[Memorandum of Agreement - United States Department of the Interior, National Park Service - Not to Exceed $33,257,629]

Resolution authorizing the General Manager of the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission to execute a Memorandum of Agreement with the United States Department of the Interior, National Park Service, Yosemite National Park, for comprehensive management of watersheds supplying the San Francisco Regional Water System for an amount not to exceed $33,257,629 and a total term of four years from July 1, 2020, through June 30, 2024, pursuant to Charter, Section 9.118.

WHEREAS, On March 26, 2019, the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC) adopted Resolution No. 19-0058 approving a Memorandum of Agreement (2020-24 MOA) with the National Park Service (NPS) for the comprehensive management of watersheds in Yosemite National Park that supply water to the San Francisco Regional Water System; and

WHEREAS, The 2020-24 MOA has a four-year term that begins on July 1, 2020, and expires on June 30, 2024, with a total cost of $33,257,629; and

WHEREAS, The 2020-24 MOA is a continuation of a series of multi-year funding agreements for watershed protection activities in Yosemite National Park that began in 1992 that required Board of Supervisors approval under Charter, Section 9.118, with the most recent Board approval authorized in Resolution No. 192-18 under Board file number 180496; and

WHEREAS, The SFPUC and the NPS wish to continue their cooperation concerning their common goal of watershed protection within Yosemite National Park and acknowledge the SFPUC’s financial commitment and the NPS’ commitment to implement watershed
protection, environmental stewardship and security programs using funding provided by the SFPUC; and

WHEREAS, The SFPUC Bureau of Environmental Management has determined adoption of the Resolution does not constitute a “project” under California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines, Section 15378 subsection (b) (2), which includes continuing administrative or maintenance activities and subsection (b) (4) which includes creation of a government funding mechanism or other government fiscal activities which do not involve any commitment to any specific project which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment; and

WHEREAS, Should funding authorized under the 2020-24 MOA involve activities other than personnel-related functions, approval and implementation of those activities by the National Park Service, Yosemite National Park would be subject to compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA); and

WHEREAS, Funds for this agreement will be available from the Hetch Hetchy operating budget as appropriated through the City and County of San Francisco’s two-year budget process; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the General Manager of the SFPUC to execute the 2020-24 MOA with the United States Department of the Interior, National Park Service, Yosemite National Park, for comprehensive management of watersheds within Yosemite National Park supplying the San Francisco Regional Water System for an amount not to exceed $33,257,629, and a total term of four years, pursuant to Charter, Section 9.118; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That within thirty (30) days of the agreement being fully executed by all parties, the General Manager of the SFPUC shall provide the final agreement to the Clerk of the Board for inclusion into the official file.
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April 24, 2019 Budget and Finance Sub-Committee - RECOMMENDED

April 30, 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 4/30/2019 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 5/10/19