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[Accept-Expend Regional Grant]

Resolution authorizing the Department of the Environment to accept and expend a grant in the amount of \$10,000.00 from Altamont Education Advisory Board to expand recycling and lunchroom composting programs at schools in San Francisco.

WHEREAS, Based on evaluation of responses to an Altamont Education Advisory
Board request for proposals in the area of Waste Reduction and Environmental Education, the
Department of the Environment's School Education Program was selected to be the recipient
of \$10,000.00 in funding to support the San Francisco Unified School District and San
Francisco private schools in diverting 50% of its waste by the end of 2010 by providing
compostable bags to schools and stipends to custodians; and,

WHEREAS, While the City achieved 63% city-wide waste diversion in 2002, San Francisco Unified School District only diverted approximately 30% of its waste; and,

WHEREAS, On December 9, 2003, the San Francisco Board of Education adopted landfill diversion goals of 50% by 2006, 75% by 2015 and 85% by 2025; and,

WHEREAS, A school's waste stream is generally comprised of 41% paper, 2% glass, 4% metal, 12% plastic, and 32% organic matter such as food scraps, yard trimmings, and soiled paper, which means schools with comprehensive recycling and composting programs could potentially divert up to 97% of their waste; and.

WHEREAS, For seventeen years, San Francisco's public and private schools have sought the assistance of the Department of the Environment to teach environmental concepts, implement successful resource conservation and waste diversion programs, and create positive behavior changes towards the environment; and,

WHEREAS, The Department of the Environment operates one of the most progressive waste diversion programs in the country and is ideally positioned to apply its recycling and recovery knowledge to schools; and,

WHEREAS, Many schools struggle to implement waste diversion programs without adequate classroom recycling bins, compostable bags, and the on-going participation of custodians; and,

WHEREAS, The Department of the Environment's School Education Program has partnered with the San Francisco Unified School District and Norcal Waste Systems Company to address the challenges faced by schools; and,

WHEREAS, Funding from this grant will help provide compostable bags and stipends for custodians to assist in implementing waste diversion programs; and,

WHEREAS, The grant budget includes provision for indirect costs of \$910; and, WHEREAS, This grant does not require an ASO amendment; now, therefore, be it RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors authorizes the Director of the Department of the Environment to accept and expend funding in the amount of \$10,000.00 from the Altamont Education Advisory Board to expand recycling and lunchroom composting programs at schools in San Francisco.

Recommended:

Department Head

Approved:

Controller, Grant Division



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July 28, 2009 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 11 - Alioto-Pier, Avalos, Campos, Chiu, Chu, Daly, Dufty, Elsbernd, Mar, Maxwell, Mirkarimi

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on July 28, 2009 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

8/6/09

Date Approved

Angela Calvillo Clerk of the Board

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