

1 [Accept-Expend Regional Grant]

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3 **Resolution authorizing the Department of the Environment to accept and expend a**
4 **grant in the amount of \$16,100.00 from Altamont Education Advisory Board to expand**
5 **recycling and lunchroom composting programs at schools in San Francisco.**

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7 WHEREAS, Based on evaluation of responses to an Altamont Education Advisory
8 Board request for proposals in the area of Waste Reduction and Environmental Education, the
9 Department of the Environment's School Education Program was selected to be the recipient
10 of \$16,100.00 in funding to support the San Francisco Unified School District and San
11 Francisco private schools in diverting 50% of its waste by the end of 2009 by providing
12 compostable bags to schools and stipends to custodians; and,

13 WHEREAS, While the City achieved 63% city-wide waste diversion in 2002, San
14 Francisco Unified School District only diverted approximately 30% of its waste; and,

15 WHEREAS, On December 9, 2003, the San Francisco Board of Education adopted
16 landfill diversion goals of 50% by 2006, 75% by 2015 and 85% by 2025; and,

17 WHEREAS, A school's waste stream is generally comprised of 41% paper,
18 2% glass, 4% metal, 12% plastic, and 32% organic matter such as food scraps, yard
19 trimmings, and soiled paper, which means schools with comprehensive recycling and
20 composting programs could potentially divert up to 97% of their waste; and,

21 WHEREAS, For seventeen years, San Francisco's public and private schools have
22 sought the assistance of the Department of the Environment to teach environmental concepts,
23 implement successful resource conservation and waste diversion programs, and create
24 positive behavior changes towards the environment; and,

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