

RESOLUTION OF THE LAKE MERCED TASK FORCE

JULY 9, 2008

WHEREAS, since 1997 the flooding of Vista Grande Canal on at least seven occasions has caused damage at multiple locations to the bank of Lake Merced, endangering public safety, valuable infrastructure, and Lake Merced ecology;

WHEREAS, past repairs of this flood damage utilizing soil fill, non-engineered rip rap, and willow plantings have not survived subsequent flood events, causing additional damage to Lake Merced;

WHEREAS, damage in three areas along John Muir Drive by the storm of January 25, 2008 must be repaired prior to the next rainy season or additional and potentially severe damage to the Lake Merced environment may occur;

WHEREAS, the SFPUC, utilizing professional consultants expert in both soft and hard path bank stabilization approaches is proposing emergency repairs to sites damaged in the January 2008 floods that involve the use of mechanically placed large boulders, and other hardened features to dissipate sheet flows coming off John Muir Drive during flood events, and thereby protect the Lake, and related infrastructure;

WHEREAS, the SFPUC is planning to submit permit applications for these repairs to regulatory agencies with jurisdiction over these lands; and

WHEREAS, the SFPUC will include in their permit applications, at the suggestion of Golden Gate Audubon and CalTrout, provisions for removal of bank-hardening elements once longer term repairs to the John Muir Drive area and/or improvements to Daly City's stormwater management system make those elements unnecessary;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lake Merced Task Force supports the SFPUC's effort to construct resilient bank stabilization projects along John Muir Drive prior to the next rainy season; and

BE IF FURTHER RESOLVED that the Lake Merced Task Force supports the use of mechanically placed large boulders and other hardened features intended to protect damaged areas during future flooding events, provided provisions for removal of such features when they are no longer necessary are included in permits for the work.

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