

RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSION
City and County of San Francisco
Resolution No. 1403-006

**SFPUC GROUNDWATER SUPPLY PROJECT -- WELL CONSTRUCTION AND
OPERATION IN GOLDEN GATE PARK, AND SOUTH SUNSET AND WEST
SUNSET PLAYGROUNDS**

WHEREAS, The San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC) approved a project known as the San Francisco Groundwater Supply Project ("Project") in SFPUC Resolution No. 14-0010 adopted on January 14, 2014, as a component of the SFPUC's Water System Improvement Program (WSIP); and

WHEREAS, the objectives of the Project are to construct six groundwater production well facilities and associated pipelines that would produce up to 4 million gallons per day of groundwater to diversify the SFPUC's water supply portfolio and increase the reliability of local water supply sources; and

WHEREAS, a Final Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) was prepared for the WSIP and certified by the Planning Commission on October 30, 2008 by Motion No. 17734; and

WHEREAS, thereafter, the SFPUC approved the WSIP and adopted findings and a Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP) as required by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) on October 30, 2008 by Resolution No. 08-200; and

WHEREAS, the PEIR has been made available for review by the Recreation and Park Commission and the public, and is part of the record before this Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Department prepared an EIR for the Project that is tiered from the PEIR, as authorized by and in accordance with CEQA and the CEQA Guidelines; and

WHEREAS, on December 19, 2013, the San Francisco Planning Commission reviewed and considered the Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR) for the Project in Planning Department File No. 2008.1122E, consisting of the Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) and the Responses to Comments document, and found that the contents of said report and the procedures through which the FEIR was prepared, publicized and reviewed complied with the provisions of the CEQA, the CEQA Guidelines and Chapter 31 of the San Francisco Administrative Code, and found further that the FEIR reflects the independent judgment and analysis of the City and County of San Francisco, is adequate, accurate and objective, and that the Responses to Comments document contains no significant revisions to the Draft EIR, and certified the completion of said FEIR in compliance with CEQA and the CEQA Guidelines in its Motion No. 19050; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission, also on December 19, 2013, adopted CEQA Findings, including a statement of overriding considerations and an MMRP by Motion No.

19051, and found the Project consistent with the General Plan by Motion No. 19052, and approved a local coastal zone permit for the Project by Motion No. 19053; and

WHEREAS, this Commission has reviewed and considered the information contained in the FEIR, all written and oral information provided by the Planning Department, the public, relevant public agencies, SFPUC and other experts and the administrative files for the Project and the EIR; and

WHEREAS, the Project and EIR files have been made available for review by the Recreation and Park Commission and the public, and those files are part of the record before this Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Department, Timothy Johnston, is the custodian of records, located in File No. 2008.1122E, at 1650 Mission Street, Fourth Floor, San Francisco, California; and

WHEREAS, the SFPUC as part of its Project approval, adopted findings as required by CEQA (CEQA Findings) and an MMRP, which have been made available to the public and the Commission for the Commission's review, consideration and action;

WHEREAS, Phase One of the Project includes three well facilities proposed to be located on three City parks under the jurisdiction of the San Francisco Recreation and Park Department (SFRPD) at South Sunset and West Sunset Playgrounds and in Golden Gate Park; and

WHEREAS, the SFPUC's Project approval resolution authorizes the SFPUC General Manager to obtain the necessary agreement from the SFRPD regarding construction, operation and maintenance of Phase One Project well facilities on land under the jurisdiction of SFRPD, and to seek Board of Supervisor approval for construction of well facilities in Golden Gate Park following approval by this Commission, the latter in accordance with Charter Section 4.113; and

WHEREAS, the design of each of the Phase One well facilities sited on park lands includes components that are ancillary to, or that directly support, recreational use, including construction of equipment and materials storage areas at the South Sunset and West Sunset Playgrounds, connections to make groundwater available as a standby source of irrigation water supply to Golden Gate Park in the event of an outage of existing irrigation water supplies or an outage of recycled water, should such supplies become available in the future, and generally increasing the reliability of SFPUC water supplies available for park irrigation in San Francisco; and

WHEREAS, extensive public outreach regarding the Project as a whole and the Phase One well facilities was conducted by the SFPUC and the Planning Department; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Phase One Golden Gate Park well facility adjacent to the Central Pump Station is consistent with the Golden Gate Park Master Plan, specifically policies E and H thereof; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, this Commission has reviewed and considered the FEIR, finds that the FEIR is adequate for its use as the decision-making body for the actions taken herein, and hereby adopts the CEQA Findings, including the Statement of Overriding Considerations, attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated herein as part of this Resolution by this reference thereto,

and adopts the MMRP attached to this Resolution as Exhibit B and incorporated herein as part of this Resolution by this reference thereto; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Commission authorizes the General Manager, or his designee, to negotiate and enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the SFPUC, in substantially the form of the draft exchanged between the departments and attached to this Resolution as Exhibit C, regarding construction, operation and maintenance of the SFPUC's San Francisco Groundwater Supply Project Phase One well facilities at the South Sunset Playground and West Sunset Playground, and near the Central Pump Station in Golden Gate Park; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Commission approves the placement of the SFPUC's three Phase One Project well structures on South Sunset Playground, West Sunset Playground, and in Golden Gate Park near the Central Pump Station as presented in the FEIR; and be it

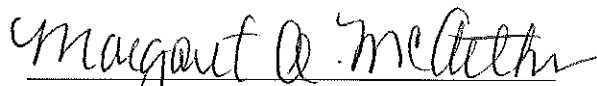
FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Commission does find that the placement of SFPUC's three Phase One Project well structures on South Sunset Playground, West Sunset Playground and in Golden Gate Park directly supports and/or is ancillary to recreational use of park lands in accordance with Charter Section 4.113 in the following respects: (1) the footprints of the Project well facilities do not interfere with active recreational uses; (2) the South Sunset Playground well facility will include a recreational equipment storage room for the future exclusive use of the SFRPD; (3) the West Sunset Playground well facility will include material storage partitions for the future exclusive use of the SFRPD; (4) the Golden Gate Park well facility will include connections to the park irrigation system to allow use of the well for irrigation purposes in the event of an outage of existing irrigation water supplies or an outage of recycled water, should such supplies become available in the future; and (5) water from all of the wells will be blended with the existing SFPUC surface water supply, increasing the reliability of the supply of water available to consumers, including City parks generally and West Sunset Playground and Golden Gate Park; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Commission recommends that the Board of Supervisors approve the construction of the Phase One Project well structure in Golden Gate Park in accordance with Charter Section 4.113.

Adopted by the following vote:

Ayes	4
Noes	0
Absent	2

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted at the Recreation and Park Commission meeting held on March 20, 2014.


Margaret A. McArthur, Commission Liaison

