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Project Title: San Francisco Groundwater Supply Project.

The project is located in the Westside Groundwater Basin, Project facilities would be constructed in the Sunset District of

San Francisco and in Golden Gate Park.

Zoning: Various Block/Lot: Various

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A draft environmental impact report (EIR) has been prepared by the San Francisco Planning Department in connection with this project. The report is available for public review and comment on the Planning Department's SFPUC Negative Declarations and EIRs web page (http://tinyurl.com/puccases). CDs and paper copies are also available at the Planning Information Center (PIC) counter on the first floor of 1660 Mission Street, San Francisco. Referenced materials are available for review by appointment at the Planning Department's office on the fourth floor of 1650 Mission Street (call 415-575-9035 or e-mail timothy.johnston@sfgov.org).

Project Description:

The San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC) is proposing a project that seeks to provide an average of four million gallons per day (mgd) of groundwater to San Francisco's municipal water supply. Groundwater would be blended with San Francisco's existing municipal water supply system for distribution within San Francisco. The project consists of the construction and operation of six potable groundwater well facilities—two that would be converted from existing irrigation well facilities in Golden Gate Park and four that would be newly constructed adjacent to Lake Merced, at South Sunset Playground, at West Sunset Playground, and in Golden Gate Park. Each facility would include a groundwater production well and a pump station. The SFPUC would also construct a distribution system (including pipelines and connection points) that would connect five of the well facilities to Sunset Reservoir; the sixth well would connect to the existing Lake Merced Pump Station, and would require a short length of distribution piping to make this connection. The groundwater would be pumped from the Westside Groundwater Basin and underlies parts of San Francisco and San Mateo Counties.

The Draft EIR found that implementation of the proposed project would not lead to significant unavoidable impacts. The project site contains no known hazardous materials as defined under Section 65962.5 of the Government Code.

A **public hearing** on this draft EIR and other matters has been scheduled by the City Planning Commission for April 18, 2013, in Room 400, City Hall, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place (call 415-558-6422 the week of the hearing for a recorded message giving a more specific time).

Public comments will be accepted from March 13, 2013 to 5:00 p.m. on April 27, 2013. Written comments should be addressed to Sarah Jones, Acting Environmental Review Officer, San Francisco Planning Department, 1650 Mission Street, Suite 400, San Francisco, CA 94103. Comments received at the public hearing and in writing will be responded to in a draft EIR comments and responses document.

If you have any questions about the **environmental review** of the proposed project, please contact Timothy Johnston at (415) 575-9035 or timothy.johnston@sfgov.org.

