

1 [Approving the Nominations of Five Priority Conservation Areas]

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3 **Resolution authorizing the nomination of five new Priority Conservation Areas: Palou**
4 **Phelps Natural Area, Bayview Hill Natural Area, Green Connections-McLaren Park**
5 **Pivot, Crosstown Trail-Connecting Twin Peaks Bio-Region/Glen Canyon, and the San**
6 **Francisco Bay Area Water Trail.**

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8 WHEREAS, On December 9, 2014, the Board of Supervisors passed Resolution No.
9 457-14, nullifying four Priority Conservation Areas (PCA), designated by the Association of
10 Bay Area Governments, and requesting the Planning Department to study and select new
11 PCAs, to be brought before the Board of Supervisors by May 30, 2015; and

12 WHEREAS, The nullified PCAs, locally identified locations in urgent need of
13 preservation, were: 1) Sutro Tower, 2) Aquavista/Twin Peaks, 3) Palou/Phelps Open Space,
14 and 4) Bayview Radio Property, with a map of these areas on file with the Clerk of the Board;
15 and

16 WHEREAS, The Association of Bay Area Governments established May 30, 2015, as
17 the deadline by which new nominations must be formally adopted by resolution, and
18 submitted by the jurisdiction; and

19 WHEREAS, Following nullification, the Planning Department led a working group to
20 study the topic, which consisted of two other City agencies, the Department of the
21 Environment and the Recreation and Parks Department, as well as non-profit organizations,
22 the California Native Plant Society and The Greenbelt Alliance, to collaboratively determine
23 new areas for nomination; and

24 WHEREAS, These agencies developed a new group of four PCAs that, while
25 incorporating the original areas, more closely represent City adopted policies and goals from

1 recent years, and were selected by using a more scientific approach to determine what areas
2 are in the greatest need of support; and

3 WHEREAS, The four PCAs selected by the working group are: 1) Palou Phelps Natural
4 Area, 2) Bayview Hill Natural Area, 3) Green Connections: McLaren Park Pivot, and 4)
5 Crosstown Trail: Connecting Twin Peaks Bio-Region/Glen Canyon, with a map of these areas
6 on file with the Clerk of the Board; and

7 WHEREAS, The California State Legislature enacted the Water Trail Act (AB 1296) in
8 2005 establishing the San Francisco Bay Area Water Trail; and

9 WHEREAS, The City also has several points of entry along the San Francisco Bay
10 Area Water Trail, a growing network of launching and landing sites that allow non-motorized
11 small boat users to enjoy the richness of the San Francisco Bay; and

12 WHEREAS, The San Francisco Bay Area Water Trail provides economic, educational
13 and recreational benefits to the entire San Francisco region and conservation of this resource
14 will benefit the residents of San Francisco; and

15 WHEREAS, A map of the San Francisco Bay Area Water Trail with the current and
16 proposed San Francisco sites is on file with the Clerk of the Board; and

17 WHEREAS, These new areas represent a collaborative program that seeks to improve
18 City lands and parks, chosen together by both City agencies and non-profits; now, therefore,
19 be it

20 RESOLVED, That the 1) Palou Phelps Natural Area, 2) Bayview Hill Natural Area, 3)
21 Green Connections-McLaren Park Pivot, 4) Crosstown Trail-Connecting Twin Peaks Bio-
22 Region/Glen Canyon, and 5) the San Francisco Bay Area Water Trail be chosen as PCA
23 nominations for the City and County of San Francisco; and, be it

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1 FURTHER RESOLVED, That Board of Supervisors authorizes the Planning
2 Department to submit the nominations to the Association of Bay Area Governments by May
3 30, 2015.

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