

RESOLUTION NO. 2378-2008

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF PORTOLA VALLEY
IN SUPPORT OF WATER CONSERVATION, EFFICIENCY AND RECYCLING
RATHER THAN INCREASING DIVERSIONS FROM THE TUOLUMNE RIVER**

WHEREAS, the Town of Portola Valley is served by the California Water Service Company, which purchases water from the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC); and

WHEREAS, 85% of San Francisco Public Utilities Commission water comes from the Tuolumne River and is transported to the Bay Area through the Hetch Hetchy water system; and

WHEREAS, the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission is overseeing a \$4.3 billion Water System Improvement Program (WSIP) aimed at upgrading and seismically retrofitting the aging Hetch Hetchy water system to ensure it can withstand a major earthquake; and

WHEREAS, these seismic upgrades are critical to the health and safety of 2.4 million people in the San Francisco Bay Area who depend on the Tuolumne River for water; and

WHEREAS, the Water System Improvement Program includes a proposal to divert up to 25 million more gallons of water per day from the Tuolumne River to meet projected water demands for the year 2030; and

WHEREAS, the California Department of Fish and Game has stated that additional diversions from the Tuolumne River would harm Chinook salmon and steelhead trout (a federally-listed "threatened" species), and in its comments on the Draft Program Environmental Impact Report stated, "we respectfully request that the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission use alternative water sources other than the Tuolumne river system or implement water conservation measures to meet drought year demands and 2030 purchase requests;" and

WHEREAS, the seismic upgrades to the Hetch Hetchy water system could get delayed by the controversial plan to divert more water from the Tuolumne; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Portola Valley has a long history of environmental awareness and stewardship; Now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town of Portola Valley strongly encourages the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission to focus its full attention on the seismic upgrades to the Hetch Hetchy water system and drop the controversial proposal to divert more water from the Tuolumne River; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town of Portola Valley strongly encourages the California Water Service Company to pursue aggressive programs in water conservation, efficiency and recycling to meet future water demands from its customers.

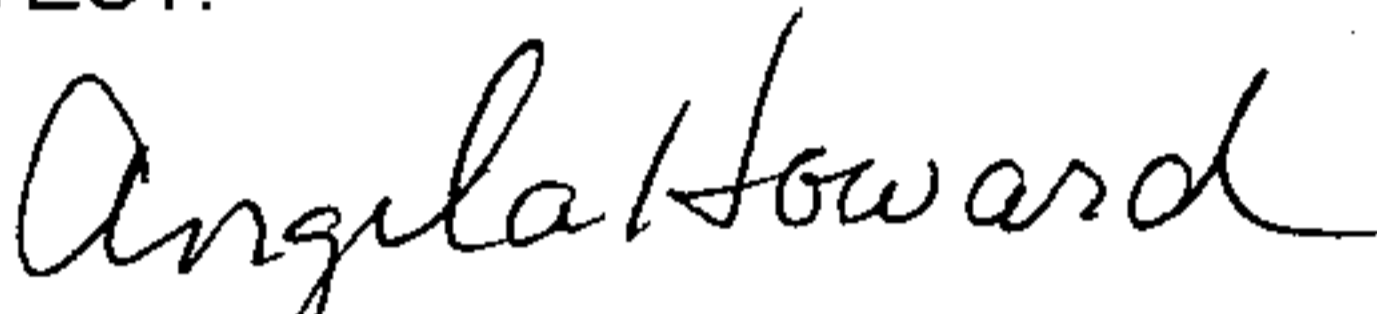
PASSED AND ADOPTED this 27th day of February, 2008.

By:



Mayor

ATTEST:



Town Clerk