

1 [Endorsing Baylands Report and Restoration]

2 ENDORSING THE BAYLANDS ECOSYSTEM HABITAT GOALS REPORT AND THE
3 IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY FOR RESTORING THE SAN FRANCISCO BAY ESTUARY
4 AND SUPPORTING THE RESTORATION OF WETLANDS AT CANDLESTICK POINT
5 STATE RECREATION AREA.

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7 WHEREAS, "The Sustainability Plan for the City of San Francisco," as adopted by the
8 Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco in 1997, calls for preserving
9 and restoring the region's biodiversity; and

10 WHEREAS, The mission of the Department of the Environment is to preserve,
11 enhance, and protect the San Francisco's environment; and

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13 WHEREAS, Healthy baylands preserve the biodiversity of the San Francisco Bay
14 Estuary, improve water quality, reduce flooding and sedimentation, help commercial fisheries,
15 and provide outdoor recreation and tourism opportunities, as well as provide aesthetic
16 benefits; and

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18 WHEREAS, Wetlands are a key component of healthy baylands and are proven to be
19 a cost-effective and environmentally beneficial method of treating stormwater and
20 wastewater; and,

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22 WHEREAS, More than 500 wetlands in Europe and more than 200 in North America
23 remove pollutants by a combination of physical, chemical, and biological processes including
24 filtration, sedimentation, adsorption, volatilization, microbial decomposition, precipitation, and
25 vegetative uptake; and,

1 WHEREAS, Wetlands would serve not only as an outdoor classroom for students
2 throughout the Bay Area but also as a major recreational and educational attraction for the
3 general public, both locally and internationally; and,

4 WHEREAS, The San Francisco Bay Area Wetlands Ecosystem Goals Project has
5 prepared a report for the Bay Area entitled "*Baylands Ecosystem Habitat Goals*", which
6 recommends the restoration of Bay Area wetlands and related habitats needed to sustain a
7 healthy ecosystem; and
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9 WHEREAS, The San Francisco Bay Habitat Joint Venture, a public/private partnership
10 composed of resource management agencies, local governments, the business community,
11 and conservation organizations such as the Audubon Society, the Sierra Club, Save San
12 Francisco Bay Association, the Bay Institute and many others, have developed a consensus
13 draft implementation strategy for baylands restoration entitled "*Restoring the Estuary: An
14 Implementation Strategy for the San Francisco Bay Joint Venture*"; and
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16 WHEREAS, The restoration of approximately 24 acres of wetlands is called for in the
17 Master Plan for the Candlestick Point State Recreation Area; and
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19 WHEREAS, the San Francisco Airport is currently underwriting the development of
20 conceptual plans, to be completed by the end of the calendar year 2000, for such a wetland
21 restoration; now, therefore be it

22 RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco Board of Supervisors
23 endorses the vision of protected and restored baylands as articulated by the "*Baylands
24 Ecosystem Habitat Goals*"; and, be it
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1 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board urges that the implementation strategy as
2 envisioned by the San Francisco Joint Venture be used for the master plan for the 24 acre
3 site of the Candlestick Point State Recreation Area; and, be it

4 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board supports an integrated region-wide program of
5 bayland acquisition, restoration, research and monitoring to achieve the goal of healthy
6 baylands; and, be it

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8 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board urges Bay Area federal and state legislators to
9 seek funding to implement an integrated region-wide program of bayland acquisition,
10 restoration, research, and monitoring; and, be it

11 FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board urges the Regional Water Quality Control
12 Board and City departments to support the restoration of wetlands at Candlestick Point State
13 Recreation Area, identify funding to pay for construction work associated with the restoration,
14 and work together to achieve the "*Baylands Ecosystem Habitat Goals*."
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Resolution endorsing the Baylands Ecosystem Habitat Goals Report and the implementation strategy for restoring the San Francisco Bay Estuary and supporting the restoration of wetlands at Candlestick Point State Recreation Area.

October 30, 2000 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 9 - Ammiano, Bierman, Katz, Kaufman, Leno, Newsom, Teng, Yaki, Yee

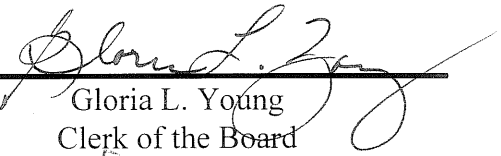
Absent: 2 - Becerril, Brown


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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on October 30, 2000 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

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Date Approved


Gloria L. Young
Clerk of the Board


Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.