

1 [Accept and Expend Grant - Association of Bay Area Governments - \$371,258]

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3 **Resolution retroactively authorizing the Department of the Environment to accept and**
4 **expend grant funds from the Association of Bay Area Governments in the amount of**
5 **\$371,258 for 2015 to perform various activities as part of a Bay Area Regional Energy**
6 **Network Program, an Energy Efficiency Program, for the term of January 1, 2015,**
7 **through December 31, 2015.**

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9 WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco (City) is a member of the
10 Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG); and

11 WHEREAS, ABAG was awarded up to \$26,500,000 by decision of the California Public
12 Utilities Commission (CPUC) in Decision 12-11-015 to operate the Bay Area Regional Energy
13 Network program (BayREN) in all of its member counties for the calendar years of 2013 and
14 2014; and

15 WHEREAS, The CPUC recognized that this structure can provide greater opportunity
16 for the participating counties to develop more innovative programs that better serve the
17 ratepayers; and

18 WHEREAS, The CPUC stated in Decision 14-10-046 in “Conclusions of Law”
19 That “For the RENs, it is reasonable to authorize use of a “Maximum Contract Amount” for
20 each year through 2025 at 2015 funding levels, unless and until we change”; and

21 WHEREAS, For 2015, ABAG will continue receiving the ratepayer funds of
22 \$12,837,000 through a contract with PG&E where PG&E is acting only as a fiscal manager
23 and the CPUC provides oversight of the program content; and

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1 WHEREAS, BayREN will continue programs to provide technical assistance and
2 financing in the residential sector and education and training for construction contractors and
3 building code officials; and

4 WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors adopted goals for reductions in greenhouse gas
5 emissions; and

6 WHEREAS, The Department of the Environment continues to play a key role in the
7 development of the concepts and plans for all the elements of the BayREN program; and

8 WHEREAS, The Department of Environment is already performing energy efficiency
9 programs for greenhouse gas reductions providing assistance in the residential sector and
10 creating local jobs; and

11 WHEREAS, The Department of the Environment has built upon its experience with
12 building codes to play the lead role in the development of the Codes and Standards
13 component of the BayREN; and

14 WHEREAS, A successful BayREN program in 2013-2014 has led to continued funding
15 in future years; and

16 WHEREAS, The term of this grant is from January 1, 2015, to December 31, 2015; and

17 WHEREAS, A request for retroactive approval is being sought because the Department
18 of the Environment did not receive the award notice until December 9, 2014; and

19 WHEREAS, The grant allows for Indirect costs of \$120,262 included in the budget; and

20 WHEREAS, The Department of Environment will utilize existing staff hired under the
21 American Reinvestment and Recovery Act that continued working under the 2013-14 BayREN
22 contract; and

23 WHEREAS, The grant does not require an Annual Salary Ordinance (ASO)
24 amendment; now therefore, be it

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1 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors authorizes the Director of the Department
2 of the Environment to retroactively accept and expend a grant in the amount of \$371,258 from
3 ABAG to implement BayREN activities in San Francisco; and be it

4 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors authorizes the Director of the
5 Department of the Environment to accept and expend additional funds in the case that ABAG
6 decides to assign additional BayREN tasks for activities in San Francisco.

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Approved: _____

Mayor

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Approved: _____

12 Department Head

Controller, Grant Division

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