

1 [Resolution urging environmental analysis of water supply alternatives that will not increase  
2 diversions of freshwater from the Tuolumne River and urging active implementation of  
3 conservation and recycled water programs.]

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5 **Resolution urging the San Francisco Planning Department to fully analyze a**  
6 **water supply alternative in the Program Environmental Impact Report that will**  
7 **not result in increased diversions of freshwater from the Tuolumne River and**  
8 **urging the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission to undertake and**  
9 **implement water conservation and recycled water programs**

10 WHEREAS, San Francisco is committed to building a sustainable urban  
11 environment, and

12 WHEREAS, San Francisco's environmental code encompasses objectives in a  
13 broad range of topic areas including air quality, biodiversity, energy, climate change,  
14 ozone depletion, food and agriculture, hazardous materials, human health, parks, open  
15 spaces and streetscapes, solid waste, transportation, water and wastewater, and

16 WHEREAS, Impacts due to San Francisco's use of natural resources extend  
17 beyond the city limits, and

18 WHEREAS, San Francisco owns and operates a water system that serves not  
19 only the city residents but also approximately 1.7 million people in San Mateo, Santa  
20 Clara, Tuolumne and Alameda Counties, and

21 WHEREAS, The San Francisco Public Utilities Commission is engaged in a  
22 critically important Water System Improvement Program to repair, replace and  
23 modernize aging and seismically vulnerable elements of its water system, and

24 WHEREAS, The San Francisco Planning Department will soon issue a draft  
25 Program Environmental Impact Report, which is a necessary component for

1 the speedy implementation of the Water System Improvement Program, and

2 WHEREAS, Approximately eighty five percent of the water delivered by San  
3 Francisco's water system is diverted from the Tuolumne River, and

4 WHEREAS, Water diversions for urban and agricultural use by San Francisco  
5 and other parties could diminish the ecological value of the streams below existing  
6 dams in the watershed areas and impact the health of the Sacramento-San Joaquin  
7 Delta, and

8 WHEREAS, Increasing diversion of water from the Tuolumne River watershed  
9 could further damage those streams and jeopardize the fish and wildlife species that  
10 depend on the Tuolumne for their survival, and

11 WHEREAS, Other California cities have successfully shown that they can  
12 reliably serve water to increasing populations without increasing the diversions from  
13 the natural environment by their conservation efforts; and

14 WHEREAS, It is in the City's and the public's long term interest to develop  
15 alternative methods of meeting the demand for water, including using less water and  
16 recycling water for various uses; and

17 WHEREAS, The San Francisco Public Utilities Commission is well-positioned to  
18 undertake efforts to educate the public about water conservation and develop  
19 programs to conserve water and recycle water; and

20 WHEREAS, Providing the Board of Supervisors and the citizenry with the most  
21 well documented analysis of a water supply alternative that will not result in increased  
22 diversions is in the public interest, now, therefore be it

23 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors urges the San  
24 Francisco Public Utilities Commission to (1) aggressively and actively develop and  
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1 encourage water conservation efforts, and (2) examine and develop programs and  
2 projects for the use of recycled water; and be it further

3           RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors, pursuant to the  
4 City's stewardship responsibility for the Tuolumne River, urges the San Francisco  
5 Planning Department to fully analyze a water supply alternative in the Program  
6 Environmental Impact Report that will not result in increased diversions of freshwater  
7 from the Tuolumne River.

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