

Whereas, the City of Albany is committed to environmental conservation, and

Whereas, top management of Pacific Racing Association, which operates Golden Gate Fields, is committed to environmental conservation and in 2005 hired an environmental professional to enhance and institutionalize conservation programs at Golden Gate Fields, and

Whereas Golden Gate Fields now uses a master plan to track and accomplish “pollution prevention and resource conservation” objectives relating to water, power, trash, etc, and

Whereas Golden Gate Fields has reduced its water use in Albany by more than 50%, conserving more than 3,000,000 gallons in the year since its artificial turf was installed in 2007, and

Whereas during 2007 Golden Gate Fields’ recycling prevented landfill disposal of 35,000 pounds of “clean mixed aluminum”, 10,000 pounds of “mixed plastic”, and 24,000 pounds of “mixed metal”, and

Whereas Golden Gate Fields recently replaced T12 lamps containing magnetic ballasts with 1,680 T8 and T2 lamps that contain electronic ballasts, boosting energy efficiency 30%, and

Whereas Golden Gate Fields donated 8,000 cubic yards of clean soil to the City of Berkeley for use by the East Bay Regional Park District, precluding greenhouse gas emissions from trucking soil further for disposal while serving the public good, and

Whereas Golden Gate Fields employees conduct daily – 365 days a year – clean up of the publicly-owned shoreline adjacent to Golden Gate Fields to remove “abandoned” items (appliances, batteries, paint, etc) and dispose of these items safely thus protecting the bay and the shoreline, and

Whereas Golden Gate Fields treats on-site 100% of the stormwater runoff from its stable areas (volume unknown) to prevent discharge of this runoff into the municipal stormwater system or adjacent wetlands, and

Whereas Golden Gate Fields treats about 80% of its stables’ area wastewater on-site and prevents any of this wastewater from entering the municipal sanitary sewers, and

Whereas Golden Gate Fields received recognition from EBMUD in 2003 for saving 15,000,000 gallons a year of water by installing bib flow reducers in hoses, and

Whereas Golden Gate Fields has prevented the disposal of approximately 400 tons of straw per week by finding another business- Monterey Mushrooms of Watsonville- to re-use stable bedding in agricultural operations, and

Whereas Golden Gate Fields has increased recycling of cardboard, paper, food waste, beverage containers, e-waste, chemical waste from on-site printing operation, automotive parts, and

Whereas Golden Gate Fields has chosen to reduce impacts upon the environment by utilizing biodegradable detergents, acid-free alternatives to bleach, chlorine-free recycled napkins, "paperless" meetings, improved formula fertilizer with less nitrogen, and

Whereas Golden Gate Fields has provided resources, access, and assistance with governmental cleanup efforts including annual Coastal Cleanup days and remediation of the Cosco oil spill,