

1 [Urging the State Legislature to Provide Drought Mitigation Funding for Critical Water Supply
2 and Conservation Projects for San Francisco]

3 **Resolution urging the State Legislature to provide drought mitigation funding for**
4 **critical water supply and conservation projects for the San Francisco Bay Area.**

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6 WHEREAS, The Hetch Hetchy Regional Water System operated by the San Francisco
7 Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC) provides 265 million gallons of water per day to 2.6
8 million people in Alameda, Santa Clara, San Mateo, and San Francisco counties; and

9 WHEREAS, California continues to experience one of the most extreme droughts since
10 hydrologic recordkeeping began; and

11 WHEREAS, As of February 19, 2014, precipitation in the Hetch Hetchy watershed was
12 at 47% of normal levels and snowpack was at 22% of normal levels; and

13 WHEREAS, On Friday, January 17th, Governor Brown issued a State Declaration of
14 Emergency for California due to drought and severe water supply conditions; and

15 WHEREAS, On January 31, 2014, the SFPUC asked customers to voluntarily conserve
16 water with the goal of reducing systemwide usage by 10% to stretch limited water supplies
17 during this time of drought; and

18 WHEREAS, On February 10, 2014, Mayor Ed Lee issued an Executive Directive to all
19 city departments outlining actions to be taken to reduce water use, and directing the SFPUC
20 to develop alternative sources of water supplies for both potable and non-potable uses; and

21 WHEREAS, Both Federal and State lawmakers have introduced bills that would
22 appropriate funding for drought mitigation measures including funding for local drought
23 alleviation projects; and

24 WHEREAS, The California State Legislature is considering legislation to direct over
25 \$640 million toward projects that would alleviate the effects of current drought conditions; and

1 WHEREAS, The SFPUC has identified three projects that can be quickly implemented
2 and would have an immediate impact in stretching critical water supplies throughout its
3 service area during this statewide drought, including: San Francisco Groundwater Supply
4 Project, Lower Cherry Aqueduct Restoration Project, and Citywide Direct Install Toilet
5 Program; now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That should the State of California appropriate funding for emergency
7 drought relief, the State should prioritize the funding of the above identified SFPUC projects,
8 which help strengthen immediate water reserves and promote conservation and water supply
9 diversification for the long-term sustainability of critical water supplies for 2.6 million residents
10 in the San Francisco Bay Area.

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