

1 [Accept and Expend Grant - Altamont Education Advisory Board - \$10,000]

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3 **Resolution authorizing the Department of the Environment to accept and expend a**
4 **grant in the amount of \$10,000 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 \$10,000.00 in funding to support the San Francisco Unified School District and other city
11 schools in diverting 50% of their waste by the end of June 2012 by providing compostable
12 bags to schools and stipends to custodians and other support persons; and

13 WHEREAS, While the City achieved 77% city-wide waste diversion in 2008, San
14 Francisco Unified School District only diverted approximately 53% of its waste in the 2010/11
15 school year; and

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

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

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

