



TO: Supervisor Connie Chan, Chair, Budget & Finance Committee

FROM: Jeremy Spitz, Policy and Government Affairs

DATE: March 2, 2023

SUBJECT: [Accept and Expend Grant - Retroactive - California Department of Community Services and Development - \$1,244,798.66 and \$103,243.80]

Dear Supervisor Chan,

The San Francisco Public Utilities is proposing a resolution retroactively authorize the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission to accept and expend federal funds sourced by the State Budget Act and administered by the California Department of Community Services and Development, in the total amounts of \$1,244,798.66 and \$103,243.80 respectively, to assist eligible CleanPowerSF and Hetch Hetchy Power residential customer accounts who accrued customer account arrears due to the COVID-19 pandemic between March 4, 2020, through December 31, 2021.

The resolution is retroactive due to the mandatory disbursement guidelines set forth by the 2022 California Arrearage Payment Program and because the PUC wanted to apply the credits to customer accounts to clear debt as quickly as possible. The program requires all awarded agencies to disburse their awarded amount to eligible customer accounts by February 5, 2023. The SFPUC received funding for Hetch Hetchy Power on December 5, 2022 and finalized their disbursement on February 3, 2023. PG&E manually disbursed the awarded amount to CleanPowerSF customer accounts on January 16, 2023. The PUC applied the funds immediately upon receipt to pass the debt relief on to our ratepayers. After the PUC received the checks, we began working on the accept and expend process. Putting together the legislative packet and working through the review process with the Mayor’s Office of Disability, the Controller’s Office, and the Mayor’s Budget Office took about two months.

Thank you for considering this item. Please let me know if you have any questions.

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