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[Peninsula Watershed – Golf Course Prohibition]

PROHIBITING INCLUSION OF A GOLF COURSE AS AN ELEMENT OF THE PENINSULA WATERSHED MANAGEMENT PLAN AND PROHIBITING CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW GOLF COURSE AT ANY LOCATION IN THE PENINSULA WATERSHED.

WHEREAS, The San Francisco Public Utilities Commission's January 1995 draft Peninsula Watershed Management Plan prohibited the construction of new golf courses in the Peninsula Watershed due to adverse impacts on the environment and drinking water quality; and,

WHEREAS, Public pressure for construction of a new golf course by golfing advocates resulted in revision of the draft Peninsula Watershed Management Plan to consider construction of a new Southern Watershed golf course, which will be studied at the program level in the forthcoming environmental impact report for the Peninsula Watershed Management Plan; and,

WHEREAS, San Francisco's Peninsula Watershed is home to a greater number of endangered animal and plant species than any other location in the Bay Area; and,

WHEREAS, Portions of the site for the proposed new Southern Watershed golf course contain serpentine soils and rare and endangered plants associated with such soils; and.

WHEREAS, San Francisco's Peninsula Watershed is a designated Fish and Game Reserve under provisions of the California Fish and Game Code and is also part of a United Nations designated International Biosphere Reserve due to the high resource values and diversity of species present in these lands; and,

WHEREAS, The Peninsula Watershed constitutes a major source of drinking water for San Francisco and various communities in San Mateo County; and,

WHEREAS, Construction of a new golf course in the Peninsula Watershed may result in increased sedimentation of watershed reservoirs, and the operation of such a course will require large amounts of water and the use of chemical fertilizers, pesticides and herbicides which could degrade the quality of drinking water supplied by the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission to over a million people; and,

WHEREAS, Members of the public may enjoy golfing at the existing Crystal Springs Golf Course in the Peninsula Watershed, approved and constructed years before the enactment of current laws for the rigorous protection of water quality, endangered species, and other environmental resources, and the perceived need for new public golf courses can be met elsewhere on lands that do not have as their primary purpose the collection and storage of drinking water; and

WHEREAS, The construction of a new golf course is not mandated by the terms of the 1969 Scenic and Recreation Easement held by the United States of America and administered by the Golden Gate National Recreation Area, and San Francisco as the fee owner of these lands can prohibit the construction of new golf courses in the Peninsula Watershed; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors directs the San Francisco Public

Utilities Commission to remove the potential construction of a new Southern Peninsula

Watershed golf course as an element of the draft Peninsula Watershed Management

Plan; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors prohibits the construction of new golf courses at any location in the Peninsula Watershed.

SUPERVISORS AMMIANO, BIERMAN, KATZ, LENO, NEWSOM, YAKI, YEE



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Resolution prohibiting inclusion of a golf course as an element of the Peninsula Watershed Management Plan and prohibiting construction of a new golf course at any location in the Peninsula Watershed.

June 14, 1999 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 11 - Ammiano, Becerril, Bierman, Brown, Katz, Kaufman, Leno, Newsom, Teng, Yaki, Yee

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on June 14, 1999 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Jean Lum

Acting Clerk of the Board

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Date Approved

Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.