



August 27, 2021

Sent via U.S. Mail and email to CGrandJury@sftc.org

The Honorable Samuel K. Feng,  
 Presiding Judge  
 Superior Court of California, County of San Francisco  
 400 McAllister Street, Room 008  
 San Francisco, CA 94102-4512

Dear Judge Feng:

In accordance with Penal Code Sections 933 and 933.05, and pursuant to the request of Ms. Ellie Schafer, Foreperson of the City and County of San Francisco 2020-21 Civil Grand Jury, attached please find the response of the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission to the 2020-2021 Civil Grand Jury Report, *A Fluid Concern: San Francisco Must Improve Fuel Resilience*. At its regularly scheduled public meeting of August 24, 2021, the Commission voted to approve the attached responses by Resolution No. 21-0133.

The Commission would like to thank the members of the 2020-2021 Civil Grand Jury for their service and their interest in our vital infrastructure.

Sincerely,

Sophie Maxwell  
 President  
 San Francisco Public Utilities Commission

cc: Mayor London Breed

**London N. Breed**  
 Mayor

**Sophie Maxwell**  
 President

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 Vice President

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 Commissioner

**Ed Harrington**  
 Commissioner

**Michael Carlin**  
 Acting  
 General Manager



# PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

City and County of San Francisco

RESOLUTION NO. 21-0133

WHEREAS, On June 29, 2021, the 2020-2021 Civil Grand Jury released a report entitled, "A Fluid Concern: San Francisco Must Improve Fuel Resilience," a copy of which is on file with the Commission Secretary; and

WHEREAS, The Civil Grand Jury requires responses from the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission to the report's Findings numbers 11 and 20, and Recommendations numbers 3 and 9; and

WHEREAS, California Penal Code §933(c) requires the Commission's response be submitted to the Presiding Judge no later than August 28, 2021; and

WHEREAS, At its public meeting held on August 24, 2021, this Commission reviewed the attached written responses to the above stated findings and recommendations in the Civil Grand Jury Report; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That this Commission hereby approves the responses attached hereto to the relevant findings and recommendations of the June 29, 2021, Civil Grand Jury Report entitled, "A Fluid Concern: San Francisco Must Improve Fuel Resilience," and authorizes and directs the Commission President to submit the responses to the Presiding Judge of the Civil Grand Jury by August 28, 2021, as required by California Penal Code §933(c).

*I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Public Utilities Commission at its meeting of August 24, 2021.*



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*Secretary, Public Utilities Commission*

2020-21 CIVIL GRAND JURY FINDINGS, RECOMMENDATIONS, AND RESPONSES TO FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Report Title [Publication Date]	F#	Finding	Respondent Assigned by CGJ [Response Due Date]	Finding Response (Agree/ Disagree)	Finding Response Text
A Fluid Concern: San Francisco Must Improve Fuel Resilience [June 29, 2021]	F11	Opportunities to expand fuel reserves within the City are very rare due to geographic constraints but very valuable for fuel resilience.	Public Utilities Commission [August 28, 2021]	Agree	
A Fluid Concern: San Francisco Must Improve Fuel Resilience [June 29, 2021]	F20	The City will likely need to replace some critical backup generators with batteries by 2050 but has not initiated planning for this.	Public Utilities Commission [August 28, 2021]	Agree	

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Report Title [Publication Date]	R# [for F#]	Recommendation	Respondent Assigned by CGJ [Response Due Date]	Recommendation Response (Implementation)	Recommendation Response Text
A Fluid Concern: San Francisco Must Improve Fuel Resilience [June 29, 2021]	R3 [for F4]	The agency sponsor of the Fuel Working Group should select members with strong experience in supply chain logistics and emergency management. The Department of Emergency Management, the Office of Contract Administration, the City Administrator’s Office, and other City departments who are significant users of fuel, including SFPUC, SFMTA, and DPW should dedicate staff time each month through December 2024, or until the	Public Utilities Commission [August 28, 2021]	Has been implemented	Pre-Covid, the Fuel Working Group (FWG) met monthly. Members included the emergency managers from: DPW, SFMTA, SFPUC, CAO, DEM, SFFD and subject matter experts from SFO, Central Shops and DPW. Port staff will be included once the group relaunches its regular meetings in the next 90 days.
A Fluid Concern: San Francisco Must Improve Fuel Resilience [June 29, 2021]	R9 [for F11]	In the 2023 Capital Plan, the City should commit to building an additional fueling station with five-ten thousand gallon storage capacity for both gasoline and diesel fuels in the space to be freed up at the Southeast Treatment Plant when the digester replacement work is done, or to identify an alternate site for an additional fueling station if the Southeast plant is not available.	Public Utilities Commission [August 28, 2021]	Requires further analysis	The City Administrator’s Office (ADM), Office of Resilience and Capital Planning (ORCP), Department of Emergency Management (DEM), and San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC) will need to complete analysis of the City’s fuel needs and identify potential fuel storage project scopes, costs, and target dates to understand if there are locations in San Francisco that are viable for such a storage project. This analysis should include looking at the fuel needs and potential fuel storage locations for City infrastructure located outside of San Francisco, such as the Hetch Hetchy Regional Water System. Regarding the potential use of the Southeast Treatment Plant (SEP) for fuel storage, the SFPUC is completing a SEP Campus Plan to determine how to best utilize the space at SEP. Any analysis of using SEP for fuel storage will need to be completed in the context of the SEP Campus Plan, and must include analysis around future SFPUC Wastewater and Recycled Water plans for SEP, the safety of storing large amounts of fuel in the same footprint as a wastewater treatment plant, and ensure consistency and compliance with the SFPUC’s Racial Justice Resolution and Environmental Justice Policies regarding land use equity objectives.