

1 [Ocean Beach Erosion]

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3 **Resolution urging the Department of Public Works to put in place a long term solution**
4 **to erosion problems at Ocean Beach that preserves the beach's character, enhances**
5 **the condition of the beach to increase recreational opportunities, and to the extent**
6 **possible mimics natural processes.**

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8 WHEREAS, The bluff erosion along the Great Highway south of Sloat Boulevard has
9 threatened city owned and operated infrastructure; and

10 WHEREAS, City residents and visitors rely on Ocean Beach as a recreational amenity;
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12 WHEREAS, Ocean Beach is home to various native plants and animals of the Bay
13 Area whose survival depends upon a healthy ecosystem; and

14 WHEREAS, A healthy Ocean Beach with erosion issues under control will help protect
15 San Francisco's seaside neighborhoods in the event of rising sea levels caused by global
16 warming, and

17 WHEREAS, individual, community, and civic stewardship of San Francisco's Ocean
18 Beach is essential to Ocean Beach's attaining a state of environmental health and
19 preservation; and

20 WHEREAS, The Ocean Beach Task Force developed a list of erosion control
21 alternatives that were evaluated to develop a long term solution to erosion problems at Ocean
22 Beach; and

23 WHEREAS, Erosion control projects conducted in the Ocean Beach ecosystem by the
24 Army Corps of Engineers in coordination with the Department of Public Works indicate that it
25 is possible to prevent erosion and rebuild the beach without using hard structures like

1 seawalls or revetments that can degrade the recreational experience of Ocean Beach as well
2 as severely alter valuable natural habitat; now, therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the Department of Public Works to
4 assure that any long term solution to erosion at Ocean Beach includes as top priority natural
5 habitat protection and beach use by residents and visitors; and be it

6 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the continued
7 cooperation between the City and County of San Francisco, the Army Corps of Engineers,
8 and the Golden Gate Recreation Area in moving forward on long term erosion plans.

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