

RESOLUTION NO. _____ (CM)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE ACCEPTING A \$4,850,000 GRANT FROM THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES AND THE SANTA CRUZ INTEGRATED REGIONAL MANAGEMENT GROUP AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS TO THE SPECIAL GRANTS FUND

WHEREAS, the City is a collaborating member agency in the Santa Cruz Integrated Regional Water Management Group; and

WHEREAS, through this participation, the City has opportunities to apply for funding for priority projects located in the City; and

WHEREAS, the City applied for and was awarded \$4,850,000 in Proposition 1 funds from the Department of Water Resources, Division of Drinking Water, through the Disadvantaged Community Involvement and Urban & Multi-benefit Drought Relief Grant program, which funds will be used to offset the cost of a new reservoir, Reservoir B in Zone 2, for the City's water system; and

WHEREAS, the proposed water system improvements will enhance the City's ability to manage the system and reduce vulnerabilities.

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

1. This action is not subject to review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21000, et seq. and the CEQA Guidelines (14 Cal. Code Regs. §§ 15000 et. seq.), including without limitation, Public Resources Code section 21065 and California Code of Regulations 15378 as this is not a "project" that may cause a direct, or reasonably foreseeable indirect, physical change in the environment and because the action constitutes organizational or

administrative activities of governments that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment. Additionally, even if a “project,” the action would be 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 \$4,850,000 Disadvantaged Community Involvement and Urban & Multi-benefit Drought Relief Grant from the Department of Water Resources is hereby accepted, and the City Manager is authorized to take any actions necessary to effectuate this acceptance.

3. That the \$4,850,000 grant is hereby appropriated to the Special Grants Fund [0260] Project 14829.
