

1 [Reducing water consumption 10 percent by 2015, and 20 percent by 2020]

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3 **Resolution Supporting San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC) Adopting**  
4 **and Implementing Policies to Reduce Water Consumption by 10 Percent by 2015, Per**  
5 **Urban Environmental Accord 19, and 20 Percent by 2020.**

6 WHEREAS, Water is an essential natural resource, and worldwide 1.1 billion people—  
7 approximately one in six people on earth—lack access to an improved water supply; and

8 WHEREAS, Less than 1% of the world's fresh water (or about 0.007% of all water on  
9 earth) is readily accessible for direct human use; and

10 WHEREAS, The average American individual uses 100 to 176 gallons of water at  
11 home each day, while the average African family uses about 5 gallons of water each day; and

12 WHEREAS, It is responsibility of all people to conserve water, across all sectors of the  
13 population and the economy: municipal, residential, and commercial; and

14 WHEREAS, Urban Environmental Accord #19 calls for member cities, of which San  
15 Francisco is one, to “Develop policies to increase adequate access to safe drinking water,  
16 aiming at access for all by 2015. For cities with potable water consumption greater than 100  
17 liters per capita per day, adopt and implement policies to reduce consumption by 10 per cent  
18 by 2015;” and

19 WHEREAS, California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger stated that “Conservation is  
20 one of the key ways to provide water for Californians and protect and improve the  
21 Delta ecosystem,” and urged state agencies to expand conservation programs to  
22 achieve a goal of 20 percent water conservation by 2020; and

23 WHEREAS, Landlords in San Francisco, as elsewhere, have the responsibility to  
24 ensure that rental apartments are water efficient, including low flow toilets and showers, fully  
25 functional plumbing, and other conservation methods as available; and

1 WHEREAS, All San Francisco residents, both homeowners and renters, as well as  
2 commercial and municipal users, are equally responsible for the amount of water they  
3 consume; now therefore be it

4 RESOLVED, The Commission on the Environment supports the SFPUC in its efforts to  
5 promote water conservation; and be it

6 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Commission on the Environment urges the SFPUC  
7 to develop specific plans to achieve 10 percent water conservation by 2015 and 20 percent by  
8 2020, using a full portfolio of options, including consumer responsibility measures, installation  
9 of water-efficient fixtures, and authorizing landlords to pass through some water costs to  
10 tenants; and be it

11 FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Commission on the Environment supports the SFPUC  
12 in its work with stakeholders to assure that efficiency measures are equitable to all parties.  
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14 I hereby certify that this Resolution was adopted at the Commission on the  
15 Environment's Meeting on July 22, 2008.

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17 Monica Fish, Commission Secretary

18 VOTE: Approved (6-1) (1 Absent)  
19 Ayes: Vice President Gravanis, Commissioners King, Rodriguez Heyman, Martin, Tuchow and Wald  
20 Noes: None  
21 Absent: President Pelosi Jr.  
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