



# 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

September 25 - 1:30 PM

## SPECIAL JOINT MEETING with the SAN FRANCISCO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

### Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCo) Members

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

### San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SF PUC) Members

**Present:** Ann Moller Caen (President), Vince Courtney, Ike Kwon, Anson Moran, and Francesca Vietor (Vice President)

#### 1. Call to Order

Chair John Avalos called the meeting to order at 1:39 p.m.

#### 2. Roll Call

On the call of the roll for LAFCo, Chair Avalos, Vice Chair Crews, Commissioner Breed, Commissioner Campos, and Commissioner Lindo were noted present. Commissioner Mar was not present. There was a quorum.

On the call of the roll for SF PUC, President Caen, Vice President Vietor, Commissioner Kwon, and Commissioner Moran were noted present. Commissioner Courtney was not present. There was a quorum.

#### 3. Opening Remarks and Discussion of Expectations for the Joint Meeting

Chair Avalos opened up with his remarks on his expectations for the Joint Meeting and the CleanPowerSF Program overall.

President Caen opened up with her remarks on the progress of the CleanPowerSF Program and provided a brief overview on the latest steps the SF PUC has been taking to further its progress.

Public Comment: Andrew Yip; expressed various concerns regarding clean energy.

No action was taken.

*LAFCo Commissioner Mar was noted present at 1:49 p.m.*

*SF PUC Commissioner Courtney was noted present at 1:53 p.m.*

#### **4. CleanPowerSF Activities Report**

##### **A. Status Update on CleanPowerSF Program - Power Purchasing Activities and Timeline for Program Launch**

Harlan Kelly, Jr., General Manager (SF PUC), provided a summary of the latest steps being taken to further the progress of the CleanPowerSF Program and urged everyone to encourage others to begin signing up for the Program.

Barbara Hale, Assistant General Manager-Power (SF PUC), presented a power point presentation on the "Community Choice Program," including proposed program objectives, an update on regulatory and legislative activities, supply efforts, products requested, energy bid options, resource adequacy capacity, evaluation criteria, the implementation schedule, and key milestones. Manager Hale indicated they are anticipating a six-week delay in the schedule due to review and approvals by the Board of Supervisors, and an assessment of the risks that needs to occur before the General Manager begins to sign contracts. They are anticipating presenting a business plan to the SF PUC around November-December 2015.

Commissioner Campos expressed his disappointment on the delay and asked for additional details and inquired whether the delay could be more than six weeks. Manager Hale and Manager Kelly indicated a longer delay is possible, but is not expected. There was discussion on the reasons for an anticipated delay and how to shorten the timeframe.

Jason Fried, Executive Officer (LAFCo), presented additional information on how to shorten the schedule and answered questions raised throughout the discussion.

Eric Sandler, Chief Financial Officer (SF PUC), presented additional information on the fiscal risks surrounding the progress of the program and answered questions raised throughout the discussion.

Commissioners Breed, Avalos, Mar, Crews, and Lindo also expressed their disappointment in the reported delay and voiced their concerns and issues with the reasons provided. There was further discussions on how this delay could be minimized and the various challenges.

Noreen Ambrose, Deputy City Attorney (SF PUC), presented additional information regarding the legal requirements for the legislative process approvals and answered questions raised throughout the discussion.

B. Status Update on Proceedings at the California Public Utilities Commission

Manager Hale provided an update on PG&E's green tariff program and indicated the possibility of its launch next year.

C. Status Update on State Legislation

Manager Hale provided an update regarding Senate Bill 350, Clean Energy and Pollution Reduction act of 2015, during her presentation.

Officer Fried provided an update on Assembly Bill 1110 and indicated that it is now on a two-year plan.

D. CleanPowerSF Enrollment and Outreach Plans

Tyrone Jue, Communications Director (SF PUC), shared a video and presented a power point on the outreach being done to increase enrollment throughout the City and County of San Francisco, including the power choice options, prioritizing SuperGreen sign-ups, building excitement around the Program, the various phases of enrollment, green tariff program projections, and enrollment goals. Signups for the Program can be done online at [CleanPowerSF.org](http://CleanPowerSF.org). Manager Kelly provided additional information on SF PUC's outreach efforts and the timing strategy.

*SF PUC Vice President Vietor was noted absent at 2:49 p.m. and for the remainder of the meeting.*

Public Comment: Andrew Yip; expressed various concerns. Eric Brooks (SF Clean Energy Advocates); expressed his concerns on the business plan and timeline proposal. Imani C. Davis (SFSU/350 Bay Area/Black n Brown Lib Coalition); expressed her concerns regarding the implementation affordability of the Program. Tes Welborn; expressed her concerns regarding the anticipated delay due to the business plan and risk assessments. John Anderson (350 San Francisco); thanked the staff for moving the Program forward. Rebecca Evans; expressed her desire and support for the Program to move forward. David McCoard (Sierra Club); shared his concerns regarding the progress of the Program and how it compares to PG&E's schedule. Jed Holtzman (350 San Francisco); expressed his concerns regarding the anticipated delay of the Program and urged the Commissions to move forward expeditiously. Sara Greenwald (350 San Francisco); expressed her concerns regarding the progress of the CleanPowerSF Program. Karen Babbitt (Sierra Club); expressed her concerns regarding the anticipated delay and the slow progress of the CleanPowerSF Program. Christina Papus; expressed her concerns regarding the delay.

There were further discussions regarding the schedule and ways to reduce the anticipated delay. Manager Hale indicated a revised schedule will be completed and will remain sensitive to the concerns expressed.

No action was taken.

## **5. Public Comment**

Andrew Yip; expressed various concerns.

*LAFCo Chair Avalos recessed the meeting at 3:38 p.m. The SF PUC members were not present when Chair Avalos reconvened the meeting at 3:44 p.m. Upon reconvening, Commissioner Campos was noted not present.*

## **LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION**

### **REGULAR AGENDA**

## **6. Approval of LAFCo Minutes from the July 24, 2015, Regular Meeting**

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

Public Comment: None.

Commissioner Breed, seconded by Vice Chair Crews, moved to approve the July 24, 2015, Regular LAFCo Meeting minutes. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 4 - Avalos, Breed, Crews, and Mar

Absent: 1 - Campos

Action: Minutes Approved

## **7. Possible Study on What the City and County of San Francisco Can Do to Help Increase Voter Turnout**

Officer Fried provided a status update and indicated a draft study could be completed by January-February 2016. A motion should be made to direct staff to begin the study if the Commission desires.

Public Comment: Jed Holtzman (350 San Francisco); expressed his concerns regarding low voter turnout and his suggestions on increasing it. Eric Brooks; expressed his concerns regarding low voter turnout.

Commissioner Mar, seconded by Vice Chair Crews, moved to authorize staff to begin the study on what the City and County of San Francisco can do to help increase voter turnout. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 4 - Avalos, Breed, Crews, and Mar

Absent: 1 - Campos

Action: Study Authorized

## **8. Possible Study on How the City and County of San Francisco Appoints Members to its Commissions**

Officer Fried indicated he does not have the staff or time to go forward with the study at this time. The Commission indicated they were in agreement with placing this study on hold for now. The subject may be taken up at a later date.

Public Comment: Eric Brooks (SF Green Party/Our City); shared his concerns regarding the study not moving forward. Jed Holtzman; shared his concerns regarding the Mayor's appointment process.

No action was taken.

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

### **A. Report on CALAFCo Conference**

Officer Fried provided a brief overview of the conference and the highlights. There were discussions at the conference regarding land planning and broadband, which San Francisco is ahead of compared to most cities in the state.

### **B. Update on Open Source Elections Study**

Officer Fried reported the progress made since the last meeting. More information will be provided at a future meeting.

Public Comment: None.

No action was taken.

## **10. Future Agenda Items**

Public Comment: Eric Brooks (SF Green Party/Our City); expressed a desire to have marketing plans rolled out in certain districts.

## **11. Adjournment**

There being no further business, the Commission adjourned at the hour of 4:05 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.