[Accept and Expend Grant - Sidney E. Frank Foundation Renewable Energy - $250,000]

Resolution authorizing the Department of the Environment to retroactively accept and expend a grant in the amount of $250,000 from the Sidney E. Frank Foundation to plan and implement specific projects to source 100% of San Francisco's electrical demand from renewable energy sources from July 15, 2012, through June 15, 2013.

WHEREAS, San Francisco has set ambitious goals of reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions to 20% below 1990 levels by 2012, 25% by 2017, and 40% by 2025; and

WHEREAS, The City has made significant progress to date, including: reducing emissions by 14.5% below 1990 levels as of 2010, increasing the amount of renewable energy for electricity generation (now 41% of the citywide power profile), expanding in-city renewables (primarily solar systems) to 21 megawatts, and requiring commercial buildings to report on their energy use and conduct regular energy audits; and

WHEREAS, The City closed the Hunter's Point (2006) and Potrero (2011) power plants, the oldest and dirtiest of plants located in San Francisco; and

WHEREAS, Continuing to achieve the City's aggressive GHG and sustainability targets will require unprecedented policy actions, partnerships, incentives and investments; and

WHEREAS, Making San Francisco a 100% renewably powered city will substantially support the City's attainment of climate and sustainability goals; and

WHEREAS, With the financial support of the Sidney E. Frank Foundation, the San Francisco Department of the Environment will develop plans to make San Francisco's electricity supply completely carbon-free, in the least amount of time technically and economically possible; and

WHEREAS, This project supports California's aggressive goals of reducing greenhouse gas emissions under the AB 32, the state's clean energy and climate law, and the Governor's 12 gigawatt (GW) localized renewable generation goal; and

WHEREAS, San Francisco will be among the first major cities in the United States to pursue achieving 100% renewable power and will have aspects which can be replicated by other municipalities, thus ensuring San Francisco's continued reputation as an international leader on environmental issues; and

WHEREAS, The grant budget includes provision for indirect costs of $50,000; and

WHEREAS, The term of the Sidney E. Frank Foundation grant is from July 15, 2012 through June 15, 2013; and

WHEREAS, A request for retroactive approval is being sought because the Department of the Environment needed time to accurately assign staff time to the grant implementation; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the Department of the Environment to retroactively accept and expend $250,000 from the Sidney E. Frank Foundation for the planning and implementation of projects to help make San Francisco 100% renewably powered; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Department of the Environment is authorized to furnish whatever additional information or assurances the funding agency may request in connection with this grant, and to execute any and all agreements necessary to carry out the purpose of the grant.

Recommended:

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Department Head

Approved:_____

Mayor

Approved:_____

Controller, Grant Division