

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

City and County of San Francisco

RESOLUTION NO. 25-0113

WHEREAS, The San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC) and Daly City are working collaboratively towards Daly City's implementation of the Vista Grande Project to alleviate flooding in the Vista Grande Basin within Daly City and the SFPUC's Lake Merced Tract and also facilitate augmentation and management of Lake Merced water levels using sustainable supplies of Daly City's stormwater; and

WHEREAS, The Vista Grande Project is intended to route storm water from the Vista Grande Canal to South Lake Merced as well as to the Pacific Ocean, reduce uncontrolled overflows from the Vista Grande Canal into Lake Merced, achieve a sustained increase in Lake Merced Lake levels, improve storm water quality, and further the restoration of the drainage basin's natural hydrology; and

WHEREAS, Daly City's Vista Grande Project operates to mitigate impacts from SFPUC's implementation of the Regional Groundwater Storage and Recovery and San Francisco Groundwater Project, by increasing water surface elevations in Lake Merced; and

WHEREAS, Both Daly City and the SFPUC wish to memorialize their respective obligations as follows: (1) Daly City to construct and implement the Vista Grande Project; (2) Daly City and SFPUC to share water quality and hydrologic data related to Lake Merced; (3) memorialize the SFPUC's financial contribution towards Project construction; and (4) affirm commitments to sustainably operate the portion of the Westside Basin within their respective jurisdictions while protecting the beneficial uses of Lake Merced; and

WHEREAS, On December 11, 2017, Daly City acting as the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) lead agency, certified a Final Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement (Final EIR/EIS) for the Vista Grande Drainage Basin Improvement Project (Project), prepared pursuant to the CEQA, by Resolution 17-200; and

WHEREAS, On June 9, 2025, Daly City adopted an Addendum to the Final EIR/EIS, to include modifications to the project such as changing staging areas and adding restoration sites around Lake Merced by Resolution 25-82; and

WHEREAS, Daly City has adopted CEQA findings, and mitigation measures included in the Final EIR/EIS to avoid or substantially lessen the significant environmental effects identified in the Final EIR/EIS and set forth in the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program, and has assumed responsibility for their implementation; and

WHEREAS, Authorization of the MOA is within the scope of the project authorized under the Final EIR/EIS and Addendum to the Final EIR/EIS; and

WHEREAS, Staff has made the Draft EIR/EIS, Final EIR/EIS consisting of the Response to Comments to the Draft EIR/EIS, Addendum to the Final EIR/EIS, CEQA Findings, Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program, and Daly City Resolutions 17-200 and 25-82 that are part of the record of this approval available for review by this Commission and the public at the SFPUC offices, Real Estate Services Division, 525 Golden Gate Avenue, 10th Floor, San Francisco, California, and those documents are part of the record before this Commission; and

WHEREAS, This Commission has reviewed and considered the information in the Draft EIR/EIS, Final EIR/EIS consisting of the Response to Comments, Addendum to the Final EIR/EIS, CEQA Findings, and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program, and Daly City Resolutions 17-200 and 25-82; and

WHEREAS, Since Daly City adopted the Final EIR/EIS and Addendum to the Final EIR/EIS, there have been no substantial changes in the Project or changes in Project circumstances that would result in new significant environmental effects or an increase in the severity of previously identified significant impacts, and there is no new information of substantial importance that would change the conclusions set forth in the Final EIR/EIS and Addendum to the Final EIR/EIS; and

WHEREAS, The SFPUC has no direct authority or responsibility with respect to the proposed Project or any Project mitigation measures under the CEQA other than to enable the Daly City, through the MOA, to carry out the proposed Project; and

WHEREAS, The current estimated project construction cost for the entire project is \$130,000,000, and SFPUC's contribution is \$35,000,000 which is equivalent to the water resource benefit accrued to the SFPUC; and

WHEREAS, Construction work is anticipated to begin in August 2025 and end in August 2030 and the total duration of this agreement is sixty months (five years); and

WHEREAS, Funds for this agreement will be available at the time of award of the agreement from Project No. CUW30101 Lake Merced Water Level Restoration Project and Project No. 10015080 Lake Merced Water Level Restoration Project; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, This Commission, acting as a Responsible Agency under the CEQA Guidelines sections 15096 and 15381, has reviewed and considered the Final EIR/EIS, Addendum to the Final EIR/EIS, and the record as a whole, finds that the Final EIR/EIS and Addendum to the Final EIR/EIS are adequate for its use as Responsible Agency for the Project and adopts Daly City's CEQA Findings and incorporates them by this reference as though set forth in this Resolution; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, This Commission affirms the determination that since the Final EIR and Addendum to the Final EIR/EIS were finalized, there have been no substantive Project

changes and no substantial changes in Project circumstances that would require revisions to the Final EIR/EIS and Addendum to the Final EIR/EIS due to the potential involvement of new significant environmental effects or an increase in the severity of previously identified significant impacts, and there is no new information of substantial importance that would change the conclusions set forth in the Final EIR/EIS and Addendum to the Final EIR/EIS; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That this Commission hereby authorizes the General Manager of the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission, or the General Manager's designee, to execute a Memorandum of Agreement with the City of Daly City for an amount not to exceed \$35,000,000, and with a total duration of 60 months, subject to Board of Supervisors approval under Charter Section 9.118.

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission at its meeting of July 8, 2025.



*Director of Commission Affairs
San Francisco Public Utilities Commission*