

1 [California Environmental Quality Act Findings - San Francisco Groundwater Supply Project]

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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 San Francisco Groundwater Supply Project, and**
6 **directing the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors to notify the Controller of this action.**

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8 WHEREAS, The San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC) has developed
9 and approved a project description for the San Francisco Groundwater Supply Project
10 (Project), Project No. CUW30102, which is a water infrastructure project included as part of
11 the Water System Improvement Program (WSIP); and

12 WHEREAS, The Project is located in the City and County of San Francisco and its
13 completion would help the SFPUC achieve the WSIP Level of Service goal for Water Supply
14 adopted by the SFPUC in Resolution No. 08-200; and

15 WHEREAS, The objectives of the Project are to create a new potable groundwater
16 supply of up to 4 million gallons per day (mgd), which will expand and diversify the SFPUC's
17 water supply portfolio and increase system reliability by increasing the use of local water
18 supply sources and reducing dependence on imported surface water, and to also provide
19 drinking water for emergency supply in the event of an earthquake or other major catastrophe;
20 and

21 WHEREAS, An environmental impact report (EIR) as required by the California
22 Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) was prepared for the Project in Planning Department. File
23 No. 2008.1122E; and

24 WHEREAS, The Project is a capital improvement project approved by the SFPUC as
25 part of the WSIP; and

1 WHEREAS, The San Francisco Planning Commission on December 19, 2013 certified
2 the Final EIR (FEIR) for the Project by Motion No. 19050, adopted CEQA Findings including a
3 statement of overriding considerations and a Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program by
4 Motion No. 19051, found the Project consistent with the General Plan by Motion No. 19052,
5 and approved a local coastal zone permit for the Project by Motion No. 19053; and

6 WHEREAS, The Project FEIR is tiered from the WSIP Program Environmental Impact
7 Report (PEIR) certified by the Planning Commission on October 30, 2008 by Motion No.
8 17734; and

9 WHEREAS, Thereafter, the SFPUC approved the WSIP and adopted findings and a
10 Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (PEIR MMRP) as required by CEQA on October
11 30, 2008 by Resolution No. 08-200; and

12 WHEREAS, On January 14, 2014, the SFPUC, by Resolution No. 14-0010, a copy of
13 which is included in Board of Supervisors File No. 140289 and which is incorporated herein by
14 this reference: (1) approved the Project; and (2) adopted findings (CEQA Findings), including
15 a Statement of Overriding Considerations, and a Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program
16 (MMRP) as required by CEQA; and

17 WHEREAS, The Project files, including the FEIR, PEIR and SFPUC Resolution No.
18 14-0010 have been made available for review by the Board and the public, and those files are
19 considered part of the record before this Board; and

20 WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors has reviewed and considered the information
21 and findings contained in the FEIR, PEIR and SFPUC Resolution No. 14-0010, and all written
22 and oral information provided by the Planning Department, the public, relevant public
23 agencies, SFPUC and other experts and the administrative files for the Project; and

24 WHEREAS, This Board of Supervisors adopted Ordinance No. 0092-10 that placed
25 WSIP appropriated funds on Controller's Appropriation Reserve, by project, making release of

1 appropriation reserves by the Controller subject to the prior occurrence of: (1) the SFPUC's
2 and the Board's discretionary adoption of CEQA Findings for each project, following review
3 and consideration of completed project-related environmental analysis, pursuant to CEQA, the
4 State CEQA Guidelines, and Chapter 31 of the San Francisco Administrative Code, where
5 required, and (2) the Controller's certification of funds availability, including proceeds of
6 indebtedness. The ordinance also placed any project with construction costs in excess of
7 \$100 million on Budget and Finance Committee reserve pending review and reserve release
8 by that Committee; however, Project costs are below that threshold; now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors has reviewed and considered the Project
10 FEIR and record as a whole, finds that the FEIR is adequate for its use as the decision-
11 making body for the action taken herein including, but not limited to, approval of the Project
12 and adopts and incorporates by reference as though fully set forth herein the CEQA Findings,
13 including the Statement of Overriding Considerations, and the MMRP contained in SFPUC
14 Resolution No. 14-0010; and, be it

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

18 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board finds that since the FEIR was finalized, there
19 have been no substantial project changes and no substantial changes in Project
20 circumstances that would require major revisions to the FEIR due to the involvement of new
21 significant environmental effects or an increase in the severity of previously identified
22 significant impacts, and there is no new information of substantial importance that would
23 change the conclusions set forth in the FEIR; and, be it

24 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board directs the Clerk of the Board to forward this
25 Resolution to the Controller.