Examine Fairness of Proposed Increase to Power Charge Indifference Adjustment**

Shawn Marshall, LEAN Energy, presented information on the Power Charge Indifference Adjustment (PCIA) rate hikes, which is scheduled to be increased by almost 100%. This rate hike would result in a potential \$8.4 Million hit to the CleanPowerSF Program and would also be especially hard on PG&E's CARE customers. It would also reduce the ability to implement local programs or provide stable rates for customers. Ms. Marshall went over possible remedies to this decision and invited both bodies to join LEAN Energy for a press conference on these matters on December 17, 2015, from 8:30-9:15 a.m. at 505 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco.

Barbara Hale, Assistant General Manager (AGM)-Power (San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC)), informed the bodies that the SFPUC adopted a resolution urging the CPUC to reject PG&E's proposals and look into alternatives related to these matters. She provided additional information on the subject matters and answered questions raised throughout the discussion.

*(See Item No. 1 for public comment.)*

PSNS approved a revision to the Board of Supervisors Resolution (File No. 151231) to add directives to the Clerk of the Board to send the Resolution to the CPUC and San Francisco's state legislature.

Vice Crews, seconded by Commissioner Mar, moved to direct LAFCo staff to draft letters urging the California Public Utilities Commission to reject Pacific Gas and Electric Company's proposed increases to net energy metering fees, and to re-examine fairness of proposed increases to power charge indifference adjustments. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 4 - Avalos, Campos, Crews, Mar

Excused: 1 - Breed

*The Special Joint Meeting adjourned at the hour of 2:51 p.m. and the LAFCo members reconvened as the Local Agency Formation Commission.*

## **LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION REGULAR AGENDA**

### **3. Approval of LAFCo Minutes from the October 23, 2015, Regular LAFCo Meeting**

Chair Avalos asked if anyone had any changes to the minutes. There were none.

Public Comment: None.

Commissioner Campos, seconded by Commissioner Mar, moved to approve the October 23, 2015, Regular LAFCo Meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 4 - Avalos, Campos, Crews, Mar

Excused: 1 - Breed

Action: Minutes Approved

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

#### **A. Status update on CleanPowerSF Program and timeline for program launch**

AGM Hale provided the Commission with an update on the CleanPowerSF Program and what the SFPUC has accomplished since the last meeting. She indicated the SFPUC is awaiting confirmation on what the approved PG&E rates will be. Once those rates are known, the SFPUC will compare the CleanPowerSF rates to PG&E's to see if they are comparable in order to move forward with the launch of the program.

Jason Fried provided additional information on concerns discussed by the Commission and answered questions raised throughout the discussion.

#### **B. Status update on proceedings at the California Public Utilities Commission**

AGM Hale and Officer Fried discussed the decisions of the CPUC that will affect San Francisco and how they will be proceeding with the CleanPowerSF Program based on those final decisions.

Public Comment: Eric Brooks (SF Green Party/Our City); provided an update on the meetings the advocates had with staff and encouraged the Commission to be prepared for a meeting in January. Jed Holtzman (350 San Francisco); shared his concerns and suggestions regarding PG&E's proposals to hinder the CleanPowerSF Program.

No action was taken.

## **5. 2016 LAFCo Meeting Schedule**

Officer Fried informed the Commission that the proposed schedule was included in their packet materials and recommended the Commission approve the schedule.

Public Comment: None.

Commissioner Mar, seconded by Commissioner Campos, moved to approve the 2015 Local Agency Formation Commission Regular Meeting Schedule. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 4 - Avalos, Campos, Crews, Mar

Excused: 1 - Breed

Action: Minutes Approved

## **6. Executive Officer's Report**

### **A. Status update regarding the Study on What the City and County of San Francisco Can Do to Help Increase Voter Turnout**

Officer Fried informed the Commission that John Arntz, Director of Elections, will be available to answer questions regarding the study at the next Regular Meeting. Staff should have a draft study available by the end of January 2016.

Officer Fried reminded the Commission that the election of the 2016 Chair and Vice Chair will occur at the January 2016 meeting.

Commissioner Lindo requested Officer Fried thank the intern Enrique for his work and outreach.

Public Comment: Eric Brooks (SF Green Party/Our City); shared his desire to ensure the Program is launched by April 2016 and provided suggestions on educating the public. Jed Holtzman (350 San Francisco); shared his concerns regarding election turnout and provided his suggestions on how to increase it.

No action was taken.

**7. Public Comment**

None.

**8. Future Agenda Items**

None.

Public Comment: None.

No action was taken.

**9. Adjournment**

There being no further business, the Commission adjourned at the hour of 3:27 p.m.

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