Resolution approving an emergency declaration of the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission pursuant to Administrative Code, Section 6.60, to repair Hetch Hetchy Water and Power's 230kV transmission line near Big Creek Shaft Road near Groveland, California, for a total estimated cost not to exceed $400,000.

WHEREAS, On February 16, 2019, during a large snow storm, a tree fell into Hetch Hetchy Water and Power's 230kV transmission line near Big Creek Shaft Road near Groveland, California; and

WHEREAS, The tree, which was located immediately next to but outside of the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC) right of way, damaged about 1500 feet of conductor (all three phases) and at least one transmission tower; and

WHEREAS, Prior to hitting SFPUC's 230kV transmission line, the tree also fell into Pacific Gas and Electric's (PG&E) distribution line affecting power distribution to customers near Groveland and power to the Groveland Community Services District's (GCSD) Big Creek Shaft facility; and

WHEREAS, Big Creek Shaft is a diversion point for GCSD from the Hetch Hetchy Regional Water System (HHRWS); and

WHEREAS, PG&E has restored power to all but six customers and has one day of work to repair their distribution line that runs under SFPUC's transmission line before PG&E can restore power to the remaining customers who are currently without power; and

WHEREAS, PG&E is waiting for SFPUC to repair its transmission line so that PG&E can safely make repairs to PG&E's distribution line; and
WHEREAS, Administrative Code, Chapter 6, Article IV, Section 6.60, authorizes department heads responsible for public work to award an emergency contract, exempt from the competitive bidding process, in the event of an actual emergency, which is defined to include, "...[t]he breakdown or imminent breakdown of any plant, equipment, structure, street or public work necessitating immediate emergency repair or reconditioning to safeguard the lives or property of the citizens, or the property of the City and County, or to maintain the public health and welfare..."; and

WHEREAS, On February 20, 2019, SFPUC General Manager declared an emergency, approved by the Vice President of the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission, to repair the transmission line because the President had resigned and a new President has not been elected yet; and

WHEREAS, Administrative Code, Section 6.60(d) requires that the General Manager immediately notify the Controller, and seek Board of Supervisors' approval of emergency public works with an estimated cost in excess of $250,000; and

WHEREAS, The SFPUC General Manager estimates that the emergency work to repair the transmission line is not expected to exceed $400,000; and

WHEREAS, The Controller has certified that funds are available for this emergency work and contract; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors approves the emergency declaration issued by the SFPUC General Manager on February 20, 2019, to address and complete repairs to transmission line near Big Creek Shaft Road near Groveland, California; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That actions taken to date by the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission to address such emergency work and resolve the emergency condition are hereby ratified.
RECOMMENDED:

HARLAN L. KELLY, JR.
General Manager of the SFPUC

FUNDS AVAILABLE:

BEN ROSENFIELD
Controller
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April 17, 2019 Budget and Finance Sub-Committee - RECOMMENDED

April 23, 2019 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 11 - Brown, Fewer, Haney, Mandelman, Mar, Peskin, Ronen, Safai, Stefani, Walton and Yee

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 4/23/2019 by
the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

London N. Breed
Mayor

Date Approved