

RESOLUTION NO. ____ (CM)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE APPROVING COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT 05-0404 BETWEEN THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (CALTRANS) AND THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE FOR THE CLEAN CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY BEAUTIFICATION PROJECT ON STATE ROUTES 129 AND 152 AND AUTHORIZING A BUDGET APPROPRIATION OF \$230,000 FROM CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT ACCOUNTS 0150-901-7855-14920 (\$150,000) and 0283-670-7820-15067 (\$80,000) AND AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE SAME

WHEREAS, the State of California's Clean California program provides opportunities for local agencies to partner with the California Department of Transportation ("CALTRANS") on improvements within State road right of way; and

WHEREAS, CALTRANS representatives have been working with City staff to develop the Clean California Highway Beautification Project, which proposes to beautify portions of State Route 129 and 152 by improving existing median landscaping and irrigation facilities and installing art work; and

WHEREAS, CATRANS will be the sponsor and implementing agency for the project while the City is contributing a not to exceed amount of \$230,000 and CALTRANS will design and construct the project while the City's share will be used as construction capital; and

WHEREAS, CATRANS requests that the City execute Cooperative Agreement 05-0404 prior to beginning work on the project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE, CALIFORNIA, AS FOLLOWS:

1. This action is exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) in accordance with CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(5), in that adopting a Resolution executing agreements with Caltrans does not

meet CEQA's definition of a "project," because the action does not have the potential for resulting in either a direct physical change in the environment or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment and if a "project," is exempt under the "common sense" exception (14 Cal. Code Regs. § 15061(b)(3)) because it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that this action may have a significant effect on the environment.

2. That the City Council hereby approves Cooperative Agreement No. 05-0404 with the California Department of Transportation.

2. That the City appropriates \$230,000 from Capital Improvement Accounts: 0150-901-7855-14920 (\$150,000) and 0283-670-7820-15067 (\$80,000) to pay the City's contribution to the Agreement.

3. The City Manager is authorized to execute Cooperative Agreement No. 05-0404, in the form attached hereto, with minor revisions as approved by the City Manager and the City Attorney.
