

1 **[Resolution urging environmental analysis of water supply alternatives that will**  
2 **not increase diversions of freshwater from the Tuolumne River]**

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4 **Resolution urging the San Francisco Planning Department and the San**  
5 **Francisco Public Utilities Commission to fully analyze a water supply**  
6 **alternative in the Programmatic Environmental Impact Report that will not**  
7 **result in increased diversions of freshwater from the Tuolumne River**

8 WHEREAS, San Francisco is committed to building a sustainable urban  
9 environment, and

10 WHEREAS, San Francisco's environmental code encompasses objectives in a  
11 broad range of topic areas including air quality, biodiversity, energy, climate change,  
12 ozone depletion, food and agriculture, hazardous materials, human health, parks, open  
13 spaces and streetscapes, solid waste, transportation, water and wastewater, and

14 WHEREAS, Impacts due to San Francisco's use of natural resources extend  
15 beyond the city limits, and

16 WHEREAS, San Francisco owns and operates a water system that serves not  
17 only the city residents but also approximately 1.7 million people in San Mateo, Santa  
18 Clara, Tuolumne and Alameda Counties, and

19 WHEREAS, The San Francisco Public Utilities Commission is engaged in a  
20 critically important Water System Improvement Program to repair, replace and  
21 modernize aging and seismically vulnerable elements of its water system, and

22 WHEREAS, The San Francisco Planning Department will soon issue a draft  
23 Programmatic Environmental Impact Report which is a necessary component for  
24 the speedy implementation of the Water System Improvement Program, and

25 WHEREAS, Approximately eighty five percent of the water delivered by San

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1 Francisco's water system is diverted from the Tuolumne River, and

2 WHEREAS, San Francisco's water system has imposed significant  
3 environmental effects, including the inundation of Hetch Hetchy Valley in Yosemite  
4 National Park, and

5 WHEREAS, Current water diversions for urban and agricultural use by San  
6 Francisco and other parties diminish the ecological value of the streams below existing  
7 dams in the Tuolumne River watershed and adversely impact the health of the  
8 Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta, and

9 WHEREAS, Increasing diversion of water from the Tuolumne River watershed  
10 could further damage those streams and jeopardize the fish and wildlife species that  
11 depend on the Tuolumne for their survival, and

12 WHEREAS, Other California cities have successfully shown that they can  
13 reliably serve water to increasing populations without increasing the diversions from  
14 the natural environment by their conservation efforts; and

15 WHEREAS, Providing the Board of Supervisors and the citizenry with the most  
16 well documented analysis of a water supply alternative that will not result in increased  
17 diversions is in the public interest, now, therefore be it

18 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors pursuant to the  
19 City's stewardship responsibility for the Tuolumne River urges the San Francisco  
20 Planning Department and the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission to fully  
21 analyze a water supply alternative in the Programmatic Environmental Impact Report  
22 that will not result in increased diversions of freshwater from the Tuolumne River.

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