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OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL


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2006 SEP -7 AM 12:00
RESOLUTION No. 80138 C.M.S.

Introduced by Councilmember _____

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO APPLY TO CONTINUE ITS CONTRACT AS STRATEGIC PARTNER FOR THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA POLLUTION CONTROL FINANCING AUTHORITY CALREUSE LOAN PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the City of Oakland has an abundance of brownfields sites within its Redevelopment Areas, defined as sites which are blighted, vacant or underutilized sites due to the real or perceived presence of contaminants; and

WHEREAS, the high cost of environmental site assessment, cleanup and related legal and insurance issues are major barriers in the reuse of these sites; and

WHEREAS, to encourage development of brownfields sites, the State of California operates a program providing loans for testing of such sites and designates Strategic partners throughout the State to administer the California Reutilized Sites Brownfields Loan (CalReUSE) Program; and

WHEREAS, the California Pollution Control Financing Authority has a current contract, expiring in December 2006, with the City of Oakland to act as a Strategic Partner to market, package and award low-interest loans for environmental site assessments for the CALReUSE loan program; and

WHEREAS, the State has invited the City of Oakland to re-apply to continue as a Strategic Partner for the CALReUSE program; and

WHEREAS, the requirements of CEQA, the CEQA guidelines as prescribed by the Secretary of Resources, and the provisions of the Environmental Review Regulations of the City of Oakland have been satisfied; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council hereby authorizes the City Administrator, or her designee, to submit an application to the California Pollution Control Financing Authority to continue as a Strategic Partner for the CALReUSE loan program; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the City Council has independently reviewed and considered this environmental determination, and the Council finds and determines that this action complies with CEQA because this action on the part of the City is exempt from CEQA pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) (general rule) of the CEQA guidelines; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That should the City be selected to continue as a Strategic Partner for the CalReUSE Program, staff will return to Council to seek authorization for the level of funding requested from the State and sources for the required match.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, SEP 19 2006, 20

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - BROOKS, BRUNNER, CHANG, KERNIGHAN, NADEL, QUAN, REID, and PRESIDENT DE LA FUENTE - 8

NOES - 0

ABSENT - 0

ABSTENTION - 0

ATTEST: LaTonda Simmons
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City Clerk and Clerk of the Council
of the City of Oakland, California