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Dear President Breed,

On Behalf of Amy Zock (cc'd), Chair of the SFPUC's Citizens Advisory Committee, please find the attached Letter regarding the SFPUC's Groundwater Project (Board [File #170456](#)).

Best,
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Dear President Breed,

On behalf of the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission's (SFPUC) Citizens' Advisory Committee (CAC), we are writing to support the SFPUC's groundwater blending project.

The CAC began reviewing this project in 2014. We held several public hearings and listened to the concerns of members of the public, which were focused on water quality. We reviewed the water quality information for the groundwater wells as well as the blending process that is used to incorporate groundwater into the water distribution system. In November of that year, the CAC adopted a resolution in support of the program, recognizing the need to diversify our water supply and satisfied with the SFPUC's commitment to exceed all regulatory requirements.

Since our initial review of the groundwater program, the CAC has held regular meetings to review its progress, both at the full CAC and, more frequently, at the CAC's Water Subcommittee. Over the past year, the SFPUC has begun blending up to one million gallons of groundwater (approximately 3% of the water distributed from the reservoirs receiving groundwater) with Regional System water daily before distributing this blended water throughout much of the City. Our oversight of the program's implementation convinces us that it is safe and appropriate for San Francisco. Ongoing water quality testing assures us that the SFPUC is maintaining its commitment to the highest water quality standards (the results of that testing can be found at www.sfwater.org/sfgroundwater.) We continue to monitor this program to ensure our expectations for protection of public health and safety are met as the program expands.

We want to emphasize that we support this program and other actions to diversify San Francisco's water supplies. Last year's brief respite from drought should not blind us to the continuing threat of climate change and its impacts on our primary source of supply, the Tuolumne River. The SFPUC's groundwater program is just one component of a larger diversification effort that also includes recycled water, on-site water reuse in new developments, advances in conservation and other options. These efforts will help the SFPUC serve its customers under all circumstances. The CAC continues to support the agency's efforts.

Sincerely,



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On behalf of the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission Citizens' Advisory Committee

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