

Candlestick neighbors get \$5.2M

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Condo owners at a 64-unit building next to Candlestick Park have recouped \$5.2 million for serious construction defects, after extensive water damage required emergency shoring in the interior common walkways.

The St. Francis Bay - One Hundred One Crescent Way Homeowners Association reached a settlement in mediation after only 20 months from the date of the filing of the complaint in Superior Court. The recovery is being funded by insurance companies for the builder, general contractor and subcontractors.

These units were built in 2001 by St. Francis Bay Inc., James E. Roberts Obayashi Corp and Top Grade Construction. In 2004, they were converted from apartments into condominiums and sold by Top Vision Development LLC.

“More builders today are facing complaints of shoddy construction,” said attorney Thomas Miller of the Miller Law Firm.

“What was so surprising here was that we had no idea that there were serious life safety threats until experts advised us to just open up some small areas in the walls, only to see major rotting of the structural support beams,” Miller said.