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**Subject:** BOS File 180186 - 189(Washington Square Closure, Appeal)  
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***Dear Board President Cohen,***

***I am a businesswoman in San Francisco and a committed San Francisco voter.***

***I am familiar with the many North Beach restaurants that surround Washington Square, I visit them frequently, know many of the owners and am familiar with the great challenges eateries and retailers face in North Beach.***

***Of the two proposals to refurbish Washington Square, it seems reasonable and more respectful of the neighborhood as well conserve tax dollars to implement the recommendations of the LTAP(Landscape Technical Assistance Report) the City's determination that the park can conserve up to 65% of its current water usage by spending no more then \$200,000.***

***This is less than 1/10 of the proposed cost of the more elaborate and disruptive plan, which is \$3.05 million(\$3,050,000) even taking into account inflation from the time of the LTAP publication in 2015.***

***In addition to the projects comparative costs, I ask Board of Supervisors to consider an even greater cost:***

***The permanent loss of business if the park is closed as well as the business tax costing the City. The cost of doing business in North Beach,***

***Russian Hill and Chinatown has greatly increased because of construction in that part of the City. As someone who takes cabs and ride share, I know drivers do not like going into the northeast quadrant. It is too hard to maneuver in and out of construction impediments there. The closure of Washington Square will add to the loss of customers many of these businesses already face.***

***The Central Subway also strikes me as a reason to support the LTAP for Washington Square. This large project--the Subway-- has extended completion dates on at least three occasions. It is logical to conclude the \$3.05 Million project will do the same -- -shutting down Washington Square for one year or more. Uncertainty such as this does permanent damage to business, forcing some to close. The \$3.05 million project would permanently change North Beach, and not for the better.***

***For all these reasons I strongly support the LTAP approach to Washington Square water conservation. I ask the Board to reject the \$3.05 million closure of the park for a project that is too costly, has never received proper environmental review, and is inconsistent with the needs and the character of the neighborhood.***

***Sincerely,***

***Chantelle Paris Chou  
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# Landscape Technical Assistance Program

WASHINGTON SQUARE PARK (includes Marini Plaza)

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## Executive Summary

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This report is the result of a landscape and irrigation evaluation conducted by the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC) as part of the Landscape Technical Assistance Program (LTAP). The purpose of the evaluation is to determine potential landscape water savings, to produce detailed performance data about the irrigation equipment, and provide recommendations for improving efficiency and conserving precious drinking water used for landscape irrigation.

### SITE SUMMARY

The landscape and irrigation evaluation conducted on February 3, 2015 shows that Washington Square Park has an irrigation system that is operational but very inefficient. The metered use of water is nearly three times the allowed water allotment. Marini Plaza, the small triangular park with a pond across Columbus Street from the main park uses a significant amount of water as well, twice the water allotment.

The existing system efficiency can be increased by adding pressure regulators to the remote valves, and by installing new spray and rotor heads with matched precipitation and check valves, but for a truly efficient irrigation system the head layout and the zoning of the system needs to be redone. The head spacing is too irregular and the zoning works against the slope of the park causing high and dry and low and wet areas.

### RECOMMENDATIONS

The following are prioritized recommendations for landscape and irrigation:

Priority Recommendations	
1.	Add pressure regulators to each remote valve to lower water pressure and increase water efficiency
2.	Upgrade new irrigation controller with a weather sensor
3.	Replace existing spray and rotor heads with new precipitation matched heads equipped with integral check valves
4.	Redesign central lawn irrigation to fit site topography and to provide head to head coverage.
5.	Replant small and irregularly shaped lawn areas with low water use climate adapted plantings

Additional recommendations found in the Site Observations and Assessment section of this report should be incorporated into regular maintenance practices or implemented as time and budget allow.

### POTENTIAL COST AND WATER SAVINGS

By implementing the recommendations in this report, irrigation water use for Washington Square Park could be reduced by 67%, an estimated **2,223,753 gallons per year** from the current metered use. The estimated water savings translates to a **\$17,213 a year** in reduced water costs. For more details, please see the Estimated Costs and Savings section of the report.



## Existing Site Conditions

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### SITE DESCRIPTION

Washington Square Park is a 2.26 acre public park with 1.16 acres of lawn that is as old as the street grid of San Francisco that was established in 1847 by Jasper O'Farrell. Columbus Avenue was completed in 1875 and resulted in the small triangular park, Marini Plaza.

The central lawn of the main park appears to be generally flat but slopes from east to west. Marini Plaza is quite small and fenced but contains lawn areas, a small pond, and a bust of Frank Marini.

Washington Square Park is considered by many to be the heart of the North Beach neighborhood and is bordered by Filbert Street on the north, Union Street on the south, Stockton Street on the east, and Powell Street on the west with Columbus passing through the southwest quadrant.

Site Information	
Site area	2.26 acres
Estimated irrigated area	1.5 acres
Approximate lawn area	77% (1.16 acres)
Approximate tree, shrub and groundcover areas	23% (0.34 acres) Note: there is a pond in Marini Plaza that is assumed to be filled with irrigation water.

### EXISTING IRRIGATION SYSTEM

The current irrigation system is comprised of 2 separate conventional irrigation systems associated with the main park and the small triangular park that was installed in the late 1950's approximately 65 years ago. There is a new restroom building under construction in the northwest corner of the park with new irrigation that was not fully operational at the time of the site visit.

The irrigation backflow devices were observed on site and appear to be in proper operating condition and are to code. The irrigation main lines appear to be in good condition as no main line leaks were observed.

The main park has a new Hunter I-Core controller that is installed with the new work mentioned previously and Marini Plaza has a very old Irritrol IBOC battery powered controller that is not in use at this time. The lawn areas are primarily irrigated with pop-up rotor sprays of the same manufacture, but of varying ages with the smaller lawn areas irrigated with pop-up sprays of varying ages and types.

Shrub areas are watered both by hand and by surface drip tubing.

## WATER USE

The table below includes the site's annual metered consumption from SFPUC billing records and the calculated consumption based on current irrigation system efficiency and landscape plantings. The Maximum Applied Water Allowance (MAWA) represents the site's annual water budget calculated using local evapotranspiration and the site's current irrigated area.

Current Water Use	Gallons Per Year
Calculated irrigation use (see Appendix C)	1,344,894
Metered irrigation use (January 2014-January 2015)	3,308,760
Maximum Applied Water Allowance (MAWA)	1,238,976

## Site Assessment and Observations

The assessment of Washington Square Park was conducted on February 3, 2015 by SFPUC team members Amanda Dougherty, SFPUC Water Conservation Administrator, John Potis, Landscape Architect with Merrill Morris Partners, and Janet Luehrs, Irrigation Designer with Brookwater Irrigation Consultants. The site assessment was also assisted by Zachary Taylor and Charles Williams of SFRPD. During the assessment, the following areas of the site's irrigation system components and landscape plantings were evaluated.

### IRRIGATION WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM: PRESSURIZED

The associated recommendations for each area should be incorporated into the site's regular maintenance practices or budgeted in the future.

#### Water Meters

There are 2 existing meters which serve the park. The Union Street meter is located at the north end of Marini Plaza on Powell Street.

Meter Number	Service Address	Type	Size
21212868	1601 Stockton Street	Irrigation	2"
22145395	699 Union Street	Irrigation	5/8"

#### Backflow Prevention

Two observed backflow prevention devices are to code. The backflow prevention at Marini Plaza contains a hose bib.

- All backflow preventers should be tested every year.
- Remove hose bib from Marini Plaza backflow preventer.
- Enclose Marini Plaza backflow preventer in a cage to prevent theft and vandalism.

## Water Pressure and Regulating

The static water pressure at the meters is unknown. Pressures were taken at a quick coupler in the central lawn and measured at 90 psi. This pressure is too high for both spray and the rotor heads used.

The high pressure results in misting of the irrigation water as it is sprayed, and the mist floats away rather than watering the lawn. Optimum pressure for sprays is 30 psi and 45 psi for rotors.

- Install pressure regulating spray heads and install a pressure regulating module at the remote control valves.

## Pressurized Piping (Mainline and Quick Coupler)

The existing irrigation piping is galvanized steel pipe. Over time, galvanized steel degrades and rusts causing leaks in the mainline and valves and clogs spray heads.

- Change mainlines to Schedule 40 or Class 315 PVC. This can be done as the irrigation system is replaced.

## Leaks

There were no mainline leaks observed.

## Control Valves

Valves observed were in good condition but did not have proper waterproof wiring connections. Remote control valves tested are in working order and are operating from the controller.

- Upgrade wiring connections with water proof connectors as a part of maintenance.

## IRRIGATION SYSTEM CONTROLS

### Controller(s)

There are two controllers, one each for the two irrigation systems. The main park controller is a new Hunter I-Core controller, and the controller for Marini Plaza is an Irritrol IBOC battery controller.

- Recommend installing a Solar Sync Weather Sensor to the Hunter I-Core controller.
- Replace the battery in the IBOC controller. (Currently not working because the battery has been removed.)
- Replace the IBOC controller.

### Irrigation Schedule

The irrigation schedule is unknown.

- Recommend developing a written schedule and placing in the controller enclosure or box.

## IRRIGATION DELIVERY COMPONENTS

### Distribution Uniformity

Distribution Uniformity (DU), which measures how evenly irrigation water is applied to the landscape, is calculated as a percentage by performing a Catch Can Test at representative valves. A test was done on one of the valves in the large central lawn area and in one of the smaller lawn areas. DU results ranged from 8-37%, well below the recommended DU of 60%. The DU results can be found in Appendix B.

### Sprinkler Head Layout and Spacing

The sprinkler heads in the reviewed lawn area are spaced at 15' - 25'. Some of the heads are tilted causing uneven distribution. The rotor heads in the central lawn area were spaced at 50' – 75'.

Sprinkler and rotor head placement has not been updated as the park planting has been updated and many heads are missing, poorly placed and do not provide head-to-head coverage of irrigation. The new irrigation system has pop-up sprays in an area narrower than eight feet.

- Redesign areas for better coverage. Replace broken heads. Raise sunken heads to grade. Straighten tilted heads. Install pressure regulating modules at the valves or replace heads with pressure regulating heads.
- Recommend changing to drip irrigation for all shrub areas. Replace drip that is not working.
- Recommend changing smallest and unused lawn areas to native or low water use shrubs and groundcover irrigated with drip.
- Recommend replacing spray heads in new irrigation system in non-lawn areas narrower than eight feet with drip irrigation.

### Sunken or Blocked Heads

There was no evidence of blocked heads, but some were sunken. Some of the rotor heads are tilted causing uneven spray patterns.

- Straighten tilted heads.
- Raise sunken heads to grade.

### Mismatched Nozzles and Heads

There were rotors and sprays of mixed manufacture and age in areas tested. The spray area tested has a variety of heads (rotor, brass spray, and plastic spray)

- Recommend redesigning the area with the same heads from the same manufacturer for matched precipitation.

### Broken heads

There were a few broken heads in the tested areas.

- Replace broken heads.



## Wind

Wind speed at the time of the audit was around 3-4 mph.

## Slope

The central lawn is sloped. Heads are not zoned for the slope.

- Irrigation zones should be separated vertically – High areas watered separately from low areas.

## SITE PLANTINGS AND SOILS

Much of the plantings at Washington Square Park are high water use or high maintenance (hedges or shrubs that require trimming) and should be considered for conversion to low water use climate adapted plantings or native shrubs that do not need regular mowing and trimming.

- Refer to [SF PlantFinder](#) or the [SFPUC's Low Water Use Plant List](#) to help select plants and grasses that are adapted to the San Francisco climate.

## SITE OBSERVATIONS



The backflow preventer at Marini Plaza is to code but has a hose bib. The hose bib should be removed and water accessed only with a quick coupler to limit casual access to the water by the unauthorized persons. The backflow should be enclosed in a cage.



The main lawn is irrigated with rotors spaced irregularly. The curved shape of the lawn is difficult to irrigate without overspray.



Performing a distribution uniformity test to determine the efficiency of the irrigation system. The irrigation water is a fine mist because of excessive pressure.



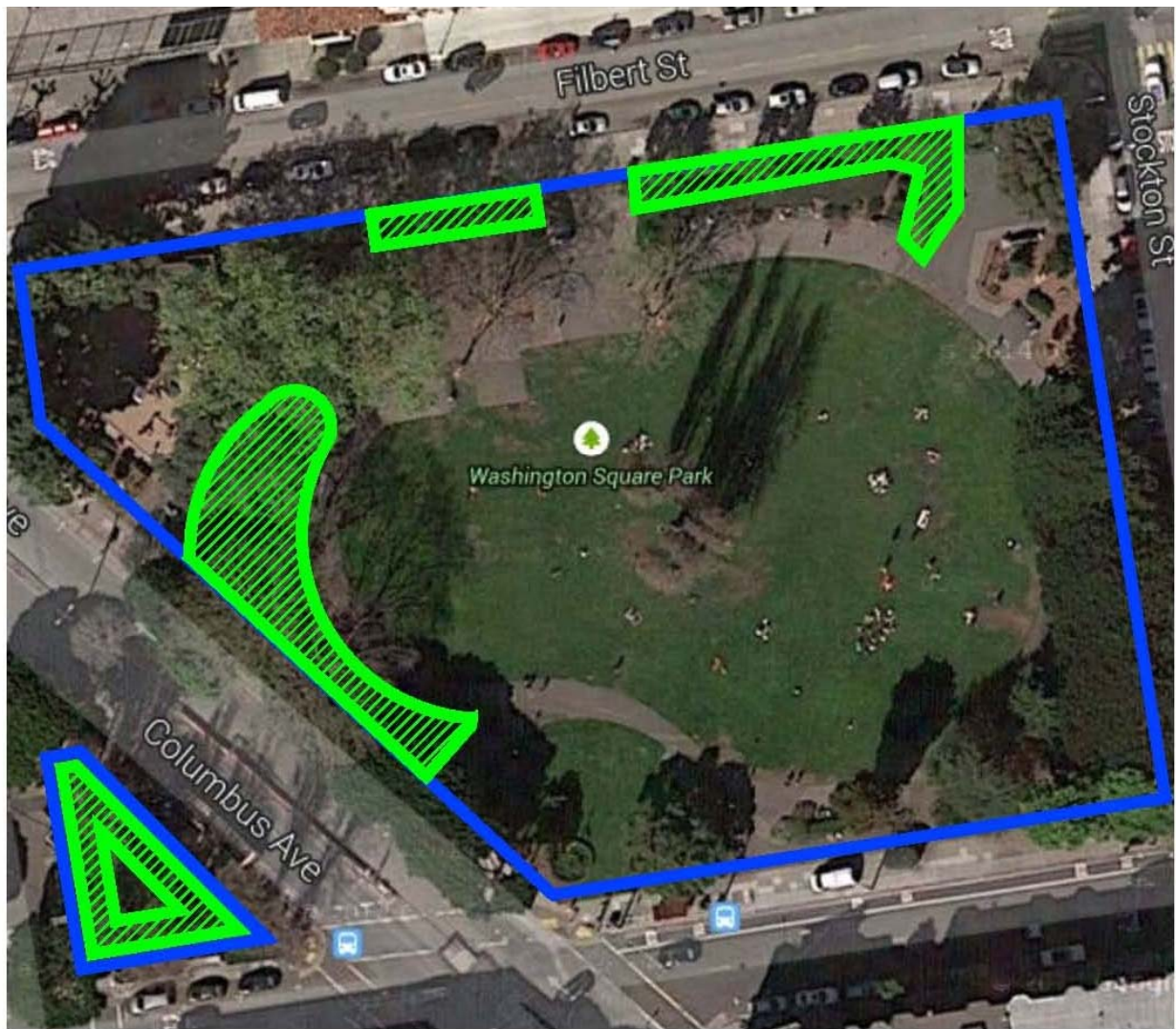
The same lawn area has a significant leak at one of the spray heads.



## RECOMMENDED AREAS FOR LAWN REPLACEMENT

Washington Square Park has approximately 1.2 acres of lawn. All of the lawn at the park is actively used one way or another, but some of the especially small areas of lawn near the corner of Filbert and Stockton Streets and the inaccessible lawn of Marini Plaza could be considered for conversion to low ground cover.

Species such as Guara, Muhlenbergia, and Arctostaphylos, are just a few examples of low water use groundcovers and shrubs that do well in San Francisco. For additional plant selections, visit SF PlantFinder or the SFPUC's Low Water Use Plant List. Sheet mulching can aid the lawn replacement by minimizing labor and site disturbance.



REVIEWED AREA



RECOMMENDED FOR LAWN REPLACEMENT

Washington Square Park

## Estimated Costs and Savings

### COST ESTIMATE

Irrigation construction costs vary dramatically between landscapes due to irrigation type, complexity, and size. Large open areas cost less to irrigate per square foot than irregularly planted, shaped, sized, and sloped areas surrounded by pathways. Necessary repairs, as well as maintenance costs, are not included in the following cost estimate<sup>1</sup>.

Item	Unit	Quantity	Unit Cost	Subtotal
Add pressure regulating modules to remote control valves	each	10	\$75	\$750
Solar Sync Weather Sensor for existing controller	each	2	\$400	\$400
Rain Sensor for Rainmaster Controller	each	1	\$200	\$200
Replace turf areas with shrubs and drip irrigation	sqft	6,300	\$4.00	\$25,200
Replace shrub spray heads with drip irrigation	sqft	14,040	\$4.00	\$56,160
Redesign irrigation for turf areas (to remain) for better coverage	Sqft	50,750	\$2.00	\$101,500
<b>TOTAL ESTIMATED COST</b>				<b>\$184,210</b>

### POTENTIAL WATER SAVINGS

By implementing the recommendations in this report, irrigation water use for Washington Square Park could potentially be reduced by 65%.

Estimated Water Savings	
Current annual metered water use (all irrigation meters)	3,308,760 gallons per year
Proposed annual water use after recommended improvements	1,085,007 gallons per year
Potential Water Savings from metered use	2,223,753 gallons per year
Potential Cost Savings <sup>2</sup>	\$17,213 per year

Water use and cost savings are based on installation of a new efficient irrigation system. Significant water use reduction can be accomplished with replacement of high water use landscape (lawns) with low water use and climate appropriate plants. For details on the current and proposed water use for the site, please refer to the water use tables in Appendix C.

<sup>1</sup> Quantities and costs should be used as estimates only.

<sup>2</sup> Water costs are based on the SFPUC's FY 14-15 water rate of \$5.79/CCF. 1 CCF = 748 Gallons



## Resources and Programs

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### MY ACCOUNT

Through the SFPUC's new **My Account** web portal, customers can now view their daily water use, download water usage reports, and compare their use to similar customers. My Account is a result of over 178,000 new automated water meters installed throughout San Francisco. The new meters transmit hourly water consumption data to our billing system by wireless network. This reliable and frequent water usage information allows you to monitor use and detect leaks faster than possible with the existing manually-read meters. To register your account(s), visit [myaccount.sfwater.org/](http://myaccount.sfwater.org/)

### LARGE LANDSCAPE GRANT PROGRAM

Through the [Large Landscape Grant Program](#), the SFPUC periodically offers grant assistance to retail water customers with 2.5 acres or more of irrigated landscape that can implement an improvement project that reduces potable water for irrigation. The program provides funding for improvements such as converting areas from overhead spray to drip, installing new weather-based irrigation controllers, and replacing high-water use lawn with climate-appropriate plantings. If you would like to be notified about future grant rounds, please email [landscape@sfwater.org](mailto:landscape@sfwater.org)

### SAN FRANCISCO'S WATER EFFICIENT IRRIGATION ORDINANCE

If you are planning to install a new landscape or renovate an existing area, the requirements of the San Francisco's Water Efficient Irrigation Ordinance may apply to you. Since 2011, owners of residential, commercial, municipal, and mixed-use properties with a new construction or modified landscape project greater than 1,000 square feet must comply with the Water Efficient Irrigation Ordinance. Projects must design, install, and maintain efficient irrigation systems, utilize low water-use plantings, and set an annual water budget. For more information, visit [www.sfwater.org/landscape](http://www.sfwater.org/landscape)

### OUTDOOR WATER USE RESTRICTIONS

Due to California's ongoing drought conditions, the State has mandated restrictions on the following wasteful water activities:

- Watering landscapes in a manner that causes runoff to sidewalks, streets, and hardscapes
- Using a hose, without a shut-off nozzle, for any purpose
- Using drinking water in non-recirculating fountains or decorative water devices
- Washing driveways and sidewalks for purposes other than health and safety

While the SFPUC is implementing an outdoor water waste program that focuses on education and outreach first, fines and citations for are a last resort. For more information on water use restrictions including FAQs, materials and signage, and reporting water waste, visit [www.sfwater.org/conservation](http://www.sfwater.org/conservation)

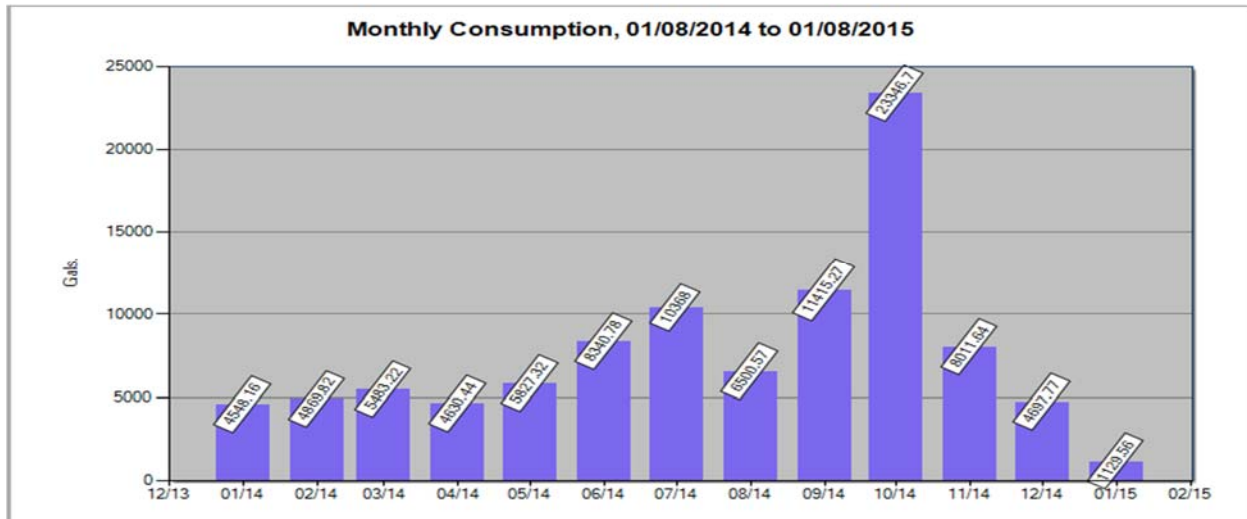
### HELPFUL WEBSITES

- [SFPUC Water Conservation Program](#)
- [Water-Wise Gardening Guidebook](#)
- [Garden for the Environment](#)
- [Bay-Friendly Landscaping Guidelines](#)
- [San Francisco Climate Appropriate Plant List](#)
- [SF Plantfinder](#)

# Appendices

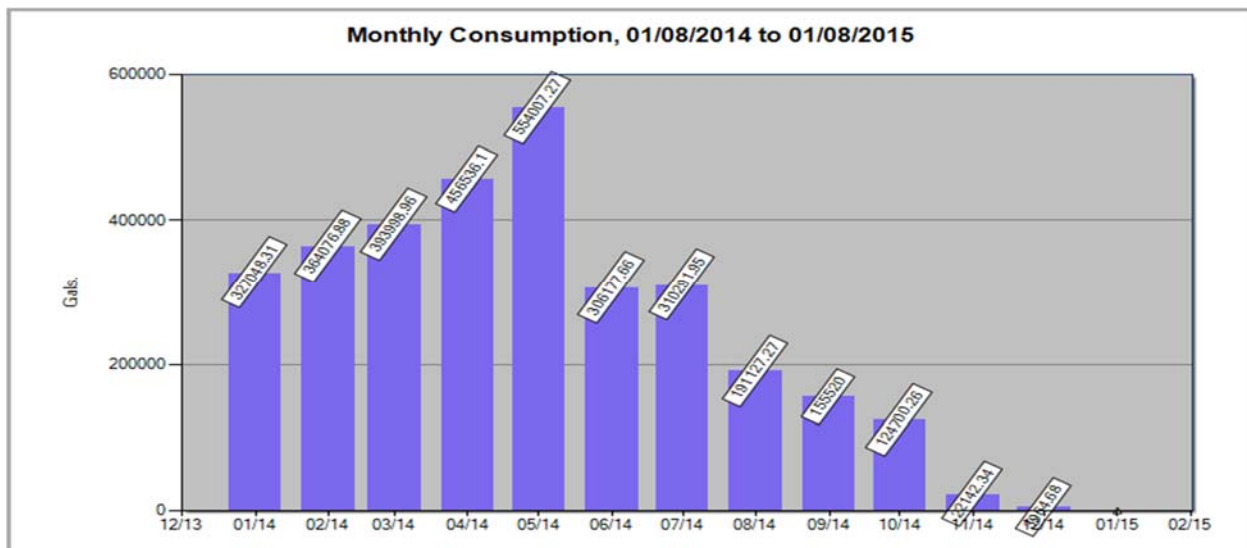
## APPENDIX A: SITE WATER USE HISTORY<sup>3</sup>

### 699 Union Street, Meter 22145395



Metered consumption for 1/2014 to 1/2015 was 99,169 gallons. The average annual consumption for the last four years was 176,341 gallons. Years 2011-12 account for the increase relative to current use.

### 1601 Stockton Street, Meter 21212868



Metered consumption for 1/2014 to 1/2015 was 2,943,380 gallons. The average annual consumption for the last four years was 7,317,123 gallons. The years 2011-2013 account for most of the increase relative to current use.

<sup>3</sup> 1 CCF = 748 gallons.

## APPENDIX B: DISTRIBUTION UNIFORMITY (DU) TEST RESULTS

Distribution Uniformity (DU) is a measure of how evenly water is applied to a landscape area. Values range from 0 to 1; a higher value means a more uniform application. A well designed irrigation system should have a minimum DU of 0.60.

<b>PROJECT NAME:</b>	WASHINGTON SQUARE PARK		
<b>AUDIT DATE:</b>	February 3, 2015		
<b>CERTIFIED AUDITOR:</b>	Janet Luehrs CLIA #006435		
<b>STATION NUMBER</b>	<b>Zone 2</b>	<b>Zone 9</b>	
TESTING RUN TIME	5	10	
<b>I. PLANTING</b>			
PLANT TYPE	TURF	TURF	
SPECIES FACTOR ( $K_s$ )	0.8	0.8	
DENSITY FACTOR ( $K_D$ )	1.0	1.0	
MICRO CLIMATE FACTOR ( $K_{MC}$ )	1.0	1.0	
LANDSCAPE COEFFICIENT ( $K_s \times K_D \times K_{MC}$ )	0.8	0.8	
<b>II. IRRIGATION</b>			
SPRINKLER TYPE	spray	rotor	
PRECIPITATION RATE	0.53	0.38	
<b>DISTRIBUTION UNIFORMITY</b>	<b>0.08</b>	<b>0.37</b>	

**APPENDIX C: WATER USE TABLES**

<b>CALCULATED WATER USE FOR EXISTING IRRIGATION AT WASHINGTON SQUARE PARK</b>											
<b>ANNUAL IRRIGATION WATER BUDGET</b>											
<b>Annual ETo</b>	<b>Conversion Factor</b>	<b>ET Adjustment Factor</b>	<b>Landscape Area (sqft)</b>	<b>Special Landscape Area (sqft)</b>	<b>Annual Water Budget (MAWA) (Gal/Yr)</b>		<b>Annual Water Budget (CCF/Yr)</b>				
35.1	0.62	0.70	64,790	38,600	1,238,976		1,656				
<b>ESTIMATED ANNUAL IRRIGATION WATER USE</b>											
Hydro-zone	Controller Station	Description	Ks	Kd	Kmc	KL	Area	Plant Water Requirement (GAL/YR)	System Type	Estimated Irrigation Efficiency	Zone Water Requirements (GAL/YR)
1	n/a	Turf	0.8	1.0	1.0	0.80	38,600	672,011	Rotors	0.75	896,014
2	n/a	Turf	0.8	1.0	1.0	0.80	12,150	211,527	Spray	0.63	335,757
3	n/a	Shrub	0.5	1.0	0.8	0.40	3,500	30,467	Spray	0.63	48,360
4	n/a	Shrub	0.3	1.0	0.8	0.24	7,070	36,926	Drip/Hand	0.85	43,442
5	n/a	Shrub - Corner Park	0.3	1.0	0.8	0.24	3,470	18,123	Hand	0.85	21,322
<b>Calculated Current Irrigation Water Use (Gal/Yr)</b>											<b>1,344,894</b>
<b>Calculated Current Irrigation Water Use (CCF/Yr)</b>											<b>1,798</b>
<b>Calculated Irrigation Water Use compared to MAWA (1,238,976 Gal/yr)</b>											<b>109%</b>
<b>Metered Use (3,308,760 Gal/yr) compared to MAWA</b>											<b>267%</b>
<b>Calculated Water Cost @ 5.79/CCF</b>											<b>\$10,410</b>
<b>Current Annual Metered Water Cost</b>											<b>\$25,612</b>



<b>ESTIMATED ANNUAL WATER USE AFTER PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS AT WASHINGTON SQUARE PARK</b>											
<b>ANNUAL IRRIGATION WATER BUDGET</b>											
<b>Annual ETo</b>		<b>Conversion Factor</b>	<b>ET Adjustment Factor</b>	<b>Landscape Area (sqft)</b>	<b>Special Landscape Area (sqft)</b>	<b>Annual Water Budget (MAWA) (Gal/Yr)</b>		<b>Annual Water Budget (CCF/Yr)</b>			
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2	n/a	Turf	0.8	1.0	1.0	0.80	7,750	134,924	Spray	0.72	187,395
3	n/a	Shrub	0.3	1.0	0.8	0.24	14,970	78,187	Drip	0.90	86,874
4	n/a	Shrub - Corner Park	0.3	1.0	0.8	0.24	3,470	18,123	Drip	0.90	20,137
<b>Calculated Improved Irrigation Water Use (Gal/Yr)</b>											<b>1,085,007</b>
<b>Calculated Improved Irrigation Water Use (CCF/Yr)</b>											<b>1,451</b>
<b>Calculated Improved Irrigation Water Use compared to MAWA (1,238,976 Gal/yr)</b>											<b>88%</b>
<b>Calculated Improved Irrigation Water Use compared to Calculated Water Use (1,334,894 Gal/yr)</b>											<b>81%</b>
<b>Calculated Improved Irrigation Water Use compared to Metered Water Use (3,308,760 Gal/yr)</b>											<b>33%</b>
<b>Calculated Improved Water Cost @ 5.79/CCF</b>											<b>\$8,399</b>
<b>Current Annual Metered Water Cost</b>											<b>\$25,612</b>
<b>Estimated Savings from Metered Water Cost</b>											<b>\$17,213</b>

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To the Members of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors,

I am a Bay Area native and have lived for the past 26 years within 2 blocks of Washington Square Park.

I strongly advocate a much more measured, moderate and sensitive plan for the proposed park renovation - which is currently wholly disruptive and vastly expensive.

There has been only ONE meeting called by the Recreation and Park Department for outreach to the neighborhood - on July 25 of this year, well after the entire project had been budgeted and approved. I, as were many residents, was out on vacation in the middle of the summer and was unable to attend.

The alternative plan that I advocate does not close this heavily-used square for an entire year, and it saves water and money, costing a mere 10% of the elaborate and disruptive plan, \$185,000 rather than \$3.05 million.

Ten trees were killed in the recent playground renovation - leaving virtually NO SHADE for children and parents - this in the age of Global Warming. Residents fear a whole-sale 'clear cut' of Washington Square! Add to this the water waste in the current plan, in the midst of California's unprecedented Drought!

**On Tuesday November 13, we will be testifying at 3:00 p.m. before the Board of Supervisors urging you to adopt the moderate plan FIRST to see how a gradual and scaled-back renovation can succeed.** This moderate approach is described in the City's own report, the LTAP (Landscape Technical Assessment Program), which does not require closing the park.

I would like to also add the question to you "What are our budget priorities?" I am an older woman, who two short days ago walked less than three blocks down Grant Avenue passing no less than three mentally ill white men, two of whom were aggressive. Residents of The City we love are daily faced with much more pressing problems, such as disturbed and potentially violent people, than need to be addressed - and funded - than squandering public funds on ill-conceived and extravagant "improvements" to our parks.

Sincerely,

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On Nov 13, 2018, at 6:22 AM, judith zimrin <[jlzsf@yahoo.com](mailto:jlzsf@yahoo.com)> wrote:

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Hello Angela,

I am a resident of North Beach and strongly opposed to the closure of the park during construction. I am unable to attend the meeting at City Hall today but would like to have my opinion count. It does seem like a closure would impact this area in many adverse ways; community, safety, cleanliness etc.

Please let me know if there is anything I can do to support this issue.

Thank you,  
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