

1 [Commending California Trout and Pacific Gas and Electric on the Success of “Trout Day
2 2005”.]

3 **Resolution commending California Trout and Pacific Gas and Electric on the**
4 **success of “Trout Day 2005”.**

5 WHEREAS, Trout Day 2005 is the second annual celebration of the restoration of
6 Lake Merced and the return of family fishing to its shores; and,

7 WHEREAS, Lake Merced, in the southwestern corner of the City of San Francisco,
8 was once one of the finest urban fisheries in the United States, but in the late 1990s, the lake
9 became increasingly degraded as a result of excessive groundwater pumping from its
10 underground aquifer; and,

11 WHEREAS, In January 2001, California Trout, a conservation organization, filed a
12 petition that requested appropriate limitations on groundwater pumping to protect Lake
13 Merced; and,

14 WHEREAS, Since then, California Trout has worked collaboratively with the primary
15 water users in a positive settlement process; and,

16 WHEREAS, Thanks to the settlement, Lake Merced is on its way to a full recovery;
17 and,

18 WHEREAS, Water depths are near historical levels and non-native plant controls have
19 begun, and water monitoring and testing indicate that excellent conditions are returning; and,

20 WHEREAS, Outdoor recreation and trout fishing at the Lake have also returned and
21 the sight of Lake Merced full of water and children enjoying the lake is great for the City and
22 County of San Francisco; and,

23 WHEREAS, This year Pacific Gas and Electric has joined California Trout as a
24 featured sponsor of Trout Day; now therefore be it,
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1 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
2 commends California Trout and Pacific Gas and Electric for making “ Trout Day 2005” such a
3 success and making many families in our community happy.
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