

**THE PRESIDIO TRUST
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**RESOLUTION 01-03
FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT –
MOUNTAIN LAKE ENHANCEMENT PLAN**

WHEREAS, Title I of P.L. 104-333 authorizes the Presidio Trust to manage, maintain and improve the property within the Presidio under its administrative jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, the water quality of Mountain Lake has diminished over time due to human activities that resulted in the silting and filling in of approximately 40% of the lake and associated wetlands; and

WHEREAS, the National Park Service, the Golden Gate National Parks Association and the Presidio Trust have developed a Mountain Lake Enhancement Plan (Plan) to enhance, improve and restore the lake's water quality and associated terrestrial and aquatic habitat; and

WHEREAS, the National Environmental Policy Act, 42 U.S.C. §4321 et seq. (NEPA), and regulations promulgated thereunder, 40 C. F. R. Part 1500, require the Presidio Trust to undertake an environmental review of each major federal action it takes that may significantly affect the quality of the human environment; and

WHEREAS, staff of the Presidio Trust, in compliance with these authorities have prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) of the Plan and have recommended that the Presidio Trust Board of Directors determine, on the basis of this EA, that it is not required to prepare an environmental impact statement before approving the Plan; and

WHEREAS, in consideration of all public and agency comments received during the NEPA process, broad public support was expressed for the Preferred Alternative (Alternative 2) described in the Plan; and

WHEREAS, in consideration of all public and agency comments received during the NEPA process, broad support also was expressed for accelerating the removal of trees along the east shore of Mountain Lake in the first phase of construction; and

WHEREAS, full tree removal was considered as part of Alternative 3 in the EA, and was found to have no significant environmental impacts; and

WHEREAS, the need for further public outreach prior to accelerating tree removal along the east shore of Mountain Lake has been identified; and

WHEREAS, based upon thorough analysis, Presidio Trust staff and the Presidio Trust Board of Directors Real Estate Committee have recommended that the Presidio Trust Board

of Directors adopt for implementation the Preferred Alternative and that staff evaluate further, as the project design is developed, the possibility of accelerating the removal of trees along the eastern shore, and conduct additional public outreach regarding a program of accelerated tree removal;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Presidio Trust Board of Directors hereby approves the recommendation of the Presidio Trust Board of Directors Real Estate Committee and authorizes the Executive Director to finalize, approve and execute a Finding of No Significant Impact for the Plan, consistent with this resolution.

Adopted: February 21, 2001