

Amendment of the Whole  
in Board 5-3-99

[Disaster Debris Recycling]

URGING CITY DEPARTMENTS TO MAXIMIZE DISASTER DEBRIS LANDFILL DIVERSION

WHEREAS, One of the objectives of the Federal Resource Conservation and Recovery Act is to promote and improve techniques for resource recovery and conservation; and,

WHEREAS, It is the policy of the United States Environmental Protection Agency to give preference to source reduction and recycling in integrated waste management plans; and,

WHEREAS, The Federal Emergency Management Agency has previously funded disaster debris diversion activities throughout the United States; and,

WHEREAS, AB 939 requires California cities and counties to divert 50% of their solid waste from landfill by 2000; and,

WHEREAS, The California Integrated Waste Management Board has encouraged municipal diversion of disaster debris in its statewide workshops and training materials; and,

WHEREAS, San Francisco's Waste Disposal Agreement, which enables the City to dispose of materials at the Altamont landfill, requires the City to practice resource recovery at a level of at least that of other jurisdictions using facility; and,

WHEREAS, 8.4 million tons of disposal capacity remain available for the City's use under San Francisco's Waste Disposal Agreement; and,

WHEREAS, Landfilling debris from a major disaster, such as a large earthquake, would use up a significant portion of the landfill capacity remaining in the agreement; and,

WHEREAS, The San Francisco Board of Supervisors adopted the City's Source Reduction and Recycling Element on March 29, 1993, which directs the San Francisco Solid Waste Management Program to set construction and demolition debris recycling goals and encourage City departments to increase recycling rates; and,

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WHEREAS, The San Francisco Board of Supervisors adopted the City's Sustainability Plan on July 21, 1997, which has an objective to increase the salvage and reuse of construction and demolition materials; and,

WHEREAS, Construction and demolition debris diversion is a priority for the San Francisco Solid Waste Management Program; and,

WHEREAS, The San Francisco Solid Waste Management Program has commissioned and received a planning document identifying opportunities for diverting disaster debris; and,

WHEREAS, Diversion of construction and demolition debris is practiced cost-effectively throughout the Bay Area; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Solid Waste Management Program coordinate the efforts of City Departments responsible for debris removal work to increase construction and demolition debris diversion on an ongoing basis; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Solid Waste Management Program coordinate the efforts of City Departments to prepare for debris diversion in the event of a disaster; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That City Departments maximize reuse and recycling of debris in the event of a disaster; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Solid Waste Management Program assist City Departments in identifying opportunities to safely and economically create markets for construction and demolition debris through purchasing practices and City construction contracts; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That San Francisco request that Caltrans maximize diversion in any disaster debris related work undertaken in San Francisco.



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### Resolution

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Resolution urging City departments to maximize disaster debris landfill diversion.

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May 3, 1999 Board of Supervisors — AMENDED, AN AMENDMENT OF THE WHOLE  
BEARING SAME TITLE

Ayes: 10 - Ammiano, Becerril, Bierman, Brown, Kaufman, Leno, Newsom, Teng,  
Yaki, Yee

Absent: 1 - Katz

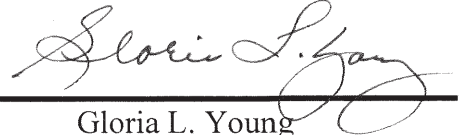
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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED AS AMENDED on May 3, 1999 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.



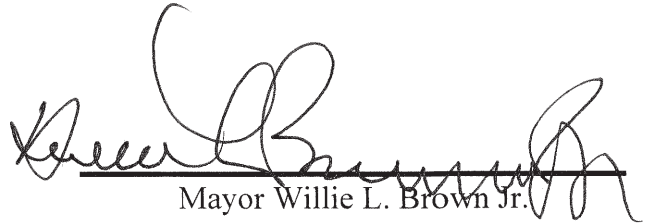
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Gloria L. Young  
Clerk of the Board

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Date Approved



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Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.

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