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1	[Settlement of Unlitigated Claim -	· San Francisco Bay	Regional Water	<b>Quality Control</b>	Board -
	Regulatory Enforcement Action]	•	_	-	

Regional Water Quality Control Board against the City and County of San Francisco regarding alleged violations of the California Water Code related to wet weather-related overflows from the City's combined sewer system; no formal claim has been filed; the settlement involves entry of a stipulated enforcement order requiring the City to implement flood control projects in the Wawona area, Folsom area, and Lower Alemany area and flooding response actions.

WHEREAS, The San Francisco Bay Regional Water Control Board ("Regional Board") has communicated to the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission ("SFPUC") its intention to issue a Cleanup and Abatement Order to the City for alleged violations of the California Water Code with respect to overflows from the City's sewer collection system during storms in three areas of the City that the Regional Board alleges threaten the quality of groundwater in those areas; and

WHEREAS, The three areas of the City that are the focus of the Regional Board's claim are the Wawona area, Folsom area and Lower Alemany area; and

WHEREAS, The SFPUC and the City Attorney have negotiated with the Regional Board to resolve these allegations by entering into a Stipulation accompanying the Regional Board's issuance of a Cleanup and Abatement Order that requires the SFPUC to construct overflow reduction capital projects in the three aforementioned areas of the City at a total cost to the SFPUC of approximately \$622 million and with completion of all three projects to occur no later than March 31, 2028; and

WHEREAS, The three overflow reduction capital projects are included in the SFPUC's
Wastewater Enterprise Capital Plan, and will be funded from annual Wastewater capital
improvement funds; and

WHEREAS, The stipulated Cleanup and Abatement Order also requires the SFPUC to undertake flooding response activities in those three areas before, during, and after large storms; and

WHEREAS, On May 15, 2020, under Case Number 2020-002636ENV, the City, through its Planning Department, determined that the Wawona area project described in Finding 19 of the Stipulated Order is categorically exempt from the CEQA Guidelines under Section 15303, Class 3 (New Facilities); and

WHEREAS, Nothing in the Stipulation commits the City to approve any project that is subject to review under the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") until such environmental review is complete, as required by law; the City's execution of this Stipulation does not constitute approval of any of the potential projects that the City may undertake pursuant to the Stipulation; in considering any such potential projects, the City retains discretion to (1) make such modifications to any such projects as may be necessary to mitigate significant environmental impacts, (2) select feasible alternatives to any such projects that avoid significant adverse impacts, (3) require the implementation of specific measures to mitigate significant adverse environmental impacts as part of the decision to approve any such projects, and (4) balance the benefits of any such projects against any significant environmental impacts before taking final actions to approve such projects if such significant impacts cannot otherwise be avoided; in addition, the City may seek approval from the Regional Water Board to pursue an alternative approach in accordance with Provision 8 of the Proposed CAO; and

1	WHEREAS, On July 27, 2021, the SFPUC approved Resolution No. 21-0124				
2	recommending that the Board of Supervisors resolve and settle the Regional Board's claim on				
3	the terms specified in the Stipulation and Cleanup and Abatement Order that are on file with				
4	the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in File No. 210899; now, therefore, be it				
5	RESOLVED, That pursuant to Administrative Code, Section 10.22, the Board of				
6	Supervisors hereby authorizes the City Attorney to settle and compromise the Regional				
7	Board's unlitigated claim as described herein b	y entry into the Stipulation on file with the Clerk			
8	of the Board; and, be it				
9	FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board	of Supervisors hereby authorizes the SFPUC's			
10	General Manager to enter into any amendmen	ts or modifications to the Stipulation and			
11	Cleanup and Abatement Order that the General Manager determines in consultation with the				
12	City Attorney are in the best interest of the City, do not materially increase the obligations or				
13	liabilities of the City, are necessary and advisable to effectuate the purpose and intent of the				
14	Stipulation and Cleanup and Abatement Order	or this Resolution, and are in compliance with			
15	all applicable laws.				
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17	APPROVED:	RECOMMENDED:			
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20	City Attorney	COMMISSION			
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22	<u>/s/</u> FRANCESCA GESSNER	/s/_			
23	Deputy City Attorney	MICHAEL CARLIN  Acting General Manager of the San			
24	Public Utilities Commission Team Leader	Francisco Public Utilities Commission			

1	APPROVED:
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3	DONNA HOOD
4	Secretary of the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission
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# PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION City and County of San Francisco

RESOLUTION No.:	21-0124
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RESOLVED, That on recommendation of the General Manager of the Public Utilities Commission, and the City Attorney, this Commission hereby recommends that the Board of Supervisors resolve and settle the claim listed below on the terms specified below.

Claimant	Claim Number	<b>Amount</b>
California Regional	N/A (Unlitigated claim regarding	N/A (Injunctive
Water Quality Control	overflows from San Francisco's	relief)
Board, San Francisco	combined sewage and stormwater	
Bay Region	collection system during rainstorms)	

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Public Utilities Commission at its meeting of July 27, 2021.

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Secretary, Public Utilities Commission

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#### MEMORANDUM

#### GOVERNMENT AUDIT AND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

#### SAN FRANCISCO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

TO: Supervisor Dean Preston, Chair

Government Audit and Oversight Committee

FROM: John Carroll, Assistant Clerk

DATE: Friday, September 17, 2021

SUBJECT: NO COMMITTEE REPORT, BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, September 21, 2021

The following file—prepared to be presented as a COMMITTEE REPORT at the regular Board meeting on Tuesday, September 21, 2021—was not sent. This resolution was acted upon at the Special Government Audit and Oversight Committee meeting on Friday, September 17, 2021, at 2:00 p.m., but was not sent as a committee report.

Item No. 31 File No. 210899

Resolution approving the settlement of an unlitigated claim of the San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board against the City and County of San Francisco regarding alleged violations of the California Water Code related to wet weather-related overflows from the City's combined sewer system; no formal claim has been filed; the settlement involves entry of a stipulated enforcement order requiring the City to implement flood control projects in the Wawona area, Folsom area, and Lower Alemany area and flooding response actions.

Cc: Board of Supervisors
Angela Calvillo, Clerk of the Board
Alisa Somera, Legislative Deputy
Anne Pearson, Deputy City Attorney

#### Member, Board of Supervisors District 5



DATE: September 15, 2021

TO: Angela Calvillo

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

FROM: Supervisor Preston

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Chairperson

RE: Government Audit and Oversight Committee

COMMITTEE REPORT

Pursuant to Board Rule 4.20, as Chair of the Government Audit and Oversight Committee I have deemed the following matters to be of an urgent nature and request each be considered by the full Board on Tuesday, September 21, 2021, as Committee Reports:

<u>210899 – [Settlement of Unlitigated Claim - San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board - Regulatory Enforcement Action]</u>

These matters will be heard at a Special Government Audit and Oversight Committee meeting on September 17, 2021, at 2pm.

### **LEGISLATION RECEIVED CHECKLIST**

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