

MINUTES
WATER COMMITTEE
LAKE MERCED TASK FORCE
NOVEMBER 18, 2005 MEETING

The meeting was held at Dick Morten's home starting at approximately 8:30am on November 18, 2005. Committee members attending were Dick Morten, Patrick Sweetland, David Dawdy, Greg Bartow (representing the SFPUC), and Jerry Cadagan, who served as both chair and secretary. Also in attendance were John Plummer of Friends of Lake Merced and Suzanne Gautier and Robin Breuer, both staff with SFPUC.

Agenda item #1—Addendum to Water Committee's section of the Lake Merced Task Force's State of the Lake Report. Cadagan reminded the Committee that at the last Committee meeting the Committee agreed in principal that the State of the Lake Report should include the idea or concept that use of Hetch Hetchy system water to raise and maintain lake levels should be a "last resort". That recommendation did not get included in the current State of the Lake Report, in part because of the Committee Chair's lack of diligence. After discussion, it was the consensus of the Committee that the State of the Lake Report should be supplemented to acknowledge that SFPUC has proposed a number of alternative sources of water additions to the lake, and should include the Committee's position that use of Hetch Hetchy system water as a permanent solution to the lake level issue should be a last resort. Cadagan will work with the LMTF Chair to incorporate that concept in the State of the Lake Report.

Agenda item #2 – Use of the Yates-Fio model to test the idea of injecting water into the aquifer in order to build a barrier or mound near Lake Merced for the purpose of restricting the southerly flow of water out of the lake. After discussion, it was the consensus of the Committee that there should be an exchange of correspondence between Patrick Sweetland and Messrs. Yates and Fio confirming that the model will have the capability to address this question.

Agenda item #3 – Report by SFPUC on status of investigation of alternative water options for addition to the lake, including an update on the lead contamination issue. SFPUC reported that consultants were being sought to do further investigation as to the extent of risk of unacceptable lead contamination if lake levels were raised above current levels. Recent staff work has indicated that the risk may not be as great as previously believed. Staff indicated that is that proves to be the case, there may be no delay in further increases of lake levels beginning in 2007, but if further studies indicated an unacceptable level of risk there may be a delay in raising lake levels. Committee members urged SFPUC to formally put the Rod & Gun Club on notice that there was a chance that remediation work may be required. Staff described the different levels of remediation that might be required, including just cleaning up specified "hot spots".

Agenda item #4 – Report by Daly City and SFPUC on status of Vista Grande Canal stormwater diversion project. Patrick Sweetland and SFPUC staff described the current status of the project, including indicating that a third year of testing may be necessitated. John Plummer and David Dawdy critically questioned some of the methodology used in the recent tests, particularly the method of statistical analysis. Daly City and SFPUC indicated they and their consultants and advisors believed that sound science as being utilized.

Agenda item #5 – Report by SFPUC on scope of watershed study as it impacts the lake. It was agreed that all essential information was covered under prior agenda items.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jerry Cadagan