

Friends,

The SFPUC science workshop on Monday was quite insightful in a few ways. If you'd like to watch the recording, it's posted at [https://sanfrancisco.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view\\_id=22&clip\\_id=37186](https://sanfrancisco.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view_id=22&clip_id=37186)

If you're inspired to send comments to the SFPUC Commissioners, the email address is [commission@sfwater.org](mailto:commission@sfwater.org).

SFPUC staff started with a presentation on how the Hetch Hetchy Water System works, and various agreements they have with other water agencies. This had nothing to do with science, but it's what they feel comfortable presenting. They were attempting to make a political case against the Bay Delta Plan and for the Voluntary Agreement, which would have been more appropriate for the next workshop, which will focus on water supply and potential impacts.

The conservation groups' panel was excellent. It starts at 59:00.

Following the conservation groups, SFPUC staff supposedly had a panel, but no science was presented in support of the Voluntary Agreement. It was quite pathetic, and even some Commissioners expressed their disappointment in how ill-prepared staff was.

Several representatives of the Bay Area Water Supply and Conservation Agency (BAWSCA) also spoke during public comment after the first agenda item. They too were unimpressive. All they did was recite their same stale talking points about how great the Voluntary Agreement is, even though they don't know the details. They made their comments before the science panel gave their presentation, so instead of using the opportunity to educate themselves, they simply lobbied against the Bay Delta Plan. It was very disappointing!

A cloud floating over the workshop was that earlier in the day the SFPUC's General Manager was indicted by the FBI on corruption charges and announced his resignation.

Again, comments to the Commissioners can be emailed to [commission@sfwater.org](mailto:commission@sfwater.org).

Thanks for your interest!

-Peter

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