

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

City and County of San Francisco

RESOLUTION NO. 13-0119

WHEREAS, San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (“SFPUC”) staff developed a project to upgrade existing communication systems, otherwise known as Project No. CUH10201, San Joaquin Valley Communication System Upgrade Project (“Project”); and

WHEREAS, The purpose of the proposed Project is to replace existing unreliable communication systems with an integrated, modern, and reliable communication and control system for SFPUC water and power transmission system operations across the San Joaquin Valley; and

WHEREAS, The General Manager has determined that cost efficiencies could be achieved through the use of design build contracting; and

WHEREAS, A Preliminary Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Project was prepared and published for public review on March 6, 2013; and

WHEREAS, The Preliminary Mitigated Negative Declaration was available for public comment until April 5, 2013; and

WHEREAS, On June 27, 2013, the Environmental Review Officer reviewed and considered the Final Mitigated Negative Declaration and found that the contents of said report and the procedures through which the Final Mitigated Negative Declaration was prepared, publicized, and reviewed complied with the California Environmental Quality Act (California Public Resources Code Sections 21000 et seq.) (CEQA), 14 California Code of Regulations Sections 15000 et seq. (the “CEQA Guidelines”), and Chapter 31 of the San Francisco Administrative Code (“Chapter 31”); and

WHEREAS, The Environmental Review Officer found the Final Mitigated Negative Declaration was adequate, accurate, and objective, reflected the independent analysis and judgment of the San Francisco Planning Department, and that the summary of comments and responses contained only minor revisions to the Mitigated Negative Declaration, and issued the Final Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Project in compliance with CEQA, the CEQA Guidelines and Chapter 31; and

WHEREAS, The Planning Department, is the custodian of records, located in File No. 2012.0183E, at 1650 Mission Street, 4th Floor, San Francisco, California; and

WHEREAS, The Final Mitigated Negative Declaration, CEQA Findings (Attachment A), and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (“MMRP”) (Attachment B), were made available to the public and this Commission for this Commission’s review, consideration and action; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Commission has reviewed and considered the Final Mitigated Negative Declaration and the record as a whole, finds that the Final Mitigated Negative Declaration is adequate for its use as the decision-making body for the Project, that there is no substantial evidence that the Project will have a significant effect on the environment with the adoption of the mitigation measures contained in the MMRP to avoid potentially significant environmental effects associated with the

Project and that the Final Mitigated Negative Declaration reflects the City's independent judgment and analysis, and hereby adopts the Final Mitigated Negative Declaration; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Commission hereby adopts the CEQA Findings and the MMRP attached hereto as Exhibits A and B and incorporated herein as part of this Resolution by this reference thereto and commits to all required mitigation measures identified in the Final Mitigated Negative Declaration and contained in the MMRP; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the SFPUC shall ensure implementation of all mitigation measures identified in the MMRP either directly or via binding contractual mechanisms. The SFPUC finds that the measures it is adopting can be carried out by the SFPUC at the designated time and are feasible at this time; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the General Manager or his designee is authorized to seek Board of Supervisors' approval, if necessary, and obtain permits and approvals, as applicable, from local, state, and federal agencies; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Commission hereby approves Project No. CUH10201, San Joaquin Valley Communication System Upgrade Project, and authorizes staff to proceed with actions necessary to implement the Project, and approves the solicitation of design build proposals.

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Public Utilities Commission at its meeting of July 23, 2013.



Secretary, Public Utilities Commission