A Resolution of the Citizens’ Advisory Committee of the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission in Support of Stewardship Policy

WHEREAS, The SFPUC in 2005 established a Natural Resources and Lands Management Division to manage its watershed lands in San Mateo and Alameda counties and work with the National Park Service to preserve and protect the Hetch Hetchy watershed in Yosemite National Park;

WHEREAS, The SFPUC in 2005 adopted the Watershed Environmental Improvement Program, which allocated $50 million over 10 years to manage, protect and restore watersheds affected by SFPUC system operations, and required an annual report to the Commission on the status of the Program;

WHEREAS, The SFPUC in 2006 adopted a Water Enterprise Environmental Stewardship Policy to guide management of its watershed properties;

WHEREAS, Since 2005, the SFPUC has improved management of its watershed for water quality and preservation of biodiversity while also increasing public access in a manner that is protective of these features; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the SFPUC Citizens’ Advisory Committee urges the Commission to continue capital investments in its source watersheds through the 10-year capital program to support the SFPUC’s identified watershed objectives;

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the CAC urges the Commission to expand the annual reporting requirement from the Natural Resources and Lands Management Division by including implementation of the Stewardship Policy.

As Adopted by the Full Citizens’ Advisory Committee on April 18, 2017.
A Resolution of the Citizens’ Advisory Committee of the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission in Support of Equitable Green Infrastructure Implementation throughout the Southeast Sector of San Francisco and throughout the City

WHEREAS, Green Infrastructure (GI) provides for a natural approach to managing stormwater in San Francisco; and

WHEREAS, Green Infrastructure benefits the City by naturally filtering stormwater and absorbing it back into the environment, which reduces the burden on San Francisco's combined sewer system; and

WHEREAS, A majority of the city’s above ground sewer infrastructure is concentrated in Southeast San Francisco, and 80% of the city’s sewage is treated in Bayview Hunters Point; and

WHEREAS, Green Infrastructure increases green spaces in neighborhoods, which can positively impact nearby properties and communities; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the CAC supports SFPUC's innovative Green Infrastructure strategies that create multiple benefits for local communities; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, The CAC urges the Wastewater Enterprise to work with the Wastewater CAC to update the criteria for the review, funding, and placement of projects that result in equitable distribution of Green Infrastructure throughout the communities most impacted by the SFPUC's operations and infrastructure; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, To advance environmental equity and justice, the CAC urges the Wastewater Enterprise to:

- Invest additional capital funding that will be spent on projects more equitably distributed throughout the community most impacted by the sewer system, including but not limited to Sewer System Improvement Plan Phase II;
- Spend GI funding from the Southeast Plant and related Facilities in public spaces and rights of way throughout the neighborhood for all residents in Bayview Hunters Point to access and enjoy. For example, GI projects should be installed along 3rd Street or Evans Ave and along other streets throughout the neighborhood;
- Implement educational components of GI in SFPUC education programs so that residents and community members become knowledgeable about GI, including GI walking tours in the southeast community and installation of GI and community gardens for schools and community spaces, to be utilized as outdoor lab for science curriculum;
- Increase funding for grant programs like the Urban Watershed Stewardship Grant program which allows for GI in neighborhoods and allow additional funding mechanisms for housing below four units; and be it
FURTHER RESOLVED, The SPFUC should review the city’s Stormwater Management Ordinance to determine the feasibility of allowing stormwater management to be located off-site.

As adopted by the Full Citizens’ Advisory Committee on June 20, 2017.