

San Francisco Voter Information Pamphlet

Paid Argument Against ESER General Obligation Bond.

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VOTE NO on PROPOSITION A and say YES to our future Auxiliary Water Supply System (AWSS).

Your vote will make the City come back in November with a better plan.

The Mayor says this bond will provide the firefighting we need across the entire City.

Let's look at the details.

Two thirds of our City lacks adequate fire protection currently.

Prop A prioritizes building upsized drinking water lines over firefighting functionality. Hoses need 300 psi water pressure. SFPUC wants to build an expensive system reliant on remote-controlled valves that need to operate without failing in an emergency while adding Cyber Security risk. Using local treated water reserves puts us at additional risk of not having an adequate supply for both firefighting and drinking.

The 2026 Bond is a token deposit for less than 5 miles of pipeline. Subsequent phases to extend pipes another 11 miles into the Richmond and add pump stations would not be completed until after 2040! Overall, the Westside project alone will cost \$5 Billion (based on SFPUCs 2021 Concept Plan, bond interest would double that).

We can't wait until the latter half of the 21st century to have City-wide fire protection!

Previous SFFD leaders had completed designs to expand the AWSS, the seawater system that saved the Marina in 1989. But when SFPUC took over 16 years ago, the program direction, timeline, and budget went off the rails.

With a pivot back to AWSS and a new dedicated bond in November, San Franciscans could have the reliable fire protection system we deserve using sea/bay intakes, pumper trucks, and portable hoses and hydrants within 10 years and for 1/10th the cost.

VOTE NO on Proposition A so all San Franciscans are protected without delay.

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