Resolution retroactively authorizing the Department of the Environment to accept and expend grant funds from the Association of Bay Area Governments in the amount of $371,258 for 2015 to perform various activities as part of a Bay Area Regional Energy Network Program, an Energy Efficiency Program, for the term of January 1, 2015, through December 31, 2015.

WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco (City) is a member of the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG); and

WHEREAS, ABAG was awarded up to $26,500,000 by decision of the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) in Decision 12-11-015 to operate the Bay Area Regional Energy Network program (BayREN) in all of its member counties for the calendar years of 2013 and 2014; and

WHEREAS, The CPUC recognized that this structure can provide greater opportunity for the participating counties to develop more innovative programs that better serve the ratepayers; and

WHEREAS, The CPUC stated in Decision 14-10-046 in “Conclusions of Law” that “For the RENs, it is reasonable to authorize use of a “Maximum Contract Amount” for each year through 2025 at 2015 funding levels, unless and until we change”; and

WHEREAS, For 2015, ABAG will continue receiving the ratepayer funds of $12,837,000 through a contract with PG&E where PG&E is acting only as a fiscal manager and the CPUC provides oversight of the program content; and
WHEREAS, BayREN will continue programs to provide technical assistance and financing in the residential sector and education and training for construction contractors and building code officials; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors adopted goals for reductions in greenhouse gas emissions; and

WHEREAS, The Department of the Environment continues to play a key role in the development of the concepts and plans for all the elements of the BayREN program; and

WHEREAS, The Department of Environment is already performing energy efficiency programs for greenhouse gas reductions providing assistance in the residential sector and creating local jobs; and

WHEREAS, The Department of the Environment has built upon its experience with building codes to play the lead role in the development of the Codes and Standards component of the BayREN; and

WHEREAS, A successful BayREN program in 2013-2014 has led to continued funding in future years; and

WHEREAS, The term of this grant is from January 1, 2015, to December 31, 2015; and

WHEREAS, A request for retroactive approval is being sought because the Department of the Environment did not receive the award notice until December 9, 2014; and

WHEREAS, The grant allows for Indirect costs of $120,262 included in the budget; and

WHEREAS, The Department of Environment will utilize existing staff hired under the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act that continued working under the 2013-14 BayREN contract; and

WHEREAS, The grant does not require an Annual Salary Ordinance (ASO) amendment; now therefore, be it
RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors authorizes the Director of the Department of the Environment to retroactively accept and expend a grant in the amount of $371,258 from ABAG to implement BayREN activities in San Francisco; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors authorizes the Director of the Department of the Environment to accept and expend additional funds in the case that ABAG decides to assign additional BayREN tasks for activities in San Francisco.

Recommended:

Department Head

Approved: 
Mayor

Approved: 
Controller, Grant Division
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March 04, 2015 Budget and Finance Sub-Committee - RECOMMENDED

March 10, 2015 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED
Ayes: 11 - Avalos, Breed, Campos, Christensen, Cohen, Farrell, Kim, Mar, Tang, Wiener and Yee

File No. 150161

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 3/10/2015 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

Mayor

Date Approved

3/10/15