ADOPTING ENVIRONMENTAL FINDINGS PURSUANT TO THE CALIFORNIA ENVIROMENTAL QUALITY ACT AND APPROVING THE BLOCK N3, N3a, N4, and N4A MAJOR PHASE SUBMISSION PURSUANT TO AN OWNER PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT WITH CATELLUS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, A DELAWARE 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 the 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, a Delaware 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 and 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, designated as 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 the development of Blocks N3, N3a, N4, and N4a in Mission Bay North, which application was deemed complete on May 12, 2000, and which, as revised to incorporate minor changes, is dated August 15, 2000 ("Block N3-N4a 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 N3-N4a Major Phase Submission is an undertaking pursuant to and in furtherance of the Plan in conformance with Section 15180 (“Implementing Action”).

6. In accordance with the Plan and Plan Documents, Agency staff has reviewed the Block N3-N4a Major Phase Submission and found it acceptable.

**FINDINGS**

The Agency finds and determines that the implementing Action is within the scope of the Project analyzed in the FSEIR and no new environmental documentation is required for the following reasons:

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.

**RESOLUTION**

**ACCORDINGLY, IT IS RESOLVED** by the Redevelopment Agency of the City and County of San Francisco that the Blocks N3, N3a, N4, and N4a Major Phase Submission is hereby approved.

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

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