

1 [San Francisco Bay-Delta Estuaries]

2 **IDENTIFYING AND ENDORSING THE ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS THAT MUST BE**
3 **INCORPORATED INTO FUTURE POLICIES AND PROGRAMS UNDERTAKEN BY THE**
4 **JOINT FEDERAL AND STATE PROGRAM KNOWN AS "CAL-FED" TO ADDRESS THE**
5 **ISSUE OF MAINTAINING THE BIODIVERSITY OF SAN FRANCISCO'S BAY-DELTA**
6 **ESTUARY ECOSYSTEM**

7 WHEREAS, The health of San Francisco Bay-Delta estuary and the diverse
8 ecosystems it supports are fundamental to the environmental well being of the entire Bay
9 Area; and

10 WHEREAS, Much of the Bay Area's economic vitality is supported by the Bay-Delta
11 estuary, including industries such as tourism, recreational and commercial fishing; and

12 WHEREAS, The Bay-Delta estuary's health is in rapid decline, manifested by various
13 indicators including dramatic reductions in fish populations, and due to a variety of
14 devastating impacts, including the diversion of over 50 percent of its flow from the watershed's
15 rivers, at the loss of over 85 percent of historic wetlands, and the discharge of 40,000 tons of
16 pollutants into the Bay; and

17 WHEREAS, Since 1994, the Federal Government and the State of California, in
18 conjunction with agricultural, urban and environmental stakeholders, have undertaken an
19 effort to address the remarkable complex water resource issues of the Bay-Delta ecosystem
20 through a process known as CalFed; and

21 WHEREAS, In the CalFed process the current public comment period for the Draft
22 Programmatic EIR/EIS provides a critical opportunity for input on the issues affecting the San
23 Francisco Bay-Delta estuary; now, therefore, be it

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Supervisors Ammiano, Bierman, Katz, Leno, Newsom

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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2 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
3 does hereby identify that the following essential elements must be incorporated into future
4 policies and programs undertaken by the CalFed process:

- 5 • CalFed should develop scientifically-based freshwater flows to promote diversity and
6 sustainability of the Bay-Delta ecosystem - The San Francisco Bay-Delta estuary's
7 historic freshwater flows have been reduced by half. Currently there exists a need
8 for science-based standards that establish minimum flows of freshwater into the Bay.
9 Adequate flows will benefit the entire estuary in diverse ways, including improving
10 water quality, supporting biological diversity, and the health of all of the Bay-Delta
11 estuary's ecosystems.
- 12 • CalFed should promote all reasonable water conservation measures by all Bay-Delta
13 users - Equitable water conservation practices must be required and enforced for all
14 users throughout California. Managing demand through conservation practices and
15 greater water use efficiency can eliminate or substantially reduce the need for new
16 water supplies. Until conservation practices and demand management measures
17 have been implemented, CalFed should defer funding for the construction of new
18 large scale surface water storage facilities.
- 19 • CalFed should address the need for Bay Area environmental restoration funding -
20 The EPA's Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan (CCMP), BCDC's
21 San Francisco Bay Plan, and the RWQCB's Bay Basin Plan all establish numerous
22 beneficial measures that must be taken to protect and restore habitat and improve
23 fish and wildlife in the Bay-Delta estuary. Of the most recent funding package only
24 5% came to projects in the region. Funding to implement these

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recommended programs must be brought up to levels that are appropriately proportional to budgets for environmental restoration in other parts of the State.

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Resolution

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Resolution identifying and endorsing the essential elements that must be incorporated into future policies and programs undertaken by the joint Federal and State program known as "Cal-Fed" to address the issue of maintaining the biodiversity of San Francisco's Bay-Delta estuary ecosystem.

August 16, 1999 Board of Supervisors — SEVERED FROM FOR ADOPTION WITHOUT COMMITTEE REFERENCE AGENDA

August 16, 1999 Board of Supervisors — AMENDED, AN AMENDMENT OF THE WHOLE BEARING SAME TITLE

Ayes: 10 - Ammiano, Becerril, Bierman, Brown, Katz, Kaufman, Leno, Newsom, Yaki, Yee

Absent: 1 - Teng


August 16, 1999 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED AS AMENDED

Ayes: 10 - Ammiano, Becerril, Bierman, Brown, Katz, Kaufman, Leno, Newsom, Yaki, Yee

Absent: 1 - Teng

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED AS AMENDED on August 16, 1999 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.


Gloria L. Young
Clerk of the Board

AUG 27 1999

Date Approved



Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.