

1 [Resolution adopting findings related to San Francisco Public Utilities Commission Water  
2 System Improvement Program (WSIP) Alameda Siphon No. 4 Project.]

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4 **Resolution adopting findings under the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA"),**  
5 **CEQA Guidelines, and San Francisco Administrative Code Chapter 31, including the**  
6 **adoption of a mitigation monitoring and reporting program, related to the funding of the**  
7 **Alameda Siphon No. 4 Project, and directing the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors to**  
8 **notify the Controller of this action.**

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10 WHEREAS, The San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC) developed  
11 project descriptions for water infrastructure improvements as part of the SFPUC's Water  
12 System Improvement Program (WSIP) for the Alameda Siphon No. 4 Project, WSIP Funded  
13 Project No. CUW35902, (the "Project"), and

14 WHEREAS, The objectives of the Project are to increase the water delivery reliability of  
15 the regional water system; and

16 WHEREAS, A draft Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for the  
17 Project was prepared and published for public review on February 13, 2008; and

18 WHEREAS, Public comments on the Draft IS/MND were received between February  
19 13, 2008 and March 13, 2008; and

20 WHEREAS, On May 5, 2008, the Planning Department reviewed and considered the  
21 IS/MND and found that the contents of said report and the procedures through which the  
22 IS/MND was prepared, publicized and reviewed complied with the California Environmental  
23 Quality Act (California Public Resources Code Sections 21000 et seq.) (CEQA), 14 California  
24 Code of Regulations Sections 15000 et seq. (the "CEQA Guidelines") and Chapter 31 of the  
25 San Francisco Administrative Code ("Chapter 31"); the Planning Department found the

1 IS/MND was adequate, accurate and objective, reflected the independent analysis and  
2 judgment of the Department, and that the summary of comments and responses contained no  
3 significant revisions to the Draft IS/MND, adopted findings of no significant impacts associated  
4 with the Project and adopted the IS/MND in Planning Department File No. 2006.0776E; and

5 WHEREAS, No appeals were filed with the City and County of San Francisco regarding  
6 the Project's MND; the May 5, 2008 MND is final, complete, and in accordance with CEQA,  
7 the CEQA Guidelines, and Chapter 31 of the San Francisco Administrative Code (Final  
8 IS/MND); and

9 WHEREAS, The SFPUC reviewed and considered the information contained in the  
10 Final IS/MND, all written and oral information provided by the Planning Department, the  
11 public, relevant public agencies, SFPUC and other experts and the administrative files for the  
12 WSIP and the Final IS/MND; and

13 WHEREAS, On July 8, 2008, at a public meeting of the SFPUC, the SFPUC adopted  
14 Resolution No. 08- 0120, in which the SFPUC: (1) adopted CEQA Findings and the Final  
15 IS/MND and, adopted the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP), which  
16 SFPUC Resolution and Attachments are incorporated herein as part of this Resolution by this  
17 reference thereto, and (2) approved the Project and authorized staff to proceed with actions  
18 necessary to implement the Project. SFPUC Resolution No. 08-0120, which is on file with the  
19 Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in File No. \_\_\_\_\_, including its findings, is incorporated  
20 herein by reference as though fully set forth; and

21 WHEREAS, The SFPUC CEQA Findings reflected the SFPUC's independent review  
22 and consideration of the relevant environmental information contained in the Final IS/MND,  
23 the administrative record and Addendum; and

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1           WHEREAS, On January 5, 2009 the SFPUC submitted project revisions (Revised  
2 Project) to the Planning Department and requested environmental review, and

3           WHEREAS, On February 23, 2009, the Planning Department published an Addendum  
4 to the 2008 Final IS/MND that determined that the revised project would not cause new  
5 significant environmental impacts not previously identified in the Final IS/MND nor would it  
6 substantially increase the severity of impacts previously identified in the Final IS/MND, and

7           WHEREAS, This Board of Supervisors adopted Ordinance No. 311-08, approving a  
8 supplemental appropriation of \$1,923,629,194 for the WSIP, and adopting related CEQA  
9 Findings based on 1) the Water System Improvement Program Final Environmental Impact  
10 Report (WSIP Final EIR), certified by Planning Commission by its Motion No. 17734, and 2)  
11 SFPUC Resolution Nos. 08-0200 and 08-0202 in which the SFPUC: (A) approved the Phased  
12 Water System Improvement Program (Phased WSIP) and (B) authorized the request for the  
13 Supplemental Appropriation; and

14           WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 311-08 placed the appropriated funds on Controller's  
15 Appropriation Reserve, by project, making release of appropriation reserves by the Controller  
16 subject to the prior occurrence of: 1) the SFPUC's and the Board's discretionary adoption of  
17 CEQA Findings for projects, following review and consideration of completed project-related  
18 environmental analysis, pursuant to CEQA, the State CEQA Guidelines, and Chapter 31 of  
19 the San Francisco Administrative Code, where required, and 2) the Controller's certification of  
20 funds availability, including proceeds of indebtedness. The ordinance also placed any project  
21 with costs in excess of \$100 million on Budget and Finance Committee reserve pending  
22 review and reserve release by that Committee. The costs for the Alameda Siphons project are  
23 less than the \$100 million threshold, however, this project was combined with the proposed  
24 New Irvington Tunnel project for purposes of the supplemental appropriation, and together the  
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1 two projects exceed the threshold. Therefore, the SFPUC has sent a letter to the Budget and  
2 Finance Committee requesting review and release of the portion of those funds necessary for  
3 the Alameda Siphons No. 4 project; now, therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors makes and adopts the findings set forth in  
5 "Attachment A" to this Resolution, "California Environmental Quality Act Findings For San  
6 Francisco Board Of Supervisors Resolution Authorizing Funding For Implementation Of The  
7 San Francisco Public Utilities Commission's Alameda Siphon No. 4 Project"; and be it

8 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors adopts the IS/MND. as  
9 modified by the February 23, 2009 Addendum, and adopts the Mitigation Monitoring and  
10 Reporting Program, as modified by the February 23, 2009 Addendum; and be it

11 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors directs the Clerk of the Board  
12 to forward this Resolution to the Controller.

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