AMENDED IN COMMITTEE
9/17/2026

FILE NO. 260650 RESOLUTION NO. 551-26

[Board Response - Civil Grand Jury Report – Red Flag Warning- Wildfire Risk in San Francisco's Glen Canyon]

Resolution responding to the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court on the findings and recommendations contained in the 2025-2026 Civil Grand Jury Report, entitled "Red Flag Warning: Wildfire Risk in San Francisco's Glen Canyon;" and urging the Mayor to cause the implementation of accepted findings and recommendations through his department heads and through the development of the annual budget.

WHEREAS, Under California Penal Code, Section 933 et seq., the Board of Supervisors must respond, within 90 days of receipt, to the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court on the findings and recommendations contained in Civil Grand Jury Reports; and

WHEREAS, In accordance with California Penal Code, Section 933.05(c), if a finding or recommendation of the Civil Grand Jury addresses budgetary or personnel matters of a county agency or a department headed by an elected officer, the agency or department head and the Board of Supervisors shall respond if requested by the Civil Grand Jury, but the response of the Board of Supervisors shall address only budgetary or personnel matters over which it has some decision making authority; and

WHEREAS, Under San Francisco Administrative Code, Section 2.10(a), the Board of Supervisors must conduct a public hearing by a committee to consider a final report of the findings and recommendations submitted, and notify the current foreperson and immediate past foreperson of the Civil Grand Jury when such hearing is scheduled; and

WHEREAS, In accordance with San Francisco Administrative Code, Section 2.10(b), the Controller must report to the Board of Supervisors on the implementation of recommendations that pertain to fiscal matters that were considered at a public hearing held by a Board of Supervisors Committee; and

WHEREAS, The 2025-2026 Civil Grand Jury Report, entitled "Red Flag Warning: Wildfire Risk in San Francisco's Glen Canyon" ("Report") is on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in File No. 260650, which is hereby declared to be a part of this Resolution as if set forth fully herein; and

WHEREAS, The Civil Grand Jury has requested that the Board of Supervisors respond to Finding Nos. F1 and F5, as well as Recommendation No. R5.2, contained in the subject Report; and

WHEREAS, Finding No. F1 states: "The highly flammable, aging eucalyptus canopy in San Francisco poses a material wildfire danger and a risk of collapse during storms;" and

WHEREAS, Finding No. F5 states: "The UFC has not provided guidance and practice standards to its members about wildfire risk mitigation and management of invasive species, such as eucalyptus;" and

WHEREAS, Recommendation No. R5.2 states: "By June 30, 2027, the UFC should develop an agenda and schedule kick off meetings between key agencies to begin work on Phase 2, "Trees in Parks and Open Spaces" of the Urban Forest Plan,47 with specific focus on invasive species management and wildfire abatement;" and

WHEREAS, In accordance with California Penal Code, Section 933.05(c), the Board of Supervisors must respond, within 90 days of receipt, to the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court on Finding Nos. F1 and F5, as well as Recommendation No. R5.2, contained in the subject Report; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors reports to the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court that they partially agree with Finding No. F1. The Board agrees that the aging eucalyptus canopy poses a risk of collapse during storms, and that the accumulation of bark and leaf litter and the ladder fuels documented in the Report present a hazard warranting ongoing attention. The Board disagrees that this condition rises to a material wildfire danger

citywide. The Report's assessment of vegetation conditions is drawn from Glen Canyon, and CAL Fire's Fire Hazard Severity Zone map, which classifies land based on fuel, terrain, and fire weather, does not place the City's wildland areas in a high or very high fire hazard severity zone; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors reports to the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court that they agree with Finding No. F5. The Board notes that the Council engaged with wildfire risk in Glen Canyon through site tours, expert presentations, and a survey of member agencies' practices, but was unable to advance that work into guidance or practice standards because its urban forest planning work was paused for lack of funding, data, and staff capacity; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors reports that Recommendation No. R5.2 will not be implemented because it is not warranted or reasonable. The recommendation is directed to the Urban Forestry Council, which ceased to exist on June 30, 2026; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the Mayor to cause the implementation of the accepted findings and recommendations through his department heads and through the development of the annual budget.

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September 17, 2026 Government Audit and Oversight Committee - AMENDED, AN AMENDMENT OF THE WHOLE BEARING SAME TITLE

September 17, 2026 Government Audit and Oversight Committee - RECOMMENDED AS AMENDED

September 29, 2026 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 11 - Chan, Chen, Dorsey, Fielder, Mahmood, Mandelman, Melgar, Sauter, Sherrill, Walton and Wong

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 9/29/2026 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

Unsigned

Daniel Lurie
Mayor

10/09/2026

Date Approved

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution, not being signed by the Mayor within the time limit as set forth in Section 3.103 of the Charter, or time waived pursuant to Board Rule 2.14.2, became effective without his approval in accordance with the provision of said Section 3.103 of the Charter or Board Rule 2.14.2.

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Date

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