November 15, 2019 - 10:00 AM

Regular Meeting

Present: Commissioners Sandra Lee Fewer, Matt Haney, and Gordon Mar

The San Francisco Local Agency Formation Commission (SF LAFCo) met in a regular session on Friday, November 15, 2019, with Chair Sandra Lee Fewer presiding.

Chair Fewer called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m.

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

On the call of the roll, Chair Fewer, and Commissioners Haney and Mar were noted present.

Vice Chair Cynthia Pollock was noted not present.

A quorum was present.

2. Approval of the LAFCo Minutes from the September 20, 2019, Rescheduled Meeting

Chair Fewer inquired whether any Commissioner had any corrections to the minutes of the September 20, 2019, Rescheduled Meeting of the San Francisco Local Agency Formation Commission. There were no corrections.

Public Comment: None.

Commissioner Mar, seconded by Commissioner Haney, moved to APPROVE the minutes of the September 20, 2019, Regular Meeting of the San Francisco Local Agency Formation Commission. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 3 - Fewer, Haney, Mar

Action: MINUTES APPROVED
3. **Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) Activities Report**

Michael Hyams, CCA Director (San Francisco Public Utilities Commission), presented a power point presentation with an update on the CleanPowerSF Program. There are more than 400,000 customer accounts citywide, a 3/6% opt-out rate since launch, and a 1.8% SuperGreen upgrade rate that represents 4.0% of the annual energy sales. On October 10, 2019, C40 Cities and Bloomberg Philanthropies made San Francisco one of their seven 2019 awardees for the launch of CleanPowerSF. There is a new Budget Billing Program that will be soft launched this month to help customers budget my minimizing the financial impact of seasonal usage. CleanPowerSF is developing a rate action to update rate authority and provide guidance to staff on time-of-use rate implementation for residential customers. The Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) that evaluates demand supply scenarios, and is required every two years under state law, will be submitted to the California PUC for certification in 2020. Director Hyams provided an overview of the analysis components and the schedule for completion.

Public Comment: Eric Brooks (Californians for Energy Choice/San Francisco Green Party/Our City); shared concerns regarding the new website and cooperation with other clean power programs. Jed Holtzman (350 Bay Area); shared concerns regarding the rate shift occurring from PG&E fees and the future of PG&E.

There was no action taken.

4. **Presentation and Report on “Advancing Equity and Community Investment in CleanPowerSF”**

Bryan Goebel, Executive Officer (LAFCo), introduced the LAFCo Intern and provided a brief overview and background on the forthcoming report.

Winston Parsons, Intern (LAFCo), presented a power point presentation with an update on advancing equity and community investment in CleanPowerSF, including key goals, findings and recommendations, energy equity, past burdens (e.g., Hunters Point, Potrero Power Plant) and takeaways, disconnections and the confusing process, solar-plus-storage for community resilience, existing and planned projects in other cities, energy efficiency and single point of contact, and workforce development.

Public Comment: Eric Brooks (Californians for Energy Choice/San Francisco Green Party/Our City); shared concerns regarding residential water heaters and the need to upgrade older buildings. Jed Holtzman (350 Bay Area); thanked Mr. Parson for the presentation and shared concerns regarding energy efficiency in rental properties and the lack of incentives for building owners to upgrade older buildings.

There was no action taken.
5. **Update on the Request for Qualifications for a Renewable Energy Expert**

Bryan Goebel, Executive Officer (LAFCo), provided an update on the Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for a renewable energy expert. They have received seven proposals and in the next few months he will be working on what the scope will be and then return to the Commission with recommendations.

Public Comment: Jed Holtzman (350 Bay Area); shared concerns regarding energy efficiency and provided suggestions on what should be included in the scope. Eric Brooks (Californians for Energy Choice/San Francisco Green Party/Our City); provided suggestions on how to advance equity throughout the City and the need for an energy efficiency grid.

There was no action taken.

6. **Approval of a Resolution Accepting a Grant from the San Francisco Foundation for the On-Demand Labor Survey and Study in the Amount of $30,000**

Bryan Goebel, Executive Officer (LAFCo), provided background information on the grant awarded from the San Francisco Foundation and the survey and study it will be funding.

Public Comment: None.

Commissioner Mar, seconded by Commissioner Haney, moved to APPROVE the Resolution accepting a $30,000 grant from the San Francisco Foundation for the Local Agency Formation Commission’s survey of on-demand workers. The motion carried by the following vote:

   Ayes: 3 - Fewer, Haney, Mar

Action: RESOLUTION APPROVED

7. **Update on LAFCo’s Survey and Study of San Francisco’s On-Demand Workforce**

Bryan Goebel, Executive Officer (LAFCo), provided background information on the survey and study to be done on San Francisco’s on-demand workforce, including the fundraising efforts underway, the delay on beginning the survey until those efforts are further along, and the possibility the study could be scaled back if the funding gap isn’t filled.

Public Comment: None.

There was no action taken.

8. **Authorization to Pay the LAFCo Intern for Research Assistance**

Bryan Goebel, Executive Officer (LAFCo), provided background information on the work and efforts done by the LAFCo Intern, Dan Raile,

Public Comment: None.
Commissioner Fewer, seconded by Commissioner Mar, moved to APPROVE the authorization for the Executive Officer to pay Dan Raile a rate of $30.00 per hour, for a total sum not to exceed $9,000 with an option to extend the work within that not to exceed amount. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 3 - Fewer, Haney, Mar

Action: AUTHORIZATION TO PAY APPROVED

9. Approval of the 2020 LAFCo Regular Meeting Schedule

Bryan Goebel, Executive Officer (LAFCo), provided a brief summary of the proposed 2020 Regular Meeting Schedule.

Public Comment: None.

Commissioner Fewer, seconded by Commissioner Haney, moved to approve the Local Agency Formation Commission regular meeting schedule for 2020. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 3 - Fewer, Haney, Mar

Action: 2020 REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULE APPROVED

10. Executive Officer’s Report

Bryan Goebel, Executive Officer (LAFCo), provided a brief overview on the efforts being done on the possibility of a municipal bank and the Working Group being established by the Board of Supervisors.

A. Expenditure Update

Officer Goebel indicated his expenditure update is contained in the written staff report previously submitted for the meeting packet.

Public Comment: Jed Holtzman (350 Bay Area); provided information on proposed state legislation and possible financing mechanisms. Eric Brooks (Californians for Energy Choice/San Francisco Green Party/Our City); provided suggestions on what a municipal bank could fund.

No action was taken.

11. Public Comment

There was no public comment.
12. Future Agenda Items

There will not be another regular meeting until 2020.

Public Comment: Eric Brooks (Californians for Energy Choice/San Francisco Green Party/Our City); provided information on the proposed PG&E bailout, the need to stop Assembly Bill 5, and the possible takeover of California’s electricity grid. Jed Holtzman (350 Bay Area); suggested consideration of a resolution stating the City’s stance on the future of the electric grid.

There was no action taken.

13. Adjournment

There being no further business, the Local Agency Formation Commission adjourned at the hour of 11:45 a.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.