

May 28, 2019

Dear PUC Commissioners,

I am writing with regard to Agenda Item 15, Approval of the Water Supply Assessment for the proposed Balboa Reservoir Project, that you will consider at the May 28, 2019, PUC meeting. I respectfully request that you postpone approval of this WSA pending further consideration.

The WSA concludes that the SFPUC could not reliably meet the demands of the proposed project without rationing at a level greater than that required to achieve the level of service goal under Scenario 3, Implementation of the Bay-Delta Plan Amendment, during single dry years and multiple dry years. Further, the WSA estimates SFPUC would impose up to 38% rationing for mixed-use residential customers such as the proposed project. (WSA Memo, p. 18)

This potential water shortage is especially risky in view of the need for adequate water following an earthquake or other natural disaster that could cause major fires on the west side of San Francisco, which is woefully unprepared for such an occurrence.

Additionally, the Balboa Reservoir Project is a development on PUC property that has been used by City College of San Francisco for decades. The PUC is being asked to sell this public land to a private developer. Instead, CCSF should be allowed to use this property to meet its needs for affordable housing for students and faculty as well as for parking to accommodate students, faculty, and attendees of performances at the Performing Arts Education Center that will be built on adjoining property. Approval of the WSA will facilitate approval of the Balboa Reservoir Project, which many in the CCSF community and San Francisco oppose.

Your attention to these concerns is greatly appreciated. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

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