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MEMORANDUM

To: Angela Calvillo , Budget and Legislative Analyst's Office

From: Joe Salem, Budget and Finance Manager
Anne Eng, Environmental Justice Program Manager

Subject: Request for Release from Reserve of Environmental Justice Funds

San Francisco Department of the Environment is currently administering an Environmental Justice (EJ) grant program. This EJ grant program was originally supported by \$13,000,000 in funds that were appropriated in 1998 by the State through the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC). During the past 14 years, the Board has approved releases of funding from reserve to support the Department's EJ program operations. The Department is requesting the release of the remaining balance from reserve, in the amount of \$110,026 (index code 220007).

As of February 8, 2017, index code 220007 shows that the Department has spent \$12,917,033 from the CPUC funds. The total combined balance of encumbrances for current grant awards is \$159,301 and a balance of \$83,666 which is being used to support current EJ program costs.

The amount remaining on reserve is \$110,026. If this release is approved, there will not be any funds remaining on reserve in this account (220007). EJ program costs for FY 2016-17 are being paid by a combination of sources including EJ funds (index code 220007), the impound account and grants from governmental agencies.

EJ funds released from reserve will be used to cover the EJ program's staffing expenses. These funds will not be disbursed to new EJ grant awards through a competitive grant process.

SF Department of the Environment has three employees working in the EJ program who work on a variety of EJ projects and services. We are allocating .60 FTE to the EJ grant funds subject to the release and remaining personnel costs are covered by other funding sources. EJ program staff work on a variety of projects, including:

- Support the City's efforts to develop the Blue Greenway, an open space waterfront corridor along the Southeastern shoreline. The Department is conducting brownfield site assessments at 900 Innes Avenue for expansion of the India Basin Shoreline Park, in a collaborative partnership with SF Recreation and Parks Department. The Department is conducting an assessment of the Yosemite Slough upland area, in support of a restoration and park development effort involving State Parks

and Literacy for Environment Justice. As part of our Blue Greenway services, we manage contractual technical services of an environmental firm, AECOM (formerly URS Corporation), and this work is supported by a federal brownfields grant from US EPA.

- Reduce toxic pesticides and promote integrated pest management (IPM) at affordable housing sites throughout San Francisco, including Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD) sites transferred from SF Housing Authority to affordable housing developers, and HOPE SF sites. This work involves providing IPM training and inspection services, as part of the tenant relocation process administered by the Mayor's Office of Housing and Community Development. We also promote IPM in multifamily buildings at two affordable housing sites in Chinatown, as part of a Bay Area regional project funded by a State grant from the Cal. Department of Pesticide Regulation.
- Work in partnership with SF Departments of Public Works and Public Health, District Attorney's office, Recology and non-profit groups to address illegal dumping in Bayview Hunters Point, particularly on dead-end streets in Bayview's industrialized areas near the waterfront. This work involves installing surveillance cameras to identify violators, coordinating cleanup services with City and Recology staff, volunteers and non-profit groups, and providing training to local residents and responding to complaints about illegal dumping.
- Support the Bayview Hunters Point Environmental Justice Task Force which is a collaborative partnership involving several government agencies, non-profit groups and local residents to address environmental concerns in the Southeast area. The Task Force meets on a monthly basis and addresses a wide range of issues, including illegal dumping, noise and odor complaints, and pollution from various sites.
- Administer addbacks from the Board of Supervisors and work order funds and provide grant management services to non-profit groups, including San Francisco Parks Alliance, People Organizing to Demand Economic and Environmental Rights (PODER), among others.

The Department's EJ Program expenses covered by this request for a release (index code 220007) is as follows:

ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE	FY 2016-17 EJ 220007
SALARIES/BENEFITS	\$ 110,026
OVERHEAD	0
CITY GRANT PROGRAMS	0
PROFESSIONAL SERVICE	0
TRAINING	0
LOCAL FIELD EXP	0
PRINTING	0
FOOD	0
OTHER MATERIALS & SUPPLIES	0
CITY ATTORNEY	0
TOTAL	\$ 110,026

a. Environmental Justice Program Salary and Benefit costs for FY 2016-17

Job Classification	Title	FTE	Salary and Benefits
5644	Senior Environmental Specialist	.20	\$ 39,998
5642	Environmental Specialist	.40	\$ 70,028
	Total		\$ 110,026