BOOM WITHOUT THE BUST: MANAGING DEMAND CHANGES ON WATER INFRASTRUCTURE CAUSED BY SAN FRANCISCO'S MASSIVE DEVELOPMENT BOOM

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OVERVIEW

San Francisco's Development Boom

• San Francisco Water Dept.

- Our past...to where we are now...to our future
- Unique Challenges
 - In an ever changing environment
- Overcoming Challenges
 - Lessons learned moving forward





SAN FRANCISCO WATER DEPARTMENT

Our past to where we are now

• 1835

- 78,000 residents
- Streams, springs, wells, barrel distribution
- Bensley Company (San Francisco Water Works)
- Sausalito Water and Steam Tug Company
- 1858
 - 100,000 residents
 - Spring Valley Water Works
 - Laid pipes for water distribution
- 1930
 - 634,000 residents
 - San Francisco Water Department
- 2015
 - Over 800,000 residents
 - San Francisco Water Department





SAN FRANCISCO WATER DEPARTMENT

Who we are now – D5 system

• Operations and Maintenance

- 3 systems: Potable, recycled water, and Auxiliary Water Supply System (AWSS)
- 1,200 miles of potable mains, 10 reservoirs, 6 tanks, 9 pump stations, 24 pressure zones
- 4 miles of recycled water mains
- 150 miles of Auxiliary Water Supply System mains (high pressure fire fighting), 1,500 HPH, 8,500 LPH, 172 cisterns
- Emergency response
 - 24/7 on-call staff for main breaks, fires, earthquakes, water quality issues, and any other unforeseen event
- Capital Improvement Projects
 - Main replacement goal of 15 miles per year
- New Water Services and Installations
 - Domestic, fire, reclaimed, and irrigation services
 - Approximately 400 installations per year
- Mega Development Projects
 - 2 nearing completion, 7 currently in construction, and 9 in planning and design
 - 30,000 new and rehabilitated housing units by 2020





In an ever changing environment

Competing for limited resources

- Staffing challenges
- Hydraulic analysis
- Project management

Horizontal vs Vertical Infrastructure

Streetscape and paving requirements

Code and regulatory requirements

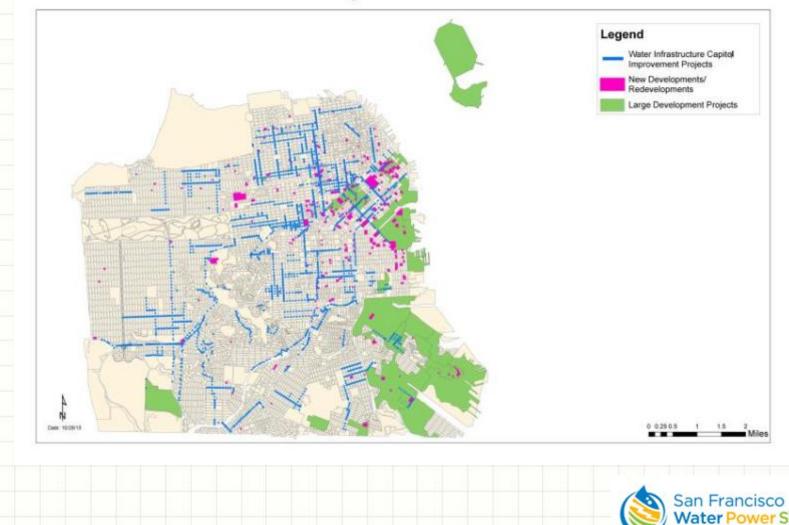
- Fire suppression
- Public safety and water quality





Competing for limited resources

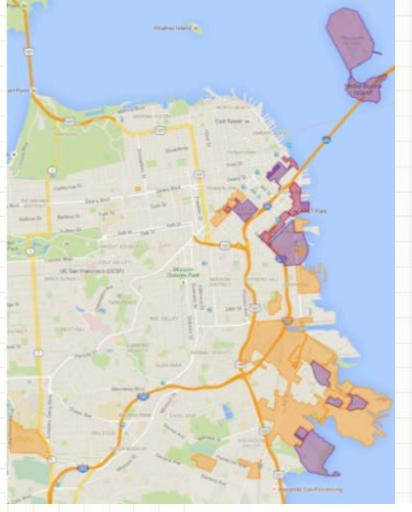
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Competing for limited resources

- Nearing Completion
 - Rincon Point
 - South Beach
- In Construction
 - Alice Griffith low income
 - Candlestick Point
 - Hunters Point Phase I
 - Hunters Point Phase II
 - Hunters View low income
 - Transbay Terminal
 - Treasure Island
- In Planning and Design
 - India Basin
 - Mission Rock
 - Parkmerced
 - Pier 70
 - Potrero Terrace and Annex
 - Sunnydale
 - Visitation Valley
 - Warriors Stadium
 - Westside Courts low income





UNIQUE CHALLENGES Horizontal vs Vertical Infrastructure



Code and regulatory requirements

Mission Bay Fire

- March 11, 2014 at 5pm
- 172 unit building, \$227M apartment complex
- 150 firefighters on scene and >10M gallons
- Code change
 - New fire safety requirements
 - Active standpipe for construction > 40 feet
 - PreFire Plan and fire watch









OVERCOMING CHALLENGES

Lessons Learned – Moving forward

• Competing for limited resources

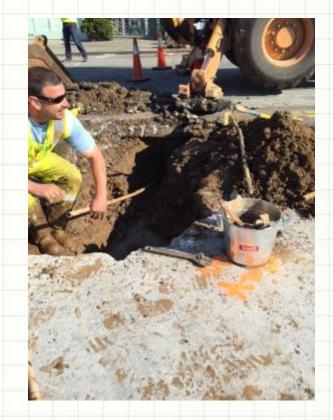
- Staffing challenges
 - Justify more positions
- Hydraulic analysis
 - Cumulative analysis
- Project management
 - Coordination and communication

Horizontal vs Vertical Infrastructure

- Streetscape and paving requirements
 - Phasing

Codes and regulatory requirements

- Fire suppression
 - Aware of constantly changing codes
- Public safety and water quality
 - Recommend standards and procedures for private developers to follow AWWA





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QUESTIONS?

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