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[Settlement of Unlitigated Claim - United States Environmental Protection Agency - Yosemite Slough Sediment Site]

Resolution approving settlement of United States Environmental Protection Agency's ("EPA") unlitigated claim against the City and County of San Francisco; no formal claim has been filed; the settlement resolves EPA's claims against the City to perform pre-design technical studies in support of cleanup of the Yosemite Slough Sediment Site; the settlement requires the City and three other government entities to perform four technical studies at an estimated cost of \$225,000 to be divided equally between four parties; additional material terms of the settlement are that the City will contract with a third party environmental consultant for performance of the studies, the City will assume responsibility for completion of the work pursuant to the settlement agreement, the City will assume responsibility and indemnify EPA for any stipulated penalties or claims arising in connection with performance of the work under the agreement, and the City will reimburse EPA for 25% of future response costs.

WHEREAS, On December 15, 2008, the United States Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") served notice on the City and County of San Francisco ("City") identifying the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission ("SFPUC"), along with other public and private entities, as a potentially responsible party ("PRP") under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980, 42 U.S.C. §9601 et seq. ("CERCLA"), for the cleanup of contaminated sediment at Yosemite Slough, a tidal channel flowing to the South Basin of the San Francisco Bay between Hunters Point and Candlestick Point (the "Site"); and

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WHEREAS, On January 27, 2015, EPA issued a demand, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. §9622(e) (the "Special Notice Letter"), that the City and other PRPs complete sixteen predesign technical studies in support of EPA's chosen cleanup plan for the Site; and

WHEREAS, The City has agreed with PRPs California Department of Parks and Recreation ("State Parks"), California State Lands Commission ("State Lands"), and United States Defense Logistics Agency ("DLA") to perform four of the studies; and

WHEREAS, Under the settlement, the City, State Parks, State Lands, and DLA have agreed to equally share the cost of performing the four studies which is estimated not to exceed \$225,000, the City will assume responsibility for performing the work through a third party contractor, and the City also will be responsible to EPA for any stipulated penalties or third party claims arising in connection with performance of the work under the settlement; and

WHEREAS, The settlement further provides that the City, State Parks, State Lands, and DLA shall reimburse EPA for its future costs incurred in implementing, overseeing or enforcing the settlement ("Future Response Costs"), with each bearing its pro rata share (25%) of the Future Response Costs; and

WHEREAS, This settlement does not resolve EPA's claims against the City under the Superfund Law for the ultimate cleanup of the Site; and

WHEREAS, A copy of the settlement agreement ("Settlement Agreement") is on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in File No. 160771; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That pursuant to Administrative Code, Section 10.22, the Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the City Attorney to settle and compromise EPA's Special Notice Letter as described herein; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes SFPUC's

General Manager to enter into any amendments or modifications to the Settlement Agreement

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that the General Manager determines in consultation with the City Attorney: are in the best interest of the City; do not materially increase the obligations or liabilities of the City; are necessary or advisable to effectuate the purposes and intent of the Settlement Agreement or this resolution; and are in compliance with all applicable laws, including the City Charter.

## APPROVED:

DENNIS J. HERRERA City Attorney

**ELAINE O'NEIL** 

Deputy City Attorney

Construction and Public Contracting

Team Leader

TFY 16/17 Funds Available: \$75,000

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Controller

Future funding subject to approval of the FY 17/18 Annual Appropriation Ordinance

RECOMMENDED:

SAN FRANCISCO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

HARLAN L. KELLY, JAK

General Manager of the San Francisco

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APPRØVED:

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