

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
City and County of San Francisco

RESOLUTION NO. 10-0087

WHEREAS, irrigated landscapes contribute significantly to the quality of life of the people of San Francisco by providing areas for active and passive recreation and as an enhancement to the environment by cleaning air and water, preventing erosion, and adding to the natural beauty of our commercial, industrial, and residential neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, San Francisco has been a leader in water conservation policy in California and currently has the lowest per capita use of water in the state; and

WHEREAS, our potable water supply is a vital public resource that faces ever increasing demands; and landscape design, installation, maintenance, and management can and should be water efficient; and

WHEREAS, in 2006, the California Legislature passed and the Governor signed Assembly Bill 1881, the Water Conservation in Landscaping Act, which enacted Article 10.8 of the California Government Code requiring that local agencies adopt a water efficient landscape program that meets water conservation criteria and standards adopted by the California Department of Water Resources; and

WHEREAS, the San Francisco's Administrative Code, Chapter 63, Limitations on Water Use for Landscaping in New Developments and Landscaping Renovations, does not meet the water conservation criteria and standards adopted by the California Department of Water Resources; and

WHEREAS, the adoption of the proposed Water Efficient Irrigation Ordinance by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco, and the adoption of the Rules for Water Efficient Irrigation by this Commission will improve the effectiveness of the City's landscape water efficiency program and ensure compliance with the requirements of the State's Water Conservation in Landscaping Act; and

WHEREAS, adoption of the Ordinance and Rules will promote the values and benefits of landscapes while recognizing the need to invest water and other resources as efficiently as possible; and

WHEREAS, adoption of the Ordinance and Rules will establish a structure for planning, designing, installing, maintaining, and managing water efficient landscapes in new construction and rehabilitated projects as required by state law;

WHEREAS, the Citizens Advisory Committee of the Public Utilities Commission of the City and County of San Francisco on April 27, 2010, adopted a resolution urging

this Commission to approve the Water Efficient Irrigation Ordinance for forwarding to the Board of Supervisors and to adopt the companion Rules, and urged the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco to pass and the Mayor to sign the Water Efficient Irrigation Ordinance; and

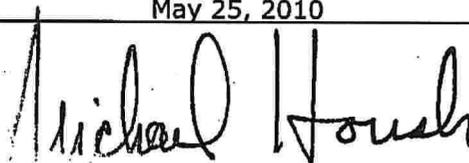
WHEREAS, The Planning Department has determined that the actions contemplated in this resolution are in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (California Public Resources Code sections 21000 et seq.). Said determination is on file with the Secretary of the Commission and is incorporated herein by reference; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Commission, pursuant to its Charter authority to adopt rules and regulations, hereby amends the Rules and Regulations Governing Water Service to Customers by adding Section F – Water Efficient Irrigation; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, the Public Utilities Commission urges the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco to pass, and urges Mayor Gavin Newsom to sign, the proposed Water Efficient Irrigation Ordinance.

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Public Utilities Commission at its meeting of

May 25, 2010

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael Housh". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Secretary, Public Utilities Commission