

1 [CEQA Findings - SFPUC Water System Improvement Program - Rehabilitation of the  
2 Existing San Joaquin Pipelines Project]

3 **Resolution adopting findings under the California Environmental Quality Act, including**  
4 **the adoption of a mitigation monitoring and reporting program, related to the**  
5 **rehabilitation of the San Joaquin Pipelines Project, Project No. CUW37302; and directing**  
6 **the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors to notify the Controller of this action.**

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8 WHEREAS, The San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC) has developed a  
9 project description under the Water System Improvement Program (WSIP) for the  
10 improvements to the regional water supply system, otherwise known as Project no.  
11 CUW37302, Rehabilitation of the San Joaquin Pipelines Project (referred to herein as the  
12 "Project"). The Project consists of condition assessment, repair, rehabilitation and  
13 maintenance of the existing San Joaquin Pipeline System which includes three large-diameter  
14 pipelines that carry water nearly 48 miles across the San Joaquin Valley, and connects  
15 existing SFPUC facilities: the Oakdale Portal in western Tuolumne County, and the Coast  
16 Range Tunnel in western San Joaquin County. The Project traverses portions of Tuolumne,  
17 Stanislaus and San Joaquin counties, including the cities of Riverbank and Modesto, and  
18 consists of the following components that would commence in 2011 and extend over  
19 approximately 20 years: condition assessment of the existing pipelines; as needed repair or  
20 replacement of segments of existing pipelines; installation of cathodic protection; and system  
21 maintenance; and

22 WHEREAS, The objectives of the Project are to prolong the lifespan of the existing San  
23 Joaquin Pipeline System by addressing known deficiencies and implementing comprehensive  
24 assessment and repair activities to prevent future deficiencies; and

1           WHEREAS, A Preliminary Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for  
2 the Project was prepared by the San Francisco Planning Department (Planning Department),  
3 Planning Department File No. 2007.01 1129E, and published for public review on August 4,  
4 2010 pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") (California Public  
5 Resources Code Section 21000 *et seq.*); and

6           WHEREAS, The Preliminary IS/MND was available for public comment until  
7 September 3, 2010; and

8           WHEREAS, The IS/MND was amended on November 2, 2010 to clarify information  
9 from the Preliminary IS/MND in response to comments received on the Preliminary IS/MND,  
10 and the Final IS/MND (FMND) was approved by the Planning Department, Environmental  
11 Review Officer, on November 8, 2010, in accordance with CEQA, the State CEQA Guidelines  
12 (14 California Code of Regulations Section 15000 *et seq.*) and Chapter 31 of the San  
13 Francisco Administrative Code; and

14           WHEREAS, On December 14, 2010, the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission  
15 (SFPUC), by Resolution No. 10-0221, a copy of which is included in Board of Supervisors File  
16 No. 110814 and which is incorporated herein by this reference: (1) approved the Project; (2)  
17 adopted the FMND and adopted findings (CEQA Findings), and a Mitigation Monitoring and  
18 Reporting Program (MMRP) required by CEQA; and (3) authorized the General Manager to  
19 implement the Project, in compliance with the Charter and applicable law, and subject to  
20 Board of Supervisors' approval where required; and

21           WHEREAS, The Project files, including the FMND and SFPUC Resolution No. 10-0221  
22 have been made available for review by the Board and the public, and those files are  
23 considered part of the record before this Board; and

24           WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors has reviewed and considered the information  
25 and findings contained in the FMND SFPUC Resolution No. 10-0221, and all written and oral

1 information provided by the Planning Department, the public, relevant public agencies,  
2 SFPUC and other experts and the administrative files for the Project; and

3 WHEREAS, This Board of Supervisors adopted Ordinance No. 311-08 that placed  
4 WSIP appropriated funds on Controller's Appropriation Reserve, by project, making release of  
5 appropriation reserves by the Controller subject to the prior occurrence of: (1) the SFPUC's  
6 and the Board's discretionary adoption of CEQA Findings for each project, following review  
7 and consideration of completed project-related environmental analysis, pursuant to CEQA, the  
8 State CEQA Guidelines, and Chapter 31 of the San Francisco Administrative Code, where  
9 required, and (2) the Controller's certification of funds availability, including proceeds of  
10 indebtedness. The ordinance also placed any project with costs in excess of \$100 million on  
11 Budget and Finance Committee reserve pending review and reserve release by that  
12 Committee. Therefore, the SFPUC has sent a letter to the Budget and Finance Committee  
13 requesting review and authorization for the release of funds necessary for implementation of  
14 the Rehabilitation of the Existing San Joaquin Pipelines Project; now, therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors has reviewed and considered the FMND  
16 and record as a whole, finds that the FMND is adequate for its use as the decision-making  
17 body for the action taken herein and adopts and incorporates by reference as though fully set  
18 forth herein the CEQA Findings, and the MMRP contained in SFPUC Resolution No. 10-0221;  
19 and be it

20 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board finds that the Project mitigation measures set  
21 forth in the FMND and the MMRP and adopted by the SFPUC and herein by this Board will be  
22 implemented as reflected in and in accordance with the MMRP; and be it

23 FURTHER RESOLVED, The Board finds that since the FEIR was finalized, there have  
24 been no substantial Project changes and no substantial changes in Project circumstances that  
25 would require major revisions to the FMND due to the involvement of new significant

1 environmental effects or an increase in the severity of previously identified significant impacts,  
2 and there is no new information of substantial importance that would change the conclusions  
3 set forth in the FMND; and be it

4 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board directs the Clerk of the Board to forward this  
5 Resolution to the Controller.

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