

1 [Resolution Supporting Regulation of Bottled Water.]

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3 **Resolution Supporting SB 50 and AB 83 Regulating Bottled Water Within California.**

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5 WHEREAS, 70% of Californians currently rely on bottled, vended, and retail water
6 facilities for all or part of their drinking water supply; and

7 WHEREAS, water bottlers, vendors, haulers and retail water facilities under current
8 regulation are not required to disclose the detection of contaminants below the drinking water
9 standard in their products, unlike tap water suppliers; and,

10 WHEREAS, in many instances, bottled water may be no better, or worse, than tap
11 water, but under the existing laws and regulations, consumers have no easy way of knowing
12 this due to a lack of reliable and credible information concerning the contents of bottled water
13 products, and

14 WHEREAS, water bottlers, vendors, haulers and retail water facilities are not currently
15 subject to required annual inspections by the California Department of Health Services, unlike
16 tap water suppliers; and

17 WHEREAS, as introduced in the California State Senate and in the California State
18 Assembly, and as sponsored by Clean Water Action, Natural Resources Defense Council,
19 and the East Bay Municipal Utility District, bills SB 50 and AB 83 would require water bottlers,
20 vendors, haulers, and retail facilities to conform to inspection, fee collection, and customer
21 right-to-know requirements similar to those that currently apply to tap water system: and

22 WHEREAS, in addition, SB 50 and AB 83 will require appropriate dissemination of
23 consumer right-to-know information through channels appropriate to each category of retail
24 water, such as labeling bottled water sold in retail stores, posting of information at retail water
25 facilities and water vending machines, mailing of consumer confidence reports where

1 possible, and making information available by mail, telephone, or the Internet in various
2 languages; and

3 WHEREAS, these bills will help ensure that consumers will be able to make accurate
4 choices about the safety of bottled drinking water and ensure that State General Fund dollars
5 will not be used to pay for the provisions of these bills; now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, that the San Francisco Board of Supervisors supports California Senate
7 Bill 50 and California Assembly Bill 53.

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