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President's Message



by [Deborah Murphy](#)

I want to thank our panelists from our February zoom meeting for an informative discussion on street trees in San Francisco. There is a link to this later in this newsletter if you missed it or want to view it again.

Emergency Response (ESER) Bond. Our panelists so far are John Crabtree and Lisa Arjes. I recommend that you sign up for John's column – Though the Heavens Fall. You can read one of his columns in this newsletter. There will also be panelists from the PUC so you can hear both the pros and cons of this bond.

Pre-registration required – use the link below.

Register for 3/17 ESER Discussion

I went to City Hall twice in February to provide public comment. Once to oppose the proposed ATT tower in Diamond Heights and again to support small business's who are having difficulty getting PG&E to pay their claims for the December blackouts. It was unfortunate that our Board of Supervisors voted to allow the ATT tower.

I've been attending neighborhood meetings both in person and on zoom. I always learn something and I get to meet fellow residents. I'm impressed with the passion and commitment that I see for San Francisco.

I will attend the Midtown Terrace Homeowners Association annual in-person meeting on Wednesday March 18 at 7PM. The location is St. John's Armenian Church at 275 Olympia Way in San Francisco. SFPUC will be there to talk about rates.

Please email me at bridgelady@earthlink.net and let me know when and where your neighborhood organization is meeting. I want to keep attending as many meetings as possible and continue learning about the issues in our city neighborhoods.

CSFN holds monthly meetings and everyone is welcome.

If your organization hasn't paid dues for 2026 yet you now have the option of paying by zelle using our email address - treasurer@csfn.net or mail a check made out to CSFN to Greg Scott, 637 Noe Street, SF CA 94114

Missed Our Street Trees Discussion?



Click above to see the video recap of our February discussion on Street Trees.

“Though the Heavens Fall...

John Crabtree on ESER
in his “Boondoggle Chronicles”



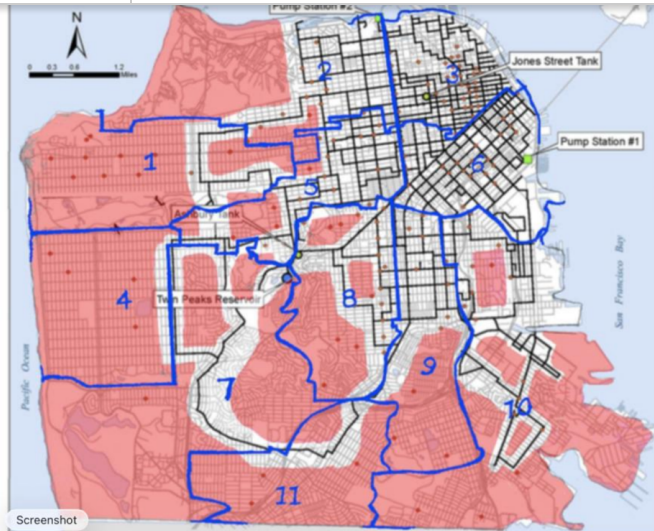
[photograph of a framed photograph entitled “1906” — courtesy of Brother’s Pizza on Taraval, where it hangs on the wall — photo of photo taken by John Crabtree]

by John Crabtree

“...Imagine for a moment, in a parallel universe where no one is around to point out the deficiencies in the June 2026 ESER Bond; and that the measure goes into effect and SFMTA rakes in the \$200 million set aside in the bond for Muni. And then imagine, low-and-behold, the Potrero Bus Facility doesn’t get prioritized for repair, as all the ballot materials have suggested it will be...”

[Read John’s Full Article](#)

Quentin Kopp Sounds Off on AWSS



An expansion to all 15 unprotected neighborhoods will require an unlimited supply of water from the Pacific Ocean.

The SFPUC prefers a piecemeal approach and, after nine years of AWSS ownership, has no plan for almost one third of the City.

“[Retired SFFD Division Chief Frank Blackburn] always told me, when the ‘Big One’ strikes, the survival of San Francisco will depend upon our ability to fight post-earthquake conflagrations. In August 2021, Frank and 67 other retired SFFD veterans, including 31 retired Chiefs, signed an open letter to the Mayor and Board of Supervisors, stating that using the City’s unlimited and readily available supply of saltwater was the only viable solution to fighting post-earthquake conflagrations. San Francisco Public Utility Commission’s potable water alternative proposals are ludicrous and prone to failure.”

[Read Quentin’s Full Article](#)

CSFN Resolution on AWSS

Click the button below to read the full resolution.

[Read the CSFN AWSS Resolution](#)

Minutes from CSFN Meetings

[2/17/2026 Minutes](#)[5/20/2025 Minutes](#)

What to Know About San Francisco's Proposed Water & Sewer Rates



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The San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC) periodically reviews water and sewer rates to ensure that what we are charging reflects the true cost of operating, maintaining and upgrading our systems. We provide water, sewer and clean power services 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The cost of our operations and maintenance are 100% funded by your water, power and wastewater rates.

SFPUC is proposing water and sewer rate increases the fiscal years ending in 2027-2028. Taking action now to improve these systems will save money in the long run. The longer we wait to make needed upgrades, the more they will cost.

Please join us for a one-hour informational webinar to learn more about these proposed rates and what they mean for our ratepayers. We will also answer as many audience questions as we can. We look forward to seeing you there.

- [Monday, March 16 from 12-1pm](#)
- [Monday, March 23 from 6-7 pm](#)
- [Monday, April 6 from 10-11 am](#)

Cantonese, Filipino, and Spanish interpretation will be available. Please select your preferred language during registration. Learn more at sfpuc.gov/2026-rates.



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