[First Amended Tolling Agreement - California Department of Fish and Wildlife, Office of Spill Prevention and Response - San Mateo Creek Discharges]

Resolution approving a First Amended Tolling Agreement to toll the statutes of limitations for the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, Office of Spill Prevention and Response, to bring potential claims against the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission for discharges of chlorinated water into San Mateo Creek.

WHEREAS, The San Francisco Public Utilities Commission ("Commission") owns and operates Lower Crystal Springs Dam and the Crystal Springs Pipeline located on San Mateo Creek in San Mateo County (collectively "Crystal Springs Facilities"); and

WHEREAS, The California Department of Fish and Wildlife, Office of Spill Prevention and Response ("State") has identified potential violations and enforcement actions relating to discharge of chlorinated water into San Mateo Creek from the Crystal Springs Facilities on October 3 and 24, 2012, and February 9, 2013; and

WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco ("City") and State have agreed to attempt to negotiate a resolution between the parties of potential claims without the expense of litigation; and

WHEREAS, To facilitate an efficient and mutually beneficial resolution of potential claims associated with the Crystal Springs Facilities and to avoid potentially unnecessary and costly litigation, the Board of Supervisors previously approved a Tolling Agreement in Resolution No. 356-15, File No. 150852, in which the Commission and the State agreed that the limitations period for any potential litigation related to the operation of the Crystal Springs Facilities in 2012 and 2013 would be tolled and the State would not pursue claims or causes of action against the City until termination of the agreed upon tolling period on April 3, 2016; and

WHEREAS, The Commission and the State desire to extend the limitations period in the Tolling Agreement for any potential litigation related to the Crystal Springs Facilities to October 3, 2016, in order to fully analyze fishery and other data gathered by Commission staff and consultants during 2015, thereby facilitating an economical settlement favorable to the Commission; and

WHEREAS, Upon the approval of the Board, the agreement to extend the limitations period in the Tolling Agreement to October 3, 2016, is approved as set forth in the First Amendment to the Tolling Agreement, on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in File No. 160133; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors authorizes the City to agree that the statute of limitations for the State to file an action against the City with respect to any claim arising out of discharges from the Crystal Springs Facilities on October 3 and 24, 2012, and February 9, 2013, shall be tolled as of the Effective Date of the First Amendment to the Tolling Agreement to October 3, 2016, pursuant to the provisions therein; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors hereby approves the tolling provisions of the First Amendment to the Tolling Agreement contained in Board of Supervisors File No. 160133 and authorizes the City Attorney to enter into such Agreement on behalf of the City; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors authorizes the City Attorney to extend the tolling period for an additional six-month period to April 3, 2017, should such an extension be necessary to conclude settlement negotiations with the State.

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April 07, 2016 Government Audit and Oversight Committee - RECOMMENDED AS **COMMITTEE REPORT**

April 12, 2016 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 11 - Avalos, Breed, Campos, Cohen, Farrell, Kim, Mar, Peskin, Tang, Wiener and Yee

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 4/12/2016 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Clerk of the Board