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# **Emergency Firefighting Water System Government Audit & Oversight Committee**

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## San Francisco Fire Department – Emergency Firefighting Water System

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- Partnership with SFPUC for co-managing Emergency Firefighting Water System memorialized in MOU (2015) following transfer to the SFPUC (2010).
- Performance standards formalized:
  - SFPUC maintains engineering standards, seismic performance of components must be same or greater.
  - Other parts of MOU outline coordinated emergency response and maintenance expectations.
  - SFPUC funds 50% of SFFD position to monitor the system.



## **SFPUC Management / Stewardship**

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### Enhance readiness of Emergency Firefighting Water System

#### Work to date:

- Improved operability of Seawater Pump Stations
- Increased storage refill capacity (10 times higher)
- Reduced leakage by 500,000 gallons/day
- Reduced backlog of deferred maintenance
- Capital upgrades / repair with ESER bond funding

Adhere to MOU requirements related to system, operations & maintenance, performance specifications, etc.



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## **SFPUC Management / Stewardship**

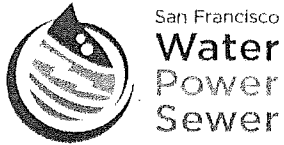
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### Inventory management:

- Ensure availability of components to accommodate expansion and development.
- Immediate availability to conduct repairs.
- Refurbish/re-use older inventory when possible.

### Design standards:

- Updating standards with oversight by 3<sup>rd</sup>-party seismic experts.
- Same or better design criteria.
- Increase available suppliers.
- Eliminate use of pipe connectors utilizing lead.



## Bond Funding

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- 2010 Earthquake Safety & Emergency Response (ESER) bond measure approval included \$104.2 million for system
- 2014 ESER bond measure approval included \$55 million for system



## Technical Advisors

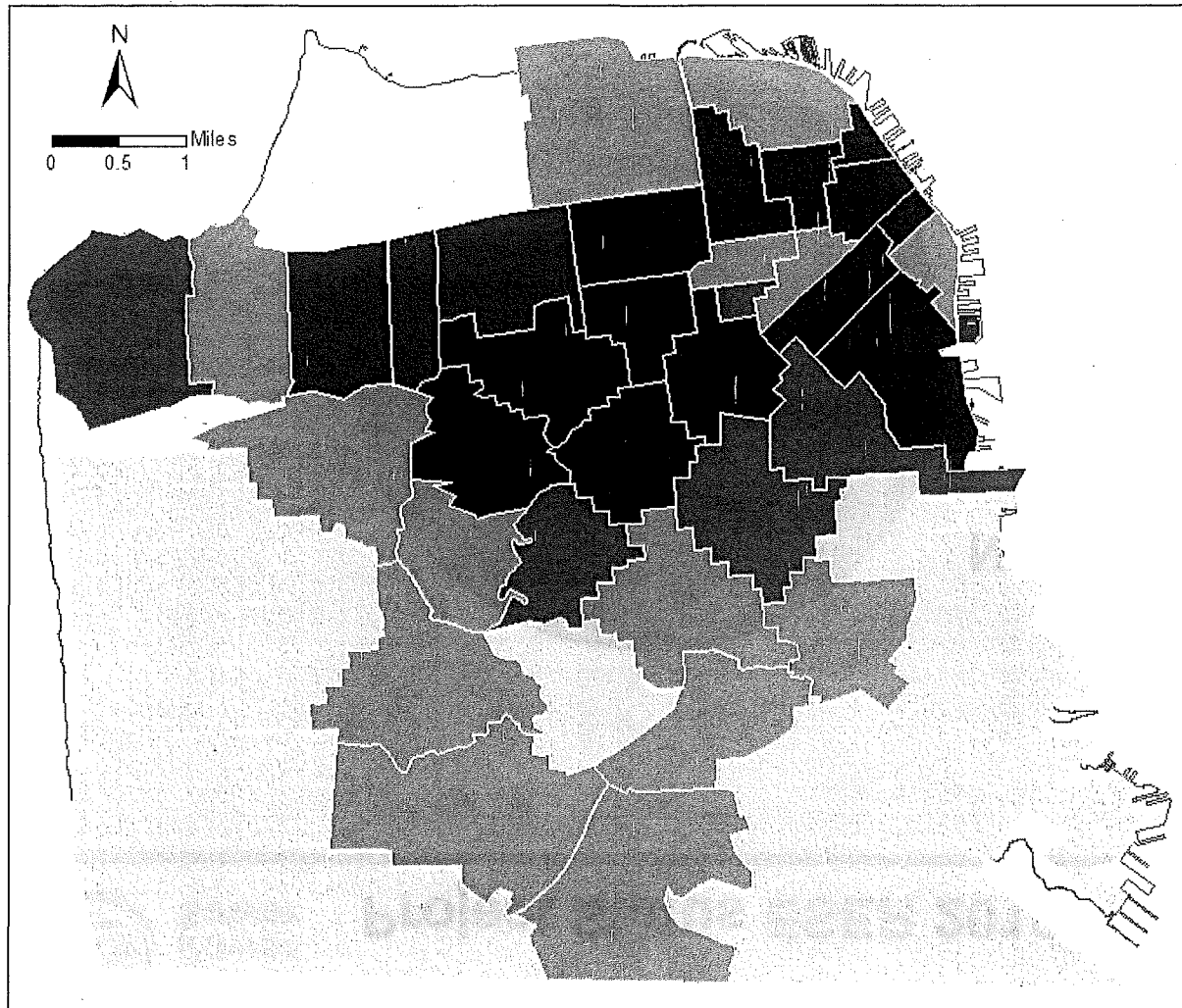
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- **ESER 2010**
  - Thomas O'Rourke, Cornell University
  - Charles Scawthorn, U.C. Berkeley
- **ESER 2014 Pipeline Assessment**
  - Jack Baker, Stanford University
  - Michael O'Rourke, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
  - Thomas O'Rourke, Cornell University
  - Charles Scawthorn, U.C. Berkeley
- **ESER 2014 and future bonds**
  - Charles Scawthorn, U.C. Berkeley



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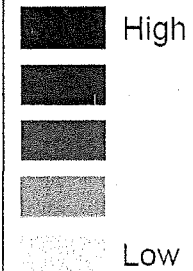
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Citywide reliability  
47%

27 FRAs below 50%

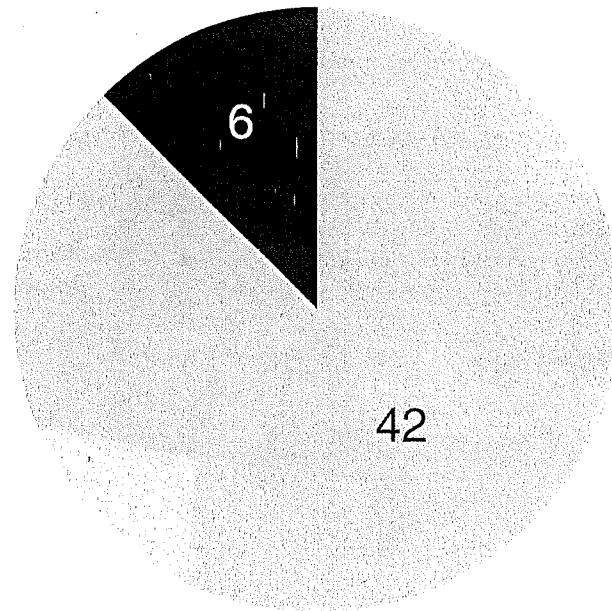
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## Project Status ESER 2010

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### Number of Projects

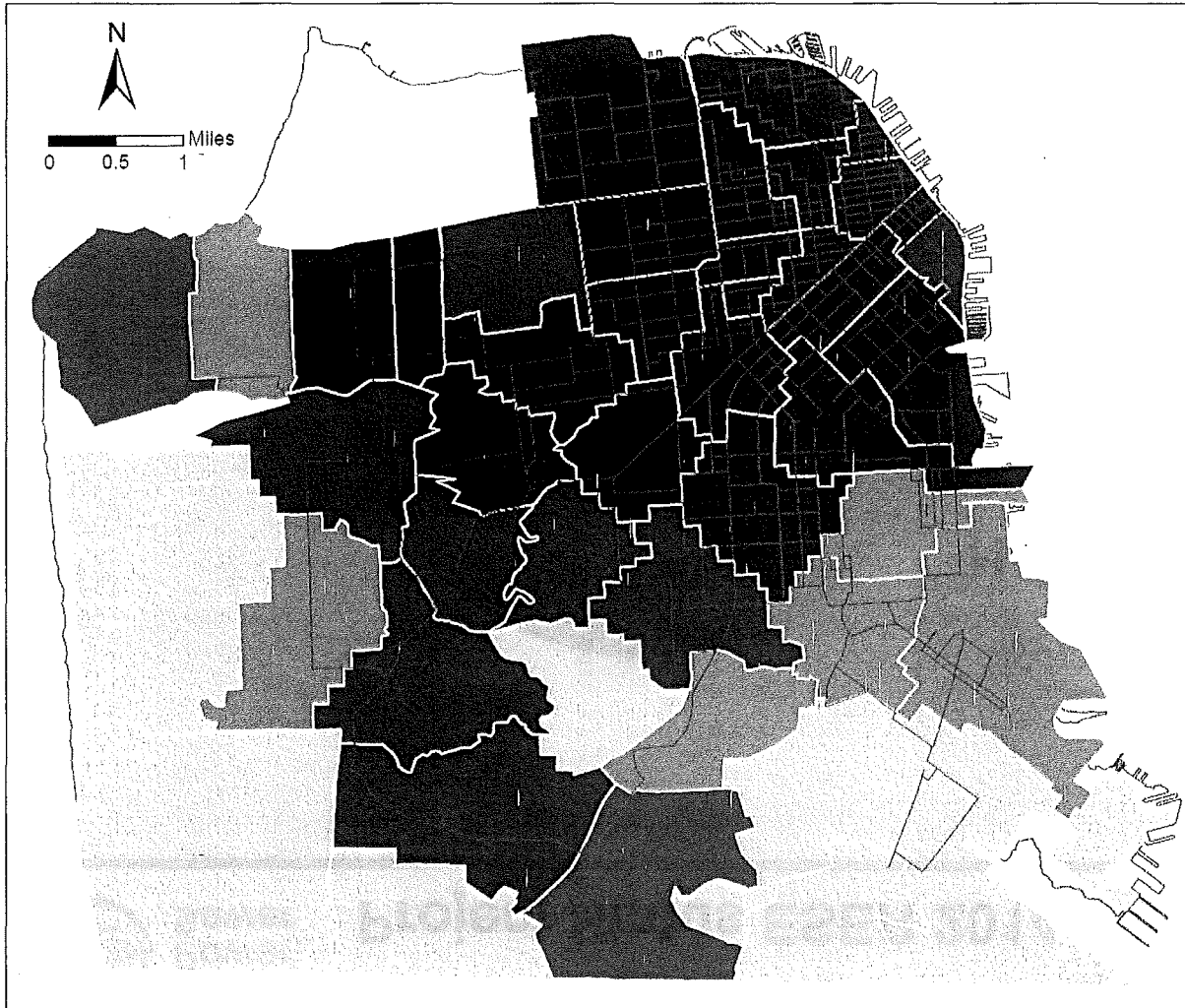
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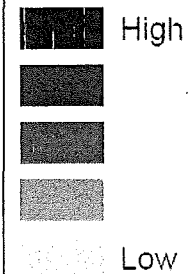
## Fire-Fighting Reliability – After ESER 2010



Citywide reliability  
67%

16 FRAs below 50%

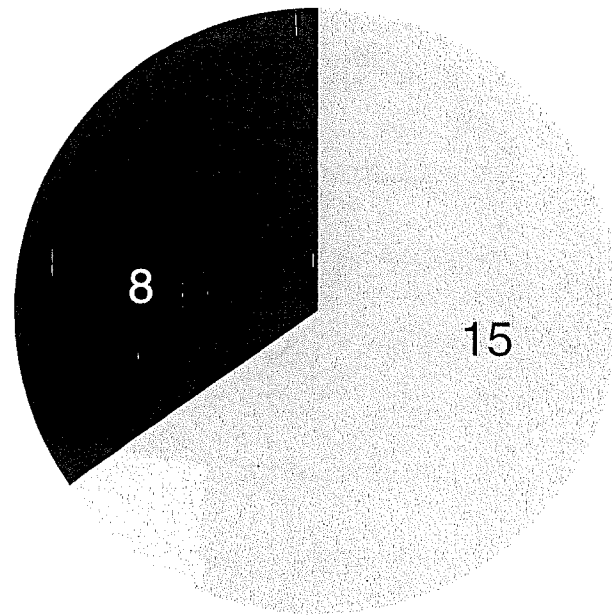
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## Project Status ESER 2014

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## Flexible Water Supply System (FWSS)

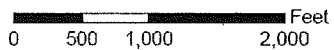
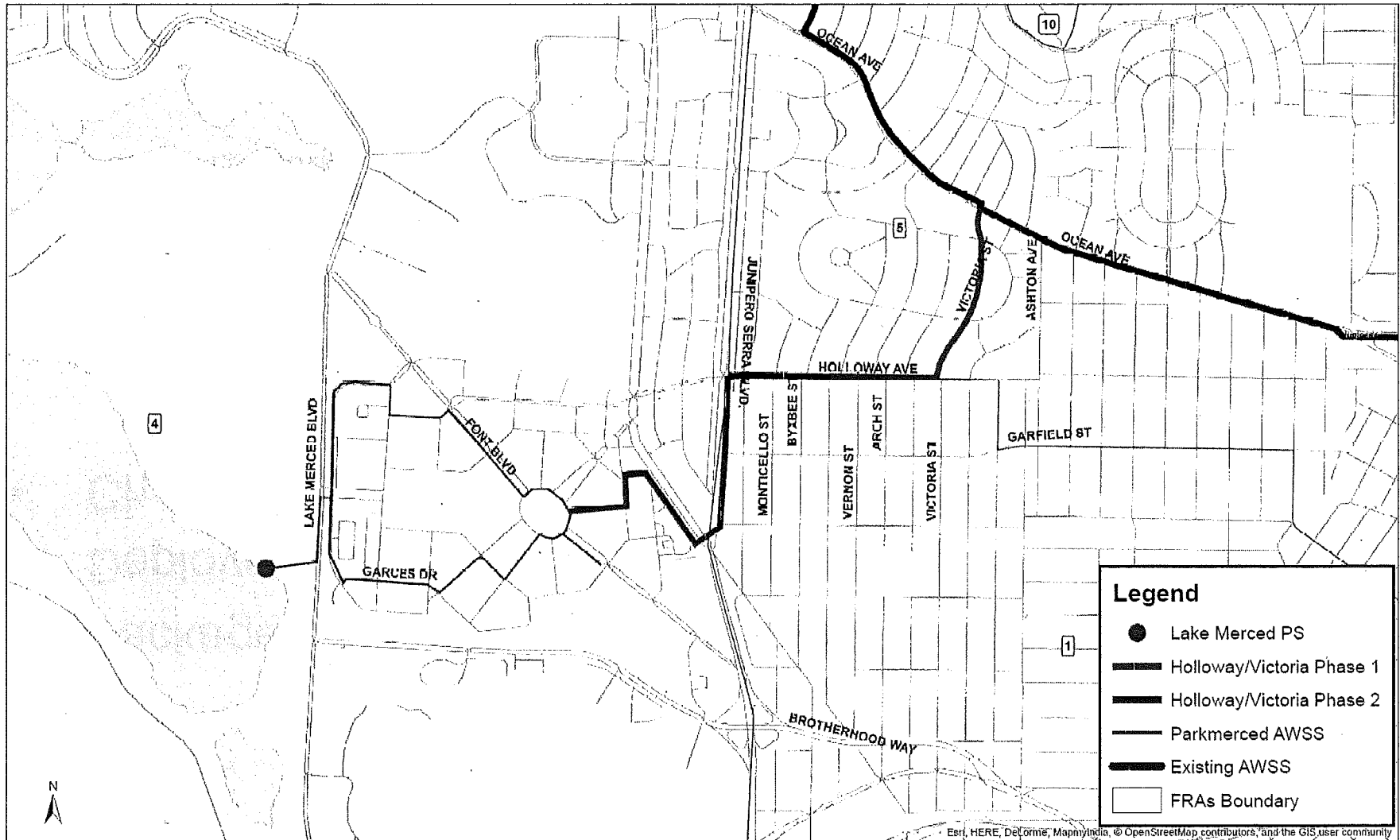
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- Packaged pump units and hose units (12" diameter)
- Deployed after an earthquake where needed
- Challenges
  - Deployment And Response Time
  - Storage - No structures funded, limited space at McLaren
  - Maintenance
  - Hose testing and replacement
  - Effectiveness
- Implement New Projects:
  - AWSS pipeline – Victoria Street / Holloway Avenue
  - Potable co-benefits pipeline – Sunset & Richmond areas



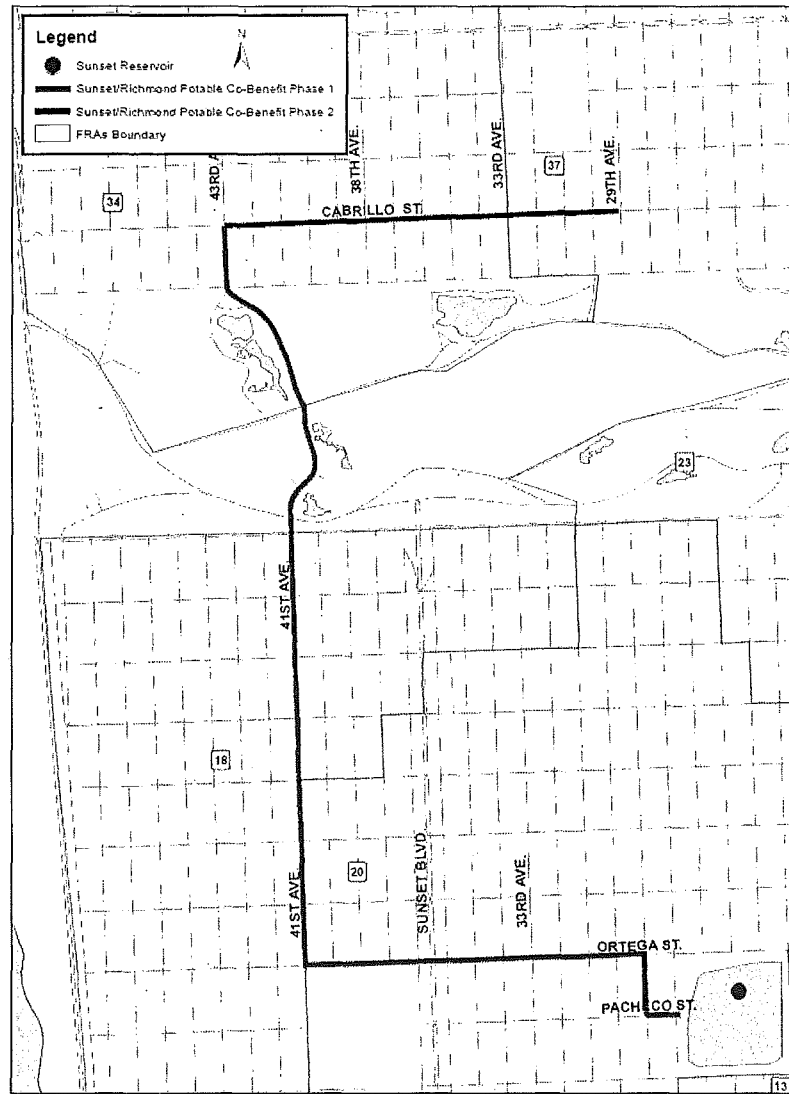
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# Holloway/Victoria AWSS Pipeline





# Sunset/Richmond Potable Co-Benefits Pipeline





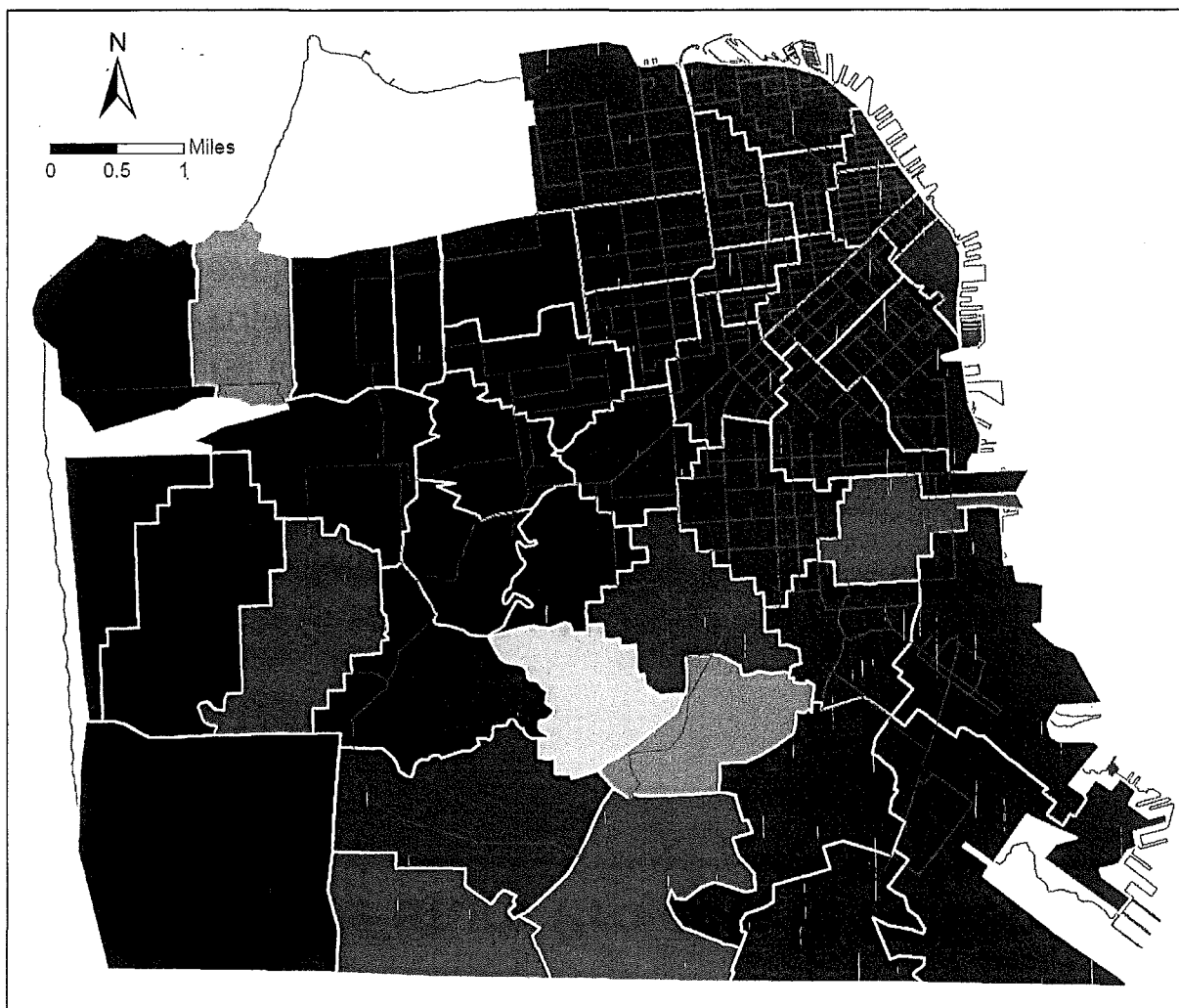
## Potable Co-Benefits Pipeline

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- Pressure in the seismically-resilient main pipeline and hydrants can be increased for improved fire suppression;
- Automatically isolates the main pipeline from service connections after an earthquake;
- Delivers potable water to residences and businesses daily;
- Allows leveraging of resources from both bond funding and water rates
- Less underground space requirements than separate pipelines

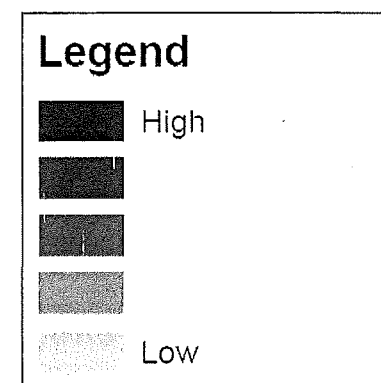


## Fire-Fighting Reliability – after ESER 2014



Citywide reliability  
87%

5 FRAs below 50%





## Future Projects (\$ millions)

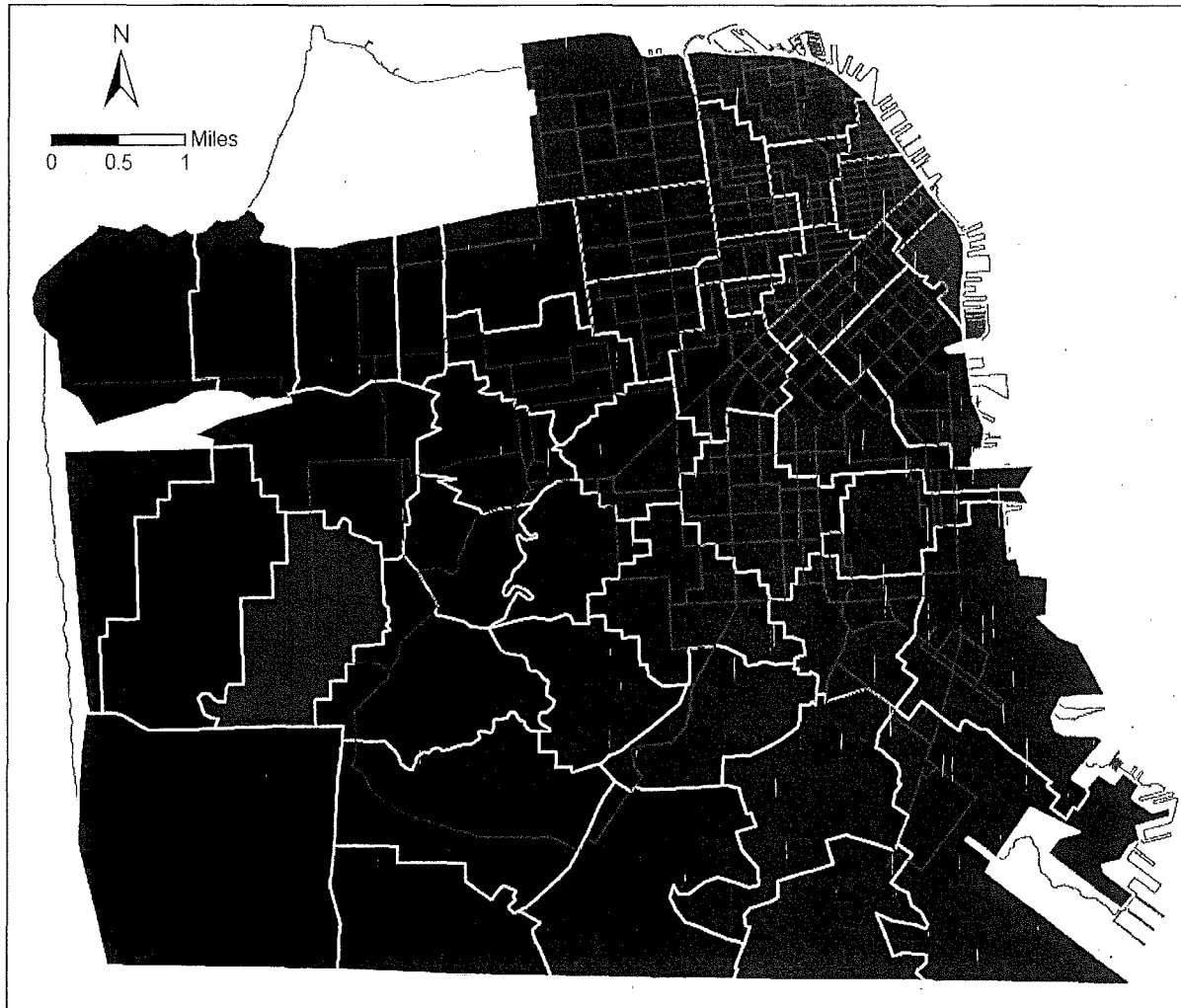
	Project Cost	Water Rates	Developer	Future Bonds
<b>AWSS High Pressure System</b>				
Existing pipeline improvements	TBD			TBD
Pipeline – Diamond Street	4			4
Pipeline – Holloway/Victoria Phase 2	11			11
Pipeline – University Mound West	11			11
Structural Improvements – Physical Plant	TBD			TBD
<b>Other Projects</b>				
Land development projects	TBD		TBD	TBD
<b>Potable Co-Benefits Pipeline</b>				
McLaren	51	38		13
Richmond	22	16		6
<b>Total</b>	<b>99 + TBD</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>TBD</b>	<b>45 + TBD</b>





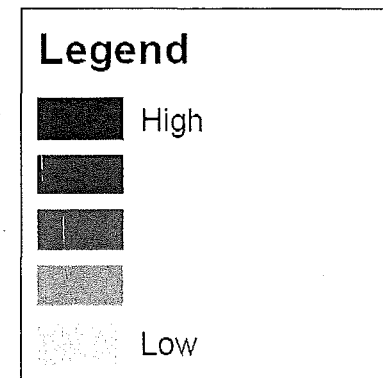
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## Fire-Fighting Reliability – after Future Projects



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96%

0 FRA below 50%





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**Questions?**