

1 [Supporting the Designation of the San Francisco Bay Water Trail as a Priority Conservation
2 Area]

3 **Resolution supporting the designation of the San Francisco Bay Water Trail as a**
4 **Priority Conservation Area by the Association of Bay Area Governments.**

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6 WHEREAS, In 2014 the Association of Bay Area Governments requested nominations
7 from local governments and special districts to designate Priority Conservation Areas
8 pursuant to their adopted Plan Bay Area initiative; and

9 WHEREAS, Priority Conservation Areas are areas of regional significance which
10 contain important agricultural, natural resource, watershed, historic, scenic, cultural,
11 recreational and/or ecological value deserving of conservation funding; and

12 WHEREAS, The California State Legislature enacted the Water Trail Act (AB 1296) in
13 2005 establishing the San Francisco Bay Area Water Trail, a growing network of launching
14 and landing sites that allows non-motorized small boat users to enjoy the richness of the San
15 Francisco Bay; and

16 WHEREAS, The Bay Area Water Trail benefits the San Francisco region by improving
17 and increasing recreational access for non-motorized small boats, fosters stewardship of the
18 Bay and reduces impacts to sensitive wildlife and habitat through increase education of
19 boaters; and

20 WHEREAS, The Bay Area Water Trail also provides economic benefits to small boat
21 users and water-oriented businesses by promoting opportunities for single and multi-day
22 excursions on the Bay; now, therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED, The San Francisco Board of Supervisors recognizes the significance of
24 the Bay Area Water Trail and the benefits it brings to the San Francisco Bay Area; and, be it

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1 FURTHER RESOLVED, The San Francisco Board of Supervisors supports the
2 designation of the San Francisco Bay Area Water Trail as a Priority Conservation Area,
3 making it eligible for additional State and Federal funding.

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