

1 [Accept and Expend Grant - SunShot Rooftop Solar Challenge - \$71,750]

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3 **Resolution authorizing the Department of the Environment to retroactively accept and**  
4 **expend a grant in the amount of \$71,750 from the U.S. Department of Energy’s (U.S.**  
5 **DOE) Rooftop Solar Challenge through SolarTech, an initiative of the Silicon Valley**  
6 **Leadership Group, to document and disseminate best practices regarding the**  
7 **reduction of soft costs in order to make solar energy cost competitive with other forms**  
8 **of energy by the end of the decade.**

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10 WHEREAS, After a competitive process, the U.S. Department of Energy (U.S. DOE)  
11 has selected the Department of the Environment as a sub-awardee to SolarTech in order to  
12 receive funding to identify significant obstacles to increasing the growth of rooftop  
13 photovoltaics in Northern California; and

14 WHEREAS, The implementation of the Sunshot grant will allow the Department of the  
15 Environment to collaborate with regional partners to document and disseminate best practices  
16 regarding solar permitting, interconnection, financing, and zoning; and

17 WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors for the City and County of San Francisco has  
18 directed the Department of the Environment to reduce carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) emissions within  
19 the City and County of San Francisco to 20% below 1990 levels by the year 2012; and

20 WHEREAS, The SunShot Rooftop Solar Challenge will assist in making the process of  
21 installing solar photovoltaic systems simpler, faster, and more cost effective for residents and  
22 businesses by accelerating significant improvements in market conditions for solar  
23 photovoltaic projects; and

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