ADOPTING ENVIRONMENTAL FINDINGS PURSUANT TO THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT AND STATE GUIDELINES IN CONNECTION WITH THE NORTH PLAN AREA STREETSCAPE MASTER CONCEPT PLAN AND SIGNAGE PLAN AND N2 MAJOR PHASE SUBMISSION; MISSION BAY NORTH REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREA

BASIS FOR RESOLUTION

1. The Redevelopment Agency of the City and County of San Francisco (the “Agency”) is implementing the Mission Bay North Redevelopment Plan (the “Plan”) for the Mission Bay North Redevelopment Project Area (“North Plan Area”) and the Mission Bay North Owner Participation Agreement dated November 16, 1998 between the Agency and Catellus Development Corporation (“North OPA”) pursuant to and in accordance with the Community Redevelopment Law of the State of California.

2. The Agency and the Planning Department, together acting as co-lead agencies for conducting environmental review for the Plan, the North OPA and other permits, approvals and related and collateral actions (the “Project”), prepared and certified a Final Subsequent Environmental Impact Report (the “FSEIR”). The Agency certified the FSEIR for the Project on September 17, 1998 by Resolution No. 182-98. Also on September 17, 1998 by Resolution No. 183-98, the Agency adopted environmental findings (and a statement of overriding considerations) pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act and State Guidelines in connection with the approval of the Plan, the North OPA and other Project approvals. The San Francisco Planning Commission certified the FSEIR by Resolution No. 14696 on the same date. On October 19, 1998, the Board of Supervisors adopted Motion No. 98-132 affirming certification of the FSEIR by the Planning Commission and the Agency, and Resolution No. 854-98 adopting environmental findings (and a statement of overriding considerations).

3. The FSEIR is a program EIR under CEQA Guidelines Section 15168 and a redevelopment plan EIR under CEQA Guidelines Section 15180. The Streetscape Master Concept Plan, Signage Plan and N2 Major Phase Submission dated May 5, 1999 (collectively, the “Implementing Actions”) are undertakings pursuant to and in furtherance of the Plan pursuant to Section 15180.

RESOLUTION

ACCORDINGLY, IT IS RESOLVED by the Redevelopment Agency of the City and County of San Francisco that based upon the Commission’s review of the FSEIR, the Commission hereby finds that: (1) modifications incorporated into the Project analyzed in the
FSEIR and reflected in the Implementing Actions, will not require important revisions to the FSEIR due to the involvement of new significant environmental effects or a substantial increase in the severity of previously-identified significant effects; (2) no substantial changes have occurred with respect to the circumstances under which the Project analyzed in the FSEIR was undertaken which would require major revisions to the FSEIR due to the involvement of new significant environmental effects, or a substantial increase in the severity of effects identified in the FSEIR; (3) no new information of substantial importance to the Project analyzed in the FSEIR has become available which would indicate (a) the Implementing Actions will have significant effects not discussed in the FSEIR; (b) significant environmental effects will be substantially more severe; (c) mitigation measures or alternatives found not feasible which would reduce one or more significant effects have become feasible; or (d) mitigation measures or alternatives which are considerably different from those in the FSEIR will substantially reduce one or more significant effects on the environment; (4) the Implementing Actions are within the scope of the Project analyzed in the FSEIR; and (5) no new environmental documentation is required.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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