

1 [Board Response - Civil Grand Jury - Drinking Water Safety in San Francisco: A Reservoir of
2 Good Practice]

3 **Resolution responding to the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court on the findings**
4 **and recommendations contained in the 2015-2016 Civil Grand Jury Report, entitled**
5 **“Drinking Water Safety in San Francisco: A Reservoir of Good Practice;” and urging**
6 **the Mayor to cause the implementation of accepted findings and recommendations**
7 **through his/her department heads and through the development of the annual budget.**

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9 WHEREAS, Under California Penal Code, Section 933 et seq., the Board of
10 Supervisors must respond, within 90 days of receipt, to the Presiding Judge of the Superior
11 Court on the findings and recommendations contained in Civil Grand Jury Reports; and

12 WHEREAS, In accordance with California Penal Code, Section 933.05(c), if a finding or
13 recommendation of the Civil Grand Jury addresses budgetary or personnel matters of a
14 county agency or a department headed by an elected officer, the agency or department head
15 and the Board of Supervisors shall respond if requested by the Civil Grand Jury, but the
16 response of the Board of Supervisors shall address only budgetary or personnel matters over
17 which it has some decision making authority; and

18 WHEREAS, Under San Francisco Administrative Code, Section 2.10(a), the Board of
19 Supervisors must conduct a public hearing by a committee to consider a final report of the
20 findings and recommendations submitted, and notify the current foreperson and immediate
21 past foreperson of the civil grand jury when such hearing is scheduled; and

22 WHEREAS, In accordance with San Francisco Administrative Code, Section 2.10(b),
23 the Controller must report to the Board of Supervisors on the implementation of
24 recommendations that pertain to fiscal matters that were considered at a public hearing held
25 by a Board of Supervisors Committee; and

1 WHEREAS, The 2015-2016 Civil Grand Jury Report, entitled “Drinking Water Safety in
2 San Francisco: A Reservoir of Good Practice (Report) is on file with the Clerk of the Board of
3 Supervisors in File No. 160812, which is hereby declared to be a part of this Resolution as if
4 set forth fully herein; and

5 WHEREAS, The Civil Grand Jury has requested that the Board of Supervisors respond
6 to Finding Nos. F.A.1, F.A.2 and F.A.5 contained in the subject Report; and

7 WHEREAS, Finding No. F.A.1 states: “The Jury was satisfied with San Francisco
8 Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC) water stewardship as well as the near term drinking
9 water supply/demand outlook. SFPUC is to be commended;” and

10 WHEREAS, Finding No. F.A.2 states: “We see little risk of lead from SFPUC water
11 lines;” and

12 WHEREAS, Finding No. F.A.5 states: “The SFPUC Regional Water System has not
13 been associated with any waterborne illnesses, and since 1993 this has been documented
14 monthly. SFPUC is to be commended;” and

15 WHEREAS, In accordance with California Penal Code, Section 933.05(c), the Board of
16 Supervisors must respond, within 90 days of receipt, to the Presiding Judge of the Superior
17 Court on Finding Nos. F.A.1, F.A.2 and F.A.5 contained in the Report; now, therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors reports to the Presiding Judge of the
19 Superior Court that they agree with Finding No. F.A.1 and also wish to commend the SFPUC
20 on its water stewardship, which has resulted in arguable the best drinking water in the
21 country, and, be it

22 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors reports that they agree with
23 Finding No. F.A.2 given that California plumbing components for drinking water has been
24 lead-free since 2010, including San Francisco where lead piping is rare, and, be it

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1 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors reports that they agree with
2 Finding No. F.A.5 and, once again, wish to commend the SFPUC on its safeguarding of our
3 water supply and impeccable record ensuring that the regional water system has not been
4 associated with any waterborne illness; and, be it

5 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the Mayor to cause the
6 implementation of the accepted findings and recommendations through his/her department
7 heads and through the development of the annual budget.

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