

1 [Emergency Declaration - Replacement and Repair of Fences - Total Cost Not to Exceed  
2 \$4,250,000]

3 **Resolution approving an emergency declaration of the San Francisco Public Utilities**  
4 **Commission (SFPUC) pursuant to Administrative Code, Section 6.60, to replace and**  
5 **repair fences on SFPUC watershed land in Alameda watershed damaged by the SCU**  
6 **Lightning Complex Fire, with a total cost not to exceed \$4,250,000.**

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8 WHEREAS, The San Francisco Public Utilities Commission's (SFPUC) watershed  
9 lands located in Alameda watershed are critical assets for providing continuous delivery of  
10 high-quality water to the 2.7 million water customers in the Bay Area; any inability to protect  
11 these assets poses a threat to water quality and deliveries, a basic service affecting the lives,  
12 property and welfare of the SFPUC water customers in San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa  
13 Clara and Alameda Counties; and

14 WHEREAS, Beginning on August 16, 2020, numerous lightning strikes ignited the SCU  
15 Lightning Complex Fire (SCU Fire) that ultimately burned 396,624 acres, including  
16 approximately 10,500 acres of SFPUC Alameda watershed property; and

17 WHEREAS, The SCU Fire damaged or destroyed approximately 50 miles of SFPUC-  
18 owned security and grazing operation fencing located on SFPUC Alameda watershed  
19 property; and

20 WHEREAS, The damaged fencing needs to be repaired and/or replaced immediately  
21 to re-establish the security barrier to protect SFPUC Alameda watershed lands and regional  
22 water system infrastructure from trespass, vandalism, and contamination of drinking water  
23 sources (e.g., the Calaveras and San Antonio Reservoirs); and

1           WHEREAS, The fencing also ensures that cattle from SFPUC grazing tenants remain  
2 separated from public roadways, drinking water sources, and sensitive environmental  
3 resources; and

4           WHEREAS, Any delay to replacing and repairing the approximately 50 miles of fences  
5 damaged in the SCU Lightning Complex Fire poses a risk to the security and quality of water  
6 supply for the 2.7 million SFPUC regional water system customers relying on the water  
7 deliveries; and

8           WHEREAS, While living in the global pandemic, COVID-19, water quality is an  
9 essential service that will impact public health and safety for 2.7 million water customers; and

10           WHEREAS, Administrative Code, Chapter 6, Article IV, Section 6.60, authorizes  
11 department heads to declare an emergency and award a public work contract, exempt from  
12 the competitive bidding process, in the event of an actual emergency, which is defined to  
13 include, “ ... [t]he breakdown or imminent breakdown of any plant, equipment, structure, street  
14 or public work necessitating immediate emergency repair or reconditioning to safeguard the  
15 lives or property of the citizens, or the property of the City and County, or to maintain the  
16 public health and welfare ...”; and

17           WHEREAS, On October 19, 2020, the SFPUC General Manager declared an  
18 emergency, approved by the President of the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission, to  
19 replace and repair the fences damaged in the SCU Fire in order reestablish the security  
20 barrier to protect SFPUC Alameda watershed lands; and

21           WHEREAS, Administrative Code, Section 6.60(d), requires the SFPUC General  
22 Manager to seek the Board of Supervisors’ approval in all cases where the estimated cost of  
23 the emergency work exceeds \$250,000; and

24           WHEREAS, The SFPUC General Manager estimates that replacing and repairing the  
25 fences damaged in the SCU Fire will not exceed \$4,250,000; and

1           WHEREAS, The SFPUC has reached out to vendors with the appropriate C-13 fencing  
2 contractor licenses to request quotes for the emergency work, with the intention to award  
3 multiple emergency contracts with a total cumulative amount not to exceed \$4,250,000; and

4           WHEREAS, The Controller has certified that funds are available for this emergency  
5 work and contract; now, therefore, be it

6           RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors approves, under Administrative Code,  
7 Section 6.60, the SFPUC General Manager’s emergency determination dated October 19,  
8 2020, to replace and repair the fences damaged in the SCU Lightning Complex Fire for a total  
9 cost not to exceed \$4,250,000, and be it

10          FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors ratifies actions taken to date by  
11 the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission to address such emergency work and resolve  
12 the emergency condition.

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RECOMMENDED:

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Michael Carlin  
Acting General Manager of the SFPUC

FUNDS AVAILABLE:

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BEN ROSENFELD  
Controller



City and County of San Francisco

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Resolution

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File Number: 210008

Date Passed: February 02, 2021

Resolution approving an emergency declaration of the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC) pursuant to Administrative Code, Section 6.60, to replace and repair fences on SFPUC watershed land in Alameda watershed damaged by the SCU Lightning Complex Fire, with a total cost not to exceed \$4,250,000.

January 27, 2021 Budget and Finance Committee - AMENDED, AN AMENDMENT OF THE WHOLE BEARING NEW TITLE

January 27, 2021 Budget and Finance Committee - RECOMMENDED AS AMENDED

February 02, 2021 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 11 - Chan, Haney, Mandelman, Mar, Melgar, Peskin, Preston, Ronen, Safai, Stefani and Walton

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 2/2/2021 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Angela Calvillo  
Clerk of the Board

Mayor

2/12/21

Date Approved