

1 [Harry Tracy Water Treatment Plant Improvements Project Findings]

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3 **Resolution adopting findings under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA),**
4 **including the adoption of a mitigation monitoring and reporting program and a**
5 **statement of overriding considerations related to the Harry Tracy Water Treatment**
6 **Plant Long-Term Improvements Project No. CUW36701, part of the Water System**
7 **Improvement Program, for the improvements to the regional water supply system; and**
8 **directing the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors to notify the Controller of this action.**

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10 WHEREAS, The San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC) has developed a
11 project description for the Harry Tracy Water Treatment Plant ("HTWTP") Long-Term
12 Improvements Project, Project No. CUW36701, a water infrastructure project included as part
13 of the Water System Improvement Program ("WSIP") (the "Project"). The Project is located
14 on 52.3 acres in an unincorporated area of San Mateo County. A small portion of the site is
15 within the City of Millbrae. The Project includes treatment process improvements and other
16 upgrades to the plant such as pipeline distribution, access, and site improvements. The
17 treatment process will generally be the same. The primary differences will be to solids
18 handling, whereby solids from the sludge holding tank will be transferred to a solids
19 dewatering facility before being trucked off site, and to the treated water storage, which will
20 occur in a single new tank north of the main plant site instead of two tanks southeast of the
21 main plant; and

22 WHEREAS, The objectives of the Project are to support the facility's role within the
23 SFPUC regional water system with respect to water quality, seismic response, and delivery
24 reliability through the year 2030, and to produce adequate water supply to meet water delivery
25 needs in the service area through the year 2018, while maximizing the use of existing SFPUC

1 facilities and infrastructure, maintaining a gravity-driven system, and allowing for timely
2 construction of proposed facilities. Further, the proposed project aims to improve water
3 treatment in the Peninsula region by ensuring that locally stored water is potable, improving
4 delivery reliability by installing redundant features, and improving seismic reliability through
5 structural reinforcements and slope stabilization measures; and

6 WHEREAS, An environmental impact report (“EIR”) as required by the California
7 Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") was prepared for the Project in Planning Department File
8 No. 2007.1202E; and

9 WHEREAS, The Final EIR ("FEIR") was certified by the San Francisco Planning
10 Commission on October 14, 2010 by Motion No. 18197; and

11 WHEREAS, The FEIR prepared for the Project is tiered from the WSIP Program
12 Environmental Impact Report ("PEIR") certified by the Planning Commission on October 30,
13 2008 by Motion No. 17734; and

14 WHEREAS, Thereafter, the SFPUC approved the WSIP and adopted findings and a
15 Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (PEIR MMRP) as required by CEQA on October
16 30, 2008 by Resolution No. 08-200; and

17 WHEREAS, On October 15, 2010, the SFPUC, by Resolution No. 10-0176, a copy of
18 which is included in Board of Supervisors File No. _____ and which is incorporated
19 herein by this reference: (1) approved the Project; (2) adopted findings (CEQA Findings),
20 including a statement of overriding considerations, and a Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting
21 Program (MMRP) required by CEQA; and

22 WHEREAS, The Project files, including the FEIR, PEIR and SFPUC Resolution No. 10-
23 0176 have been made available for review by the Board and the public, and those files are
24 considered part of the record before this Board; and

1 WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors has reviewed and considered the information
2 and findings contained in the FEIR, PEIR and SFPUC Resolution No. 10-0176, and all written
3 and oral information provided by the Planning Department, the public, relevant public
4 agencies, SFPUC and other experts and the administrative files for the Project; and

5 WHEREAS, This Board of Supervisors adopted Ordinance No. 0092-10 that placed
6 WSIP appropriated funds on Controller’s Appropriation Reserve, by project, making release of
7 appropriation reserves by the Controller subject to the prior occurrence of: (1) the SFPUC’s
8 and the Board’s discretionary adoption of CEQA Findings for each project, following review
9 and consideration of completed project-related environmental analysis, pursuant to CEQA, the
10 State CEQA Guidelines, and Chapter 31 of the San Francisco Administrative Code, where
11 required, and (2) the Controller’s certification of funds availability, including proceeds of
12 indebtedness. The ordinance also placed any project with construction costs in excess of
13 \$100 million on Budget and Finance Committee reserve pending review and reserve release
14 by that Committee. Therefore, the SFPUC has sent a letter to the Budget and Finance
15 Committee requesting review and release of the portion of those funds necessary for Project
16 No. CUW36701; now, therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors has reviewed and considered the FEIR
18 and record as a whole, finds that the FEIR is adequate for its use as the decision-making
19 body for the action taken herein including, but not limited to, approval of the Project and
20 adopts and incorporates by reference as though fully set forth herein the CEQA Findings,
21 including the statement of overriding considerations, and the MMRP contained in Resolution
22 No. 10-0176; and be it

23 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board finds that the Project mitigation measures set
24 forth in the FEIR and the MMRP and adopted by the SFPUC and herein by this Board will be
25 implemented as reflected in and in accordance with the MMRP; and be it

1 FURTHER RESOLVED, The Board finds that since the FEIR was finalized, there have
2 been no substantial project changes and no substantial changes in Project circumstances that
3 would require major revisions to the FEIR due to the involvement of new significant
4 environmental effects or an increase in the severity of previously identified significant impacts,
5 and there is no new information of substantial importance that would change the conclusions
6 set forth in the FEIR; and be it

7 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board directs the Clerk of the Board to forward this
8 Resolution to the Controller.

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