

1 [Supporting the Department of Public Works accreditation efforts]

2 **Resolution supporting the Department of Public Works’ application to the American**
3 **Public Works Association for accreditation.**

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5 **WHEREAS**, The American Public Works Association (APWA) is an international
6 educational and professional association of public agencies, private sector companies, and
7 individuals dedicated to providing high quality public works goods and services; and,

8 **WHEREAS**, The mission of the Department of Public Works is to enhance the quality of
9 life in San Francisco by providing outstanding public service by designing, building, operating,
10 maintaining, greening, and improving the City’s infrastructure, public rights of way, and
11 facilities; and,

12 **WHEREAS**, The American Public Works Association provides a forum in which public
13 works professionals can exchange ideas, improve professional competency, increase the
14 performance of their agencies and companies, and bring important public works-related topics
15 to public attention in local, state and federal arenas; and,

16 **WHEREAS**, APWA Accreditation is a voluntary, self-motivated approach to objectively
17 measure, verify, and recognize compliance with national recommended management
18 practices and standards; and,

19 **WHEREAS**, APWA Accreditation requires DPW to assess its practices and continuously
20 improve by identifying efficiencies and optimizing resources; and,

21 **WHEREAS**, APWA Accreditation supports DPW’s strategic vision to become a world class
22 organization that contributes to making San Francisco a beautiful, livable, vibrant, and
23 sustainable city; and

24 **WHEREAS**, APWA Accreditation application process requires DPW to conduct a self
25 assessment of its management practices and present the findings to the Mayor and Board of
Supervisors; and,

1 **WHEREAS**, The results of DPW's self-assessment finds that out of the 546 APWA
2 management practices, DPW performs 299 and fully or substantially complies with all
3 management practices; and,

4 **WHEREAS**, DPW will work with the Mayor, the Board of Supervisors, and the community
5 to solicit feedback on DPW's services to make improvements to the department's policies and
6 procedures; and,

7 **WHEREAS**, DPW strives to join the other three Bay Area cities and counties that have
8 received accreditation - the City of Oakland, City of Berkeley, and Contra Costa County; and,

9 **WHEREAS**, DPW is committed to applying for re-accreditation every three years, as
10 required by APWA; and,

11 **WHEREAS**, DPW is committed to completing the accreditation process by the end of FY
12 2009-2010; now, therefore, be it

13 **RESOLVED**, the Board of Supervisors supports the Department of Public Works in its efforts
14 to obtain accreditation from the American Public Works Association.