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Resolution urging the United States Congress to pass the California Emergency Drought Relief Act of 2014 in order to support critical water supply and conservation projects for the San Francisco Bay Area.

[Urging Congress to Pass the California Emergency Drought Relief Act]

WHEREAS, The Hetch Hetchy Regional Water System operated by the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC) provides 265 million gallons of water per day to 2.6 million people in Alameda, Santa Clara, San Mateo, and San Francisco counties; and

WHEREAS, California continues to experience one of the most extreme droughts since hydrologic recordkeeping began; and

WHEREAS, As of March 9, 2014, precipitation in the Hetch Hetchy watershed was at 40% of normal levels and snowpack was at 32% of normal levels; and

WHEREAS, On Friday, January 17th, Governor Brown issued a State Declaration of Emergency for California due to drought and severe water supply conditions; and

WHEREAS, On January 31, 2014, the SFPUC asked customers to voluntarily conserve water with the goal of reducing systemwide usage by 10% to stretch limited water supplies during this time of drought; and

WHEREAS. On February 10, 2014, Mayor Ed Lee issued an Executive Directive to all city departments outlining actions to be taken to reduce water use, and directing the SFPUC to develop alternative sources of water supplies for both potable and non-potable uses; and

WHEREAS, On February 11, 2014, Senator Diane Feinstein, along with cosponsors Senator Barbara Boxer (CA), Senator Jeff Merkeley (OR), and Senator Ron Wyden (OR), introduced S.2016 the California Emergency Drought Relief Act of 2014 (the Act); and

WHEREAS, The Act directs the EPA to prioritize projects under the Clean Water and Drinking Water State Revolving Funds programs that can immediately provide water to areas at risk of public health and safety problems; and

WHEREAS, The Act provides \$100 million in emergency funding to the Department of the Interior for a range of water supply projects, including but not limited to groundwater wells, temporary Delta barriers, water purchases, WaterSmart grants and other conservation technologies and projects yielding water supply benefits; and

WHEREAS, The Act includes a variety of measures to increase assistance under the drought disaster declaration including Emergency Community Water Assistance Grants for water conservation and water systems' upgrades and Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grants to fund community projects to reduce the impact of the drought; and

WHEREAS, The SFPUC has identified three projects that can be quickly implemented and would have an immediate impact in stretching critical water supplies throughout its service area during this statewide drought, including: San Francisco Groundwater Supply Project, Lower Cherry Aqueduct Restoration Project, and Citywide Direct Install Toilet Program; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors urges the United States Congress to pass the California Emergency Drought Relief Act of 2014 in order to support the above identified SFPUC projects, which help strengthen immediate water reserves and promote conservation and water supply diversification for the long-term sustainability of critical water supplies for 2.6 million residents in the San Francisco Bay Area.

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By a Member of the Board of Supervisors or the Mayor

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