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MOTION NO.

[Affirming the Final Environmental Impact Report Certification - Significant Natural Resource Areas Management Plan]

Motion affirming the Planning Commission's certification of the Final Environmental Impact Report prepared for the proposed Significant Natural Resource Areas Management Plan.

WHEREAS, The San Francisco Recreation and Parks Department (SFRPD) developed the Natural Resources Management Plan (NRMP), formerly referred to as the Significant Natural Resource Areas Management Plan (SNRAMP), which addresses 31 Natural Areas in San Francisco, scattered mostly throughout the central and southern portions of San Francisco, and the Sharp Park Natural Area in Pacifica; and

WHEREAS, These Natural Areas range in size from less than one acre to almost 400 acres, support sensitive plant and animal species and habitats, and are used as recreational open spaces by residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, The stated purpose of the NRMP is to provide for long-term management of the Natural Areas through natural resource protection, habitat restoration, trail and access improvements, other capital projects, and maintenance activities over the next 20 years; and

WHEREAS, The activities planned for the Natural Areas can generally be divided between routine maintenance and programmatic projects, and also include the proposed restoration of Sharp Park (referred to as the "Sharp Park Laguna Salada Restoration Project") in Pacifica; and

WHEREAS, The Planning Department sent a Notice of Preparation (NOP) of an Environmental Impact Report and Initial Study to more than 2,400 interested parties on April 22, 2009; and

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WHEREAS, The Draft EIR for the proposed Project was first published on August 31, 2011, and circulated to local, state, and federal agencies and to interested organizations and individuals for a 45-day public review period that was later extended for two weeks by the San Francisco Planning Commission, resulting in a 61-day public review period that began August 31, 2011, and continued through October 31, 2011; and

WHEREAS, The Planning Commission held a public hearing on the Draft EIR on October 6, 2011; and

WHEREAS, A second public review comment period, during which written comments were once again invited, was provided from April 27, 2012, to June 11, 2012, for a total of an additional 46 days; and

WHEREAS, The Planning Department prepared a Responses to Comments document (RTC), responding to all comments received orally at the public hearings and in writing, and published the RTC on November 16, 2016; and

WHEREAS, Following publication of the RTC, the Recreation and Parks Department proposed modifications to the Project Description with respect to proposed actions at the Sharp Park Natural Area with the intent of emphasizing the preferred use of soil spoils for habitat restoration purposes and identifying the other disposal sites required for excess spoils as equal disposal options, and on December 15, 2016, the Planning Department issued an Errata to the EIR, analyzing the proposed modifications to the Project Description and finding that they would not result in any new significant environmental impacts or substantially increase the severity of a significant impact identified in the Draft EIR, and no new mitigation measures would be necessary, and that these modifications to the project description and additional revisions to the EIR, do not change any of the conclusions in the Draft EIR and do not constitute significant new information that requires recirculation of the Draft EIR; and

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Clerk of the Board BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WHEREAS, On December 15, 2016, the Planning Commission, by Motion No. 19825, certified a Final Environmental Impact Report (Final EIR) for the proposed Project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), Public Resources Code Section 21000 et seq., the CEQA Guidelines, 14 California Code of Regulations, Section 15000 et seq., and San Francisco Administrative Code Chapter 31, finding that the Final EIR reflects the independent judgment and analysis of the City and County of San Francisco, that it is adequate, accurate and objective, and contains no significant revisions to the Draft EIR; and

WHEREAS, By letter to the Clerk of the Board, received by the Clerk's Office on January 5, 2017, Dee Seligman, Rupa Bose, and Tom Borden, of the San Francisco Forest Alliance, appealed the Final EIR certification, and by letter to the Clerk of the Board, received by the Clerk's Office on January 17, 2017, Brent Plater of the Wild Equity Institute, on behalf of the Sierra Club's San Francisco Bay Chapter, the National Parks Conservation Association, Golden Gate Audubon Society, and the Sequoia Audubon Society, appealed the Final EIR certification, (together, "Appellants"); and

WHEREAS, The Planning Department's Environmental Review Officer, by memorandum to the Clerk of the Board dated January 10, 2017, determined that the appeals had been timely filed; and

WHEREAS, On February 28, 2017, this Board held a duly noticed public hearing to consider the appeal of the Final EIR certification filed by Appellants and, following the public hearing, the Board of Supervisors affirmed the Planning Commission's certification of the Final EIR based on the written record before the Board of Supervisors as well as all of the testimony at the public hearing in support of and opposed to the appeals; and

WHEREAS, The written record and oral testimony in support of and opposed to the appeals and deliberation of the oral and written testimony at the public hearing before the Board of Supervisors by all parties and the public in support of and opposed to the appeals of

the Final EIR certification is in the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors File No. 170044 and is incorporated in this motion as though set forth in its entirety; now, therefore, be it

MOVED, That this Board of Supervisors hereby affirms the decision of the Planning Commission in its Motion No. 19825 to certify the Final EIR and finds the Final EIR to be complete, adequate, and objective and reflecting the independent judgment of the City and in compliance with CEQA, the CEQA Guidelines, and San Francisco Administrative Code Chapter 31; and, be it

FURTHER MOVED, That the Board of Supervisors finds that based on the whole record before it there are no substantial project changes, no substantial changes in project circumstances, and no new information of substantial importance that would change the conclusions set forth in the Final EIR

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