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ADOPTION OF FINDINGS RELATED TO THE CERTIFICATION OF A FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED CRYSTAL SPRINGS/SAN ANDREAS TRANSMISSION UPGRADE PROJECT.

MOVED, that the San Francisco Planning Commission (hereinafter "Commission") hereby CERTIFIES the Final Environmental Impact Report identified as Case No. 2007.1255E, Crystal Springs/San Andreas Transmission Upgrade Project, located in San Mateo County (hereinafter "Project"), based upon the following findings:

1. The City and County of San Francisco, acting through the Planning Department (hereinafter "Department") fulfilled all procedural requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (Cal. Pub. Res. Code Section 21000 *et seq.*, hereinafter "CEQA"), the State CEQA Guidelines (Cal. Admin. Code Title 14, Section 15000 *et seq.*, hereinafter "CEQA Guidelines") and Chapter 31 of the San Francisco Administrative Code (hereinafter "Chapter 31").
 - A. The Department determined that an Environmental Impact Report (hereinafter "EIR") was required and in accordance with 15082 of the CEQA Guidelines, the Department prepared a Notice of Preparation (NOP) of an EIR and conducted a scoping meeting (see Draft EIR, Appendix A). The NOP was circulated to local, State, and federal agencies and to other interested parties on February 4, 2008, initiating a public comment period that extended through May 9, 2008. Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15083, the Department held a public scoping meeting in Burlingame on February 20, 2008. The purpose of the meeting was to present the proposed Project to the public and receive public input regarding the proposed scope of the EIR analysis. A scoping report was prepared to

summarize the public scoping process and the comments received in response to the NOP, and the report is included in Appendix A of the Draft EIR.

- B. On November 5, 2009, the Department published the Draft Environmental Impact Report (hereinafter "DEIR") and provided public notice in newspapers of general circulation of the availability of the DEIR for public review and comment, and of the date and time of the public hearings on the DEIR. This notice was mailed to the Department's list of persons requesting such notice and other interested parties.
 - C. Notices of availability of the DEIR and of the date and time of the public hearing were posted at various locations along or near the project site by Department staff on November 5, 2009. The Notice of Availability was made available at public libraries in San Francisco and San Mateo Counties.
 - D. On November 5, 2009, copies of the DEIR were mailed or otherwise delivered to a list of persons requesting it, to those noted on the distribution list in the DEIR, to adjacent property owners, and to government agencies, the latter both directly and through the State Clearinghouse. The DEIR was posted on the Department's website.
 - E. The Notice of Completion was filed with the State Secretary of Resources via the State Clearinghouse on November 5, 2009. The State Clearinghouse Number for this EIR is 2008022054.
2. The DEIR was circulated to local, State, and federal agencies and to interested organizations and individuals for review and comment on November 5, 2009, for a 45-day public review period. The public review period closed on December 19, 2009. Two duly advertised public hearings on the DEIR to accept written or oral comments were held; one hearing was held in Burlingame on December 8, 2009, a second hearing was held in San Francisco on December 10, 2009. The Commission acknowledges and endorses the supplemental public hearing that the Environmental Review Officer's delegate conducted in Burlingame in order to allow potentially affected members of the public to present oral comments at a convenient location. The public hearings transcripts are in the Project record.
 3. The Department prepared responses to comments on environmental issues received at the public hearings and in writing during the public review period for the DEIR, prepared revisions to the text of the DEIR in response to comments received or based on additional information that became available during the public review period, and corrected errors in the DEIR. This material was presented in a Draft Comments and Responses document (hereinafter "C&R"), published on April 8, 2010, distributed to the Commission and all parties who commented on the DEIR, and made available to others upon request at Department offices and on the Department's website.

4. The Department prepared seven Errata items on April 20, 2010, to correct minor clerical errors in, and add additional clarifying information to, the DEIR and C&R documents. The Commission finds that the information provided in and corrections made by the seven Errata items are minor and do not constitute significant new information requiring recirculation of the DEIR prior to certification.
5. A Final Environmental Impact Report (hereinafter "FEIR") has been prepared by the Department, consisting of the DEIR, any consultations and comments received during the review process, any additional information that became available, the Summary of Comments and Responses and the seven Errata items, all as required by law.
6. This FEIR tiers from the Water System Improvement Program (WSIP) Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) and incorporates by reference the relevant analysis of the PEIR with respect to the WSIP's impacts and mitigation measures as applicable to this Project. This Commission certified the PEIR on October 30, 2008, and the SFPUC approved the WSIP on the same day. The State Clearinghouse Number for the PEIR is 2005092026.
7. Project files on the FEIR have been made available for review by the Commission and the public. These files, as well as the files for the PEIR, are available for public review at the Department offices at 1650 Mission Street, and are part of the record before the Commission. Linda Avery is the custodian of records. Copies of the DEIR and associated reference materials as well as the C&R are also available for review at public libraries in San Francisco and San Mateo Counties.
8. The Commission, in certifying the completion of said FEIR, hereby does find that the Crystal Springs/San Andreas Transmission Upgrade Project described in the FEIR, will result in significant environmental effects that could not be mitigated to a less than significant level with implementation of mitigation measures. Because the project is part of the Water System Improvement Program (WSIP), the project would contribute to the following significant and unavoidable effects on the environment identified in the PEIR for the WSIP:

Significant and Unavoidable WSIP Water Supply Impacts:

- The proposed water supply and system operations would reduce stream flows and alter the stream hydrograph along Alameda Creek below the Alameda Creek Diversion Dam in the Alameda Creek watershed in Alameda County and result in a significant and unavoidable impact on stream flow in Alameda Creek between the diversion dam and the confluence with Calaveras Creek;
- The proposed water supply and system operations would result in a potentially significant and unavoidable impact in the Peninsula

watershed on fishery resources in Crystal Springs Reservoir in San Mateo County; and

- The Program would indirectly contribute to potentially significant and unavoidable environmental impacts caused by growth in the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission service area, as identified in the planning documents and associated environmental documents for the affected jurisdictions.

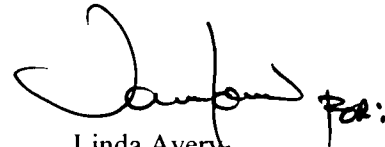
In addition, the project would result in the following significant and unavoidable effects on the environment:

Significant and Unavoidable Project-Level Impacts:

- The Project would result in a significant unavoidable impact on Crystal Springs Outlet Structure 1 (CSOS 1), an NRHP- and CRHR-eligible historical resource, due demolition of the structure as part of the Project. In addition, the CSOS1 is a contributing element to the Lower Crystal Springs Dam historic architectural resource. If the SFPUC's Lower Crystal Springs Dam Improvement Project is approved and results in significant impacts on this historic dam, the proposed Project's contribution to impacts on historical resources associated with the Lower Crystal Springs Dam would be cumulatively considerable. The Project would result in a significant and unavoidable but temporary reduction of roadway capacity during construction due to road closures associated with construction at the Upper Crystal Springs Dam.
 - The Project would result in significant and unavoidable but temporary increases in existing ambient noise levels in the Project vicinity. Specifically, significant and unavoidable noise impacts would result from temporary construction-related noise increases at the Crystal Springs Pump Station and the Harry Tracy WTP work sites and due to contributions to cumulative noise impacts at these same sites and cumulative construction-related truck hauling noise at night.
9. The Commission reviewed and considered the FEIR and hereby does find that the contents of said report and the procedures through which the FEIR was prepared, publicized and reviewed comply with the provisions of CEQA, the CEQA Guidelines and Chapter 31 of the San Francisco Administrative Code.
 10. The Commission hereby does find that the FEIR concerning File No. 2007.1255E, Crystal Springs/San Andreas Transmission Upgrade Project, reflects the independent judgment and analysis of the City and County of San Francisco, is adequate, accurate and objective, and that the Comments and Responses document contains no significant revisions to the DEIR, and hereby does CERTIFY THE

COMPLETION of said Final Environmental Impact Report in compliance with CEQA and the CEQA Guidelines.

I hereby certify that the foregoing Motion was ADOPTED by the Planning Commission at its regular meeting of April 22, 2010.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Linda Avery", with a small flourish at the end.

Linda Avery
Commission
Secretary

AYES: Miguel, Antonini, Lee, Moore, Sugaya

NOES: none

ABSENT: Borden, Olague

ACTION: Certification of a Final Environmental Impact Report for the proposed Crystal Springs/San Andreas Transmission Upgrade Project.

