





INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 6, 2014

TO: Honorable Vince Courtney, President
San Francisco Public Utilities Commission

THROUGH: Harlan Kelly 
SFPUC General Manager

FROM: Barbara Hale 
SFPUC Assistant General Manager, Power

SUBJECT: Declaration of Emergency –
San Francisco Housing Authority Potrero Terrace
Boiler and Distribution Piping Replacement Project

Today, the SFPUC Power Enterprise asked for a declaration of emergency for repairs required at residential housing located at 1099 Connecticut Street (CAL 1-2 Potrero Terrace, Buildings E-4 and G-6). The space heating boiler and distribution piping at the property leak hot water profusely at all times. The failure of the boiler has resulted in the loss of the building's heating system and required SFHA to vacate ground level apartments. Second story apartments are without heat. The failure of the heating system results also in a violation of San Francisco Housing Code Section 701(C), which requires apartment buildings to have a minimum of 13 hours of heat a day to maintain a minimum temperature of 68 F. In addition to the lack of space heating, the boiler leakage has caused thermal pollution, electrical hazards, and deterioration of sewer facilities. The boiler leakage has wasted huge amounts of energy and water during a period of drought.

This request for emergency declaration is for the SFPUC Power Enterprise on behalf of the San Francisco Housing Authority. The amount budgeted for this work is \$850,000.00. Because the total cost of replacement of the boiler and repairs to facilities exceeds \$250,000, we are required to notify the Board of Supervisors of this emergency.

Power Enterprise intends to fund this project from revenues collected pursuant to an agreement with TransBay Cable, which must be expended, in part, on energy efficiency improvements and projects that reduce greenhouse gas emissions and benefit low income and disadvantaged communities in San Francisco. This project will result in significant energy savings and reductions in greenhouse gas emissions, as well as substantial water savings, and improve the health and safety of tenants, employees and members of the public.

I am therefore declaring the existence of an emergency. I trust that this meets with your concurrence and approval.

CONCUR AND APPROVE:



Vince Courtney, President
San Francisco Public Utilities Commission

cc: SFPUC Commission Members
Todd Rydstrom, AGM Business Services
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