RESOLUTION NO. 9-2000
Adopted January 25, 2000

ADOPTING ENVIRONMENTAL FINDINGS PURSUANT TO THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT AND APPROVING THE BLOCK N1 MAJOR PHASE SUBMISSION IN THE MISSION BAY NORTH REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREA PURSUANT TO AN OWNER PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT WITH CATELLUS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION; MISSION BAY NORTH REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREA

BASIS FOR RESOLUTION

1. On September 17, 1998, by Resolution No. 185-98, the Redevelopment Agency of the City and County of San Francisco ("Agency") approved a proposed Redevelopment Plan for the Mission Bay North Redevelopment Project Area ("Plan"). On the same date, the Agency adopted related documents, including Resolution No. 188-98 authorizing execution of an Owner Participation Agreement ("North OPA") and related documents between Catellus Development Corporation ("Catellus") and the Agency. The Plan and its implementing documents, as defined in the Plan, constitute the "Plan Documents."

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 collateral actions ("Project"), prepared and certified a Final Subsequent Environmental Impact Report ("FSEIR"). On September 17, 1998, the Agency adopted Resolution No. 182-98 which certified the FSEIR for the Project, and adopted Resolution No. 183-98, which adopted environmental findings (and a statement of overriding considerations), pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") 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 Plan and the Plan Documents, including the Design Review and Document Approval Procedure, Attachment G to the North OPA ("DRDAP"), provide that development proposals in Mission Bay North will be reviewed and processed in certain development phases defined as "Major Phases," consistent with the Plan and the Plan Documents. The DRDAP sets forth the review and approval process for Major Phases.

4. Pursuant to the Plan and Plan Documents, including the DRDAP, Catellus submitted a Major Phase application for development of block N1 to the Agency, which was deemed complete on November 8, 1999, and which, as revised to incorporate minor changes, is dated January 25, 2000 ("Block N1 Major Phase Submission").
5. The FSEIR is a program EIR under CEQA Guidelines Section 15168 and a redevelopment plan EIR under CEQA Guidelines Section 15180. Approval of the Block N1 Major Phase Submission is an undertaking pursuant to and in furtherance of the Plan pursuant to Section 15180 ("Implementing Action").

6. In accordance with the Plan and Plan Documents, Agency staff has reviewed the Block N1 Major Phase Submission and found it acceptable.

FINDINGS

THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO HEREBY FINDS THAT

1. the Implementing Action does not incorporate modifications into the Project analyzed in the FSEIR, and 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 Action 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 Action is within the scope of the Project analyzed in the FSEIR; and

5. no new environmental documentation is required;

RESOLUTION

ACCORDINGLY, IT IS RESOLVED by the Redevelopment Agency of the City and County of San Francisco that the Block N1 Major Phase Submission, dated January 25, 2000 is approved in substantially the form lodged with Agency General Counsel, together with such changes as may be approved by the Executive Director which do not materially alter the substance thereof, together with such changes to the building massing and vehicular ingress and egress shown in the Block N1 Major Phase Submission as may be approved by the Agency as part of the consideration of the Block N1 Project Basic Concept Design submission received by the Agency and deemed complete on December 23, 1999.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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