

1 [Preparation of Findings to Reverse the Approval of a Final Negative Declaration - Recology
2 Landfill Disposal Agreement - Hay Road Landfill in Solano County]

3 **Motion directing the Clerk of the Board to prepare findings reversing the Planning**
4 **Commission’s approval of a Final Negative Declaration under the California**
5 **Environmental Quality Act for the proposed agreement for disposal of municipal solid**
6 **waste at Recology Hay Road Landfill in Solano County.**

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8 WHEREAS, The Planning Commission has approved a Final Negative Declaration
9 (FND) under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the CEQA Guidelines, and San
10 Francisco Administrative Code, Chapter 31, for an agreement to dispose San Francisco Solid
11 Waste at Recology Hay Road Landfill in Solano County; and

12 WHEREAS, The project would change the disposal site for San Francisco’s municipal
13 solid waste (MSW). Currently, Recology, the company that collects San Francisco’s waste,
14 transports San Francisco’s MSW to the Altamont Landfill, located in eastern Alameda County,
15 for disposal; and

16 WHEREAS, San Francisco’s existing agreement with Waste Management, Inc.,
17 operator of the Altamont Landfill, will expire around 2016; and

18 WHEREAS, The proposed project consists of an Agreement to authorize the
19 transportation of MSW from San Francisco to the existing Recology Hay Road (RHR) Landfill
20 located in unincorporated Solano County, at 6426 Hay Road, near State Route 113, southeast
21 of Vacaville, where it would be disposed; and

22 WHEREAS, San Francisco and Recology would enter into an Agreement for the
23 transportation and disposal of up to five million tons of San Francisco’s MSW at the Recology
24 Hay Road Landfill; and

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1 WHEREAS, MSW would be transported by long haul semi-trucks, primarily from the
2 Recology San Francisco transfer station located at 501 Tunnel Avenue, with several
3 additional trucks hauling residual wastes for disposal from Recology's Recycle Central facility,
4 located at Pier 96 in San Francisco, as is presently the case; and

5 WHEREAS, No new construction or changes in current Recology operations within San
6 Francisco are proposed, and no new construction or change in existing permits would be
7 required at the Recology Hay Road Landfill in Solano County; and

8 WHEREAS, The proposed project would correspond with the cessation of transport of
9 San Francisco's MSW to Altamont Landfill; and

10 WHEREAS, The Preliminary Negative Declaration (PND) for the project was published
11 on March 4, 2015, and the Solano County Orderly Growth Committee filed an appeal to the
12 Planning Commission of the Planning Department's PND on April 3, 2015; and

13 WHEREAS, On May 21, 2015, the Planning Commission affirmed the Department's
14 decision to issue the PND for the project and approved the FND; and

15 WHEREAS, On June 30, 2015, the Solano County Orderly Growth Committee filed an
16 appeal to the Board of Supervisors of the Planning Commission's approval of the FND; and

17 WHEREAS, On September 29, 2015, this Board held a duly noticed public hearing to
18 consider the FND; and

19 WHEREAS, In reviewing the FND, this Board reviewed and considered the FND, all
20 correspondence, the information and documents that the Planning Department prepared, the
21 other written records before the Board of Supervisors, and all of the public testimony made in
22 support of and opposed to the FND; and

23 WHEREAS, Following the conclusion of the public hearing, the Board of Supervisors
24 reversed the Planning Commission's approval of the FND for the project based on the written
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1 record before the Planning Commission and the Board of Supervisors, as well as all of the
2 testimony at the public hearing; and

3 WHEREAS, The written record and oral testimony and deliberation of the oral and
4 written testimony at the public hearing before the Board of Supervisors by all parties and the
5 public is in the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors File No. 150712 and is incorporated in this
6 Motion as though set forth in its entirety; now, therefore, be it

7 MOVED, That the Board of Supervisors directs the Clerk of the Board to prepare the
8 findings specifying the basis for its decision reversing the FND approved by the Planning
9 Commission for the project.

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