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**Mayor Lee and SFPUC Celebrate Last San Francisco Project of the
 WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM TO BREAK GROUND**
Milestone Ceremony at Sutro Reservoir Marks the 35th and Last WSIP City Upgrade



San Francisco, CA – San Francisco Public Utilities Commission was joined by San Francisco Mayor Edwin Lee and District 7 Supervisor Sean Elsbernd to break ground on the last Water System Improvement Project (WSIP) in the City of San Francisco. The ceremony commemorated the start of the construction activities to seismically upgrade Sutro Reservoir and celebrated the 35th and last WSIP infrastructure upgrade since construction began in 2004.

"San Francisco invested \$4.6 billion to repair, replace and seismically upgrade the Hetch Hetchy Water and Power System because it is critical to our economy and for our entire region," said Mayor Ed Lee. "Seismically strengthening the system will help us provide clean water and hydroelectric power, even after a major earthquake, and will ensure we can rapidly recover from the next emergency."

Edwin M. Lee
 Mayor

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 Commissioner

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 Commissioner

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 Commissioner

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 General Manager



The local water system improvements will ensure the City's distribution system can sufficiently store and distribute water for several days after an earthquake.

"We are proud of the City's ability to work with residents, businesses and labor groups to protect and secure the City's water supply," said Supervisor Sean Elsbernd. "The SFPUC deserves to be recognized for diligently completing these critical upgrades to our aging water system."

At the event, the SFPUC unveiled a dynamic, oversized map of the 35 local projects—transmission lines, water storage tanks, pump stations and reservoirs that have been replaced, rebuilt and seismically retrofitted to ensure the City has sufficient water storage and distribution capacity for drinking and firefighting supplies in an emergency.

The \$47M Sutro Reservoir is the seventh reservoir to be retrofitted in the City under the WSIP. Additionally, 19 water storage tanks and pump station projects have been completed and two more are finalizing construction. Seven pipeline and valve projects have been installed along with two other facility upgrades. In addition to the seismic upgrade, the project work at Sutro Reservoir will improve the reservoir circulation and inlet/outlet structures to conform to the latest State health requirements for water storage basins.

On this project, S.J. Amoroso is collaborating with six major local business enterprises (LBE) for a combined total of 17.1% of the contract which exceeds the 12% LBE goal for this project.

Construction is anticipated to be completed in January 2015. In addition to the 35 projects within San Francisco, WSIP includes 41 other projects between the Central Valley and the San Francisco county line. Overall, 74 of the 81 projects are either in construction or completed. More information can be found online at www.sfwater.org/wsip.

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