


INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

December 26, 2018

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

FROM: Harlan L. Kelly, Jr., SFPUC General Manager 

SUBJECT: Revised Declaration of Emergency: Repair Southeast Treatment Plant Final Effluent Force Main

On October 18, 2018, the SFPUC Wastewater Enterprise detected a potential failure of the pipe that conveys the treated final effluent from the Southeast Treatment Plant to the deep-water outfall located near Pier 80.

In my memorandum to you dated October 22, 2018, I declared an emergency due to the failure of, and need to repair, the Southeast Treatment Plant Final Effluent Force Main, with an amount not anticipated to exceed \$2 million. You provided your written concurrence and approval.

I declared the emergency pursuant to Chapter 6, Section 6.60 of the Administrative Code of the City and County of San Francisco, which pertains to emergency contracting for public works. Staff has now learned further information about the scope of the needed repair work at the failure location. The existing pipe that crosses under Islais Creek parallel to Third Street is confirmed to be leaking into Islais Creek. In addition, staff has determined that the scope of repair is more specialized and substantial than initially identified based on further site investigations, further deteriorated points of connection, and stringent regulated operational constraints. With this additional information, staff estimates that the anticipated cost of the work will be more than the initial \$2 million estimate. Staff now estimates the cost of the work beyond the capabilities of City forces is not anticipated to exceed \$5 million. Furthermore, in consultation with the City Attorney's Office, staff has determined that in addition to the definition of "public work" under Chapter 6, the needed emergency repair work also meets the definition of "commodities" and "services" under Section 21.15 of the San Francisco Administrative Code. Accordingly, the appropriate authorization for this emergency declaration is both Administrative Code Section 6.60 and Section 21.15(c).

I am therefore updating the October 22, 2018 declaration of an emergency to reflect these changes – (1) authorization of the declaration under both Administrative Code Section 6.60 and Section 21.15, and (2) an increase in the anticipated not to exceed cost from \$2 million to \$5 million. I trust that this meets with your concurrence and approval.

CONCUR AND APPROVE:



Vince Courtney, President
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