

1 [Commending Public Utilities Commission General Manager Patricia E. Martel]

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3 **Resolution commending Public Utilities Commission General Manager Ms. Patricia E.**
4 **Martel .**
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6 WHEREAS, Patricia E. Martel has served the San Francisco Public Utilities
7 Commission and the residents of San Francisco as General Manager since October 2001;
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10 WHEREAS, Upon her arrival, Patricia E. Martel immediately worked on establishing a
11 stable financial base to address the SFPUC's operational challenges and need for capital
12 investments in facility upgrades; and,

13 WHEREAS, Pat Martel undertook a large community campaign to educate San
14 Francisco residents about the vulnerability of its water and sewer systems and SFPUC plans
15 to rebuild facilities to meet future needs; and,

16 WHEREAS, Pat Martel courageously pursued and obtained public approval of \$1.6
17 billion in revenue bonds to rebuild the Hetch Hetchy water system, the largest bond measure
18 ever approved by San Francisco voters; and,

19 WHEREAS, Pat Martel initiated the Clean Water Master Plan to investigate the
20 reliability of the City's combined sewer system, develop alternative solutions to upgrade aging
21 and inefficient facilities to meet future service needs, and address environmental justice
22 concerns; and,

23 WHEREAS, After September 11, 2001, Pat Martel increased overall security and
24 surveillance of SFPUC facilities, lands and administrative offices to protect San Francisco's
25 investment in its high quality water supply and capital assets; and,

1 WHEREAS, Under Patricia E. Martel’s oversight, San Francisco built the largest
2 municipal solar power project in the nation, making a major move towards the City’s future
3 energy reliability from renewable sources; and,

4 WHEREAS, This year, Pat Martel successfully completed the conversion of San
5 Francisco’s water disinfection system from chlorine to chloramine, to reduce disinfection
6 byproducts and improve the City’s already high quality water; now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That Patricia E. Martel be recognized and commended for her work as
8 PUC General Manager, which will have lasting impact on the quality and future of San
9 Francisco’s water safety and supply.

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