

1 [California Environmental Quality Act Findings - Peninsula Pipelines Seismic Upgrade Project
2 - San Mateo County]

3 **Resolution adopting findings under the California Environmental Quality Act, including**
4 **the adoption of a mitigation monitoring and reporting program, and a statement of**
5 **overriding considerations related to the Peninsula Pipelines Seismic Upgrade Project, in**
6 **San Mateo County.**

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8 WHEREAS, The Public Utilities Commission (PUC) has developed and approved a
9 project description for the Peninsula Pipelines Seismic Upgrade Project (Project), Project No.
10 CUW36702, which is a water infrastructure project included as part of the Water System
11 Improvement Program (WSIP); and,

12 WHEREAS, The Project is located in San Mateo County and its completion would help
13 the PUC achieve the WSIP Level of Service goals for Water Quality and Delivery Reliability
14 adopted by the PUC in Resolution No. 08-200; and,

15 WHEREAS, The objectives of the Project are to upgrade segments of the San Andreas
16 Pipeline No. 2, San Andreas Pipeline No. 3, and the San Andreas Branch of the Sunset
17 Supply Pipeline to meet current seismic standards in locations where they cross the Serra
18 Fault, and achieve WSIP seismic reliability Level of Service goals; and,

19 WHEREAS, An environmental impact report (EIR) as required by the California
20 Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) was prepared for the Project in Planning Department File
21 No. 2011.0123E; and,

22 WHEREAS, The Project is a capital improvement project approved by the PUC as part
23 of the WSIP; and,

24 WHEREAS, The Final Project EIR (FEIR) was certified by the Planning Commission on
25 October 17, 2013, by Motion No. 19004; and,

1 WHEREAS, The Project FEIR is tiered from the WSIP Program Environmental Impact
2 Report (PEIR) certified by the Planning Commission on October 30, 2008, by Motion No.
3 17734; and,

4 WHEREAS, Thereafter, the PUC approved the WSIP and adopted findings and a
5 Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (PEIR MMRP) as required by CEQA on October
6 30, 2008, by Resolution No. 08-200; and,

7 WHEREAS, On October 22, 2013, the Public Utilities Commission (PUC), by
8 Resolution No. 13-0161, a copy of which is included in Board of Supervisors File No.
9 _____ and which is incorporated herein by this reference: (1) approved the Project; (2)
10 adopted findings (CEQA Findings), including a statement of overriding considerations, and a
11 Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP) required by CEQA; and,

12 WHEREAS, The Project files, including the FEIR, PEIR and PUC Resolution No. 13-
13 0161 have been made available for review by the Board and the public, and those files are
14 considered part of the record before this Board; and,

15 WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors has reviewed and considered the information
16 and findings contained in the FEIR, PEIR and PUC Resolution No. 13-0161, and all written
17 and oral information provided by the Planning Department, the public, relevant public
18 agencies, PUC and other experts and the administrative files for the Project; and,

19 WHEREAS, This Board of Supervisors adopted Ordinance No. 0092-10 that placed
20 WSIP appropriated funds on Budget and Finance Committee Reserve, by project, making
21 release of appropriation reserves by the Budget and Finance Committee subject to the prior
22 occurrence of: (1) the SFPUC's and the Board's discretionary adoption of CEQA Findings for
23 each project, following review and consideration of completed project-related environmental
24 analysis, pursuant to CEQA, the State CEQA Guidelines, and Chapter 31 of the
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1 Administrative Code, where required, and (2) the Budget and Finance Committee's
2 certification of funds availability, including proceeds of indebtedness; now, therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors has reviewed and considered the Project
4 FEIR and record as a whole, finds that the FEIR is adequate for its use as the decision-
5 making body for the action taken herein including, but not limited to, approval of the Project
6 and adopts and incorporates by reference as though fully set forth herein the CEQA Findings,
7 including the statement of overriding considerations, and the MMRP contained in Resolution
8 No. 13-0161; and be it

9 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board finds that the Project mitigation measures set
10 forth in the Project FEIR and the MMRP, and adopted by the SFPUC and herein by this Board
11 will be implemented as reflected in and in accordance with the MMRP; and be it

12 FURTHER RESOLVED, The Board finds that since the FEIR was finalized, there have
13 been no substantial project changes and no substantial changes in Project circumstances that
14 would require major revisions to the FEIR due to the involvement of new significant
15 environmental effects or an increase in the severity of previously identified significant impacts,
16 and there is no new information of substantial importance that would change the conclusions
17 set forth in the FEIR.