

1 [Approval of Recycled Water Pump Station and Two Groundwater Well Stations in Golden
2 Gate Park]

3 **Resolution approving construction of a recycled water pump station building, and two**
4 **groundwater well station buildings in Golden Gate Park under Charter, Section 4.113, as**
5 **part of the San Francisco Westside Recycled Water and San Francisco Groundwater**
6 **Supply Projects.**

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8 WHEREAS, The San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC) has developed
9 and approved a project description for the San Francisco Groundwater Supply Project
10 (Groundwater Project), Project No. CUW30102, which is a water infrastructure project
11 included as part of the Water System Improvement Program (WSIP); and

12 WHEREAS, The SFPUC has developed and approved a project description for the San
13 Francisco Westside Recycled Water Project (Recycled Water Project), Project No.
14 CUW30201, which is a water infrastructure project included as part of the WSIP; and

15 WHEREAS, The Groundwater and Recycled Water Projects are located in the City and
16 County of San Francisco and their completion would help the SFPUC achieve the WSIP Level
17 of Service goal for water supply adopted by the SFPUC in Resolution No. 08-200; and

18 WHEREAS, The objectives of the Groundwater Project are to create a new potable
19 groundwater supply of up to 4 million gallons per day, which will expand and diversify the
20 SFPUC’s water supply portfolio and increase system reliability by increasing the use of local
21 water supply sources and reducing dependence on imported surface water, and to also
22 provide drinking water for emergency supply in the event of an earthquake or other major
23 catastrophe; and

24 WHEREAS, The objectives of the Recycled Water Project are to produce a new supply
25 of recycled water up to of 2 million gallons per day for irrigation, lake fill, and other non-

1 potable uses, which will expand and diversify the SFPUC's water supply portfolio and
2 increase system reliability by increasing the use of local water supply sources and reducing
3 dependence on imported surface water; and

4 WHEREAS, The Groundwater and Recycled Water Projects are capital improvement
5 projects approved by the SFPUC as part of the WSIP; and

6 WHEREAS, An environmental impact report (EIR) as required by the California
7 Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) was prepared for the Groundwater Project in Planning
8 Department File No. 2008.1122E; and

9 WHEREAS, An EIR as required by the CEQA was prepared for the Recycled Water
10 Project in Planning Department File No. 2008.0091E; and

11 WHEREAS, The San Francisco Planning Commission on December 19, 2013, certified
12 the Final EIR (FEIR) for the Groundwater Project by Motion No. 19050, adopted CEQA
13 Findings, including a statement of overriding considerations and a Mitigation Monitoring and
14 Reporting Program by Motion No. 19051, found the Project consistent with the General Plan
15 by Motion No. 19052, and approved a local coastal zone permit for the Project by Motion No.
16 19053; and

17 WHEREAS, On January 14, 2014, the SFPUC, by Resolution No. 14-0010, a copy of
18 which is included in Board of Supervisors File No. 140289 and which is incorporated herein by
19 this reference: (1) approved the Groundwater Project; and (2) adopted findings (CEQA
20 Findings), including a Statement of Overriding Considerations, and a Mitigation Monitoring
21 and Reporting Program (MMRP) as required by CEQA; and

22 WHEREAS, The San Francisco Planning Commission on September 3, 2015 certified
23 the FEIR by Motion No. M-19442, including a statement of overriding considerations and a
24 MMRP for the Recycled Water Project by Motion No. 19443, and found the Project consistent
25 with the General Plan by Resolution No. 19444; and

1 WHEREAS, On September 8, 2015, the SFPUC, by Resolution No. 15-0187, a copy of
2 which is included in Board of Supervisors File No. 160721 and which is incorporated herein by
3 this reference: (1) approved the Recycled Water Project; and (2) adopted CEQA Findings,
4 including a Statement of Overriding Considerations, and a MMRP as required by CEQA; and
5 (3) authorized the General Manager of the SFPUC to implement the Recycled Water Project,
6 in compliance with the Charter and applicable law, and subject to subsequent Commission
7 action and Board of Supervisors approval, where required; and

8 WHEREAS, The Groundwater Project and the Recycled Water Project FEIRs are
9 tiered from the WSIP Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) certified by the Planning
10 Commission on October 30, 2008 by Motion No. 17734; and

11 WHEREAS, Thereafter, the SFPUC approved the WSIP and adopted findings and a
12 PEIR MMRP as required by CEQA on October 30, 2008 by Resolution No. 08-200; and

13 WHEREAS, The design of the two groundwater wells in Golden Gate Park, included as
14 part of Phase Two of the Groundwater Project, approved by the SFPUC in Resolution No. 14-
15 0010, includes the capability to provide standby irrigation water supplies for park irrigation
16 purposes; and

17 WHEREAS, The purpose of the Recycled Water Pump Station is to deliver recycled
18 water to the Lincoln Park Golf Course and the Presidio as the primary source of irrigation
19 water supply, replacing the current potable water irrigation supply; and

20 WHEREAS, On June 16, 2016, the San Francisco Recreation and Park Commission,
21 by Resolution No. 1606-007, a copy of which is included in Board of Supervisors File No.
22 160721 and which is incorporated herein by this reference, found that the construction of two
23 groundwater well buildings under Phase Two of the Groundwater Project and the Recycled
24 Water Project pump station building, all three located in Golden Gate Park, support a
25 recreational purpose in accordance with Charter Section 4.113(2) and recommended that the

1 Board of Supervisors approve the construction of the two groundwater well buildings and the
2 recycled water pump station building in Golden Gate Park pursuant to Charter Section
3 4.113(1); and

4 WHEREAS, The Project files, including the FEIR, PEIR, SFPUC Resolution Nos. 14-
5 0010 and 15-0187, and Recreation and Park Commission Resolution No. 1606-007, have
6 been made available for review by the Board and the public, and those files are considered
7 part of the record before this Board; and

8 WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors has reviewed and considered the information
9 and findings contained in the FEIR, PEIR, SFPUC Resolution Nos. 14-0010 and 15-0187, and
10 Recreation and Park Commission Resolution No. 1606-007, and all written and oral
11 information provided by the Planning Department, the public, relevant public agencies,
12 SFPUC, Recreation and Park Department and other experts and the administrative files for
13 the Project; and

14 WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors through its Resolution No. 117-14 found the
15 Groundwater Supply Project FEIR adequate for its use as the decision-making body for the
16 approval of the Project, and adopted and incorporated by reference the CEQA Findings,
17 including the Statement of Overriding Considerations, and the MMRP contained in SFPUC
18 Resolution No. 14-0010, and adopted the City Planning Commission's General Plan
19 consistency findings for the Project in Motion No. 19052; and

20 WHEREAS, Charter Section 4.113(1) requires the Board of Supervisors to approve the
21 construction of new buildings in Golden Gate Park, subject to certain exceptions specified
22 therein; and

23 WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors through its Resolution No. 118-14 approved the
24 construction of the building housing the Central Pump Station well and related appurtenances
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1 in Golden Gate Park as part of the SFPUC’s implementation of the Phase One of the
2 Groundwater Project, in accordance with Charter Section 4.113(1); now therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors, having reviewed and considered the
4 Westside Recycled Water Project FEIR and record as a whole, finds that the FEIR is
5 adequate for its use as the decision-making body for the action taken herein including, but not
6 limited to, approval of the Recycled Water Project and adopts and incorporates by reference
7 as though fully set forth herein the CEQA Findings, including the Statement of Overriding
8 Considerations, and the MMRP contained in SFPUC Resolution No. 15-0187; and be it

9 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board finds that the Recycled Water Project
10 mitigation measures set forth in the Project FEIR and the MMRP, and adopted by the SFPUC
11 and herein by this Board will be implemented as reflected in and in accordance with the
12 MMRP; and be it

13 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board finds that since the FEIRs for both the
14 Groundwater Project and Recycled Water Project were finalized, there have been no
15 substantial project changes and no substantial changes in Project circumstances that would
16 require major revisions to the FEIRs due to the involvement of new significant environmental
17 effects or an increase in the severity of previously identified significant impacts, and there is
18 no new information of substantial importance that would change the conclusions set forth in
19 the FEIRs; and be it

20 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board approves the construction of the two
21 groundwater well buildings and recycled water pump station building in Golden Gate Park as
22 part of the SFPUC’s implementation of the Groundwater Project Phase Two and Recycled
23 Water Project.