

Hi Folks,

It would be great if you join us this Friday from 2-5pm for an SFPUC workshop focusing on water supply. The agenda and instructions for participating are posted at <https://sfpuc.org/sites/default/files/about-us/commission/September%2017%20Special%20Meeting%20Agenda%20Web.pdf>

This will be a key workshop in a series of three that we hope will convince the Commissioners to adopt a more reasonable policy regarding drought planning and rationing. At the July workshop, we made a strong case for more realistic demand projections, and the Commissioners appeared to agree with much of our position. At the coming workshop, our goal is to convince the SFPUC to move more expeditiously on the development of alternative water supplies, such as recycled water.

The third workshop (likely in October) will focus on the SFPUC's Climate Change Vulnerability Assessment (yet to be released). At that workshop it is likely the Commissioners will discuss the length of their Design Drought (currently 8.5 years — combining two of the worst droughts on record), and possibly consider shortening it. This would reduce potential rationing considerably.

So, if all goes well:

Realistic demand projections + more reasonable drought planning + developing recycled water and other alternative supplies = the SFPUC could manage the unimpaired flows in the Bay Delta Water Quality Control Plan, and we hope will drop their opposition.

I hope you can tune in on Friday!

-Peter

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