



LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO MINUTES

Held via Videoconference
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October 16, 2020 - 10:00 AM

Regular Meeting

Present: Commissioners Cynthia Crews-Pollock, Sandra Lee Fewer, Matt Haney, 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, October 20, 2020, with Chair Sandra Lee Fewer presiding.

Chair Fewer called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

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

A quorum was present.

2. Approval of the LAFCo Minutes from the September 18, 2020, Regular Meeting

Chair Fewer inquired whether any Commissioner had any corrections to the minutes of the September 18, 2020, Regular Meeting of the San Francisco Local Agency Formation Commission. There were no corrections.

Public Comment: None.

Commissioner Fewer, seconded by Commissioner Mar, moved to APPROVE the minutes of the September 18, 2020, Regular Meeting of the San Francisco Local Agency Formation Commission. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 4 - Crews-Pollock, Fewer, Haney, Mar

Action: MINUTES APPROVED

3. Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) Activities Report

Barbara Hale, Assistant General Manager-Power (AGM) (San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC)), presented a power point presentation with an update on the CleanPowerSF Program.

A. Enrollment and Service Statistics

There are now more than 409,000 customer accounts citywide, a 3.9% opt-out rate, a 2/0% SuperGreen upgrade rate, and a 1.2% opt-out for the June 2020 enrollment.

B. Update on Delinquencies and Bill Assistance for Low Income Customers

The SFPUC adopted a one-time bill credit for CleanPowerSF customers who are enrolled in certain low-income programs, which will be applied in October and cover an average one month bill, to provide economic relief for low income customers.

C. Grant Proposal to Demonstrate a Virtual Power Plant

The Department of Energy is providing a grant opportunity for building technologies and the SFPUC has collaborated with the Department of the Environment to develop a proposal for a Virtual Power Plant (VPP) in multi-unit housing in San Francisco.

D. Power Charge Indifference Adjustment (PCIA)

Mayor Breed and the Board of Supervisors, along with 99 elected officials representing 11 CCA Programs, sent letters to the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) voicing concern regarding the PCIA's price volatility and high costs.

Public Comment: Eric Brooks; provided suggestions on the PCIA charge, a grant proposal, and the need for a Virtual Power Plant. Jed Holtzman; expressed concerns regarding PCIA fees and the need to address issues by pursuing legislative fixes through the City.

There was no action taken.

4. Renewable Energy Consultant Update

Jenny Whitson and Nicole Amweg (Vanir) presented a power point presentation with an update on their work done on renewable energy.

A. CleanPowerSF Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) Responses Update

The Executive Officer, Vanir and CleanPowerSF has done a review of the IRP comments and recommendations, have provided feedback, and will continue to discuss resiliency strategies to address reliability. A cost analysis found that CleanPowerSF rates represented the cost of supply for ratepayers and within 1% of PG&E generation rates. A

timeline of the CleanPowerSF programs in development will be provided to SF LAFCo to clarify when the programs will be offered.

B. Northern California CCA Benchmarking Report

An overview of the benchmarks was presented to provide additional context of the CleanPowerSF Program compared to other Northern CCAs within the region, to assist with the oversight of CleanPowerSF to ensure it remains affordable and competitive.

C. Upcoming Tasks

Vanir will respond to any action items that come out of this meeting and will provide another benchmarking update in six months.

Public Comment: Eric Brooks; provided suggestions on what should be reported at the next update and the need for a real Virtual Power Plant. Jed Holtzman; provided suggestions on expanding the program offerings and the continual evaluation to maximize resources and take advantage of grant opportunities.

There was no action taken.

5. Presentation and Update on the Findings of a LAFCo-Commissioned Survey of Food Delivery Workers in San Francisco

Bryan Goebel, Executive Officer (SF LAFCo), provided brief remarks on the survey of food delivery works in San Francisco.

Chris Benner (UC Santa Cruz) presented information on the results of the in-person survey done of on-demand food and grocery delivery workers in San Francisco, including methodology, the highly racially and ethnically diverse workforce, the financial struggles of workers, low earnings, the structure of job opportunities, bicycles used as a delivery method, and a summary of the policy implications.

Public Comment: Eric Brooks; provided suggestions on collaborative applications that could be utilized to assist delivery workers.

There was no action taken.

6. Executive Officer's Report

A. New LAFCo Research Associate, Adiba Kahn

Bryan Goebel, Executive Officer (SF LAFCo), introduced the newest research associate, Adiba Kahn, who is a Fellow in Public Affairs at Coro Northern California. Her work will be centered around analyzing and researching power disconnections in San Francisco, as a follow up to the report last year on advancing equity and community investment.

Public Comment: None.

There was no action taken.

7. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

8. Future Agenda Items

Eric Brooks; reiterated the need for a real Virtual Power Plant to be discussed and acted upon by next year.

9. Adjournment

There being no further business, the Local Agency Formation Commission adjourned at the hour of 11:37 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.