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Project: San Francisco Westside Recycled Water Project
Project Location: Various Locations in Western San Francisco
Project Sponsor: San Francisco Public Utilities Commission
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ADOPTING FINDINGS RELATED TO THE CERTIFICATION OF A FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED SAN FRANCISCO WESTSIDE RECYCLED WATER PROJECT.

MOVED, that the San Francisco Planning Commission (hereinafter "Commission") hereby CERTIFIES the Final Environmental Impact Report identified as Case No. 2008.0091E, San Francisco Westside Recycled Water Project (hereinafter, "Project"), located in San Francisco, based upon the following findings:

1. The City and County of San Francisco, acting through the Planning Department ("Department") fulfilled all procedural requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (Cal. Pub. Res. Code Section 21000 *et seq.*, hereinafter "CEQA"), the State CEQA Guidelines (Cal. Admin. Code Title 14, Section 15000 *et seq.*, (hereinafter "CEQA Guidelines") and Chapter 31 of the San Francisco Administrative Code (hereinafter "Chapter 31").
 - A. The Department determined that an Environmental Impact Report ("EIR") was required for the Project and provided public notice of that determination by publication in a newspaper of general circulation, and in accordance with CEQA Guidelines Section 15082, prepared and circulated a first and then a revised Notice of Preparation ("NOP") to interested entities and individuals to begin the formal CEQA scoping process for the Project on June 5, 2008, and September 8, 2010, respectively. These prior NOPs resulted in scoping meetings held on June 16 and 17, 2008, and on September 23, 2010. Following the 2010 NOP scoping period, the SFPUC in response to public feedback evaluated alternative possible sites, resulting in a revised Project proposal for which the Planning Department issued a revised NOP/Initial Study (2014 IS) on July 16, 2014 with the scoping period ending on August 15, 2014. The NOP was distributed to interested parties that had received the initial NOPs, public agencies, additional interested parties, and landowners/occupants located in the

vicinity of the Project facilities, and was posted on the Planning Department's website and placed in the legal classified section of the San Francisco Chronicle.

The San Francisco Planning Department received nine comments on the scope of the EIR either at the scoping meeting or in writing following the 2014 scoping meeting. The comment inventories for all three NOPs are included in the Scoping Report in Appendix A of the Draft EIR. Appendix A also includes the 2014 IS.

- B. On March 18, 2015, the Department published the Draft Environmental Impact Report ("DEIR") and provided public notice in a newspaper of general circulation of the availability of the DEIR for public review and comment for a 45-day period, and of the date and time of the Planning Commission public hearing on the DEIR; this notice was mailed to the Department's list of persons requesting such notice and other interested parties.
 - C. Notices of availability of the DEIR and of the date and time of the public hearing were posted near the Project site by Department staff on March 18, 2015. The Notice of Availability was also made available at the main public library in San Francisco.
 - D. On March 18, 2015, copies of the DEIR were mailed or otherwise delivered to a list of persons requesting it, to those noted on the distribution list in the DEIR, to adjacent property owners, and to government agencies, the latter both directly and through the State Clearinghouse. The DEIR was posted on the Department's website.
 - E. A Notice of Completion was filed with the State Secretary of Resources via the State Clearinghouse on March 18, 2015.
- 2. The Planning Commission held a duly-advertised public hearing on the DEIR to accept written or oral comments on April 23, 2015. The public hearing transcripts are in the Project record. The period for acceptance of written comments ended on May 4, 2015.
 - 3. The Department prepared responses to comments on environmental issues received at the public hearing and in writing during the 45-day public review period for the DEIR, and prepared revisions to the text of the DEIR in response to comments received or based on additional information that became available during the public review period. The Department provided additional, updated information and clarification on issues raised by commenters, as well as SFPUC and the Planning Department, to address Project updates since publication of the DEIR. This material was presented in a Responses to Comments document ("RTC"), published on August 19, 2015, distributed to the Commission on August 20, 2015, and all parties who commented on the DEIR, and made available to others upon request at the Department and on the Department's website.
 - 4. A Final Environmental Impact Report ("FEIR") has been prepared by the Department, consisting of the Draft Environmental Impact Report, any consultations and comments

received during the review process, any additional information that became available, and the RTC document, all as required by law.

5. Project files on the FEIR have been made available for review by the Commission and the public. These files, are available for public review at the Department at 1650 Mission Street, and are part of the record before the Commission. Jonas Ionin is the custodian of the records. Copies of the DEIR and associated reference materials, as well as the RTC document, are also available for review at public libraries in San Francisco, as well as on the Department's website.
6. The Commission, in certifying the completion of said FEIR, hereby does find that that none of the factors are present that would necessitate recirculation of the Final EIR under CEQA Guidelines Section 15088.5. The Final EIR contains no information revealing (1) any new significant environmental impact that would result from the Project or from a new mitigation measure proposed to be implemented, (2) any substantial increase in the severity of a previously identified environmental impact, (3) any feasible Project alternative or mitigation measure considerably different from others previously analyzed that would clearly lessen the environmental impacts of the Project, but that was rejected by the Project's proponents, or (4) that the Draft EIR was so fundamentally and basically inadequate and conclusory in nature that meaningful public review and comment were precluded. This Commission concurs in that determination.

The Commission finds that the Project is within the scope of the Project analyzed in the Final EIR and the Final EIR fully analyzed the Project proposed for approval. No new impacts have been identified that were not analyzed in the Final EIR.

7. The Commission further finds, in certifying the completion of said FEIR, that the Project described in the FEIR is a component of the SFPUC's adopted Water Supply Improvement Program ("WSIP") for which the Planning Commission certified a Program Environmental Impact Report on October 30, 2008 (Case No. 2005.0159E) and the SFPUC approved by Resolution No. 08-0200; as part of the WSIP, the Commission finds that the Project will contribute to a significant and unavoidable impact related to indirect growth-inducement impacts in the SFPUC service area.
8. On September 3, 2015, the Commission reviewed and considered the FEIR and hereby does find that the contents of said report and the procedures through which the FEIR was prepared, publicized, and reviewed comply with the provisions of CEQA, the CEQA Guidelines, and Chapter 31 of the San Francisco Administrative Code.
9. The Planning Commission hereby does find that the Final Environmental Impact Report concerning File No. 2008.0091E, San Francisco Westside Recycled Water Project, reflects the independent judgment and analysis of the City and County of San Francisco, is adequate, accurate and objective, and that the Responses to Comments document contains no significant revisions to the DEIR or information that would necessitate recirculation of the FEIR under CEQA Guidelines Section 15088.5, and hereby does CERTIFY THE

COMPLETION of said Final Environmental Impact Report in compliance with CEQA and the CEQA Guidelines.

I hereby certify that the foregoing Motion was ADOPTED by the Planning Commission at its regular meeting of September 3, 2015.



Jonas Ionin
Commission Secretary

AYES: 6

NOES: 0

ABSENT: Wu

ADOPTED: 9/3/15