

1 [Accept and Expend Grant - SunShot Rooftop Solar Challenge - \$71,750]

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3 **Resolution authorizing the Department of the Environment to retroactively accept and**  
4 **expend a grant in the amount of \$71,750 from the U.S. Department of Energy's (U.S.**  
5 **DOE) Rooftop Solar Challenge through SolarTech, an initiative of the Silicon Valley**  
6 **Leadership Group, to document and disseminate best practices regarding the**  
7 **reduction of soft costs in order to make solar energy cost competitive with other forms**  
8 **of energy by the end of the decade.**

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10 WHEREAS, After a competitive process, the U.S. Department of Energy (U.S. DOE)  
11 has selected the Department of the Environment as a sub-awardee to SolarTech in order to  
12 receive funding to identify significant obstacles to increasing the growth of rooftop  
13 photovoltaics in Northern California; and

14 WHEREAS, The implementation of the Sunshot grant will allow the Department of the  
15 Environment to collaborate with regional partners to document and disseminate best practices  
16 regarding solar permitting, interconnection, financing, and zoning; and

17 WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors for the City and County of San Francisco has  
18 directed the Department of the Environment to reduce carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) emissions within  
19 the City and County of San Francisco to 20% below 1990 levels by the year 2012; and

20 WHEREAS, The SunShot Rooftop Solar Challenge will assist in making the process of  
21 installing solar photovoltaic systems simpler, faster, and more cost effective for residents and  
22 businesses by accelerating significant improvements in market conditions for solar  
23 photovoltaic projects; and

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1 WHEREAS, Non-hardware, or soft, costs associated with processes such as permitting  
2 and interconnection make up as much as 40% of the total installed cost of a rooftop solar  
3 photovoltaic system; and

4 WHEREAS, The U.S. DOE's Solar Rooftop Challenge seeks to make solar electricity  
5 cost competitive without subsidies by the end of the decade; and

6 WHEREAS, Cost competitive solar electricity is cost effective for local government,  
7 residents and commercial property owners; and

8 WHEREAS, Solar electricity use reduces greenhouse gas emissions and helps the City  
9 meet its climate change goals; and

10 WHEREAS, The grant budget includes \$9,359 for indirect costs; and

11 WHEREAS, The grant does not require an Annual Salary Ordinance amendment; and

12 WHEREAS, The term of the grant is from February 15, 2012 through February 14,  
13 2013; and

14 WHEREAS, A request for retroactive approval is being sought because the Department  
15 of the Environment was not notified of the grant award in advance of the grant start date; now,  
16 therefore, be it

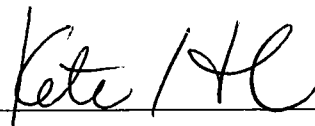
17 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the Director of the  
18 Department of the Environment to retroactively accept and expend \$71,750 from the U.S.  
19 Department of Energy to support the implementation of the SunShot Rooftop Solar Challenge.

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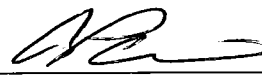
24 Department Head

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_



Mayor

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_



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**City and County of San Francisco**  
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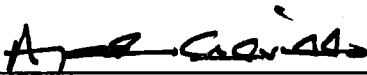
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May 08, 2012 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 11 - Avalos, Campos, Chiu, Chu, Cohen, Elsbernd, Farrell, Kim, Mar, Olague and Wiener

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I hereby certify that the foregoing  
Resolution was ADOPTED on 5/8/2012 by  
the Board of Supervisors of the City and  
County of San Francisco.

  
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Angela Calvillo  
Clerk of the Board

  
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Mayor

  
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Date Approved