

1 [Approval of Groundwater Well in Golden Gate Park]

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3 **Resolution approving the construction of a building housing the Central Pump Station**
4 **well and related appurtenances in Golden Gate Park under Charter, Section 4.113, as part**
5 **of the San Francisco Groundwater Supply Project.**

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7 WHEREAS, The San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC) has developed
8 and approved a project description for the San Francisco Groundwater Supply Project
9 (Project), Project No. CUW30102, which is a water infrastructure project included as part of
10 the Water System Improvement Program (WSIP); and

11 WHEREAS, The Project is located in the City and County of San Francisco and its
12 completion would help the SFPUC achieve the WSIP Level of Service goal for water supply
13 adopted by the SFPUC in Resolution No. 08-200; and

14 WHEREAS, The objectives of the Project are to create a new potable groundwater
15 supply of up to 4 million gallons per day, which will expand and diversify the SFPUC's water
16 supply portfolio and increase system reliability by increasing the use of local water supply
17 sources and reducing dependence on imported surface water, and to also provide drinking
18 water for emergency supply in the event of an earthquake or other major catastrophe; and

19 WHEREAS, An Environmental Impact Report (EIR) as required by the California
20 Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) was prepared for the Project in Planning Department File
21 No. 2008.1122E; and

22 WHEREAS, The Project is a capital improvement project approved by the SFPUC as
23 part of the WSIP; and

24 WHEREAS, The San Francisco Planning Commission on December 19, 2013, certified
25 the Final EIR (FEIR) for the Project by Motion No. 19050, adopted CEQA Findings, including

1 a statement of overriding considerations and a Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program
2 by Motion No. 19051, found the Project consistent with the General Plan by Motion No.
3 19052, and approved a local coastal zone permit for the Project by Motion No. 19053; and

4 WHEREAS, The Project FEIR is tiered from the WSIP Program Environmental Impact
5 Report (PEIR) certified by the Planning Commission on October 30, 2008 by Motion No.
6 17734; and

7 WHEREAS, Thereafter, the SFPUC approved the WSIP and adopted findings and a
8 Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (PEIR MMRP) as required by CEQA on October
9 30, 2008 by Resolution No. 08-200; and

10 WHEREAS, On January 14, 2014, the SFPUC, by Resolution No. 14-0010, a copy of
11 which is included in Board of Supervisors File No.140290 and which is incorporated herein by
12 this reference: (1) approved the Project; and (2) adopted findings (CEQA Findings), including
13 a Statement of Overriding Considerations, and a Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program
14 (MMRP) as required by CEQA; and

15 WHEREAS, The design of the Project well in Golden Gate Park approved by the
16 SFPUC in Resolution No. 14-0010 includes the capability to provide standby irrigation water
17 supplies for park irrigation purposes; and

18 WHEREAS, On March 20, 2014, the San Francisco Recreation and Park Commission,
19 by Resolution No. 1403-006, a copy of which is included in Board of Supervisors File No.
20 140290 and which is incorporated herein by this reference, found that the construction of
21 three Project well facilities in City parks, including a well facility located near the Central Pump
22 Station in Golden Gate Park, supports a recreational purpose in accordance with Charter
23 Section 4.113(2) and recommended that the Board of Supervisors approve the construction of
24 the building housing the well in Golden Gate Park pursuant to Charter Section 4.113(1); and
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1 WHEREAS, The Project files, including the FEIR, PEIR, SFPUC Resolution No. 14-
2 0010 and Recreation and Park Commission Resolution No. 1403-006, have been made
3 available for review by the Board and the public, and those files are considered part of the
4 record before this Board; and

5 WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors has reviewed and considered the information
6 and findings contained in the FEIR, PEIR, SFPUC Resolution No. 14-0010 and Recreation
7 and Park Commission Resolution No. 1403-006, and all written and oral information provided
8 by the Planning Department, the public, relevant public agencies, SFPUC, Recreation and
9 Park Department and other experts and the administrative files for the Project; and

10 WHEREAS, Charter, Section 4.113(1), requires the Board of Supervisors approve the
11 construction of new buildings in Golden Gate Park, subject to certain exceptions specified
12 therein; now, therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors, having reviewed and considered the
14 Project FEIR and record as a whole, finds that the FEIR is adequate for its use as the
15 decision-making body for the action taken herein including, but not limited to, approval of the
16 Project and adopts and incorporates by reference as though fully set forth herein the CEQA
17 Findings, including the Statement of Overriding Considerations, and the MMRP contained in
18 SFPUC Resolution No. 14-0010; and, be it

19 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board finds that the Project mitigation measures set
20 forth in the Project FEIR and the MMRP, and adopted by the SFPUC and herein by this Board
21 will be implemented as reflected in and in accordance with the MMRP; and, be it

22 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board finds that since the FEIR was finalized, there
23 have been no substantial project changes and no substantial changes in Project
24 circumstances that would require major revisions to the FEIR due to the involvement of new
25 significant environmental effects or an increase in the severity of previously identified

1 significant impacts, and there is no new information of substantial importance that would
2 change the conclusions set forth in the FEIR; and, be it

3 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board approves the construction of the building
4 housing the Central Pump Station well and related appurtenances in Golden Gate Park as
5 part of the SFPUC's implementation of the San Francisco Groundwater Supply Project.

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