

TO: SF Fire Commission members and Fire Chief

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*For identification purposes only.

RE: Written submission for Fire Commission meeting March 12, 2025 agenda item #2
General Public Comment

Following up on my General Public Comment from the Fire Commission meeting on February 26, 2025.

In my comment from the February 26 meeting, I referred to the DPW Emergency Priority Routes map.

I have attached a copy of that map.

In addition to a copy of the DPW Emergency Priority Routes map, I would like to add that the section of the Upper Great Highway between Skyline and Sloat is also an emergency evacuation route for the Zoo.

The Zoo has actually used the Upper Great Highway between Skyline and Sloat for emergency evacuation due to an incident in the past.

The City project for the Upper Great Highway between Skyline and Sloat requires an easement and Special Use Permit from the Golden Gate National Recreation Area/National Parks Service.

I have recently confirmed with the GGNRA that the easement and Special Use Permit have not been issued.

NEW SUBJECT

The following are my comments to the Capital Planning on February 10, 2025, during General Public Comment:

"In 2018 it was reported that a Management Oversight Committee or MOC was formed on an ad hoc basis to decide how ESER bond [funds] were to be spent especially on AWSS.

In 2018 the members of the MOC were the PUC GM, the Director of DPW, the *Fire Chief* and the PUC AGM for Water.

Two of those members are now in federal detention.

In 2018, the MOC had no noticing or posted meetings, [meetings] were not opened to the public, had no set location, no agendas, no minutes, no public comment and were not bound by the rules of other committees and commissions.

It's my understanding that the MOC will begin to meet again. [Updated information is that the MOC has already had one (1) meeting.]

Based on Mayor Lurie's commitment to transparency, accountability and anti-corruption, I would strongly urge the Capital Planning Committee and MOC members to implement the following changes:

- Meetings open to the public
- Public noticing
- Posted agendas including location
- Public comment
- Produce minutes or other forms of documentation

RE: *PART 2**
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Fifteen (15) years after the passage of the first ESER bond in 2010, and with \$312.5 million for expanding the high-pressure hydrant system to all areas of the City having been specifically allotted from the three ESER bonds for that purpose, the SFPUC has produced a plan for only two of the fifteen neighborhoods that aren't protected by AWSS.

Where is the comprehensive plan for protecting the entire City from post-earthquake fires? Why hasn't the Management Oversight Committee (MOC) produced this plan?

Why is the SFPUC still insisting that there will be sufficient drinking water to fight post-earthquake fires in the entire City (assuming that a comprehensive citywide plan is ever developed)?

Why is water from Lake Merced and the Pacific Ocean considered only as backup sources of post-earthquake firefighting water when our supply of drinking water is limited but these other sources of water are unlimited?

What will happen if the earthquake damages the Hetch Hetchy delivery system to the point that the drinking water supply can't be immediately replenished and all the drinking water has been used up fighting fires?