

RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSION
City and County of San Francisco
Resolution No. 1606-007

**SFPUC WESTSIDE RECYCLED WATER PROJECT AND PHASE 2 GROUNDWATER
SUPPLY PROJECT FACILITIES CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION IN
GOLDEN GATE PARK**

WHEREAS, The San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC) approved a project known as the San Francisco Groundwater Supply Project ("Groundwater Supply Project") in SFPUC Resolution No. 14-0010 adopted on January 14, 2014, as a component of the SFPUC's Water System Improvement Program (WSIP); and

WHEREAS, The San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC) approved a project known as the San Francisco Westside Recycled Water Project ("Recycled Water Project") in SFPUC Resolution No. 15-0187 adopted on September 8, 2015, as a component of the SFPUC's Water System Improvement Program (WSIP); and

WHEREAS, the objectives of the Groundwater Supply Project are to construct six groundwater production well facilities and associated pipelines that would produce up to 4 million gallons per day of groundwater to diversify the SFPUC's water supply portfolio and increase the reliability of local water supply sources; and

WHEREAS, the objectives of the Recycled Water Project are to construct a new recycled water treatment facility, pump station, underground reservoir, and associated pipelines that would produce and deliver up to 2 million gallons per day of recycled water for irrigation, lake fill, and other non-potable uses, to diversify the SFPUC's water supply portfolio and increase the use of local water supplies; and

WHEREAS, a Final Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) was prepared for the WSIP and certified by the Planning Commission on October 30, 2008 by Motion No. 17734; and

WHEREAS, thereafter, the SFPUC approved the WSIP and adopted findings and a Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP) as required by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) on October 30, 2008 by Resolution No. 08-200; and

WHEREAS, the PEIR has been made available for review by the Recreation and Park Commission and the public, and is part of the record before this Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Department prepared an EIR for the Recycled Water Project that is tiered from the PEIR, as authorized by and in accordance with CEQA and the CEQA Guidelines; and

WHEREAS, on September 3, 2015, the San Francisco Planning Commission reviewed and considered the Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR) for the Recycled Water Project in Planning Department File No. 2008.0091E, consisting of the Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) and the Responses to Comments document, and found that the contents of said report and the procedures through which the FEIR was prepared, publicized and reviewed complied with the provisions of the CEQA, the CEQA Guidelines and Chapter 31 of the San Francisco Administrative Code, and found further that the FEIR reflects the independent judgment and analysis of the City and County of San Francisco, is adequate, accurate and objective, and that the Responses to Comments document contains no significant revisions to the Draft EIR, and certified the completion of said FEIR in compliance with CEQA and the CEQA Guidelines in its Motion No. M-19442; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission, also on September 3, 2015, adopted CEQA Findings, including a statement of overriding considerations and an MMRP by Motion No. M-19443. The Planning Department found the Recycled Water Project consistent with the General Plan on September 3, 2015; and

WHEREAS, this Commission has reviewed and considered the information contained in the FEIR, all written and oral information provided by the Planning Department, the public, relevant public agencies, SFPUC and other experts and the administrative files for the Recycled Water Project and the EIR; and

WHEREAS, the Recycled Water Project and EIR files have been made available for review by the Recreation and Park Commission and the public, and those files are part of the record before this Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Department, Timothy Johnston, is the custodian of records, located in File No. 2008.0091E, at 1650 Mission Street, Fourth Floor, San Francisco, California; and

WHEREAS, the SFPUC as part of its Project approval, adopted findings as required by CEQA (CEQA Findings) and an MMRP, which have been made available to the public and the Commission for the Commission's review, consideration and action; and

WHEREAS, Phase Two of the Groundwater Supply Project includes two well facilities proposed to be located in Golden Gate Park, which is under the jurisdiction of the San Francisco Recreation and Park Department (SFRPD); and

WHEREAS, the Recycled Water Project includes a recycled water pump station proposed to be located in Golden Gate Park, which is under the jurisdiction of the San Francisco Recreation and Park Department (SFRPD); and

WHEREAS, the SFPUC's Recycled Water Project and Groundwater Supply Project approval resolutions authorize the SFPUC General Manager to obtain the necessary agreement from the SFRPD regarding construction, operation and maintenance of Phase Two Groundwater Supply Project well facilities and Recycled Water Project facilities on land under the jurisdiction of SFRPD, and to seek Board of Supervisors approval for construction of the well buildings and recycled water pump station in Golden Gate Park following approval by this Commission, the latter in accordance with Charter Section 4.113; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution No. 118-14 approving the construction of the building housing the Central Pump Station well and related appurtenances in Golden Gate Park under Charter Section 4.113 on April 15, 2014, as part of the SFPUC's implementation of Phase One of the Groundwater Supply Project; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 1403-006, this Commission authorized the General Manager to negotiate and enter into Memorandum of Understanding ("Original MOU") with the SFPUC with respect to the construction and operation of Phase One Groundwater Project facilities, and this "Original MOU" was executed on April 24, 2014; and

WHEREAS, the design of the Phase Two well facilities sited on park lands includes components that are ancillary to, or that directly support, recreational use, including connections to make groundwater available as a standby source of irrigation and lake fill water supply to Golden Gate Park in the event of an outage of existing irrigation water supplies or an outage of recycled water, when the recycled water supply becomes available in the future, and generally increasing the reliability of SFPUC water supplies available for park irrigation in San Francisco; and

WHEREAS, the Recycled Water Project facilities directly support or are ancillary to recreational use of park lands by providing recycled water for irrigation of Lincoln Park Golf Course and Golden Gate Park; and

WHEREAS, the Recycled Water Project is consistent with and supports the Golden Gate Park Master Plan Policy E, which calls for planning for the future use of reclaimed water where appropriate in the park as mandated by the San Francisco Reclaimed Water Use Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, extensive public outreach regarding the Recycled Water Project as a whole was conducted by the SFPUC and the Planning Department; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Phase Two well facilities in Golden Gate Park replacing the existing irrigation wells at the South Windmill Replacement and North Lake sites are consistent with the Golden Gate Park Master Plan, specifically policies E and H thereof; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, this Commission has reviewed and considered the Recycled Water Project FEIR, finds that the FEIR is adequate for its use as the decision-making body for the actions taken herein, and hereby adopts the CEQA Findings, including the Statement of Overriding Considerations, attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated herein as part of this Resolution by this reference thereto, and adopts the MMRP attached to this Resolution as Exhibit B and incorporated herein as part of this Resolution by this reference thereto; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Commission authorizes the General Manager, or his designee, to negotiate and enter into an Amended and Restated Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the SFPUC, in substantially the form of the draft exchanged between the departments and attached to this Resolution as Exhibit C, regarding construction, operation and maintenance of the SFPUC's San Francisco Westside Recycled Water Project

facilities and San Francisco Groundwater Supply Project Phase Two well facilities in Golden Gate Park; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Commission does find that the placement of SFPUC's two Phase Two Groundwater Supply Project well facilities in Golden Gate Park directly supports and/or is ancillary to recreational use of park lands in accordance with Charter Section 4.113 in the following respects: (1) the footprints of the Project well facilities do not interfere with active recreational uses; (2) the well facilities will include connections to the Golden Gate Park irrigation system to allow use of the well for irrigation and lake fill purposes in the event of an outage of existing irrigation water supplies or an outage of recycled water, when the recycled water supply becomes available in the future; and (3) water from all of the wells will be blended with the existing SFPUC surface water supply, increasing the reliability of the supply of water available to consumers, including City parks generally and Golden Gate Park; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Commission does find that the placement of SFPUC's Recycled Water Project recycled water pump station in Golden Gate Park directly supports and/or is ancillary to recreational use of park lands in accordance with Charter Section 4.113 in the following respects: (1) provides recycled water for the irrigation of Golden Gate Park and Lincoln Park Golf Course; (2) is consistent with Park Code Section 3.19 which lays out a framework for maximizing water use efficiency and non-potable water use on all property under the jurisdiction of the Recreation and Parks Commission and requires that each golf course within the jurisdiction of the Recreation and Parks Commission utilizes recycled water; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Commission recommends that the Board of Supervisors approve the construction of the Phase Two Groundwater Supply Project well buildings and the Westside Recycled Water Project recycled water pump station in Golden Gate Park in accordance with Charter Section 4.113.

Adopted by the following vote:

Ayes	5
Noes	0
Absent	1

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted at the Recreation and Park Commission meeting held on June 16, 2016.


Margaret A. McArthur, Commission Liaison