

1 [Accept and Expend Grant - Pesticide Reduction - \$49,971]

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3 **Resolution authorizing the Department of the Environment (SF Environment) to accept**
4 **and expend a grant in the amount of \$49,971 from the US Environmental Protection**
5 **Agency Office of Pesticide Reduction to create guidelines on building design and**
6 **retrofit features that will prevent pest infestations, specifically with regards to existing**
7 **and future green building reference standards.**

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9 WHEREAS, Based on the evaluation of responses to a request for proposal, the US
10 Environmental Protection Agency Office of Pesticide Reduction has selected the Department
11 of the Environment to be the recipient of \$49,971 in funding; and

12 WHEREAS, There currently are no authoritative guidelines on building design and
13 retrofit features that will prevent pest infestation; and

14 WHEREAS, This project will create authoritative guidelines intended specifically for
15 inclusion in existing and future green building reference standards, with target audiences of
16 architects, facility managers and green building professionals; and

17 WHEREAS, In the long term the guidelines will substantially reduce human health
18 risks; both from the resulting reductions in pesticide use and from reductions in risks posed by
19 the pests themselves; and

20 WHEREAS, The reduction in the need for toxic perimeter sprays will also result in
21 reductions in environmental risks associated with pesticide runoff (particularly pyrethroids)
22 from hardscapes surrounding the affected buildings; and

23 WHEREAS, The scale of the green building movement virtually guarantees a
24 substantial amount of leverage for any such pesticide reductions; and

25 WHEREAS, The grant does not require an ASO amendment; and

