San Francisco’s combined sewer system consists of a network of:

- 3 treatment plants
- 27 pump stations
- 1,000+ discharge points
- 270 miles of pipe

Our sewer system was NOT built to withstand a major earthquake 100 YEARS OLD. Over 300 miles of our sewers are more than Enough pipe to circle San Francisco 12 times.

Our system collects and treats both SEWAGE AND STORMWATER (WASTEWATER) removing pollutants before it is released into the San Francisco Bay & Pacific Ocean.

On a non-rainy day more than 80 MILLION gallons of wastewater is collected and transported to treatment plants. Just imagine—in SIX DAYS you could FILL AT&T PARK from top to bottom.

Our sewer system is working 24/7 to serve 800,000+ San Franciscans in 49 square miles. Our system collects and treats both SEWAGE AND STORMWATER (WASTEWATER) removing pollutants before it is released into the San Francisco Bay & Pacific Ocean.

Routine repairs are not sufficient. We need a MAJOR UPGRADE to avoid costly emergency repairs, fines, and public health impacts.

Critical facilities will be upgraded to ensure treatment of wastewater within 72 HOURS of a major disaster.

GREEN infrastructure will be incorporated to manage stormwater, reduce potential localized flooding, and beautify our City.

Why San Francisco needs an upgraded sewer system:

- Our system is working 24/7 to serve 800,000+ San Franciscans in 49 square miles.
- Our sewer system was NOT built to withstand a major earthquake.
- Over 300 miles of our sewers are more than Enough pipe to circle San Francisco 12 times.
- Intense and frequent STORMS can overwhelm our system and contribute to NEIGHBORHOOD FLOODING.

Upgrading our system now is essential to ensure that the ONE MILLION people who LIVE, WORK and VISIT San Francisco can depend on its reliable operation for many generations to come.

The SEWER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (SSIP) will upgrade aging infrastructure and ensure the SUSTAINABILITY AND PERFORMANCE of our sewer system, now and into the future.

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