

1 [Accept U.S. EPA Grant Funds]

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3 **Resolution authorizing the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission to accept a grant**  
4 **in the amount of \$477,900 from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency through the**  
5 **Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriation Act of**  
6 **2006.**

7 WHEREAS, The United States Government, acting by and through EPA, is authorized  
8 to award Federal Grant Funds under the Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related  
9 Agencies Appropriations Act of 2006; and

10 WHEREAS, The FY 2006 United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)  
11 Appropriation included \$500,000 of Federal Grant Funds to the San Francisco Public Utilities  
12 Commission (SFPUC) for water and wastewater infrastructure improvement projects in  
13 California; and,

14 WHEREAS, The final amount of Federal Grant Funds available to the SFPUC was  
15 \$477,900, after reduction for administrative cost of managing the grant and for  
16 Congressionally mandated cut to EPA budget; and

17 WHEREAS, San Francisco Public Utilities Commission requested \$477,900 in Federal  
18 Grant Funds to support construction of a combined sewer/stormwater system along Cesar  
19 Chavez Street, as part of the Cesar Chavez Sewer System Improvement Project; and

20 WHEREAS, EPA notified the SFPUC on August 9, 2006 that it had approved a grant  
21 award of \$477,000 in Federal Funds; and

22 WHEREAS, Matching funds of 45% of the total project costs (or \$391,009) are required  
23 according to the Appropriations Act which authorized the project; and

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1           WHEREAS, Funding for the required Wastewater Capital Improvement Program  
2 matching funding is available from Wastewater Enterprise 5-Year CIP Project No.  
3 CENMSCICSR; and

4           WHEREAS, SFPUC staff are currently completing project planning analyses and  
5 preparing environmental review documentation; and

6           WHEREAS, The San Francisco Public Utilities Commission on September 12, 2006,  
7 adopted resolution no. 06-0114 authorizing the General Manager to request permission from  
8 the Board of Supervisors to accept the \$477,900 grant from the U.S. Environmental Protection  
9 Agency; and

10           WHEREAS, Funds from this grant will not be expended until the San Francisco Public  
11 Utilities Commission and the Board of Supervisors authorize expending the grant funds,  
12 subsequent to completion of environmental review; now, therefore, be it

13           RESOLVED, That the General Manager of the San Francisco Public Utilities  
14 Commission is authorized to accept \$477,900 in grant funds through the Department of the  
15 Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act of 2006, as administered by  
16 the EPA, for the aforementioned project and to execute any and all document necessary  
17 therefore; and, be it

18           FURTHER RESOLVED, In accepting this grant, the City is not approving the  
19 expenditure of any grant funds. Before the City determines whether to approve the  
20 expenditure of grant funds, the City will undertake environmental review of the proposed  
21 project pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA"), CEQA Guidelines and  
22 San Francisco Administrative Code Chapter 31 and conduct any public review and  
23 environmental review determinations required by CEQA. The City retains absolute discretion  
24 to modify the proposed project as it deems necessary to mitigate any significant  
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1 environmental effects, to select other feasible alternatives to the project to avoid significant  
2 effects, to the balance the benefits of the project against unavoidable significant impacts, if  
3 any, and to determine not to proceed with the proposed project based upon information  
4 generated by the environmental review process.

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General Manager,  
SFPUC

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Controller