

1 [Emergency Declaration - Repair of Hetch Hetchy Water and Power Roads - Not to Exceed -  
2 \$20,000,000]

3 **Resolution approving an emergency declaration of the San Francisco Public Utilities**  
4 **Commission pursuant to Administrative Code Section 6.60, to contract resources to**  
5 **repair the road failures on Cherry Lake Road and Hetch Hetchy Road, which were**  
6 **damaged by above normal precipitation and a series of recent winter storms, with a**  
7 **total estimated emergency contract cost not to exceed \$20,000,000.**

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9 WHEREAS, Above-normal precipitation from November 2022 through March 2023 and  
10 in particular a series of storms occurring March 10, 2023 through March 15, 2023 brought  
11 heavy rainfall to upcountry locations, causing significant damage to the City’s road  
12 infrastructure and impeded access to essential Hetch Hetchy watershed facilities; and

13 WHEREAS, The additional precipitation in March 2023, combined with early snowmelt  
14 and previously saturated soils after the December 2022 and January 2023 series of  
15 atmospheric river events, resulted in countless rockslides and multiple road failures, some  
16 occurring along steep embankments, creating a risk to employee and public safety; and

17 WHEREAS, Under the terms of the federal Raker Act, the City is obligated to maintain  
18 these roads; and

19 WHEREAS, Cherry Lake Road has multiple slides – the top of Intake Grade (Intake) is  
20 most concerning given that the road descends steeply to the Tuolumne River canyon floor  
21 and has been eroded and undercut at multiple locations, reducing the roadbed to a single  
22 vehicle width; and

23 WHEREAS, The road has many additional hazard locations with overhanging rocks,  
24 active slide areas, potential rockfalls and continued precipitation jeopardizes the remaining  
25 roadbed; and

1           WHEREAS, Cherry Lake Road failure is a risk to employees, public safety, and would  
2 eliminate road access to the Intake 230kV Switchyard, Kirkwood Powerhouse, Holm  
3 Powerhouse, Cherry Lake Dam, Lake Eleanor Dam, and Cherry Lake Compound, including  
4 access for SFPUC employee residents of those facilities; and

5           WHEREAS, A section of Hetch Hetchy Road, which provides primary access to  
6 O'Shaughnessy Dam from Early Intake, has failed completely in a steep location and is not  
7 passable; and

8           WHEREAS, Under Administrative Code, Chapter 6, Section 6.60, "an 'actual  
9 emergency' means a sudden, unforeseeable and unexpected occurrence involving a clear  
10 and imminent danger, demanding immediate action to prevent or mitigate loss of or damage  
11 to, life, health property or essential public services. An 'actual emergency' shall also mean  
12 the discovery of any condition involving a clear and imminent danger to public health or  
13 safety, demanding immediate action. Examples of an actual emergency may include, but are  
14 not limited to, the following: (1) Weather conditions, fire, flood, earthquake or other  
15 unforeseen occurrences of unusual character; or (2) The breakdown or imminent breakdown  
16 of any plant, equipment, structure, street or Public Work necessitating immediate emergency  
17 repair or reconditioning to safeguard the lives or property of the citizens; or the property of the  
18 City; or to maintain the public health or welfare . . ."; and

19           WHEREAS, On March 22, 2023, the SFPUC General Manager declared an  
20 emergency, which the President of the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission approved,  
21 to contract resources to repair the road failures on Cherry Lake Road and Hetch Hetchy  
22 Road; and

23           WHEREAS, Under Administrative Code, Section 6.60(d), the SFPUC General Manager  
24 must seek the Board of Supervisors' approval in all cases where the estimated cost of the  
25 emergency work exceeds \$250,000; and

1 WHEREAS, The SFPUC estimates the cost of construction requiring an emergency  
2 contract under Section 6.60 to repair the road failures on Cherry Lake Road and Hetch Hetchy  
3 Road will not exceed \$20,000,000; and

4 WHEREAS, Certain repairs such as removing rocks and debris from the roadway,  
5 placing traffic safety barricades to protect the public, clearing damaged/blocked culverts and  
6 diverting runoff, installing visqueen to protect the remaining roadbed from erosion, and  
7 removing additional hazard rocks from above the roadway, were prioritized for immediate  
8 action using non-emergency contracts in place before the emergency condition; and

9 WHEREAS, Professional service contract task orders under non-emergency contracts  
10 in place before the emergency condition are being used for planning, design, environmental,  
11 and construction management; and

12 WHEREAS, The Controller has certified that funds are available for this emergency  
13 work and contract; now, therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors approves the SFPUC declaration of  
15 emergency dated March 22, 2023, to contract for the repair of Cherry Lake Road and Hetch  
16 Hetchy Road, for a total cost not to exceed \$20,000,000; and hereby authorizes the General  
17 Manager to use any source of available Hetch Hetchy Water and Power funds for such  
18 purposes, including the authority to reallocate funds between Authorities 15363 - Water,  
19 15364 - Power, and 15365 - Joint, ; and, be it

20 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors ratifies actions taken to date by  
21 the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission to address such emergency work and resolve  
22 the emergency condition.

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24 \$20,000,000 Available

Fund ID: HHP 2021 Bond Fund	25337
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Fund ID: WTR CPF HHW 2021 Bond Fund	26602
Department ID: HHP10 Hetchy Water	298646
Project ID: 2023 January Winter Storm Jnt Project ID: 2023 March Winter Storm Joint	<b>10040016</b> <b>10040031</b>
Authority ID: UH Hetchy Water - Joint Projec	15365
Account ID: Bldgs,Struct&Imprv Proj-Budget	567000
Activity ID: Program Management Activity ID: Program Management	1

Fund ID: HHP 2021 Bond Fund Fund ID: WTR CPF HHW 2021 Bond Fund	25337 26602
Department ID: HHP10 Hetchy Water	298646
Project ID: Hetchy Water - Joint Projects Project ID: Mocc Old Powerhouse Hazard Mit	<b>10014093</b> <b>10037077</b>
Authority ID: UH Hetchy Water - Joint Projec	15365
Account ID: Bldgs,Struct&Imprv Proj-Budget	567000
Activity ID: Hetchy Water - Joint Projects Activity ID: Mocc Old Powerhouse Hazard Mit	1

Fund ID: HHW CPF 2019 Bond Fund ID: HHP 2021 Bond Fund Fund ID: WTR CPF HHW 2021 Bond Fund	25327 25337 26602
Department ID: HHP10 Hetchy Water	298646
Project ID: R&R Wildfire Mitigation-Joint	<b>10039681</b>
Authority ID: UH Hetchy Water - Joint Projec	15365
Account ID: Bldgs,Struct&Imprv Proj-Budget	567000
Activity ID: R&R Wildfire Mitigation-Joint	1





# City and County of San Francisco

## Tails Resolution

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**File Number:** 230625

**Date Passed:** July 18, 2023

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July 12, 2023 Budget and Finance Committee - AMENDED, AN AMENDMENT OF THE WHOLE BEARING NEW TITLE

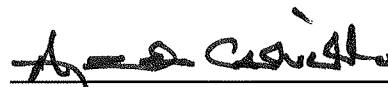
July 12, 2023 Budget and Finance Committee - RECOMMENDED AS AMENDED

July 18, 2023 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 11 - Chan, Dorsey, Engardio, Mandelman, Melgar, Peskin, Preston, Ronen, Safai, Stefani and Walton

File No. 230625

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 7/18/2023 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

  
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Angela Calvillo  
Clerk of the Board

  
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London N. Breed  
Mayor

7/20/23  
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Date Approved