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Dear Supervisors,

I wanted to provide some background on File No. [220537](#) which will be on the June 28 full board agenda. The item was heard by the Government Audit and Oversight Committee yesterday and received a positive recommendation.

The San Francisco Public Utilities Commission's [Green Infrastructure Grant Program](#) is designed to encourage San Francisco properties to design, build, and maintain performance-based green [stormwater infrastructure](#). The goal of this program is to reduce the amount of stormwater runoff entering SFPUC's sewer system and improve system performance while integrating a wide range of social and environmental co-benefits.

Grants cover the costs of the design and construction of an approved stormwater management feature, such as rain gardens, permeable pavement, cisterns, and vegetated roofs. The maximum grant award is \$930,000 per acre of impervious surface managed, up to \$2 million in funding.

In February 2019, the Board enacted Ordinance No. 26-19 (File No. 181113), delegating the Board's authority under Charter Section 9.118(b) to the General Manager to enter into grant agreements under the SFPUC Green Infrastructure Grant Program for a term over 10 years, provided that (1) the term of the grant agreement does not exceed 20 years and (2) the SFPUC Commission approves each grant award at a public hearing. In June 2020, the Board, by Ordinance No. 101-20 (File No. 200454), extended the delegated authority for an additional two years, through July 1, 2022, and removed the requirement that each grant award be approved by the Commission at a public hearing. The ordinances require the SFPUC to submit quarterly written reports to the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors summarizing all grant agreements the SFPUC has entered into during the prior quarter. The delegation of authority and the reporting requirements provided for under uncodified Ordinance No. 26-19, as extended and modified by Ordinance No. 101-20, expire on July 1, 2022.

This uncodified ordinance would extend for another two years, through July 1, 2024, the authority delegated to the SFPUC General Manager under Charter section 9.118(b) to enter into grant agreements under the SFPUC Green Infrastructure Grant Program for a term over 10 years and not more than 20 years. This ordinance further clarifies that the 20- year term begins on the Project Completion Date, as defined by the grant agreements. The SFPUC would be required to continue to submit quarterly written reports to the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors summarizing grant agreements the SFPUC has entered into during the prior quarter. Upon its effective date, this ordinance will be retroactive to July 1, 2022, to match the expiration of the previous delegation ordinance.

Please let me know if you have any questions, or would like a briefing on this ordinance.

Best,

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