Resolution adopting findings under the California Environmental Quality Act, including the adoption of a mitigation monitoring and reporting program, related to the rehabilitation of the San Joaquin Pipelines Project, Project No. CUW37302; 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 description under the Water System Improvement Program (WSIP) for the improvements to the regional water supply system, otherwise known as Project no. CUW37302, Rehabilitation of the San Joaquin Pipelines Project (referred to herein as the "Project"). The Project consists of condition assessment, repair, rehabilitation and maintenance of the existing San Joaquin Pipeline System which includes three large-diameter pipelines that carry water nearly 48 miles across the San Joaquin Valley, and connects existing SFPUC facilities: the Oakdale Portal in western Tuolumne County, and the Coast Range Tunnel in western San Joaquin County. The Project traverses portions of Tuolumne, Stanislaus and San Joaquin counties, including the cities of Riverbank and Modesto, and consists of the following components that would commence in 2011 and extend over approximately 20 years: condition assessment of the existing pipelines; as needed repair or replacement of segments of existing pipelines; installation of cathodic protection; and system maintenance; and

WHEREAS, The objectives of the Project are to prolong the lifespan of the existing San Joaquin Pipeline System by addressing known deficiencies and implementing comprehensive assessment and repair activities to prevent future deficiencies; and
WHEREAS, A Preliminary Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for
the Project was prepared by the San Francisco Planning Department (Planning Department),
Planning Department File No. 2007.01 1129E, and published for public review on August 4,
2010 pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") (California Public
Resources Code Section 21000 et seq.); and

WHEREAS, The Preliminary IS/MND was available for public comment until
September 3, 2010; and

WHEREAS, The IS/MND was amended on November 2, 2010 to clarify information
from the Preliminary IS/MND in response to comments received on the Preliminary IS/MND,
and the Final IS/MND (FMND) was approved by the Planning Department, Environmental
Review Officer, on November 8, 2010, in accordance with CEQA, the State CEQA Guidelines
(14 California Code of Regulations Section 15000 et seq.) and Chapter 31 of the San
Francisco Administrative Code; and

WHEREAS, On December 14, 2010, the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission
(SFPUC), by Resolution No. 10-0221, a copy of which is included in Board of Supervisors File
No. 110814 and which is incorporated herein by this reference: (1) approved the Project; (2)
adopted the FMND and adopted findings (CEQA Findings), and a Mitigation Monitoring and
Reporting Program (MMRP) required by CEQA; and (3) authorized the General Manager to
implement the Project, in compliance with the Charter and applicable law, and subject to
Board of Supervisors' approval where required; and

WHEREAS, The Project files, including the FMND and SFPUC Resolution No. 10-0221
have been made available for review by the Board 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 FMND SFPUC Resolution No. 10-0221, and all written and oral
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 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. The ordinance also placed any project with costs in excess of $100 million on Budget and Finance Committee reserve pending review and reserve release by that Committee. Therefore, the SFPUC has sent a letter to the Budget and Finance Committee requesting review and authorization for the release of funds necessary for implementation of the Rehabilitation of the Existing San Joaquin Pipelines Project; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors has reviewed and considered the FMND and record as a whole, finds that the FMND is adequate for its use as the decision-making body for the action taken herein and adopts and incorporates by reference as though fully set forth herein the CEQA Findings, and the MMRP contained in SFPUC Resolution No. 10-0221; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board finds that the Project mitigation measures set forth in the FMND and the MMRP and adopted by the SFPUC and herein by this Board 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 FMND 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 FMND; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board directs the Clerk of the Board to forward this Resolution to the Controller.
Resolution 1) adopting findings under the California Environmental Quality Act, including the adoption of a mitigation monitoring and reporting program, related to the rehabilitation of the San Joaquin Pipelines Project, Project No. CUW37302; and 2) directing the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors to notify the Controller of this action.

September 12, 2011 Land Use and Economic Development Committee - RECOMMENDED

September 20, 2011 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED
Ayes: 11 - Avalos, Campos, Chiu, Chu, Cohen, Elsbernd, Farrell, Kim, Mar, Mirkarimi and Wiener

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 9/20/2011 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

Mayor Edwin Lee

Date Approved: 9/24/2011