

Faster than a speeding bullet – sometimes.

A “source” at SFPUC in near nanoseconds made public Ed Jew's utility usage. In late March 2007, I submitted a Sunshine request for all new employees of the SFPUC making salaries in excess of \$90K, their resumes, and proposed job assignments. I am still waiting.

Probably SFPUC's recent announcement of their plans to bring their combined water (\$250MM) and wastewater (\$50MM to \$250MM) commercial paper draw to \$500MM has consumed their relevant resources? SFPUC's apparent efficiency and dedication in acting as a major financial intermediary are impressive. It would be great if these attributes could be transferred to utility basics, such as actually fixing pipes, dams, tunnels, tresses, taps etc.

One can only hope that the SFPUC was wrong in 2002 when they predicted a potentially imminent natural catastrophic event could cause the aging Hetch Hetchy system to grievously fail and thus lay waste to the SF Bay Area. That was a number of plans and years ago and they are still planning (sic churning) and the bulldozers are still at "stand-easy."

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