

PUC Rate Increase

PUC sells water to 26 other water utilities
Between 80 and 89,000,000 gallons of water a day is treated
Rate increase planned to take effect July 2014
The average will be 8% per year
Proposed Schedule:

Proposal is currently with the Rate Fairness Board
NEXT PUBLIC MEETINGS ARE MARCH 28TH AND APRIL 4TH
April 22 proposal is going to the Commission
Will be presented to the SFPUC for approval on May 13th
30 days of review by Board of Supervisors
Will become effective in July

More information can be found at SFwater.org/rates/calendar

Assistance for Low Income Rate Payers

SFPUC has a Community Assistance Program; Qualifying residential single family customers can save 15% on water charges, and 30% on sewer charges.
SFPUC also offers Water Wise evaluation for free
They also offer tools that save 1.5 gallons per minute

Partnership with BUFS/Pop-up Market

- * All vendors/members of the market at now BMA members
- * As micro businesses they were offered a discounted membership dues schedule
- * There are currently 16 vendors in the Pop-up Market

Proposed Sugary Beverage Tax

- * There was a discussion about the proposed tax by Supervisor Weiner and Supervisor Mar
- * While the tax is supposed to be levied at the first point of distribution into San Francisco, and is not aimed at the small retailer, there was discussion of the fact that the costs will be passed down, and will hurt the (low income) consumer

Department of the Environment (SF Environment) has an Emergency Ride Home program

If you travel to work in an environmentally sound way and have an emergency, the travel is reimbursed up to \$150 for a ride home

You have to work more than 10 hours a week for the firm and the firm just has to register

More information can be found at www.sfenvironment.org/SustainableCommutingPrograms/EmergencyRideHome

(415) 355-3727

During the discussion about this program there was some concern about this benefiting people who live out outside of San Francisco

400 Paul - will send under separate cover

Formula Retail - SF NAACP position

We have been discussing formula retail at the district merchant level for some time, and acknowledge both the probation against any company with more than eleven (11) stores/outlets

being allowed to come onto more commercial corridors in the City. As a member of the SF Council of District Merchants , the BMA also acknowledges the Council's support of that prohibition. However, we in past BMA meetings we have discussed the fact that Third Street has some needs that some other commercial districts may not have respect to the dearth of certain goods and services, and therefore would like to right to consider each retailer individually. To that end, we have also learned of the prospective of the SFNAACP that a prohibition to formula retail will indirectly result in a lack of diversity among the people who secure front line retail positions in our communities. It is their contention that it is the large chains that tend to hire more diverse workforce than do the small "mom-and-pop" shops.

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