

1 [San Francisco Public Utilities Commission Water Revenue Bond and Other Forms of
2 Indebtedness Issuance - Various Capital Water Projects Benefitting the Water Enterprise -
3 Not to Exceed \$347,141,218]

4 **Ordinance authorizing the issuance and sale of tax-exempt or taxable Water Revenue**
5 **Bonds and other forms of indebtedness, as defined herein, by the San Francisco Public**
6 **Utilities Commission (Commission) in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed**
7 **\$347,141,218 to finance the costs of various capital water projects benefitting the Water**
8 **Enterprise pursuant to amendments to the Charter of the City and County of San**
9 **Francisco enacted by the voters on November 5, 2002, as Proposition E; authorizing**
10 **the issuance of Water Revenue Refunding Bonds and the retirement of outstanding**
11 **Water Enterprise Commercial Paper; declaring the Official Intent of the Commission to**
12 **reimburse itself with one or more issues of tax-exempt bonds or other forms of**
13 **indebtedness, as defined herein; and ratifying previous actions taken in connection**
14 **therewith, as defined herein.**

15 NOTE: **Unchanged Code text and uncodified text** are in plain Arial font.
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21 subsections or parts of tables.

22 Be it ordained by the People of the City and County of San Francisco:

23 Section 1. Findings. The Board of Supervisors ("Board") of the City hereby finds and
24 declares as follows:

25 A. On November 5, 2002, the voters of the City and County of San Francisco
("City") approved Proposition E ("Proposition E"), which among other things, authorized the

1 San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (“Commission”) to issue revenue bonds, including
2 notes, commercial paper or other forms of indebtedness, when authorized by ordinance
3 approved by a two-thirds vote of the Board of Supervisors, for the purpose of reconstructing,
4 replacing, expanding, repairing or improving water facilities or clean water facilities or
5 combinations of water and clean water facilities under the jurisdiction of the Commission; and

6 B. The Commission adopted the Amended and Restated Water Indenture dated as
7 of January 1, 2002, as further amended and supplemented from time to time (“Indenture”),
8 between the Commission and U. S. Bank National Association and in connection therewith,
9 has from time to time issued revenue bonds to finance projects benefitting the Water
10 Enterprise; and

11 C. Pursuant to Section 43.5 of the San Francisco Administrative Code (“Article V”),
12 enacted by Ordinance No. 203-98 adopted by the Board on June 8, 1998, and signed by the
13 Mayor of the City on June 19, 1998, as amended by Ordinance No. 270-06, adopted on
14 October 24, 2006 by the Board and signed by the Mayor on October 31, 2006, the Board
15 established a procedure pursuant to which the Commission may issue short-term
16 indebtedness, including the issuance of commercial paper in anticipation of the issuance of its
17 revenue bonds; and

18 D. Pursuant to Ordinance No. 311-08, adopted by the Board of Supervisors on
19 December 16, 2008, and Resolution No. 09-175, adopted by this Commission on October 27,
20 2009, the Water Enterprise’s commercial paper program (“Water CP Program”) was increased
21 to an aggregate principal amount of \$500,000,000, and the Commission has caused its Water
22 Enterprise Commercial Paper to be issued from time to time; and

23 E. By Resolution 20-0031, adopted by the Commission on February 11, 2020
24 (“Commission Resolution”) the Commission has determined to issue Water Revenue Bonds
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1 (“Water Revenue Bonds”) and other forms of indebtedness (including without limitation State
2 Revolving Fund (SRF) Loans as described below), as well as interim funding vehicles such as
3 commercial paper, revolving credit agreements, bond anticipation notes or other forms of
4 notes, which interim funding vehicles will be issued in advance of being paid off by either
5 Water Revenue Bonds and other forms of indebtedness (including without limitation SRF
6 Loans) to finance the costs of various capital projects benefitting the Water Enterprise (the
7 "Capital Improvement Projects" such projects being more fully described in the Commission
8 Resolution), pursuant to Proposition E, and has formally requested this Board to authorize the
9 issuance and sale of Water Revenue Bonds and other forms of indebtedness for such
10 purposes, such Commission Resolution being on file with the Clerk of the Board in File No.
11 _____; and

12 F. In order to finance the costs of the Capital Improvement Projects, the Board now
13 desires to authorize the issuance and sale of Water Revenue Bonds and other forms of
14 indebtedness, as described above, for such purposes, including obtaining SRF Loans and/or
15 grants from the State Water Resources Control Board; and

16 G. The Commission has paid, beginning no earlier than 60 days prior to the
17 adoption of this Ordinance and will pay, on and after the date hereof, certain expenditures
18 (“Expenditures”) in connection with the acquisition, construction and/or equipping of the
19 Capital Improvement Projects; and

20 H. This Board is concurrently considering with this Ordinance, another Ordinance
21 approving a Capital Improvement Program and related supplemental appropriation totaling
22 \$344,846,164 for fiscal years ending 2021 and 2022, including expenditures of the proceeds
23 of the Water Revenue Bonds and other forms of indebtedness (including, without limitation
24 and for illustrative purposes only, SRF Loans, commercial paper, revolving credit agreements,
25 and bond anticipation notes); and

1 I. This Board, on behalf of the Commission, adopts this Ordinance as official
2 action of the Commission in order to comply with Treasury Regulation §1.150-2 and any other
3 regulations of the Internal Revenue Service relating to the qualification for reimbursement of
4 Commission expenditures incurred prior to the date of issue of the Water Revenue Bonds and
5 other forms of indebtedness (including, without limitation and for illustrative purposes only,
6 SRF Loans, commercial paper, revolving credit agreements, and bond anticipation notes)

7 Section 2. Authorization to Issue Water Revenue Bonds and other forms of
8 indebtedness. The Board hereby authorizes the issuance and sale of Water Revenue Bonds
9 or other forms of indebtedness (including, SRF Loans, commercial paper, revolving credit
10 agreements, and bond anticipation notes) in one or more series from time to time by the
11 Commission pursuant to Proposition E and in accordance with the Commission Resolution, in
12 an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$347,141,218 (inclusive of financing costs, but
13 exclusive of refunding indebtedness), bearing a maximum rate or rates of interest of not to
14 exceed twelve percent (12%) per annum, to finance a portion of the costs of the design,
15 acquisition and construction of the Capital Improvement Projects. Without limiting the
16 foregoing, the Commission shall be authorized to incur SRF Loans at such time, in such
17 amounts, and upon such other terms and conditions as the Commission may deem
18 advantageous, and to approve any financing documentation related thereto consistent with
19 this Ordinance. The Commission is hereby further authorized to determine the timing, amount
20 and manner of sale (i.e., competitive or negotiated) of each series of Water Revenue Bonds,
21 bond anticipation notes, revolving credit agreements, or commercial paper, pursuant to this
22 authorization; provided however, the Commission's authorization to issue Water Revenue
23 Bonds, bond anticipation notes, revolving credit agreements, or commercial paper is subject
24 to approval by the Commission of the form of substantially final offering document related to
25 such obligations (if any) and the approval of any related agreements, financing documents

1 and the filing with its Board and the Clerk of the Board any certifications required by
2 Proposition E prior to the issuance of any bonds or incurrence of any indebtedness herein
3 authorized. The Commission shall also file, within 30 days of closing any Water Revenue
4 Bond or other form of indebtedness (including SRF Loans and bond anticipation notes)
5 transactions) authorized hereby, with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors a report showing
6 the results of the transaction, including (i) principal amount sold and method of sale, (ii) true
7 interest cost, (iii) final maturity, (iv) the facilities constructed and/or improved, and (v) a
8 statement about the remaining bonding authorization under this Ordinance (“Bond Report”),
9 provided that the failure to file such Bond Report shall not affect the validity of any debt
10 authorized hereunder.

11 Section 3. Authorization to Issue Water Revenue Refunding Bonds and Retire
12 Commercial Paper. The Board further authorizes and approves the issuance by the
13 Commission of Water Revenue Refunding Bonds (“Refunding Bonds”) without limitation as to
14 principal amount, in one or more series on one or more dates, at a maximum interest rate or
15 rates of interest not to exceed twelve percent (12%) per annum, provided that each such
16 Refunding Bond issue is permitted under the applicable policies and procedures of the City
17 and authorized by Section 9.109 of the Charter (including related ordinances and resolutions
18 of the Board). The Refunding Bonds may be issued as tax-exempt or taxable obligations, or
19 any combination thereof. Refunding Bonds authorized hereunder shall be subject to the
20 further following conditions, that: (i) three percent (3%) net present value debt service savings
21 or greater is achieved to ensure ratepayer savings (exclusive of any issuance to refund
22 commercial paper, revolving credit notes, or bond anticipation notes); (ii) that the maturity of
23 the refunded bonds is not extended, provided that principal payments and term may be
24 adjusted, where permitted under federal and state tax law, only if and when the underlying
25 capital asset funded through said refunded bonds has a useful life not in excess of any limit

1 permitted under federal and state tax law than the refunded term; (iii) this authorization is
2 subject to a 5-year term through June 30, 2025, at which time this Board may consider an
3 extension of such authority, which this Board may grant by resolution; and (iv) the
4 Commission shall within 30 days of any executed refunding transaction provide a refunding
5 savings report ("Bond Refunding Savings Report") prepared by its financial advisors (that
6 reflects at least a three percent (3%) net present value debt service savings) to the Board,
7 together with a copy of the final Official Statement (if any) with respect to such series of
8 Refunding Bonds, provided that the failure to deliver such Bond Refunding Savings Report
9 shall in no way affect the validity of any Refunding Bonds. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the
10 Commission is authorized to issue Refunding Bonds for non-economic factors, including by
11 way of illustration, eliminating onerous covenants and obsolete provisions contained in the
12 Commission's indenture or other security documents. The Commission shall request a waiver
13 of the savings requirement for any Refunding Bonds issued for non-economic reasons, which
14 this Board may grant by resolution. In furtherance of the purpose of managing the
15 Commission outstanding indebtedness, the General Manager is hereby authorized and
16 directed, in consultation the City Attorney, from Available Water Enterprise Revenues to retire
17 outstanding Water Enterprise Commercial Paper at such times and in such amounts
18 advantageous to the Commission.

19 Section 4. Declaration of Official Intent. The Board, on behalf of the Commission,
20 hereby declares the official intent of the Commission to reimburse the Commission with
21 proceeds of the Water Revenue Bonds or other forms of indebtedness (including SRF Loans,
22 commercial paper, revolving credit notes, or bond anticipation notes) for the Expenditures with
23 respect to the Capital Improvement Projects made on and after a date that is no more than 60
24 days prior to the adoption of this Ordinance. The Commission reasonably expects on the date
25 hereof that it will reimburse the Expenditures with proceeds of the Water Revenue Bonds or

1 other forms of indebtedness (including, without limitation and for illustrative purposes only,
2 SRF Loans, commercial paper, revolving credit notes or bond anticipation notes). Each said
3 Expenditure was and will be either (A) of a type properly chargeable to a capital account
4 under general federal income tax principles (determined in each case as of the date of the
5 Expenditure), (B) a cost of issuance with respect to such obligations, (C) a nonrecurring item
6 that is not customarily payable from current revenues, or (D) a grant to pay a party that is not
7 related to or an agent of the issuer so long as such grant does not impose any obligation or
8 condition (directly or indirectly) to repay any amount to or for the benefit of the Commission.
9 The Commission will make a reimbursement allocation, which is a written allocation by the
10 Issuer that evidences the Commission's use of proceeds of the Water Revenue Bonds or
11 other forms of indebtedness to reimburse an Expenditure, no later than 18 months after the
12 later of the date on which the Expenditure is paid or the component of the Capital
13 Improvement Projects is placed in service or abandoned, but in no event more than three
14 years after the date on which the Expenditure is paid. The Commission recognizes that
15 exceptions are available for certain "preliminary expenditures," costs of issuance, certain de
16 minimis amounts, expenditures by "small issuers" (based on the year of issuance and not the
17 year of expenditure) and expenditures for construction projects of at least 5 years.

18 Section 5. General Authority. The Controller, Treasurer, the City Attorney and other
19 officers of the City, including the Director of the Office of Public Finance, and their duly
20 authorized deputies and agents are hereby authorized and directed, jointly and severally, to
21 take such actions and to execute and deliver such certificates, agreements, requests or other
22 documents, as they may deem necessary or desirable to facilitate the issuance, sale and
23 delivery of the Water Revenue Bonds or other forms of indebtedness, including Refunding
24 Bonds, and to obtain bond insurance or other credit or liquidity enhancements with respect to
25 any such obligations, and otherwise to carry out the provisions of this Ordinance. The

1 Commission is hereby directed to provide the final form to the Clerk of the Board of any
2 disclosure document prepared in connection with the execution of any Water Revenue Bonds,
3 other forms of indebtedness, or Refunding Bonds, and the final executed Installment Sale
4 Agreement or other document reflecting the incurrence of an SRF Loan, within 30 days of the
5 closing of such transactions provided that the failure to deliver such document shall not affect
6 the validity of the obligations authorized hereunder. The Commission is further directed as a
7 part of the two-year budget review to provide to this Board of Supervisors a written report
8 about Water Revenue Bonds authorized hereunder, detailing the total amount authorized, the
9 total amount sold, the remaining authorized but unissued amount, and the bond authorization
10 no longer necessary due to changes in projects and project financing.

11 Section 6. Ratification of Prior Actions. All actions authorized and directed by this
12 Ordinance in connection with the issuance of the Water Revenue Bonds, other forms of
13 indebtedness (including, without limitation and for illustrative purposes only, SRF Loans,
14 commercial paper, revolving credit notes, or bond anticipation notes) or Refunding Bonds
15 and heretofore taken are hereby ratified, approved and confirmed by this Board.

16 Section 7. File Documents. All documents referred to as on file with the Clerk of the
17 Board are in File Nos. _____.

18 Section 8. Effective Date. Pursuant to Charter Section 8B.124, this Ordinance shall
19 take effect thirty (30) days after its adoption.

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21 APPROVED AS TO FORM:
22 DENNIS J. HERRERA, City Attorney

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24 By: /s/ Mark D. Blake
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Deputy City Attorney