

RESOLUTION NO. _____ (CM)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE AWARDING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT TO WATSONVILLE WETLANDS WATCH, A CORPORATION, TO SUPPORT AND IMPLEMENT OCEAN PROTECTION COUNCIL MIDDLE STRUVE SLOUGH WATER QUALITY AND HABITAT ENHANCEMENT PROJECT, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$543,080; AND AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE SAME

WHEREAS, the City of Watsonville was awarded \$1,192,523 by the Ocean Protection Council Proposition 1 Grant funds for the Middle Struve Slough Water Quality Habitat Enhancement Project. City staff applied for the grants in partnership with Watsonville Wetlands Watch (WWW); and

WHEREAS, the grant funds will be used to implement a multi-benefit ecosystem and watershed restoration project that improve water quality, habitat, regional resilience to climate change and enhance public access; and

WHEREAS, this contract will be funded from City fund 0720-5890-11101, which is the grant account for the Ocean Protection Council grant and is reimbursed 100% through the grant budget; and

WHEREAS, the City Manager has recommended that the City Council award the contract for implementation of the grant funds to Watsonville Wetlands Watch.

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

1. Adopting a resolution appropriating funds and awarding a contract for the implementation of grant funds, in accordance with CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(5), 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. The Council awards a contract to Watsonville Wetlands Watch, for the Ocean Protection Council Middle Struve Slough Water Quality and Habitat Enhancement Project, in an amount not to exceed \$543,080.

3. That the Contract for Consultant Services between the City of Watsonville and Watsonville Wetlands Watch, a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference, is hereby approved.

4. The City Manager is hereby authorized and directed to execute said contract for and on behalf of the City of Watsonville with minor revisions that may be approved by the City Manager and the City Attorney.
