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## Addendum 2 to Environmental Impact Report

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### REMARKS

#### *Background*

On June 3, 2010, the San Francisco Planning Commission and the Redevelopment Agency Commission certified the Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR) for the Candlestick Point – Hunters Point Shipyard Phase II Project (Project), San Francisco Planning Department file number 2007.0946E and San Francisco Redevelopment Agency file number ER06.05.07.

On July 14, 2010, the San Francisco Board of Supervisors affirmed the Planning Commission's certification of the Final EIR (Motion No. M10-110) and adopted findings of fact, evaluation of mitigation measures and alternatives, and a statement of overriding considerations (File No. 100572) and adopted a Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP) in fulfillment of the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The Project is the integrated redevelopment of 702 acres in the Candlestick Point area and the Hunters Point Shipyard Phase II area with a major mixed-use project including open space, housing, commercial (office, regional retail, and neighborhood retail) uses, research and development, artist space, a marina, new infrastructure, community uses, entertainment venues, and a new football stadium.

Between June 3, 2010 through August 3, 2010, the Planning Commission, Redevelopment Agency, Board of Supervisors, and other City Boards and Commissions adopted various resolutions, motions and ordinances relating the Project approval and implementation, including but not limited to: (1) General Plan amendments; (2) Planning Code amendments; (3) Zoning Map amendments; (4) Bayview Hunters Point Redevelopment Plan amendments; (5) Hunters Point Shipyard Redevelopment Plan amendments; (6) Interagency Cooperation Agreements; (7) Design for Development (D4D) documents; (8) Health Code, Public Works Code, Building Code, and Subdivision Code amendments; (9) Disposition and Development Agreement, which included (among other documents) as attachments a Project Phasing Schedule, a Transportation Plan, and an Infrastructure Plan; (10) Real Property Transfer Agreement; (11) Public Trust Exchange Agreement; (12) Park Reconfiguration Agreement; and (13) Tax Increment Allocation Pledge Agreement.



Subsequent to the certification of the EIR and the approvals listed above, on January 7, 2014 the Commission on Community Investment & Infrastructure (former Redevelopment Agency) approved the first Major Phase and Sub-Phase applications for the Project which included changes to the Project Phasing Schedule and corresponding changes to the Transportation Plan, Infrastructure Plan, public benefits, and certain mitigation measures. Addendum 1 to the FEIR, published on December 11, 2013, was prepared to evaluate these changes. The project sponsor now proposes to implement the Automatic Waste Collection System described in the FEIR as part of Utility Variant 4.

### *Project Summary*

The Project covers approximately 702 acres along the southeastern waterfront of San Francisco consisting of 281 acres at Candlestick Point (Candlestick) and 421 acres at Hunters Point Shipyard (HPS Phase II). The Final EIR evaluated the Project described in Chapter II and several Variants. The Board of

Supervisors approved several development options, including the Project with the stadium and two non-stadium variants. Specifically, the Board approved: (1) the Project with a stadium as described in Chapter II of the Final EIR with the Candlestick Tower Variant 3D, Utility Variant 4, and Shared Stadium Variant 5; (2) the Project without the stadium plus the R&D Variant 1, the Candlestick Tower Variant 3D, and the Utility Variant 4; (3) the Project without the stadium plus the Housing/R&D Variant 2a, the Candlestick Tower Variant 3D, and the Utility Variant 4; and (4) Sub-alternative 4A, which provides for the preservation of four historic structures located in the Hunters Point Shipyard and which could be implemented with either the stadium Project or non-stadium Variants. (See, Board of Supervisors CEQA Findings pp. 2-4)

The Major Phase 1 and Sub-Phase applications approved on January 7, 2014 implement the non-stadium Project with the Housing/R&D Variant 2a, including the Candlestick Tower Variant D. At the time of that approval, no decision had been made with respect to implementing the Utility Variant 4 and it was not discussed in Addendum 1.

As described above, the Final EIR analyzed and the Board of Supervisors approved Variant 4: Utilities Variant, which included the Automate Trash Collection System. The Variant would provide an automated trash collection system, which would transport trash from individual buildings and collection points and transfer it, via underground pneumatic tubes, to a centralized collection facility, from which solid waste, recyclable materials, and compostable materials would be removed via trucks. This automated system would replace the trash and recycling bins at individual buildings with two centralized facilities, one in Candlestick Point and another at Hunters Point.

### ***Proposed Revisions to Project***

Subsequent to the Final EIR, the project sponsor has provided additional design and operational detail for the proposed Automated Waste Collection System (AWCS) and a second location for a central collection facility has been added in the Hunters Point Shipyard area. This Addendum 2 will evaluate the proposed implementation of the Automated Waste Collection System (AWCS) in Candlestick Point and Hunter's Point Shipyard included as one of the three utility infrastructure options analyzed in Utility Variant 4 in the context of the analysis included in Section IV.E of the FEIR and Appendix T3. The system will be designed, permitted, constructed, maintained and operated by TransVac in partnership with Recology. All of these changes are discussed below.

The TransVac AWCS is a solid waste collection system that uses underground pipes and pressurized air to transport streams of municipal solid waste (including recycling and compostable material) from multiple indoor and outdoor waste inlets to enclosed centralized waste collection facilities. The AWCS greatly reduces the need for door-to-door waste collection. As shown in the figure below, the AWCS consists of three separate parts: inlet points, pipe network, and a central collection facility.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> There will be a total of three (3) Central Collection Facilities in the AWCS. One will be located in the Candlestick Point portion of the Project Site, and two (2) will be located in the Hunters Shipyard area of Project Site. See text and graphics at p. 4, supra.

Once the waste is deposited into the system through the inlets, it drops into a sealed chamber located below the inlets which holds the material in place until an electronically controlled valve opens and drops the material into the horizontal underground transport pipe network. After the waste drops into the pipe, the valve closes and powerful electric fans create air pressure which propels the waste at high speed through a sealed network of underground pipes to enclosed compactors and waste containers at a centralized collection facility. Once the waste is placed in an inlet it will neither be seen nor handled again until it is unloaded from collection trucks that will pick up the waste at each collection facility and take the waste to Recology's solid waste and recycling facilities at Tunnel and Beatty Roads and Pier 96. The holding chambers will be emptied at least once every 8 hours.

The first of the three central collection facilities to be built will be sited on top of the parking garage at the Candlestick Point Retail Center (CP Center). It will be located at street level and accessed by a separate entrance from the garage. This collection facility will be approximately 6,300 square feet. The building will range in height from 16 feet to 36 feet and would comply with the height, setback and bulk requirements in the Design for Development Program under the 65-foot height limit in Candlestick Point. The other two central collection facilities will be located at Hunters Point Shipyard along Crisp Road, and on Spear Avenue near B Street. Both locations are in areas designated for Research and Development activities. Collection facilities at both locations would range from 16 feet to 36 feet, and would similarly comply with the Design for Development requirements under their respective height limits of 65 and 85 feet.

The main network of underground pipe is comprised of 20-inch inside diameter heavy gauge steel pipe that is welded, poly-wrapped and buried within the street rights-of way pursuant to a Major Encroachment Permit approved by the Board of Supervisors. The thicknesses of the pipe will vary from 3/8-inch to 1-inch based on pipe layout geometry of branches and bends.

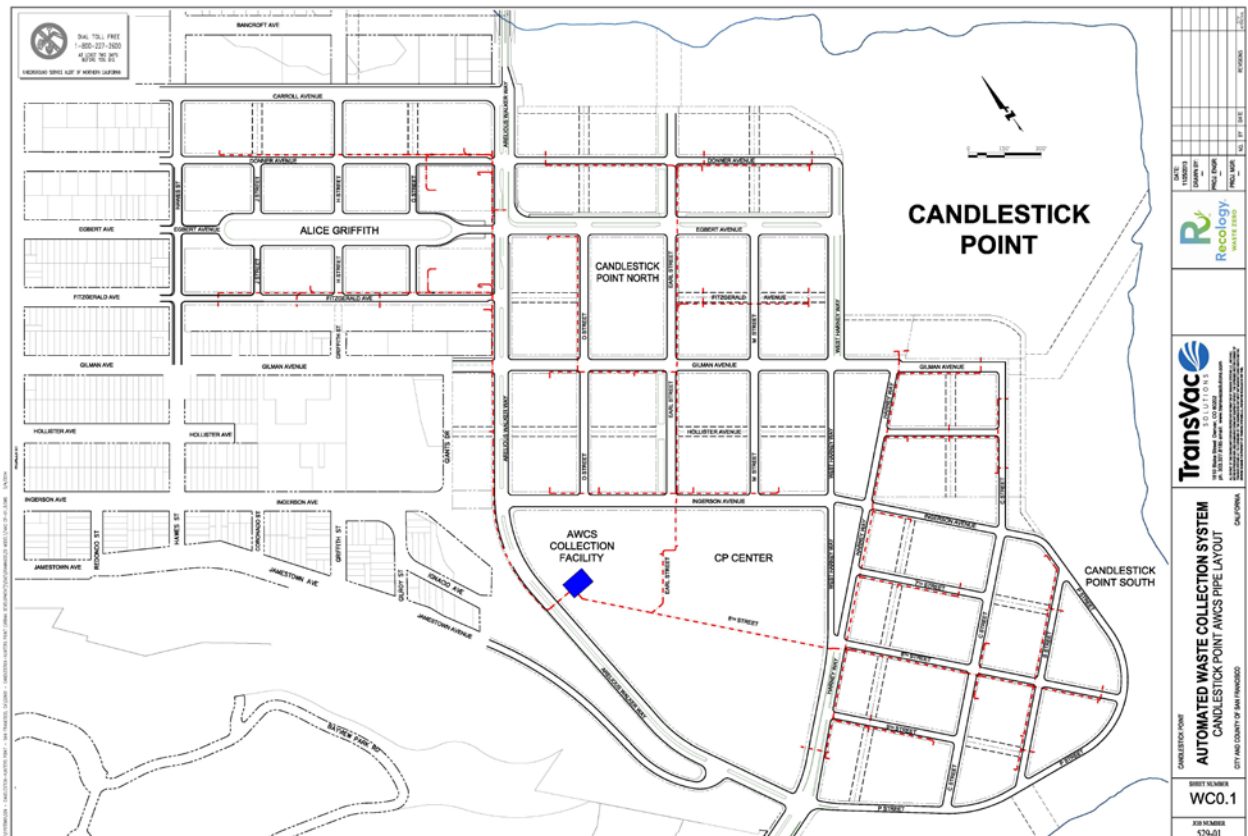
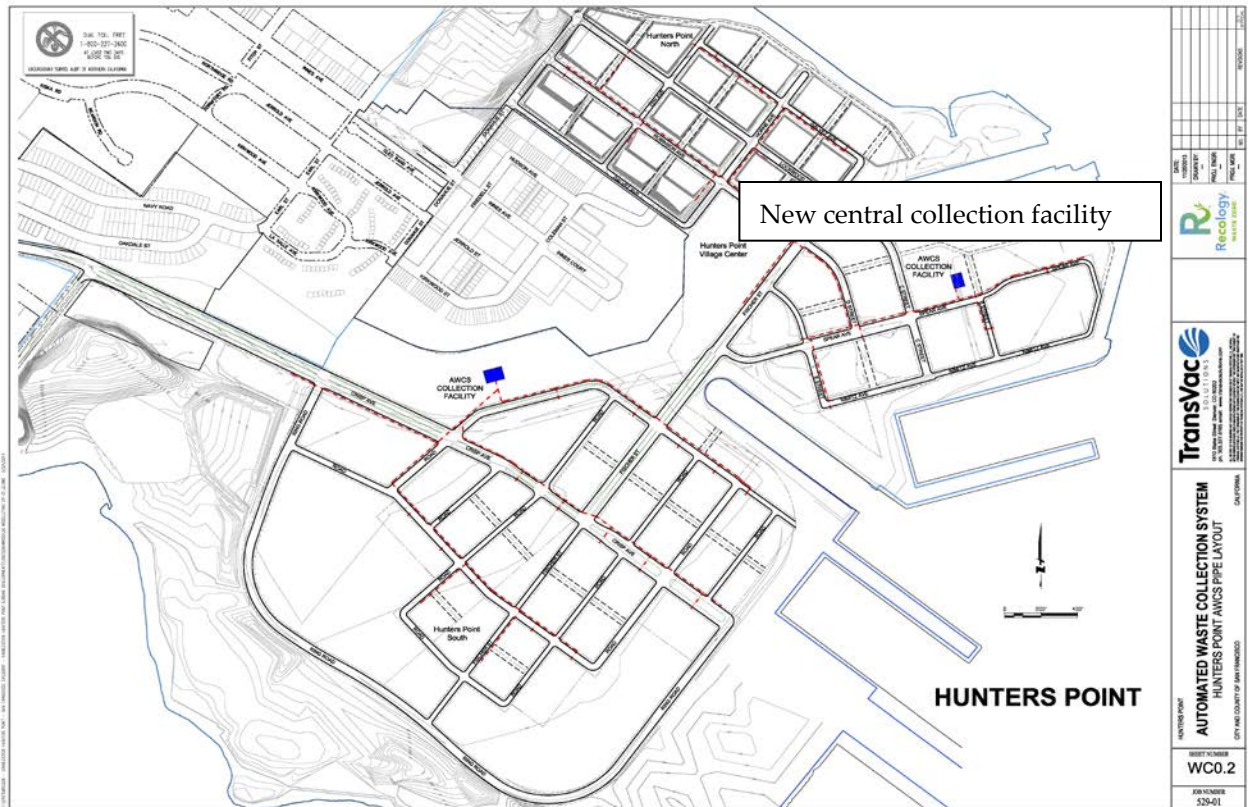
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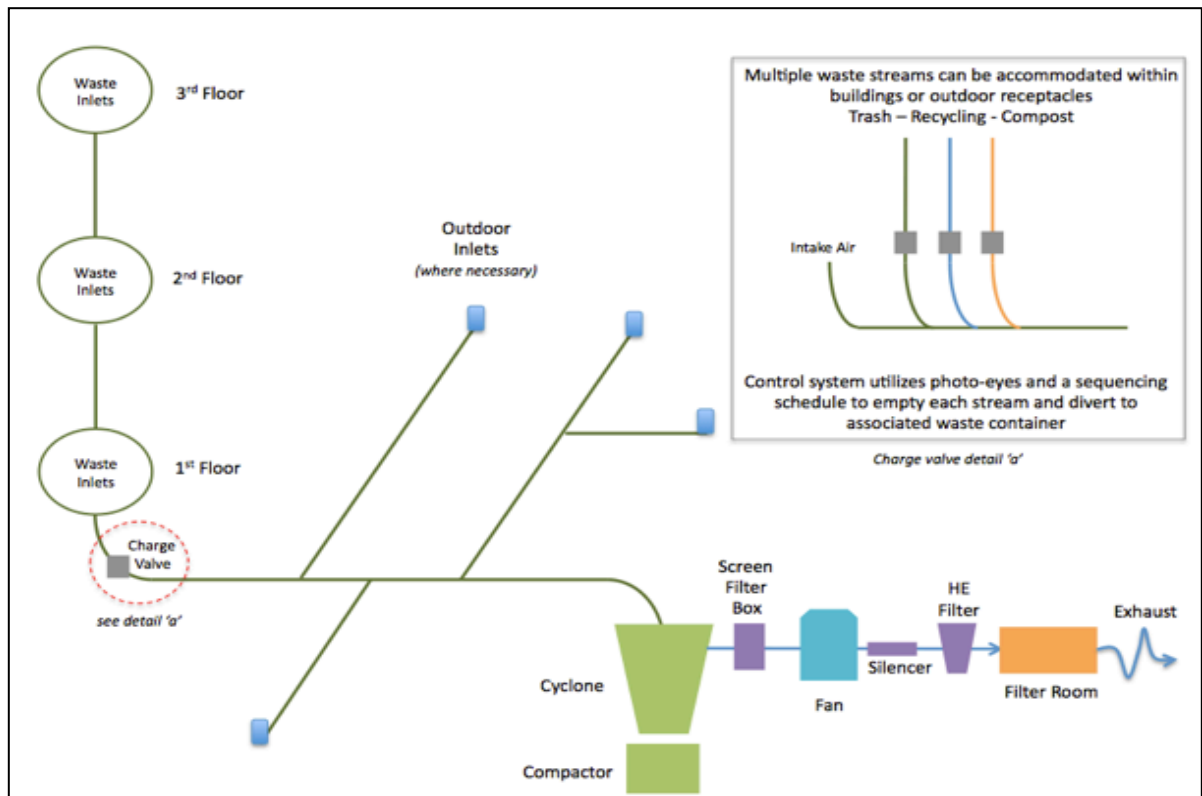
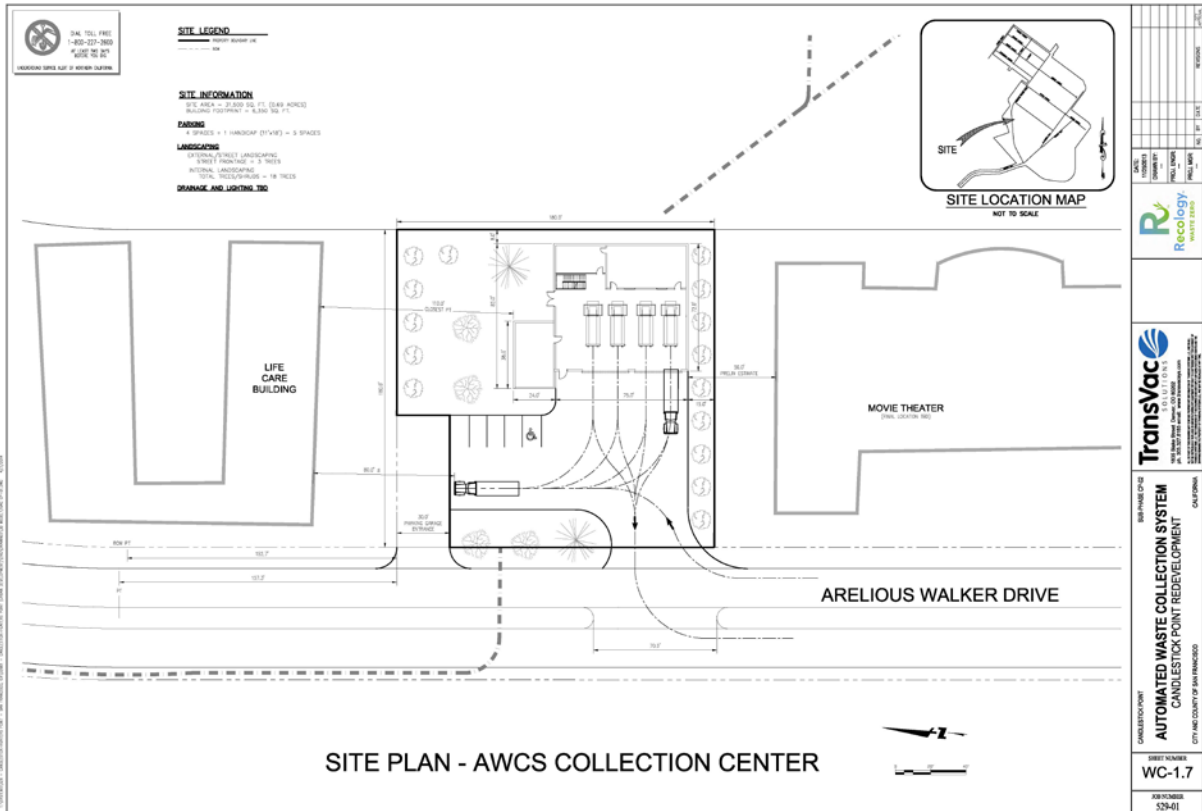
Recology will notify the SFDPH in its role as LEA under CalRecycle prior to commencing AWCS operations.

#### *AWCS Approvals*

Board of Supervisors - Major Encroachment Permit  
Department of Public Works - Subdivision Map and Excavation Permits  
Department of Building Inspection - Building Permits  
Planning Department – General Plan Referral

Other possible permits or regulatory requirements to be evaluated by the applicable agencies include the need for an air quality permit from BAAQMD, and the applicability of CalRecycle's Solid Waste Regulatory Tier program to the AWCS.





**BASIC SCHEMATIC OF AWCS**

## *Analysis of Potential Environmental Effects*

### **Land Use and Plans**

The FEIR determined that the Utilities Variant, including the installation of an AWCS, would result in less than significant land use and plans impacts and no mitigation measures were required. The additional design and operational detail provided in the application for the proposed AWCS, including the additional central collection facility in Hunters Point, would not result in any land use changes or the introduction of a new land use. The Hunters Point central collection facilities would be located in areas designated for Research and Development uses, where the collection facilities are permitted uses. The Candlestick Point central collection facility would be located in the regional shopping center garage, as proposed in the FEIR, where it is a permitted use. As explained in the project description, at this location, the facility will be on the roof of an underground garage, accessed at street level, with its own entrance. At all locations, the collection facilities will comply with applicable height, setback, bulk and other land use controls applicable to the sites. The proposed AWCS would not result in changes to the Project land use patterns, would not increase the Project density or intensity, and would not raise any new land use issues under the FEIR significance criteria. Thus, the proposed AWCS would not change or alter any of the FEIR's findings with respect to land use and plans impacts and would not require any new mitigation measures. Additionally, there are no changed circumstances or new information that would change the FEIR's land use and plans impact findings.

### **Population, Housing and Employment**

The FEIR determined that the Utilities Variant, including the installation of an AWCS, would result in less than significant population, housing and employment impacts and no mitigation measures were required. The additional design and operational detail provided in the application for the proposed AWCS, including the additional central collection facility in Hunters Point, would not change the FEIR findings, because the AWSC would not affect population projections or housing conditions. The additional central collection facility may slightly increase construction employment, but given the small size of the facility any such increase would be insubstantial in the context of the construction employment assumed for the Project. Additionally, the FEIR assumed development would occur on the sites proposed for the central collection facilities. Thus, the proposed AWCS would not change or alter any of the FEIR's findings with respect to population, housing and employment impacts and would not require any new mitigation measures. Additionally, there are no changed circumstances or new information that would change the FEIR's population, housing and employment impact findings.

### **Transportation and Circulation**

The traffic generation forecasts prepared in the FEIR included trips generated by various services associated with new development, including trash services, based on typical conditions when trash is collected throughout the site at individual buildings. Therefore, consolidation of the trash collection operations at three centralized locations may slightly increase the number of truck trips to those locations, but would also slightly reduce the traffic levels throughout the rest of the project because trucks would

no longer have to circulate through the site to individual buildings. The change in traffic volumes at any given location would likely be no more than one or two truck trips per hour, which would be negligible.

The roadways within the project site, specifically Harney Way and Arelious Walker Drive, within Candlestick Point, and Cargo Way, Jennings Street, Evans Avenue, Innes Avenue, Donahue Street, Lockwood Avenue, Fischer Street and Speer Street in the Hunters Point Shipyard area, have been designed to accommodate 40-foot trucks similar to those operated as part of the proposed automated waste collection system. Therefore, trucks should be able to safely maneuver within the project area.

The location of the collection facility driveways would conform to the design criteria described in the D4D documents for the CP-HPS Project and would therefore conform with reasonable design standards. Therefore, the design of the roadway network and the location of the driveways would be consistent and compatible with the proposed circulation of trucks to and from the collection sites.

Thus, the effects of locating the AWCS central collection facilities at the proposed locations would not change any of the traffic or circulation impact conclusions in the FEIR or require any new mitigation measures. See **Appendix A**. Construction of the AWCS facilities would be subject to compliance with the construction traffic management program required by MM TR-1. Additionally, there are no changed circumstances or new information that would change the FEIR's traffic and circulation impact findings.

### **Aesthetics**

The FEIR determined that the Utilities Variant, including the installation of an AWCS, would result in less than significant aesthetic impacts and mitigation measures were required for construction and light and glare impacts. The additional design and operational detail provided in the application for the proposed AWCS, including the additional central collection facility in Hunters Point, would not change the FEIR findings because: (1) the AWCS central collection facilities are located on sites where development was anticipated and analyzed in the FEIR and they would comply with all applicable land use controls; (2) a significant portion of the AWCS would be located underground; (3) the central collection facilities in Hunters Point would be sited on the development lot so that the structures may be partially or fully screened from the street by other buildings; (4) the building will be designed in accordance with the D4D; (5) the AWCS would eliminate the need for unsightly trash dumpsters, which would otherwise be located throughout the Project development areas; and (6) the applicable mitigation measures would be implemented. Applicable mitigation measures include MM AE-2 for construction visual impacts, MM AE-7a.1 -7a.3 for lighting requirements, and MM AE-7a.4 for glare impacts. Thus, the proposed AWCS would not change or alter any of the FEIR's findings with respect to aesthetic impacts and would not require any new mitigation measures. Additionally, there are no changed circumstances or new information that would change the FEIR's aesthetic impact findings.

### **Shadow**

The FEIR determined that the Utilities Variant, including the installation of an AWCS, would result in less than significant shadow impacts and no mitigation measures were required. The additional design and operational detail provided in the application for the proposed AWCS, including the additional



central collection facility in Hunters Point, would not change the FEIR findings because: (1) much of the system (transport piping) would be located underground; (2) the structures for the central collection facilities would be approximately 16-36 feet in height in areas zoned for heights between 65-85 feet and consequently would not cast any significant shadows beyond those analyzed in the FEIR; and (3) the central collection facilities would be constructed in areas where development was anticipated and analyzed. As explained in the project description, at the Candlestick Point location, the facility will be on the roof of an underground garage, accessed at street level, with its own entrance. At all locations, the collection facilities will comply with applicable height, setback, bulk and other land use controls applicable to the sites. Thus, the proposed AWCS would not change or alter any of the FEIR's findings with respect to shadow impacts and would not require any new mitigation measures. Additionally, there are no changed circumstances or new information that would change the FEIR's shadow impact findings.

### **Wind**

The FEIR determined that the Utilities Variant, including the installation of an AWCS, would result in less than significant wind impacts and mitigation measures for buildings over 100 feet in height were required. The additional design and operational detail provided in the application for the proposed AWCS, including the additional central collection facility in Hunters Point, would not change the FEIR findings because: (1) much of the system (transport piping) would be located underground; (2) the central collection facilities would be constructed in areas where development was anticipated and analyzed; and (3) the structures for the central collection facilities would be approximately 16-36 feet in height in areas zoned for heights between 65-85 feet and consequently would not create the potential for significant wind impacts beyond those analyzed in the FEIR. As explained in the project description, at the Candlestick Point location, the facility will be on the roof of an underground garage, accessed at street level, with its own entrance. At all locations, the collection facilities will comply with applicable height, setback, bulk and other land use controls applicable to the sites. Thus, the proposed AWCS would not change or alter any of the FEIR's findings with respect to wind impacts and would not require any new mitigation measures. Additionally, there are no changed circumstances or new information that would change the FEIR's wind impact findings.

### **Air Quality**

#### ***Construction Emissions***

The FEIR evaluated three construction related air quality impacts: *Impact AQ-1: Criteria Pollutants (Construction)*, *Impact AQ-2: DPM from Construction Activities*, and *Impact AQ-3: TACs from Construction Activities*. The construction activity data that was used to estimate emissions included construction in the areas where the facilities will be located. The construction HRA in the FEIR also included construction activities and construction emission sources in these locations. Thus, the construction impacts of the ACWS were included in the FEIR analysis. Consequently, the findings of the FEIR for *Impact AQ-1: Criteria Pollutants (Construction)*, *AQ-2: DPM from Construction Activities*, and *Impact AQ-3: TACs from Construction Activities* would not change based on the additional detail now available for the AWCS. Construction of the AWCS would comply with MM AQ 2.1 for construction emissions.

### *Operational Emissions*

The FEIR evaluated operational emissions in *Impact AQ-4: Criteria Pollutants (Operational)* and *Impact AQ-5: Carbon Monoxide*. The FEIR included an analysis of criteria air pollutants (CAP) emissions from 78,109 daily external motor vehicle trips and area sources such as natural gas combustion, maintenance equipment, and consumer product use. Implementation of the AWCS would result in CAP emissions from truck travel and PM emissions from the exhaust of the AWCS Facilities.

In the FEIR, the emissions from the 78,109 trips were estimated using URBEMIS, which assumes a standard mix of vehicle types for the city/county. This mix would include both heavy trucks and passenger cars. The mix of vehicles for the city/county includes vehicles used for all types of trips, including waste pick up.

With implementation of the AWCS, the total quantity of vehicle miles traveled by garbage trucks throughout the Project would be significantly reduced. Each facility would have approximately 14 one way daily truck trips (7 trucks to and from each central collection facility), resulting in 21 daily round truck trips which go directly to and from each central collection facility rather than from building to building throughout the Project. Thus, emissions from the truck trips associated with the AWCS were fully accounted for in the FEIR and actual truck trip emissions with implementation of the AWCS would be lower than estimated in the FEIR due to the AWCS reduced truck miles traveled.

Emissions from the exhaust of the AWCS central collection facilities are expected to be minimal due to the design of the multi-stage dry filtering system. In an effort to further minimize emissions from the facilities, the air filtration system will be designed to meet the Bay Area Air Quality Management District's (BAAQMD) Best Available Control Technology (BACT) for solid material storage – Enclosed.<sup>2</sup> While BAAQMD has not determined the applicability of its BACT regulations to this facility, Environ has determined that this category is the most similar representative category as reported in the BAAQMD BACT handbook. See **Appendix B**. The BACT limit is 0.01 grains per dry standard cubic foot (gr/dscf). Given this emission rate and the exhaust rate of the system, emissions for solid material storage would be 27.2 pounds per day (lb/day) or 4.96 tons PM<sub>10</sub> per year for one facility, as shown in Table 2. A source test may show that actual emissions from the AWCS may be much lower. Once the AWCS is operational, Recology will conduct initial testing of exhaust air for PM<sub>10</sub> emissions to ensure the emissions do not exceed the estimated rate of 27.2 lbs/day in Table 2. Recology will also develop an Operation Plan for the AWCS which will include a periodic monitoring schedule for testing air emissions from the AWCS. Recology will notify SFDPH in its oversight role as LEA under CalRecycle prior to commencing AWCS operations. Testing results will be submitted to the LEA within 30 days of receipt of final testing results.

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<sup>2</sup> BAAQMD.BACT Guideline. Section 11, Miscellaneous Sources, Solid Material Storage – Enclosed. Doc. #1571.1 (10/18/91). Available at: <http://hank.baaqmd.gov/pmt/bactworkbook/default.htm>.

**Table 2**  
**Estimated PM<sub>10</sub> Emissions from Discharge of one Facility**

Emissions		Flow Rate		Emissions	
gr/dscf		scf/min		lb/day	
0.01		13,200		27.2	
				tons/year	
				4.96	

The FEIR determined that Impact AQ-4 was significant and unavoidable. The FEIR estimated PM<sub>10</sub> emissions from the 2010 Project to be 1490 lb/day. Assuming the emissions in Table 2 from the discharge at each of the three collection facilities, calculated PM<sub>10</sub> emissions for the Project would increase approximately 6% overall. However, the reduced truck travel distances associated with the AWCS would also decrease PM<sub>10</sub> emissions, such that a net increase of PM<sub>10</sub> emissions, assuming the Table 2 levels, would be less than 6% of that total. Such a change in the project emissions would not change the conclusions of *Impact AQ-4: Criteria Pollutants (Operational)*. Further, the conclusions related to *Impact AQ-5: Carbon Monoxide (less than significant)* would not change based on the additional detail now available for the AWCS. The AWCS is an all-electric system and thus no carbon monoxide emissions are generated and the AWCS reduces truck travel.

**Health Impact of Operation of the Facilities**

The FEIR evaluated the concentrations of TACs from operation of Research and Development uses in *Impact AQ-6: Toxic Air Contaminants*. The AWCS will not accept any hazardous waste or other sources of TACs. While TACs may be associated with waste, the waste will be stored at the collection facilities for a less than a day and hence would not be expected to break down and emit TACs. Furthermore, any decay of materials will occur within the enclosed containers ensuring that TACs will not be emitted into the environment at any appreciable quantities. Thus, the AWCS would not change the findings of *Impact AQ-6: Toxic Air Contaminants (less than significant with mitigation)*.

*Impact AQ-7: Traffic PM<sub>2.5</sub>* evaluated the impact of vehicular traffic on PM<sub>2.5</sub> concentrations. The operation of the AWCS would result in PM<sub>2.5</sub> emissions from trucks transporting the waste offsite. Seven trucks per day are expected to come to each of the three collection centers to collect the waste and transport it to the Recology Transfer Station at Tunnel Road or the recycling facility at Pier 96. The FEIR evaluated the PM<sub>2.5</sub> concentration attributable to emissions from vehicles on surface streets in the Candlestick Point and Hunters Point Shipyard area as a result of the Candlestick Point-Hunters Point Shipyard Phase II Development in accordance with San Francisco’s Article 38. Several roads were analyzed, including Third Street, Harney Way, and Evans Avenue. Article 38 focuses on PM<sub>2.5</sub> concentration as opposed to other chemicals of concern. While PM<sub>2.5</sub> is not the only pollutant of concern, the FEIR states that “the threshold concentration of PM<sub>2.5</sub> is meant to serve as a health-protective ‘proxy’ or surrogate for pollutant exposure from vehicles.”

Different types and sizes of vehicles emit air pollutants in different amounts. When determining the emissions from this traffic, a mix of vehicles was assumed. This “fleet mix” was determined using ratios of vehicle miles travelled by vehicle class reported in California Air Resources Board’s Emission Factor Model (EMFAC), and thus it includes a certain percentage of trucks. Based on the traffic volume from the transportation analysis and percent of trucks from EMFAC, the Article 38 analysis assumed over 500

trucks per day on the roads analyzed, depending on the road. The estimate of truck traffic in EMFAC is based on projections of all types of truck traffic, which includes truck travel associated with a traditional waste collection system. Thus, by using EMFAC's fleet mix, the previous analysis would have included truck travel associated with a traditional waste collection system. The AWCS would decrease the truck travel on the main roads due to the larger capacity of the trucks associated with the AWCS and would virtually eliminate travel of waste collection trucks on small residential roads. Thus, the impacts of the seven trucks (14 one-way trips) associated with each of the central collection facilities were included in the Article 38 analysis and the additional detail now available for the AWCS would not change the conclusions of *Impact AQ-7: Traffic PM<sub>2.5</sub> (less than significant)*.

### **Odors**

Odors have not been an issue at any other AWCS site due to the odor-reducing design of the AWCS. The design of the AWCS has four characteristics which substantially minimize the potential for waste-related odor:

- 1.) Waste deposited in the inlets is transported to sealed waste containers in a matter of hours, minimizing waste storage time in buildings where odors could collect;
- 2.) Waste inlet storage chutes and chambers are under slight negative pressure so odors cannot escape through inlets into buildings;
- 3.) Most waste deposited in the inlets will be contained within plastic or compostable bags throughout the entire AWCS process; and
- 4.) The volume of air passing through the transport system substantially reduces potential odor sources.

Air inlets are not anticipated to be a source of odor. As further described in the Odor Management Plan, waste does not come into contact with the ambient environment which reduces the potential for odors to escape from the system. Even when the system is idle, there is negative pressure in the system, which further limits the potential for odors to be released. See **Appendix B**

Recology and TransVac have prepared an Odor Management Plan ("Odor Plan") that addresses TransVac management practices such as maintenance requirements and "best practices" for operational personnel related to odor issues. (See attached Odor Plan.)

*Impact AQ-8: Odors* states that "there may be some potential for small-scale, localized odor issues to emerge around project sources such as solid waste collection, food preparation, etc." The FEIR found the effects "would be resolved by interventions after receipt of any complaints" and would be less-than-significant.

Recent BAAQMD guidance recommends reviewing odor complaints for similar facilities in the area to determine odor impacts of the proposed facility.<sup>3</sup> While there are no similar AWCS facilities nearby, TransVac has built and operated other similar facilities, most near hospitals. TransVac representatives report that TransVac has received no odor complaints from these facilities. Furthermore, to observe the

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<sup>3</sup> BAAQMD. 2012 CEQA Air Quality Guidelines. Available at:  
[http://www.baaqmd.gov/-/media/Files/Planning%20and%20Research/CEQA/BAAQMD%20CEQA%20Guidelines\\_Final\\_May%202012.ashx?la=en](http://www.baaqmd.gov/-/media/Files/Planning%20and%20Research/CEQA/BAAQMD%20CEQA%20Guidelines_Final_May%202012.ashx?la=en)

odor conditions at a similar TransVac facility, ENVIRON visited the facility at the Swedish Hospital near Seattle, Washington. The site visit occurred during normal operating hours and conditions and when waste was emptying into the compactor. ENVIRON staff did not experience any odors at the site.

Furthermore, the features of the AWCS substantially minimize odor compared with a conventional waste collection system. With the AWCS, waste is deposited through inlets, drops into a hold chamber, and is held in place until a valve opens and allows the material to drop into the horizontal underground transport pipe network. The valve closes immediately after waste drops into the pipe network. This network is sealed throughout the system, and any potential odor is contained within the piping network. As noted above, waste held in the chamber will be emptied at least every 8 hours. Should the holding chambers fill up prior to the next scheduled time, a photo detector will automatically trigger the emptying of the chamber. In conventional waste collection systems, waste may be stored in trash containers inside buildings, outside residential units, or at curbside for up to 7 days prior to collection, resulting in odor where people live and work. The longer waste is allowed to mold the greater the potential for odors. The AWCS would reduce the time waste is stored in building holding chambers to 8 hours or less. Furthermore, the AWCS is always under negative pressure so there is no buildup of odors.

The AWCS concentrates waste collection and the potential for odors to the three AWCS central collection facilities, but the potential for odors at the facilities might be less than the odors collected at any individual site in a conventional waste collection system. The lids to containers in a conventional waste collection system may be left open or ajar, allowing odors to be released which is especially problematic during warm weather. The AWCS eliminates these sources of odors by eliminating individual cans and keeping waste enclosed. Even at the central collection facilities, the waste would be enclosed. Waste transported through the sealed pipe network travels to a cyclone separator and a waste compactor, which compresses the waste into sealed metal transport containers. When an AWCS waste container is full it is disconnected from the compactor and transported by truck to a waste disposal or recycling facility. The waste would be stored at the site for less than a day, compared with waste left for up to 7 days at residences and commercial properties in a conventional system.

Odor has not been an issue at the existing known AWCS facilities, presumably due to features incorporated into the design. The only odiferous air that vents to the atmosphere is the discharge of the network of pipes. Before this air is discharged to the environment, the air is separated from waste with the cyclonic separator, and flows through a filter room. Due to the sheer volume of air needed to pull the waste through the system to the central collection facilities, odors are expected to be diluted before even receiving treatment. Air inlets will be located in the piping system in the streets and will occur throughout the community. These tend to be located upstream of waste inlets. Odors are not expected to be released from these inlets because the system is kept at negative pressure. In the event of a power outage, air could be present in the vents, but such a situation would be temporary and rare. Further, the system could be evacuated to remove waste if necessary and eliminate any collection of odors.

Nonetheless, to reduce the potential for complaints and small-scale, localized odor issues, Recology and TransVac have prepared and would comply with an Odor Management Plan. This plan uses CalRecycle's

Sample Odor Impact Minimization Plan<sup>4,5</sup> as a guide for addressing odors. The Odor Plan, which is included as Attachment A of this document, outlines an odor monitor protocol, odor complaint response protocol, and describes the odor management measures.

Due to the design of the facilities, AWCS would not change the conclusion of *Impact 8: Odors (less than significant)*. Further, Recology would manage the AWCS to minimize odors and address odor complaints if any, in compliance with the Odor Management Plan. Finally, the LEA for solid waste facilities has the authority to ensure that odor complaints, if any, are adequately addressed by Recology.

### **Regional Air Plans**

*Impact AQ-9: Consistency with Regional Air Plans* compares the Project with the *Bay Area 2005 Ozone Strategy* and the *2009 Clean Air Plan*. The review of both plans focused on transportation and the need for smart growth. The AWCS is consistent with reduced transportation and smart growth strategies because the system takes heavy duty waste collection trucks off of neighborhood roads and reduces the total amount of truck miles driven. Thus, the AWCS would not conflict with the findings of *Impact AQ-9: Consistency with Regional Air Plans (less than significant)*.

Thus, the proposed AWCS would not change or alter any of the FEIR's findings with respect to air quality impacts and would not require any new mitigation measures. Construction of the AWCS would be subject to MM AQ-2.1 requiring the use of emission control devices on construction equipment. Additionally, there are no changed circumstances or new information that would change the FEIR's air quality impact findings.

### **Noise and Vibration**

At the bottom of the chute in buildings there will be some noise from air intakes, but substantially less than is typical in a traditional gravity chute system used throughout San Francisco. The noise will be less because the air inlets typically will be located in garages and discrete areas, and are in use only when the particular type of waste is being emptied into the horizontal piping network. Each inlet typically will be emptied 2 or 3 times a day. The emptying into the system's pipe network process will likely generate noise in the 55-70 dB range level.

Noise levels within the central collection facility may reach levels between 60 and 80 dB. Sound isolation wrap on the pipes within each central collection facility will be installed to reduce the noise levels to approximately 60 dB. Inside the equipment room which houses the fans and some of the filtering equipment, noise levels can typically reach 110 dB. This room will not be occupied during operation. The fans will be acoustically wrapped, will be located in a sound insulated room, and will be mounted on an isolation base along with spring isolators that are attached to the floor. The mass of the base in conjunction with the spring isolators attenuates vibrations that may be transmitted to the floor. Vibration sensors are part of the fan and will shut down the fan if the fans become unbalanced.

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<sup>4</sup> CalRecycle. Sample Odor Impact Minimization Plan. Available at:

<http://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/swfacilities/compostables/Odor/OIMP/Sample.doc>.

<sup>5</sup> While this document was used as a guide for the attached odor management plan, many of its provisions are intended for a traditional waste collection or transfer facility and thus are not applicable to the AWCS.

Noise at the exhaust louvers during operation cycles will not exceed 65 dB measured at 15 feet. This is achieved by utilizing acoustic silencers in the pipe before the filter room and large acoustical louvers of 8 feet by 8 feet. The size of the exhaust louvers reduces air speed to around 5 mph, which significantly reduces any noticeable noise.

### ***Construction***

The 2010 EIR identified three construction related noise and vibration impacts:

- NO-1(a-c): Construction activities associated with the Project would generate increased noise levels for both off-site and on-site sensitive receptors; however, the Project's construction noise impacts would occur primarily in noise-sensitive areas adjacent or near to active construction sites (which would vary in location and duration over the entire period the proposed Project would be under construction); they would also not occur during recognized sleep hours, and would be consistent with the requirements for construction noise that exist in Sections 2907 and 2908 of the Municipal Code. (Less than Significant with Mitigation)
- Impact NO-2(a-c): Construction activities associated with the Project would create excessive groundborne vibration levels in existing residential neighborhoods adjacent to the Project site and at proposed on-site residential uses should the latter be occupied before Project construction activity on adjacent parcels is complete. Although the Project's construction vibration impacts would be temporary, would not occur during recognized sleep hours, and would be consistent with the requirements for construction activities that exist in Sections 2907 & 2908 of the Municipal Code, vibration levels would still be significant. (Significant and Unavoidable with Mitigation)
- Impact NO-3: Construction activities associated with the Project would result in a substantial temporary or periodic increase in ambient noise levels. (Significant and Unavoidable with Mitigation)

The construction noise and vibration impact assessment described in the 2010 EIR included construction activities in the areas where the AWCS are proposed to be located. Thus, the construction impacts of the AWCS were included in the 2010 EIR analysis. Consequently, the findings of the 2010 EIR for *Impact NO-1*, *Impact NO-2*, and *Impact NO-3* would not change based on the additional detail now available for the AWCS.

### ***Operation***

The 2010 EIR identified the following five noise and vibration impacts related to long-term operation of the Project:

- Impact NO-4: Implementation of the Project, including the use of mechanical equipment or the delivery of goods, would not expose noise-sensitive land uses on or off site to noise levels that exceed the standards established by the City. (Less than Significant)
- Impact NO-5: Implementation of the Project would not generate or expose persons on or off site to excessive groundborne vibration. (Less than Significant)
- Impact NO-6: Operation of the Project would generate increased local traffic volumes that could cause a substantial permanent increase in ambient noise levels in existing residential areas along the major Project site access routes. (Significant and

Unavoidable)

- Impact NO-7: Noise during football games and concerts at the proposed stadium would result in temporary increases in ambient noise levels that could adversely affect surrounding residents for the duration of a game or concert. (Significant and Unavoidable with Mitigation)
- Impact NO-8: Implementation of the Project would not expose residents and visitors to excessive noise levels from flights from San Francisco International Airport such that the noise would be disruptive or cause annoyance. (Less than Significant)

Regarding *Impact NO-6*, the original Project analyses estimated over 500 trucks per day generated by the Project and is assumed to have included truck travel in a traditional waste collection system. The AWCS would not increase the truck travel on the main roads and would decrease travel on small residential roads. Thus, the impact of seven daily trucks (14 one-way trips) associated with each of the collection facilities were included in the EIR noise impact analysis, and the additional detail now available for the AWCS facilities would not change the conclusions of *Impact NO-6* regarding traffic noise levels.

Regarding *Impact NO-7*, the current Project does not include the stadium, and any noise impacts associated with the stadium are no longer relevant.

Regarding *Impact NO-8*, the original Project analysis assessed the potential for exposure of residents and visitors to excessive noise levels from flights to or from San Francisco International Airport. The inclusion of the AWCS facilities would replace the more traditional trash collection system for the developed area of the project site and would not change or influence the provision of residential or visitor uses in the project. Consequently, the AWCS facilities would not alter the conclusions identified in *Impact NO-8*.

Inclusion of the AWCS facilities could potentially alter the conclusions of *Impact NO-4* and *Impact NO-5*. Therefore, this supplemental assessment focuses on noise and vibration from operation of the AWCS potentially affecting nearby sensitive receptors. Below we describe the methods used in this supplemental noise and vibration impact assessment to determine whether the proposed AWCS facilities would result in any new significant noise or vibration impacts beyond those identified in the EIR or substantially increase the severity of a previously identified significant impact.

#### *AWCS Noise Levels*

To characterize the noise and vibration of the proposed AWCS equipment and processes, ENVIRON visited an AWCS collection facility at Swedish Medical Center in Issaquah, Washington. The Swedish Medical Center system is similar to, though smaller than, the AWCS facilities proposed for the Project.

*Fan Room* - The fan room of the Swedish Medical Center AWCS contains two 100 horsepower (hp) fans and a compressor. When the fans and compressor were operating at full power, the measured sound level inside the fan room was 88 dBA. Because the proposed AWCS facilities at the Project are expected to contain four 250 hp fans and two compressors, the sound level inside the proposed fan rooms could be as high as 7 dBA louder than measured at the Swedish Medical Center facility, resulting in an



estimated sound level of 95 dBA inside the fan rooms.

The following design features are expected to reduce the sound levels of the fans and compressors at locations outside of the AWCS central collection facilities:

- The fan rooms would be contained within the larger AWCS buildings.
- The walls of the fan rooms would be constructed of filled concrete block.
- The fans would be wrapped with acoustical blankets.
- The fans would be connected to the ducting with resilient collars.
- Fan exhaust would travel through a silencer, several filters, and an acoustic louver prior to exiting outside.

*Exhaust Louver* – Each AWCS facility would include an exhaust louver on the outside wall of the facility. The measured sound level of the exterior exhaust louver during full operation of the fans at the Swedish Medical Center was 51 dBA at 25 feet (adjusted from 60 dBA at a distance of 8.5 feet).

*Waste Collection Area* - The collection areas of the proposed AWCS central collection facilities would include four compactors/cyclones and ducting through which the collected material would travel. During the visit to Swedish Medical Center, ENVIRON measured a sound level of approximately 75 dBA at 25 feet due to trash flowing through ducting. However, this activity occurs only sporadically (assumed to be 5 minutes or less per hour), and the hourly Leq was estimated to be approximately 64 dBA at 25 feet. <sup>6</sup>

The sound level of the compactors was provided to ENVIRON by TransVac and is estimated to be approximately 57 dBA at 25 feet. For this assessment, the compactors were assumed to operate continuously, although they are not compacting trash the majority of the time.

The collection areas would be enclosed within the AWCS buildings but would include two sliding doors to allow truck access to the waste containers. The doors would remain closed until trucks arrive to remove full waste containers or to deliver empty containers.

### *Noise Model*

ENVIRON conducted noise modeling of the AWCS facilities using Datakustik's CadnaA noise model, version 4.3.143, based on ISO 9613-2 calculation methods. CadnaA is similar to the model used in the EIR (SoundPLAN) and considers frequency-specific sound level data, topography, intervening buildings, barriers, atmospheric conditions, and other factors. The model allows the user to input frequency-specific sound level data based on measurements or manufacturer specifications. See **Appendix C**.

Using source data captured at the Swedish Medical Center AWCS and/or provided by TransVac, ENVIRON modeled the sound levels of the three proposed AWCS facilities Candlestick Point and Hunter's Point. Noise model receptors were selected based on proximity of sensitive uses to the proposed AWCS facilities. Modeled levels were predicted at the nearest existing off-site residential receivers,

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<sup>6</sup> The Leq is the constant sound level that would contain the same acoustic energy as the varying sound level during the same time period (i.e., the average noise exposure level for the given time period).

nearest proposed on-site residential receivers, and if applicable, nearest non-residential noise-sensitive receivers.

### *Noise Standards*

As for the noise assessment conducted for the EIR, ENVIRON compared the modeled sound levels to the noise standards established by the City of San Francisco (section 2909 of the San Francisco Noise Ordinance). For dwellings, the City applies a noise limit of 45 dBA between 10 PM and 7 AM (55 dBA between 7 AM and 10 PM) at locations inside a sleeping or living room. For this assessment, we assumed the windows would be open for ventilation and applied the noise limit at the exterior wall of the nearest dwellings. We also assumed the facilities could operate day or night, and applied the more restrictive nighttime noise limit of 45 dBA at the nearest dwellings. The City noise limits are applied to specific facility-related noise, not to the overall noise levels (i.e., not to the existing ambient levels plus the Project noise).

The City Noise Ordinance also restricts increases over ambient noise levels to 5 dBA when emanating from a residential use or 8 dBA when emanating from a commercial/industrial land use. Because this is a commercial use, the increase would be restricted to 8 dBA at neighboring properties. Existing ambient sound levels were based on the measured off-site ambient levels identified in the EIR. The ambient noise level can be established through measurement, but in no case shall be considered to be less than 45 dBA in exterior locations.

### *Model Results and Conclusions*

Using the equipment sound level assumptions identified above, ENVIRON modeled the sound levels of the AWCS facilities at the Candlestick Point, Hunter's Point South, and Hunter's Point North facilities. Results of the AWCS noise modeling assessment are summarized in Table 3.

As shown in Table 3, the modeled sound levels of the AWCS facilities at the nearest existing or proposed residential dwellings to each proposed facility are 43 dBA or less. This would comply with the City's interior nighttime noise limit of 45 dBA applied to specific Project-related noise. Additionally, note that predicted sound levels are at the outside plane of a window, and not inside a living space. It is expected that, even with windows open, interior levels would be slightly lower than outside the building envelope.

In addition, the estimated increases over ambient levels at the nearest sensitive receivers to each site are 2 dBA or less, which would comply with the City's restriction on increases to 8 dBA or less due to commercial/industrial uses.

Based on the above, noise levels are expected to comply with the San Francisco Municipal Code, and thus the impact would be less than significant. These findings are consistent with the findings outlined in *Impact NO-4*.

**Table 3**  
**Noise Modeling Results, AWCS at Candlestick Point and Hunter's Point (dBA)**

AWCS Location	Receiver Type	Ambient Levels (dBA, L90) a	Modeled Levels (Leq, dBA)b			Notes
			AWCS	Overall	Increase	
Candlestick Point	Nearest Proposed On-Site Residence	46	38	47	1	Approximately 110 feet north of the AWCS facility
	Nearest Existing Off-Site Residence	46	21	46	0	Approximately 500 feet northwest of the AWCS facility
	Nearest Proposed Commercial	46	43	48	2	Movie Theater, approximately 50 feet south of the AWCS facility
Hunter's Point South	Nearest Off-Site Residence (under	45	29	45	0	Approximately 200 feet northwest of the AWCS
Hunter's Point North	Nearest Proposed On-Site Residence	45	32	45	0	Approximately 110 feet northwest of the AWCS

Note: Apparent mathematical errors in the displayed increase are due to rounding to the whole number, not due to calculation errors.

<sup>a</sup>. The ambient level at the locations near the Candlestick Point development was considered to be the lowest of the measured ambient levels (identified as 46-50 dBA) at location N6 in EIR Table III.1-4. The ambient level near the Hunter's Point developments was considered to be 45 dBA, since most of the measured levels identified for location N3 in EIR Table III.1-4 were less than 45 dBA.

<sup>b</sup> Because the analysis assumed most of the equipment would operate continuously at full capacity, the modeled hourly Leq levels can be considered similar to the L90 levels (i.e., the level exceeded 90% of the time). The only exception is the sound from trash traveling through the ducts in the collection facility. The L90 level would not include this activity since it would occur less than 90% of an hour (i.e., less than 6 minutes per hour), but the modeled hourly Leqs include some of this sound energy. Therefore, the results can be considered conservative.

**Waste Collection Noise Levels**

As part of this review, ENVIRON also considered potential noises associated with the collection of the waste containers at the AWCS facilities. To characterize these sources, ENVIRON observed and measured a container pickup and drop-off at two different sites. Both the pickup and drop-off included brief, loud noises from the arrival and departure of a diesel truck, brake releases, the truck engine revving to lift the bed of the truck and pull up or lower the container, minor clanks and bangs, and the truck engine idling while the driver prepared the container for pickup or release.

<sup>2</sup> The L90 is the level exceeded 90% of the time, or 54 minutes of any hour. A container pickup/drop-off would occur for less than 15 minutes of any hour.

Because the waste collection truck is not a fixed source, it would not be subject to the interior noise limits for residences as identified in section 2909 of the San Francisco Noise Ordinance (i.e., 55 dBA during the day and 45 dBA at night inside sleeping or living rooms). However, it would be subject to section 2904, which regulates waste disposal services and requires the mechanical processing system on waste collection trucks to not exceed 75 dBA when measured at a distance of 50 feet from the equipment, and requires collectors to otherwise incorporate sound-deadening devices in their operations as are reasonably feasible in the judgment of the Director of Public Health. Furthermore, because the collection noise would occur only for short periods during the seven container pickups/drop-offs daily, it would not affect the ambient levels (as characterized by the L90 in the EIR).<sup>7</sup> Therefore, although the waste collection activities would produce brief, loud noises, these types and levels of noise would fall within the range of ordinary urban noise and would not result in significant noise impacts. These findings are consistent with the findings outlined in *Impact NO-4* as regard waste collection activities.

### ***AWCS Vibration Levels***

During ENVIRON's visit to the Swedish Medical Facility AWCS, there were no noticeable vibrations inside the fan room from the fans or any other equipment. The fans were mounted on an isolation base along with shock isolators that were attached to the floor. The mass of the base in conjunction with the shock isolators attenuated vibrations that may have been transmitted to the floor. These same design features will be used at the Candlestick Point and Hunter's Point AWCS facilities. Therefore, operation of the AWCS facilities would not generate or expose persons on or off site to excessive groundborne vibration and any impact would be less than significant. This finding is consistent with the finding outlined in *Impact NO-5*.

Thus, the proposed AWCS would not change or alter any of the FEIR's findings with respect to noise and vibration impacts and would not require any new mitigation measures. Construction of the AWCS would be subject to MM NO-1a.1 requiring the use of noise reducing practices during construction. Additionally, there are no changed circumstances or new information that would change the FEIR's noise and vibration impact findings.

### **Cultural Resources and Paleontological Resources**

The FEIR determined that the Utilities Variant, including the installation of an AWCS, would result in both less than significant and significant unavoidable cultural and paleontological resource impacts and mitigation measures were required. The additional design and operational detail provided in the application for the proposed AWCS, including the additional central collection facility in Hunters Point, would not change the FEIR findings because: (1) the new facilities would be constructed in areas where development was anticipated and analyzed in the FEIR; and (2) applicable Project mitigation measures would be required for the potential construction related impacts associated with the excavation required for the AWCS. Depending on the location and depth of excavation, potentially applicable mitigation measures include MM CP-2a for impacts to archeological resources and MM CP-3a for impacts to

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<sup>7</sup> The L90 is the level exceeded 90% of the time, or 54 minutes of any hour. A container pickup/drop-off would occur for less than 15 minutes of any hour.

paleontological resources. Thus, the proposed AWCS would not change or alter any of the FEIR's findings with respect to cultural and paleontological resource impacts and would not require any new mitigation measures. Additionally, there are no changed circumstances or new information that would change the FEIR's cultural and paleontological resources impact findings.

### **Hazards and Hazardous Materials**

The FEIR determined that the Utilities Variant, including the installation of an AWCS, would result in less than significant hazards and hazardous materials impacts and mitigation measures were required. The additional design and operational detail provided in the application for the proposed AWCS, including the additional central collection facility in Hunters Point, would not change the FEIR findings because: (1) the central collection facilities and underground piping system would be constructed in areas where development was anticipated and analyzed in the FEIR; (2) the AWCS would not accept any hazardous waste or other sources of toxic contaminants; (3) implementation of applicable mitigation measures would be required for the potential impacts associated with the construction of the AWCS; and (4) construction of the AWCS would be required to comply with all applicable regulatory requirements for hazards and hazardous materials. Potentially applicable mitigation measures include MM HZ-1a for site mitigation plans, MM HZ-2a.1 for unknown contaminants, MM HZ-2a.2 for site specific health and safety plans, and MM HZ-15 for dust plans. Thus, the proposed AWCS would not change or alter any of the FEIR's findings with respect to hazards and hazardous material impacts and would not require any new mitigation measures. Additionally, there are no changed circumstances or new information that would change the FEIR's hazards and hazardous material impact findings.

### **Geology and Soils**

The FEIR determined that the Utilities Variant, including the installation of an AWCS, would result in less than significant geology and soils impacts and mitigation measures were required. The additional design and operational detail provided in the application for the proposed AWCS, including the additional central collection facility in Hunters Point, would not change the FEIR findings because: (1) the central collection facilities and underground piping system would be constructed in areas where development was anticipated and analyzed in the FEIR; (2) implementation of applicable mitigation measures would be required for the potential impacts associated with the construction of the AWCS; and (3) construction of the AWCS would be required to comply with all applicable regulatory requirements for geological and soils conditions. Potentially applicable mitigation measures include MM GE-2a for dewatering during construction, MM GE-4a.1, MM GE-4a.3, MM GE-6a, MM GE-10a, and MM GE-11a for site specific geotechnical investigations. Thus, the proposed AWCS would not change or alter any of the FEIR's findings with respect to geology and soils impacts and would not require any new mitigation measures. Additionally, there are no changed circumstances or new information that would change the FEIR's geology and soils impact findings.

### **Hydrology and Water Quality**

The FEIR determined that the Utilities Variant, including the installation of an AWCS, would result in less than significant hydrology and water quality impacts and mitigation measures were required. The

additional design and operational detail provided in the application for the proposed AWCS, including the additional central collection facility in Hunters Point, would not change the FEIR findings because: (1) the central collection facilities and underground piping system would be constructed in areas where development was anticipated and analyzed in the FEIR; (2) implementation of applicable mitigation measures would be required for the potential impacts associated with the construction and operation of the AWCS; and (3) construction and operation of the AWCS would be required to comply with all applicable regulatory requirements related to hydrology and water quality. Potentially applicable mitigation measures include MM HY-1a.1 and HY-1a.2 requiring stormwater pollution prevention plans, MM HY-1a.3 requiring a groundwater dewatering plan, MM HY6a.1 requiring compliance with the Municipal Stormwater General Permit and other regulatory requirements, MM HY-6b.1 limiting stormwater infiltration, and MM HY-12a.1 regarding finished grade elevations. Thus, the proposed AWCS would not change or alter any of the FEIR's findings with respect to hydrology and water quality impacts and would not require any new mitigation measures. Additionally, there are no changed circumstances or new information that would change the FEIR's hydrology and water quality impact findings.

### **Biological Resources**

The FEIR determined that the Utilities Variant, including the installation of an AWCS, would result in less than significant biological resource impacts and mitigation measures were required. The additional design and operational detail provided in the application for the proposed AWCS, including the additional central collection facility in Hunters Point, would not change the FEIR findings because: (1) the new facilities and underground piping system would be constructed in areas where development was anticipated and analyzed in the FEIR; (2) the collection facilities would be located on disturbed, urban sites with no sensitive biological resources; (3) the installation of the piping in the utility trenches would occur on disturbed, urban areas with no sensitive biological resources; and (4) implementation of applicable mitigation measures would be required for the potential impacts associated with the construction the AWCS. Potentially applicable mitigation measures include MM BI-6a.1 and MM BI-6a.2 calling for protection of bird nests during construction and MM BI-14a calling for the preservation and replacement of significant trees. Thus, the proposed AWCS would not change or alter any of the FEIR's findings with respect to biological resource impacts and would not require any new mitigation measures. Additionally, there are no changed circumstances or new information that would change the FEIR's biological resource impact findings.

### **Public Services**

The FEIR determined that the Utilities Variant, including the installation of an AWCS, would result in less than significant public service impacts and mitigation measures were required. The additional design and operational detail provided in the application for the proposed AWCS, including the additional central collection facility in Hunters Point, would not change the FEIR findings because: (1) the AWCS would be located in areas anticipated for development and AWCS was itself included in the analysis in the FEIR; (2) the AWCS would not increase population or employment projections or increase the density or intensity of development and thus would not increase any demand for public services; (3) the elimination of the many trash containers that otherwise would be located throughout the Project site

likely would reduce the opportunity for vandalism that may require police or fire services; and (4) implementation of applicable mitigation measures would be required for the potential impacts associated with the construction the AWCS. Potentially applicable mitigation measures include MM PS-1 requiring security measures during construction. Thus, the proposed AWCS would not change or alter any of the FEIR's findings with respect to public service impacts and would not require any new mitigation measures. Additionally, there are no changed circumstances or new information that would change the FEIR's public service impact findings.

### Recreation

The FEIR determined that the installation of infrastructure systems proposed in the Utilities Variant, including the installation of an AWCS, designed to better serve the proposed development would not generate additional residents or substantial additional employees in the area. Consequently, the Utilities Variant would not generate additional demand for recreational opportunities and the impact on recreation would be less than significant. The additional design and operational detail provided in the application for the proposed AWCS, including the additional central collection facility in Hunters Point, would not change the FEIR finding. Thus, the proposed AWCS would not change or alter any of the FEIR's findings with respect to recreation impacts and would not require any new mitigation measures. Additionally, there are no changed circumstances or new information that would change the FEIR's recreation impact findings.

### Utilities

The FEIR determined that the installation of infrastructure systems proposed in the Utilities Variant, including the installation of an AWCS, would not generate additional residents or substantial additional employees in the area. Consequently, the Utilities Variant would not generate additional demand for utility services and the impacts would be less than significant. A potentially applicable mitigation measure is MM UT-5a for construction waste diversion. The additional design and operational detail provided in the application for the proposed AWCS would not change the FEIR finding. The additional central collection facility proposed for Hunters Point would be located on a site where development was assumed in the FEIR and would not change the FEIR utility service impact findings. Thus, the proposed AWCS would not change or alter any of the FEIR's findings with respect to utility service impacts and would not require any new mitigation measures. Additionally, there are no changed circumstances or new information that would change the FEIR's utility service impact findings.

### Energy

The FEIR determined that the Utilities Variant, including the installation of an AWCS, would result in less than significant energy impacts and mitigation measures (identified in the Greenhouse Gas Emissions analysis) were required. The additional design and operational detail provided in the application for the proposed AWCS, including the additional central collection facility in Hunters Point, would not change the FEIR finding because: (1) the AWCS would be located in areas anticipated for development and AWCS was itself included in the analysis in the FEIR; (2) the additional collection facility in HPS would be located on a site planned for development; (3) the system would not increase the population or

employment projections; and (4) the substantial reduction in the number of garbage trucks required to serve the Project would reduce energy demands. Thus, the proposed AWCS would not change or alter any of the FEIR's findings with respect to energy impacts and would not require any new mitigation measures. Additionally, there are no changed circumstances or new information that would change the FEIR's energy impact findings.

**Greenhouse Gas Emissions**

The FEIR determined that the Utilities Variant, including the installation of an AWCS, would result in less than significant greenhouse gas emissions impacts. The additional design and operational detail provided in the application for the proposed AWCS, including the additional central collection facility in Hunters Point, would not change the FEIR finding because: (1) the AWCS would be located in areas anticipated for development and AWCS was itself included in the analysis in the FEIR; (2) the additional collection facility in HPS would be located on a site planned for development; (3) the substantial reduction in the number of garbage trucks required to serve the Project would reduce greenhouse gas emissions. MM GC-2 requiring businesses to exceed the 2008 Title 24 energy efficiency requirements would apply to the AWCS. Thus, the proposed AWCS would not change or alter any of the FEIR's findings with respect to greenhouse gas emission impacts and would not require any new mitigation measures. Additionally, there are no changed circumstances or new information that would change the FEIR's energy impact findings.

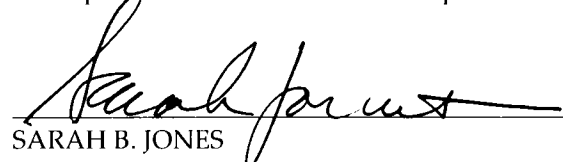
***Conclusion***

Based on the foregoing, it is concluded that the analyses conducted and the conclusions reached in the FEIR certified on June 3, 2010 remain valid. The implementation of the AWCS will not cause any new significant impacts not identified in the EIR, and no new mitigation measures will be necessary to reduce significant impacts. Other than as described in this Addendum, no Project changes have occurred, and no changes have occurred with respect to circumstances surrounding the project that will cause significant environmental impacts to which the project will contribute considerably, and no new information has become available that shows the project will cease significant environmental impacts. Therefore no supplemental environmental review is required beyond this addendum.

Date of Determination:

May 2, 2014

I do hereby certify that the above determination has been made pursuant to State and Local requirements.

  
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