[Approval of CEQA Findings for SFPUC Harding Park Recycled Water Project.]

Resolution adopting findings under the California Environmental Quality Act, including the adoption of a mitigation monitoring and reporting program and a statement of overriding considerations related to the Harding Park Recycled Water Project, Water System Improvement Program funded Project No. CUW 30204; and directing the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors to notify the Controller of this action.

WHEREAS, The San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC) has developed a project under the Water System Improvement Program (WSIP) for improvements to the retail water supply system in San Francisco, otherwise known as Project No. CUW 30204, Harding Park Recycled Water Project (Project); and

WHEREAS, The Project would deliver tertiary treated recycled water from the North San Mateo County Sanitation District wastewater plant in Daly City (Daly City) to irrigate the 18-hole Harding Park and 9-hole Fleming Golf Courses in San Francisco (jointly referred to as Harding Park); and

WHEREAS, The objectives of the Project are to: a) provide up to 0.39 mgd of recycled water to meet average daily demand for irrigating Harding Park, as a component of the 10 mgd of local water supply development authorized by this Commission’s approval of the WSIP in SFPUC Resolution No. 08-0200 and incorporated into the Water Supply Agreement between the SFPUC and its wholesale customers approved in SFPUC Resolution No. 09-0069; b) diversify the SFPUC’s water supplies for the San Francisco retail service area, consistent with WSIP requirements to reduce retail customer demand; c) develop a new water supply that is both reliable and drought-resistant; and d) reduce the use of potable water for irrigation and other non-potable uses by supplying those demands with recycled water; and

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WHEREAS, The Project was analyzed at the program level and approved by the SFPUC as part of the WSIP; and

WHEREAS, A Final Program EIR (PEIR) was prepared for the WSIP and certified by the San Francisco Planning Commission on October 30, 2008 by Motion No. 17734; and

WHEREAS, Thereafter, the SFPUC approved the WSIP and adopted findings and an MMRP as required by the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") on October 30, 2008 by Resolution No. 08-200; and

WHEREAS, An environmental impact report ("EIR") as required by CEQA was prepared for the Project; and

WHEREAS, Daly City was the lead agency for Project environmental review under CEQA; and

WHEREAS, The San Francisco Planning Department, acting as a responsible agency under CEQA and Chapter 31 of the San Francisco Administrative Code, coordinated review and responses to the Project EIR with the SFPUC and the San Francisco Recreation and Park Department, the operator of Harding Park; and

WHEREAS, A Draft Environmental Impact Report (Draft EIR) for the Project was published by Daly City for public review on July 27, 2009 pursuant to CEQA; and

WHEREAS, Public comments on the Draft EIR were received between July 27, 2009 and September 10, 2009, and responses to those comments were prepared and published as the Final Project EIR (FEIR) on October 2, 2009; and

WHEREAS, On October 12, 2009, the Board of Directors of the North San Mateo County Sanitation District reviewed and considered the Project FEIR, and (1) found that the contents of said report and the procedures through which the FEIR was prepared, publicized and reviewed complied with the provisions of CEQA and the CEQA Guidelines; (2) certified the completion of said FEIR in compliance with CEQA and the CEQA Guidelines; (3)
approved the Project; and (4) adopted a Mitigation, Monitoring and Reporting Program

(WHEREAS, The FEIR that Daly City prepared and certified for the Project incorporates information contained in the PEIR, as authorized by and in accordance with CEQA and the CEQA Guidelines; and

WHEREAS, Daly City, represented by Patrick Sweetland, is the custodian of records for the Project EIR, located at 153 Lake Merced Blvd. Daly City, California; and

WHEREAS, On October 27, 2009, the SFPUC, by Resolution No. 09-0178, a copy of which is included in Board of Supervisors File No. 091288 and which is incorporated herein by this reference: (1) approved the Project; (2) adopted CEQA findings, Statement of Overriding Considerations, and MMRP, related to the Project as required by the CEQA; and (3) authorized the General Manager to seek the Board of Supervisors’ adoption of the same CEQA findings, Statement of Overriding Considerations, and MMRP; and

WHEREAS, The Project files, including the FEIR, PEIR and SFPUC Resolution No. 09-0178 have been made available for review by the Board of Supervisors and the public, and those files are considered part of the record before this Board; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors has reviewed and considered the information and findings contained in the FEIR, PEIR and SFPUC Resolution No. 09-0178, and all written and oral information provided by the Planning Department, Recreation and Parks Department the public, relevant public agencies, SFPUC and other experts and the administrative files for the Project; and

WHEREAS, This Board of Supervisors adopted Ordinance No. 311-08 that placed WSIP appropriated funds on Controller’s Appropriation Reserve, by project, making release of appropriation reserves by the Controller subject to the prior occurrence of: (1) the SFPUC’s and the Board’s discretionary adoption of CEQA Findings for each project, following review

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and consideration of completed project-related environmental analysis, pursuant to CEQA, the State CEQA Guidelines, and Chapter 31 of the San Francisco Administrative Code, where required, and (2) the Controller's certification of funds availability, including proceeds of indebtedness; and

WHEREAS, The associated costs covered for this Project under Ordinance No. 311-08 are less than the $100 million threshold that requires subsequent release of reserves directly by the Budget and Finance Committee of the Board of Supervisors; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors has reviewed and considered the FEIR, the PEIR and record as a whole, finds that the FEIR is adequate for its use as the decision-making body for the action taken herein, and incorporates the CEQA Findings and MMRP contained in SFPUC Resolution No. 09-0178 including the Statement of Overriding Considerations by this reference thereto as though set forth in this Resolution; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board finds that the Project mitigation measures adopted by the SFPUC will be implemented as reflected in and in accordance with the MMRP; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, The Board finds that since the FEIR was finalized, there have been no substantial project changes and no substantial changes in Project circumstances that would require major revisions to the FEIR due to the involvement of new significant environmental effects or an increase in the severity of previously identified significant impacts, and there is no new information of substantial importance that would change the conclusions set forth in the FEIR; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board directs the Clerk of the Board to forward this Resolution to the Controller.
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December 15, 2009 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED
Ayes: 11 - Alioto-Pier, Avalos, Campos, Chiu, Chu, Daly, Dufty, Elsbernd, Mar, Maxwell and Mirkarimi

File No. 091288

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 12/15/2009 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

Date Approved

Mayor Gavin Newsom