

## **PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

City and County of San Francisco

RESOLUTION NO. 15-0237

WHEREAS, urban stormwater runoff is a significant contributor of pollution to the San Francisco Bay and Pacific Ocean; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Clean Water Act and a National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit issued by the State of California require the City and County of San Francisco to administer a Stormwater Management Program to reduce pollution in stormwater runoff in San Francisco's municipal separate storm sewer systems; and

WHEREAS, developing and administering a stormwater management program to reduce the volume and rate of stormwater runoff delivered to the combined sewer areas of San Francisco will enhance compliance with NPDES permits issued by the State of California and USEPA for combined sewer discharges; and

WHEREAS, the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC) Wastewater Enterprise and the Port of San Francisco (Port) have been charged with developing and implementing a stormwater management program that fulfills state and federal requirements for regulation of post-construction stormwater runoff control and provides the means to enforce the requirements of the program; and

WHEREAS, Port and SFPUC staff have developed the San Francisco Stormwater Management Requirements and Design Guidelines (SMR), which define regulatory thresholds and requirements for development projects and offer San Francisco-specific approaches for stormwater management, including Low Impact Design (LID) and green infrastructure solutions; and

WHEREAS, the SFPUC conducted public outreach in support of the development of the SMR and incorporated input from community and technical stakeholders into the final SMR document; and

WHEREAS, the SMR are designed to work within the context of existing San Francisco regulations and policies, and are consistent with the City's Building Code and Planning Code requirements; and

WHEREAS, the 2010 Stormwater Management Ordinance establishes an administrative framework to ensure compliance with requirements established in the SMR; and

WHEREAS, the proposed amendments to the SMO clarify and streamline the ordinance for users and ensure compliance with requirements put forward in the NPDES General Permit No. CAS000004; and

WHEREAS, the Commission is authorized to adopt regulations for matters under its jurisdiction, in accordance with Charter sections 4.104(a)(1) and 8B.121(a); 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 in File No. 2015-012458ENV and is incorporated herein by reference, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Commission hereby recommends the referral of amendments to the Stormwater Management Ordinance to the San Francisco Board of Supervisors for adoption and incorporation into the San Francisco Public Works Code.

*I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Public Utilities Commission at its meeting of November 10, 2015.*



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Secretary, Public Utilities Commission