

1 [Resolution urging environmental analysis of water supply alternatives that will not increase
2 diversions of freshwater from the Tuolumne River and urging active implementation of
3 conservation and recycled water programs.]

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5 **Resolution urging the San Francisco Planning Department to fully analyze a**
6 **water supply alternative in the Program Environmental Impact Report that will**
7 **not result in increased diversions of freshwater from the Tuolumne River and**
8 **urging the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission to undertake and**
9 **implement water conservation and recycled water programs.**

10 WHEREAS, San Francisco is committed to building a sustainable urban
11 environment, and

12 WHEREAS, San Francisco's environmental code encompasses objectives in a
13 broad range of topic areas including air quality, biodiversity, energy, climate change,
14 ozone depletion, food and agriculture, hazardous materials, human health, parks, open
15 spaces and streetscapes, solid waste, transportation, water and wastewater, and

16 WHEREAS, Impacts due to San Francisco's use of natural resources extend
17 beyond the city limits, and

18 WHEREAS, San Francisco owns and operates a water system that serves not
19 only the city residents but also approximately 1.7 million people in San Mateo, Santa
20 Clara, Tuolumne and Alameda Counties, and

21 WHEREAS, The San Francisco Public Utilities Commission is engaged in a
22 critically important Water System Improvement Program to repair, replace and
23 modernize aging and seismically vulnerable elements of its water system, and

24 WHEREAS, The San Francisco Planning Department will soon issue a draft
25 Program Environmental Impact Report, which is a necessary component for

1 the speedy implementation of the Water System Improvement Program, and

2 WHEREAS, Approximately eighty five percent of the water delivered by San
3 Francisco's water system is diverted from the Tuolumne River, and

4 WHEREAS, More than half of the Tuolumne River's natural flow is diverted for
5 urban and agricultural use, which has diminished the ecological value of the Tuolumne
6 River watershed and the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta, and

7 WHEREAS, Increasing diversion of water from the Tuolumne River watershed
8 could further damage the health of the watershed and jeopardize the fish and wildlife
9 species that depend on the Tuolumne for their survival, and

10 WHEREAS, Other California cities have successfully shown that they can
11 reliably serve water to increasing populations without increasing the diversions from
12 the natural environment by their conservation efforts; and

13 WHEREAS, It is in the City's and the public's long term interest to develop
14 alternative methods of meeting the demand for water, including using less water and
15 recycling water for various uses; and

16 WHEREAS, The San Francisco Public Utilities Commission is well-positioned to
17 undertake efforts to educate the public about water conservation and develop
18 programs to conserve water and recycle water; and

19 WHEREAS, Providing the Board of Supervisors and the citizenry with the most
20 well documented analysis of a water supply alternative that will not result in increased
21 diversions is in the public interest, now, therefore be it

22 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors urges the San
23 Francisco Public Utilities Commission to explore and develop water supply options that
24 will not divert more water from the Tuolumne River, including but not limited to (1)
25 aggressively and actively developing and encouraging water conservation and

1 efficiency efforts, and (2) examining and developing programs and projects for the use
2 of recycled water; and be it further

3 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors, pursuant to the
4 City's stewardship responsibility for the Tuolumne River, urges the San Francisco
5 Planning Department and Public Utilities Commission to fully analyze a water supply
6 alternative in the Program Environmental Impact Report that will not result in increased
7 diversions of freshwater from the Tuolumne River.

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