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MATTHEW R. ROTHSCHILD Chief of Claims Division

[Settlement Of Unlitigated Claim - Landmark American Insurance Company and RSUI Indemnity Company - City To Receive \$700,000]

Resolution approving settlement of the unlitigated claim of the City and County of San Francisco against Landmark American Insurance Company and RSUI Indemnity Company for \$700,000; the claim involves attorney's fees and costs incurred by the City defending claims and actions related to the water main break in the area of the 2600 and 2700 blocks of 15th Avenue and the 300 and 400 blocks of Wawona Street on February 27, 2013.

WHEREAS, The City has a claim against Landmark American Insurance Company and RSUI Indemnity Company (collectively "Carriers") as an additional named insured for recovery of attorney's fees and costs incurred defending third-party claims and actions arising from a City water main break that discharged water in the area of the 2600 and 2700 blocks of 15th Avenue and the 300 and 400 blocks of Wawona Street on February 27, 2013; and

WHEREAS, The City Attorney has proposed settlement of the claim, calling for the payment of \$700,000 from the Carriers to the City; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That pursuant to Administrative Code, Section 10.24(b), the Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the City Attorney to settle this unlitigated claim against the Carriers for \$700,000.

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND RECOMMENDED:

DENNIS_J. HERRERA SAN FRANCISCO PUBLIC UTILITIES

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[Settlement of Claims, Litigation, and Appropriation - SFPUC Water Pipeline Break - 15th Avenue and Wawona Street - Not to Exceed \$4,000,000]

Ordinance authorizing the Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC) and the City Attorney's Office to approve settlements of claims or litigation arising out of the February 27, 2013, accidental break of the SFPUC's water transmission pipeline on 15th Avenue between West Portal Avenue and Wawona Street in San Francisco for amounts exceeding \$25,000 per claim, notwithstanding Administrative Code, Section 10.22 et.seq., subject to a total amount not to exceed \$4,000,000 if the Controller certifies availability of funds, and subject to periodic reporting to the Board of Supervisors Rules Committee; and appropriating \$4,000,000 from the Water Enterprise fund balance for such purpose.

NOTE:

Additions are <u>single-underline italics Times New Roman;</u> deletions are <u>strike-through italics Times New Roman</u>. Board amendment additions are <u>double-underlined;</u> Board amendment deletions are <u>strikethrough normal</u>.

Be it ordained by the People of the City and County of San Francisco:

Section 1. Findings. On February 27, 2013, at approximately 3 AM, a San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC) 16" water transmission pipeline, located between West Portal Avenue and Wawona Street, ruptured in front of 2733 15th Avenue, and approximately twenty-five residential properties were affected when the water flow overwhelmed catch basins in the area, resulting in damage to personal and/or real property (the "February 27th Accident"). The purpose of this legislation is to establish an expedited settlement procedure to facilitate the timely resolution of claims or litigation arising from the February 27th Accident to enable prompt payment to those affected.

Section 2. Notwithstanding San Francisco Administrative Code Sections 10.22 et. seq., which require Board of Supervisors approval of each settlement of a litigated or unlitigated claim in excess of twenty five thousand (\$25,000), the Board hereby authorizes litigated or unlitigated claims arising out of the February 27th Accident to be settled and compromised on the written recommendation of the San Francisco Public Utilities

Commission, with the written approval of the City Attorney, for settlement amounts in excess of \$25,000. The total amount may not exceed four million (\$4,000,000) dollars for all such settlements; provided, however, that the Board of Supervisors may by resolution increase the \$4,000,000 limit. In all cases, the Controller must first certify that sufficient funds are available from the proper funds or appropriation to pay each claim as compromised and settled. At least once every six (6) months, the SFPUC and City Attorney shall submit periodic reports to the Board of Supervisors Rules Committee on the settlement of claims or litigation arising out of the February 27th Accident, and the SFPUC and City Attorney shall make additional reports at such times as directed by the Chair of the Rules Committee.

Section 3. The Board herein appropriates four million (\$4,000,000) dollars from the Water Enterprise fund balance for use by the SFPUC for purposes of settlement of claims or litigation arising out of the February 27th Accident.

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Section 4. Effective Date. This ordinance shall become effective 30 days from the 1 date of passage. 2 3 4 APPROVED AS TO FORM AND RECOMMENDED: 5 DENNIS J. HERRERA 6 City Attorney 7 NOREEN AMBROSE 8 **Utilities General Counsel** 9 **FUNDS AVAILABLE:** 10 11 12 Controller & 13 14 n:\puc\as2013\9680050\00846862.doc 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22

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Ordinance

File Number: 130465

Date Passed: June 11, 2013

Ordinance authorizing the Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC) and the City Attorney's Office to approve settlements of claims or litigation arising out of the February 27, 2013, accidental break of the SFPUC's water transmission pipeline on 15th Avenue between West Portal Avenue and Wawona Street in San Francisco for amounts exceeding \$25,000 per claim, notwithstanding Administrative Code, Section 10.22 et.seq., subject to a total amount not to exceed \$4,000,000 if the Controller certifies availability of funds, and subject to periodic reporting to the Board of Supervisors Rules Committee; and appropriating \$4,000,000 from the Water Enterprise Fund Balance for such purpose.

May 22, 2013 Budget and Finance Sub-Committee - RECOMMENDED

June 04, 2013 Board of Supervisors - PASSED, ON FIRST READING

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

June 11, 2013 Board of Supervisors - FINALLY PASSED

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

File No. 130465

I hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance was FINALLY PASSED on 6/11/2013 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

> Angela Calvillo Clerk of the Board

Date Approved

[Settlement or Policy Limits Demand of Unlitigated Claim - Precision Engineering, Inc. - City to Demand or Receive \$11,000,000]

Resolution approving settlement of the unlitigated claim of the City and County of San Francisco against Precision Engineering, Inc., and its carriers for \$11,000,000; or alternatively authorizing the City Attorney to make a binding policy limits demand.

WHEREAS, The City has a potential cause of action and claim against Precision Engineering, Inc. ("Precision") for damages arising from a City water main break that discharged water in the area of the 2600 and 2700 blocks of 15th Avenue and the 300 and 400 blocks of Wawona Street on February 27, 2013 ("Wawona Incident"); and

WHEREAS, The City Attorney has proposed settlement of the claim, calling for the payment of \$11,000,000 from Precision to the City, representing payment of Precision's insurance policy limits; and

WHEREAS, Should Precision reject that proposed settlement, the City Attorney seeks authority to make a policy limits demand against Precision, which would result in a binding settlement agreement if accepted by Precision; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That pursuant to Section 10.24(b) of the Administrative Code, the City Attorney is hereby authorized to settle this unlitigated claim against Precision with Precision's payment of \$11,000,000 to the City; or alternatively, if Precision rejects the settlement demand, the City Attorney is authorized to make a policy limits demand of \$11,000,000 against Precision. If either the currently proposed settlement or the alternative policy limits demand is accepted, settlement of the unlitigated claim will include the following terms:

 Precision shall pay the City all reasonable attorney's fees and costs incurred defending and/or prosecuting matters arising from the Wawona Incident through the date of settlement;

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- The City shall defend, indemnify, and hold Precision harmless from all remaining third-party claims arising from the Wawona Incident;
- Precision shall cooperate fully with the City in all remaining claims and litigation arising from the Wawona Incident;
- The City reserves all rights to pursue claims against Precision for latent defects and remaining warranties in Precision's construction project work.

APPROVED AS TO FORM	AND
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RECOMMENDED:

DENNIS J. HERRERA City Attorney

JOHN G.WHITE Deputy City Attorney SAN FRANCISCO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

General Manager, San Francisco Public Utilities Commission

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Resolution

File Number:

150005

Date Passed: January 27, 2015

Resolution approving settlement of the unlitigated claim of the City and County of San Francisco against Precision Engineering, Inc., and its carriers for \$11,000,000; or alternatively authorizing the City Attorney to make a binding policy limits demand.

January 15, 2015 Rules Committee - RECOMMENDED..

January 27, 2015 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 10 - Avalos, Breed, Campos, Christensen, Cohen, Farrell, Mar, Tang,

Wiener and Yee Excused: 1 - Kim

File No. 150005

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 1/27/2015 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

> Angela Calvillo Clerk of the Board

Date Approved

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