

1 [Accept-Expend Regional Grant – Recycling and Lunchroom Composting Programs -
2 \$18,000]

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4 **Resolution authorizing the Department of the Environment to accept and expend a**
5 **grant in the amount of \$18,000 from Altamont Education Advisory Board to expand**
6 **recycling and lunchroom composting programs at schools in San Francisco.**

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8 WHEREAS, Based on evaluation of responses to an Altamont Education Advisory
9 Board request for proposals in the area of Waste Reduction and Environmental Education, the
10 Department of the Environment’s School Education Program was selected to be the recipient
11 of \$18,000.00 in funding to support the San Francisco Unified School District in diverting 50%
12 of its waste by the end of 2011 by providing compostable bags to schools and stipends to
13 custodians; and,

14 WHEREAS, While the City achieved 72% city-wide waste diversion in 2009, San
15 Francisco Unified School District only diverted approximately 47% of its waste in 2009; and,

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

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

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

