

1 [Memorandum of Agreement - United States Department of the Interior, National Park
2 Service - Not to Exceed \$33,257,629]

3 **Resolution authorizing the General Manager of the San Francisco Public Utilities**
4 **Commission to execute a Memorandum of Agreement with the United States**
5 **Department of the Interior, National Park Service, Yosemite National Park, for**
6 **comprehensive management of watersheds supplying the San Francisco Regional**
7 **Water System for an amount not to exceed \$33,257,629 and a total term of four years**
8 **from July 1, 2020, through June 30, 2024, pursuant to Charter, Section 9.118.**

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10 WHEREAS, On March 26, 2019, the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission
11 (SFPUC) adopted Resolution No. 19-0058 approving a Memorandum of Agreement (2020-24
12 MOA) with the National Park Service (NPS) for the comprehensive management of
13 watersheds in Yosemite National Park that supply water to the San Francisco Regional
14 Water System; and

15 WHEREAS, The 2020-24 MOA has a four-year term that begins on July 1, 2020, and
16 expires on June 30, 2024, with a total cost of \$33,257,629; and

17 WHEREAS, The 2020-24 MOA is a continuation of a series of multi-year funding
18 agreements for watershed protection activities in Yosemite National Park that began in 1992
19 that required Board of Supervisors approval under Charter, Section 9.118, with the most
20 recent Board approval authorized in Resolution No. 192-18 under Board file number 180496;
21 and

22 WHEREAS, The SFPUC and the NPS wish to continue their cooperation concerning
23 their common goal of watershed protection within Yosemite National Park and acknowledge
24 the SFPUC's financial commitment and the NPS' commitment to implement watershed
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1 protection, environmental stewardship and security programs using funding provided by the
2 SFPUC; and

3 WHEREAS, The SFPUC Bureau of Environmental Management has determined
4 adoption of the Resolution does not constitute a “project” under California Environmental
5 Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines, Section 15378 subsection (b) (2), which includes continuing
6 administrative or maintenance activities and subsection (b) (4) which includes creation of a
7 government funding mechanism or other government fiscal activities which do not involve
8 any commitment to any specific project which may result in a potentially significant physical
9 impact on the environment; and

10 WHEREAS, Should funding authorized under the 2020-24 MOA involve activities
11 other than personnel-related functions, approval and implementation of those activities by the
12 National Park Service, Yosemite National Park would be subject to compliance with the
13 National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA); and

14 WHEREAS, Funds for this agreement will be available from the Hetch Hetchy
15 operating budget as appropriated through the City and County of San Francisco’s two-year
16 budget process; now, therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the General Manager
18 of the SFPUC to execute the 2020-24 MOA with the United States Department of the Interior,
19 National Park Service, Yosemite National Park, for comprehensive management of
20 watersheds within Yosemite National Park supplying the San Francisco Regional Water
21 System for an amount not to exceed \$33,257,629, and a total term of four years, pursuant to
22 Charter, Section 9.118; and, be it

23 FURTHER RESOLVED, That within thirty (30) days of the agreement being fully
24 executed by all parties, the General Manager of the SFPUC shall provide the final agreement
25 to the Clerk of the Board for inclusion into the official file.