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

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## **O**VERVIEW

### 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

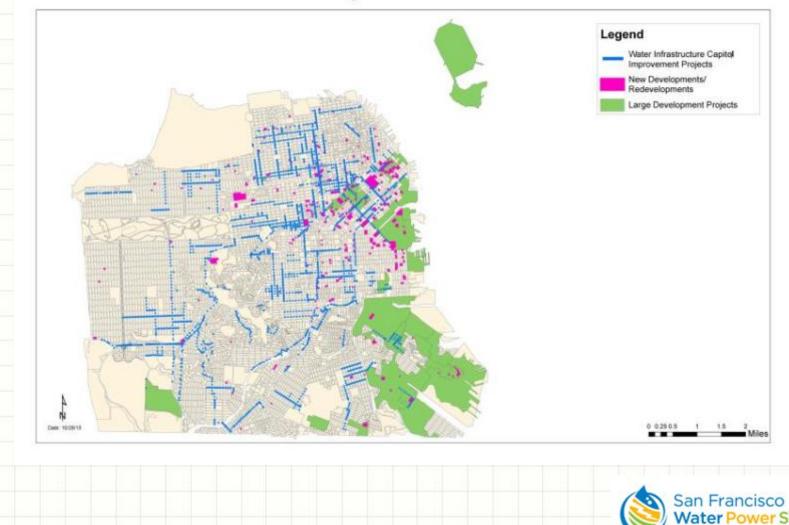
- Fire suppression
- Public safety and water quality





### **Competing for limited resources**

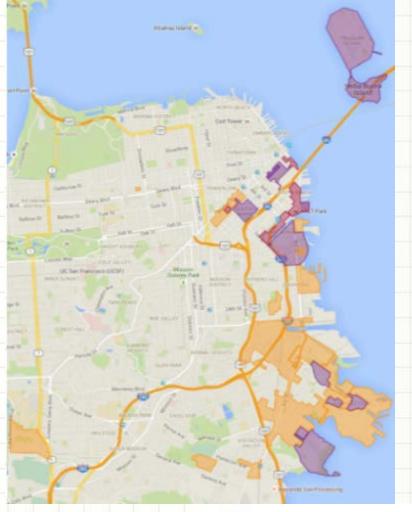
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## Competing for limited resources

- 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





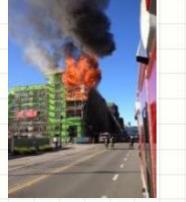
## **UNIQUE CHALLENGES** Horizontal vs Vertical Infrastructure



### 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

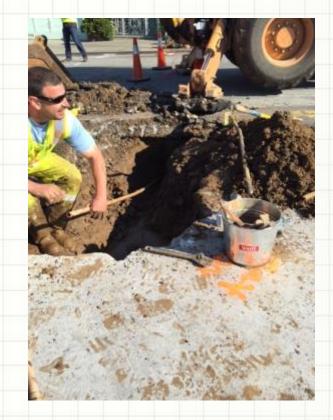
- Staffing challenges
  - Justify more positions
- Hydraulic analysis
  - Cumulative analysis
- Project management
  - Coordination and communication

#### 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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