

**1 [Accept-Expend Grant]**

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**3 Resolution authorizing the Department of the Environment to accept and expend a**  
**4 grant in the amount of \$12,100 from the Columbia Foundation to create an art**  
**5 installation that educates and informs residents about Climate Change and its potential**  
**6 effects on the City and County of San Francisco and provides information on solutions.**

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**8 WHEREAS, the Department of the Environment for the City and County of San**  
**9 Francisco (SF Environment), in conjunction with the Sierra Club and the Bay Conservation**  
**10 Development Committee submitted a proposal to the Columbia Foundation to implement a**  
**11 project bringing the ramifications of sea level rise and Climate Change directly to the streets**  
**12 through a high profile and visually arresting public installation; and,**

**13 WHEREAS, the Columbia Foundation is a local foundation interested in supporting**  
**14 artistic activity that engages the public in the philosophical, aesthetic, personal, political, and**  
**15 practical aspects of important contemporary issues; and,**

**16 WHEREAS, the Columbia Foundation awarded a grant to SF Environment to produce**  
**17 the project, which is an art installation to inform the general public about Climate Change and**  
**18 what can be done about it at the local level; and,**

**19 WHEREAS, the project includes a website called FutureSeaLevel.org providing actions**  
**20 that residents can take to impact Climate Change; and,**

**21 WHEREAS, the FutureSeaLevel.org website will provide visitors with detailed and well-**  
**22 organized information on current climate change science and potential challenges specific to**  
**23 the Bay Area; and,**

**24 WHEREAS, the Aquarium of the Bay has agreed to allow an installation at that site and**  
**25 will support the project by training its aquarists to respond to inquiries on the project; and,**

1           WHEREAS, the City of San Francisco is a national municipal leader in renewable  
2 energy, alternative fuels, and other policies addressing global warming; and,

3           WHEREAS, as a member of the World Association of Aquariums and Zoos, the  
4 Aquarium of the Bay is enthusiastic about promoting the project to aquariums around the  
5 world, thus presenting San Francisco's work to a broad international audience; and,

6           WHEREAS, the project will have the most impact during the hottest days of the year,  
7 thus the installation will open on Thursday, Sept 21<sup>st</sup> with high profile media events; and,

8           WHEREAS, this project represents one of many that SF Environment is directing to  
9 educate and inform the general public and call them to action around the City's Climate Action  
10 Plan to reduce green house gas emissions and thus impact climate change; and,

11           WHEREAS, the grant budget includes provision for administrative costs of \$1,100;  
12 now, therefore, be it

13           RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the Director of the  
14 Department of the Environment for the City and County of San Francisco to accept and  
15 expend a grant of \$12,100 from the Columbia Foundation for the installation of an art exhibit  
16 that educates and informs the public about Climate Change and things they can do to address  
17 the issue.

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19 Recommended:

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

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Mayor

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22 Department Head

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

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