Resolution approving settlement of the unlitigated claim of the Gibson Group Trust in an amount not to exceed $67,000 for payment of past and future costs of responding to contamination at Gibson Environmental site; Bakersfield, California.

WHEREAS, the California Department of Toxic Substances Control ("DTSC") issued an Imminent and Substantial Endangerment Determination and Order and Remedial Action Order, on November 8, 1999 ("DTSC Order"), ordering about 40 entities to perform response actions relating to environmental conditions in soil and/or groundwater at the former Gibson Environmental, Inc. recycling and disposal facility located at 2401 Gibson Street in Bakersfield, California ("Site");

WHEREAS, several named and unnamed entities have formed the Gibson Group Trust ("Trust") and have been performing the work mandated by the DTSC Order pursuant to various agreements among themselves;

WHEREAS, the Trust alleges that the City, acting through its various departments and commissions, also sent waste to the Site, giving rise pursuant to state and federal law for liability for reimbursement of a portion of the Trust's costs;

WHEREAS, the Trust asserted a claim against the City for such costs and proposed to settle that claim in exchange for a release of liability and an indemnity against certain future claims;

WHEREAS, various departments or commissions of the City legally shipped small quantities of hazardous and non-hazardous wastes to the Site within the period of 1987-1994 during which the Site operated as a permitted waste facility;
WHEREAS, under the federal Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act of 1980, the City is alleged to be a potentially responsible party, along with hundreds of other entities, including the Trust members, responsible for contributing to payment of the response Costs relating to the Site;

WHEREAS, the following departments or commissions of the City have recommended settlement of the claim by payment of the offered settlement amount in the following amounts, representing the proportion each such department or commission bears to the total contribution of wastes by the City to the Site:

- Public Utilities Commission: $26,344
- Port Commission: $858
- Department of Public Works: $38,351

WHEREAS, the City Attorney has approved the settlement; now, therefore, be it RESOLVED, That pursuant to Section 10.22 of the San Francisco Administrative Code, settlement and compromise of said claim by payment in an amount not to exceed $67,000, the exact amount of which will be determined through further negotiation by the City Attorney, is hereby approved.

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND RECOMMENDED:

DENNIS J. HERRERA
City Attorney

RECOMMENDED:

PUBLIC UTILITIES DEPARTMENT

JOANNE HOEPER
Chief Trial Deputy

City Attorney
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
FUNDS AVAILABLE:

PORT

MONIQUE MOYER
Executive Director

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

EDWIN M. LEE
Director

Processing Should be as Follows: 2/8/04

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Funds Available:

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September 21, 2004  Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED
  Ayes: 11 - Alioto-Pier, Ammiano, Daly, Dufty, Elsbernd, Gonzalez, Ma, Maxwell, McGoldrick, Peskin, Sandoval
I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on September 21, 2004 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Gloria L. Young
Clerk of the Board

Mayor Gavin Newsom