

1 [Opposing the Safe, Clean, and Reliable Drinking Water Supply Act of 2010]

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5 WHEREAS, The Legislature and the Governor have placed on the November 2010
6 ballot a water bond measure known as the Safe, Clean, and Reliable Drinking Water Supply
7 Act of 2010, that will authorize the sale of \$11.14 billion in general obligation bonds; and

8 WHEREAS, This measure raises significant fiscal concerns for the City and County of
9 San Francisco, including the impact of increasing diversions of State General Fund revenue
10 from essential services towards bond repayment (estimated to grow from 6% to 10% of
11 General Fund revenues by 2014) on the ability of the State to fulfill its financial obligations to
12 the City and County of San Francisco; and,

13 WHEREAS, This measure raises significant concerns about its impact on the poorest
14 San Franciscans, who rely on services provided by the State that have been increasingly
15 minimized due to the continuing State deficit, which is expected to continue at high levels
16 (approximately \$20 billion annually) for several more years; and,

17 WHEREAS, California State Treasurer Bill Lockyer specifically warned the Legislature
18 in October 2009 that "further increasing the General Fund's debt burden... would require
19 cutting even deeper into crucial services already reeling from billions of dollars in reductions.
20 The case for user-funding for most water system improvements is compelling, both as a
21 matter of equity and fiscal prudence"; and,

22 WHEREAS, This measure raises significant environmental concerns for San Francisco
23 Bay, including the potential for increased water exports from the Delta resulting from the
24 construction of a Peripheral Canal that will reduce fresh water inflows to the Bay, further
25 degrading the ecosystem of the largest estuary on the West Coast of the Americas; and,

1 WHEREAS, The measure provides \$3 billion in funding for construction of
2 environmentally destructive dams, yet fails to provide sufficient funding or any new
3 protections or new water supplies to help revive the State's crashing salmon runs, which have
4 cost coastal economies, including San Francisco's, millions of dollars in lost revenue over the
5 past three years; and,

6 WHEREAS, Billions of dollars of voter approved water bonds remain unsold, and can
7 be used to provide significant environmental benefits to the State; and,

8 WHEREAS, This water bond is already opposed by leading environmental
9 organizations and, according to polls, a majority of likely California voters; and,

10 WHEREAS, Senators Mark Leno and Leland Yee, as well as Assembly member Tom
11 Ammiano, voted against placing this bond on the ballot; now, therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
13 joins the majority of its State legislators in opposing the water bond on the November ballot
14 and urges San Francisco voters to reject it; and, be it

15 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the Legislature, when
16 considering future bond measures, to explore funding strategies that do not disproportionately
17 impact the most vulnerable Californians; and, be it

18 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the Legislature to
19 support actions that help restore the ecological health of San Francisco Bay and Delta by
20 taking actions to *reduce* the amount of water diverted from the Bay and Delta.



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Resolution

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June 22, 2010 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 10 - Avalos, Campos, Chiu, Chu, Daly, Dufty, Elsbernd, Mar, Maxwell and Mirkarimi

Excused: 1 - Alioto-Pier

File No. 100824

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 6/22/2010 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

RETURNED UNSIGNED

Mayor Gavin Newsom

JULY 1, 2010

Date Approved

Date: July 1, 2010

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution, not being signed by the Mayor within the time limit as set forth in Section 3.103 of the Charter, became effective without his approval in accordance with the provision of said Section 3.103 of the Charter.

Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board