

1 [Stow Lake and Spreckels Lake restoration, sole source contract.]

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3 **Ordinance authorizing the Recreation and Park Department to negotiate and enter into**
4 **a sole-source contract with Aquatic Environments, Inc., Alamo, California, to dredge**
5 **Stow Lake and Spreckels Lake, install aeration and circulation equipment and repair**
6 **the Lake edge.**

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

9 Section 1. Constructed in 1893, Stow Lake was designed for leisure boating and as a
10 promenade for horse-drawn carriages. Stow Lake is the largest lake in Golden Gate Park
11 with an approximate surface water area of twelve (12) acres. Over the years sediments have
12 built up in the lake, which have compromised the water quality and caused the growth of
13 algae. The water depth has become more and more shallow so that rental boats now often
14 go aground.

15 Section 2. Stow Lake is a unique recreational resource in Golden Gate Park. It is the
16 only Lake in Golden Gate Park that enables park users to rent boats and experience the Lake
17 from the water. Once restored to a healthier water quality, the historic recreational draw of
18 Stow Lake will return to the Park.

19 Section 3. In and around Stow Lake, there is a rare nesting colony of the Great Blue
20 Heron. In order to protect the nesting habitat, the dredging of Stow Lake must be performed
21 between September 1st and January 1st.

22 Section 4. Constructed in 1902, Spreckels Lake is the most urban lake in Golden Gate
23 Park. Spreckels Lake provides the recreational area for the Model Boat Club, an historical
24 special interest activity in the park since 1909. There is heavy public use around the entire
25 perimeter of the lake, with a concentration at the western end.

1 Section 5. Spreckels Lake has a profuse fish and turtle population. Over the years,
2 Spreckels Lake has also experienced a build up of sediments in the bottom of the lake.
3 These sediments seriously compromise the water quality in the lake, resulting in a reduction
4 of the fish population. Dredging and deepening the lake is the most effective way to improve
5 water quality.

6 Section 6. The Recreation and Parks Department has researched the best method to
7 restore the lakes and recommends a sole source, Aquatic Environments, Inc., as the one
8 contractor on the West Coast that can provide the specialized equipment to dredge the lakes
9 without draining, leaving the lakes full of water and open to the public, creating minimal
10 disturbance for the wildlife, and protecting the shorelines from erosion.

11 Section 7. Aquatic Environments, Inc., of Alamo, California is the only contractor on
12 the West Coast of the United States to own and operate the proper equipment. The
13 Recreation and Park Department has indepently confirmed that Aquatic Environments, Inc. is
14 a sole source for the purpose of this restoration project.

15 Section 8. Aquatic Environments, Inc., has indicated that they are ready, willing and
16 able to begin this lake restoration work using the specialized equipment for dredging within
17 the necessary time frame.

18 Section 9. Under the circumstances described in the foregoing Sections, a competitive
19 procurement for this project in accordance with San Francisco Administrative Code Chapter 6
20 would be impracticable. The interests of the City and County of San Francisco are best
21 served by waiving such requirements for this project and this contractor.

22 Section 10. The Recreation and Park Department and the Recreation and Park
23 Commission are hereby authorized to negotiate and award a sole source contract to Aquatic
24 Environments, Inc., Alamo, California. This sole source contract may be structured in a
25 commercially reasonable manner as determined by the Recreation and Park Commission but

1 must provide for the types of bonds, insurance and indemnification required by the
2 Administrative Code and the Risk Manager.

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