



**City and County of San Francisco**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Government Audit and Oversight Committee**

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

*Members: Gordon Mar, Aaron Peskin, Matt Haney*

*Clerk: John Carroll (415) 554-4445*

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Thursday, July 16, 2020

10:00 AM

**Regular Meeting**

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**Present:** 3 - Gordon Mar, Aaron Peskin, and Matt Haney

*The Government Audit and Oversight Committee met in regular session through videoconferencing, and provided public comment through teleconferencing, on Thursday, July 16, 2020, with Chair Gordon Mar presiding. Chair Mar called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.*

**Remote Access to Information and Participation**

*In accordance with Governor Newsom's Executive Order No. N-33-20 declaring a State of Emergency regarding the COVID-19 outbreak and Mayor London N. Breed's Proclamation declaring a Local Emergency issued on February 25, 2020, including the guidance for gatherings issued by the San Francisco Department of Public Health Officer, aggressive directives were issued to reduce the spread of COVID-19. On March 17, 2020, the Board of Supervisors authorized their Board and Committee meetings to convene remotely (via Microsoft Teams) and will allow remote public comment via teleconference. Visit the SFGovTV website at ([www.sfgovtv.org](http://www.sfgovtv.org)) to stream the live meetings, or to watch meetings on demand. Members of the public are encouraged to participate remotely via detailed instructions on participating via teleconference available at: <https://sfbos.org/remote-meeting-call>.*

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**ROLL CALL AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*On the call of the roll, Chair Mar, Vice Chair Peskin, and Member Haney were noted present. A quorum was present.*

**AGENDA CHANGES**

*There were no agenda changes.*

## REGULAR AGENDA

**190785** [Hearing - Civil Grand Jury Report - Act Now Before it is Too Late: Aggressively Expand and Enhance Our High-Pressure Emergency Firefighting Water System]  
Hearing on the 2018-2019 Civil Grand Jury Report, entitled "Act Now Before it is Too Late: Aggressively Expand and Enhance Our High-Pressure Emergency Firefighting Water System." (Clerk of the Board)

07/17/19; RECEIVED AND ASSIGNED to Government Audit and Oversight Committee.

07/25/19; REFERRED TO DEPARTMENT. Referred to the Office of the Mayor, the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission, the Fire Department, the Fire Commission, the Office of the City Administrator, and the Office of the Budget and Legislative Analyst for the required response.

09/11/19; RESPONSE RECEIVED. The San Francisco Public Utilities Commission submitted a response to the Civil Grand Jury Report.

09/12/19; RESPONSE RECEIVED. The Fire Commission submitted a response to the Civil Grand Jury Report.

09/16/19; RESPONSE RECEIVED. The Mayor's Office submitted a consolidated response to the Civil Grand Jury Report for the following departments: Office of the Mayor; City Administrator's Office, Public Utilities Commission, Fire Department, and the Department of the Environment.

09/19/19; CONTINUED TO CALL OF THE CHAIR. Heard in Committee. Speakers: Supervisor Sandra Lee Fewer (Board of Supervisors); Rasha Harvey, Foreperson, and Stephen Garber (2018-2019 Civil Grand Jury); John Scarpulla (San Francisco Public Utilities Commission); Heather Green (Office of the City Administrator); presented information and answered questions raised throughout the discussion. Eileen Boken; Tom Doudiet; Nancy Wuerfel; Dick Morten; Ted Lowenberg; David Hooper; Ellen Lee Zhou; Ken; spoke on various concerns relating to the hearing matter.

06/25/20; RESPONSE RECEIVED. The San Francisco Public Utilities commission transmitted a report on the City's Emergency Firefighting Water System (EFWS), prepared pursuant to Resolution No. 484-19 .

*Heard in Committee. Speakers: John Scarpulla (San Francisco Public Utilities Commission); Heather Green (Office of Resilience and Capital Planning); Jose Velo, Deputy Chief (Fire Department); Dave Myerson (San Francisco Public Utilities Commission); presented information and answered questions raised throughout the discussion.*

**Chair Mar moved that this Hearing be CONTINUED TO CALL OF THE CHAIR. The motion carried by the following vote:**

Ayes: 3 - Mar, Peskin, Haney

## ADJOURNMENT

*There being no further business, the Government Audit and Oversight Committee adjourned at the hour of 10:37 a.m.*

*N.B. The Minutes of this meeting set forth all actions taken by the Government Audit and Oversight Committee on the matters stated, but not necessarily in the chronological sequence in which the matters were taken up.*