

1 [Accept-Expend Regional Grant]

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3 **Resolution authorizing the Department of the Environment to accept and expend a**  
4 **grant in the amount of \$14,000.00 from Altamont Education Advisory Board to expand**  
5 **recycling and lunchroom composting programs at schools in San Francisco.**

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7 WHEREAS, Based on evaluation of responses to an Altamont Education Advisory  
8 Board request for proposals in the area of Waste Reduction and Environmental Education, the  
9 Department of the Environment's School Education Program was selected to be the recipient  
10 of \$14,000.00 in funding to support the San Francisco Unified School District in diverting 50%  
11 of its waste by the end of 2007 by providing classroom recycling bins to schools and stipends  
12 to custodians; and,

13 WHEREAS, While the City achieved 63% city-wide waste diversion in 2002, San  
14 Francisco Unified School District only diverted approximately 30% of its waste; and,

15 WHEREAS, On December 9, 2003, the San Francisco Board of Education adopted  
16 landfill diversion goals of 50% by 2006, 75% by 2015 and 85% by 2025; and,

17 WHEREAS, A school's waste stream is generally comprised of 41% paper,  
18 2% glass, 4% metal, 12% plastic, and 32% organic matter such as food scraps, yard  
19 trimmings, and soiled paper, which means schools with comprehensive recycling and  
20 composting programs could potentially divert up to 97% of their waste; and,

21 WHEREAS, For seventeen years, San Francisco's public and private schools have  
22 sought the assistance of the Department of the Environment to teach environmental concepts,  
23 implement successful resource conservation and waste diversion programs, and create  
24 positive behavior changes towards the environment; and,

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1 WHEREAS, The Department of the Environment operates one of the most progressive  
2 waste diversion programs in the country and is ideally positioned to apply its recycling and  
3 recovery knowledge to schools; and,

4 WHEREAS, Many schools struggle to implement waste diversion programs without  
5 adequate classroom recycling bins, compostable bags, and the on-going participation of  
6 custodians; and,

7 WHEREAS, The Department of the Environment's School Education Program has  
8 partnered with the San Francisco Unified School District and Norcal Waste Systems Company  
9 to address the challenges faced by schools; and,

10 WHEREAS, Funding from this grant will help provide compostable bags and stipends  
11 for custodians to assist in implementing waste diversion programs; and,

12 WHEREAS, The grant budget includes provision for indirect costs of \$1,400; and,

13 WHEREAS, This grant does not require an ASO amendment; now, therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors authorizes the Director of  
15 the Department of the Environment to accept and expend funding in the amount of  
16 \$14,000.00 from the Altamont Education Advisory Board to expand recycling and lunchroom  
17 composting programs at schools in San Francisco.

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19 Recommended:  
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22 Department Head

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor  
Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Controller, Grant Division

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