

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_ (CM)

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE APPROVING THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE TO SERVE AS THE FISCAL AGENT FOR THE CENTRAL COAST CONSORTIUM FOR THE GRANT AWARDED BY THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION RESOLUTION T-17778; ACCEPTING THE FIVE YEAR \$1,000,000 GRANT AND APPROPRIATING \$200,000 EVERY YEAR FOR FIVE YEARS TO THE SPECIAL GRANTS FUND AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE A STANDARD AGREEMENT AND ANY OTHER NECESSARY DOCUMENTS**

**WHEREAS**, the California Public Utilities Commission approved resolution T-17669 awarding a five-year grant of \$1,000,000 to the Central Coast Broadband Consortium which represents local governments within Monterey, Santa Cruz and San Benito counties; and

**WHEREAS**, the consortium selected the City of Watsonville to be its fiscal agent and will disburse funds for the implementation of this grant.

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

1. Adopting a Resolution accepting a grant and serving as fiscal agent for said grant 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.
2. That the Council hereby accepts the five-year \$1,000,000 grant beginning January 12, 2023 from the California Public Utility Commission to the Central Coast Broadband Consortium.

3. That the Council hereby approves the City of Watsonville serve as the fiscal agent in order to manage the funds to improve broadband availability and access in our communities.

4. That the City Manager, or his designee, is hereby authorized and directed to execute in the name of the City of Watsonville any agreements and any other necessary documents.

5. That the five-year \$1,000,000 grant is hereby appropriated to the Special Grants Fund [0260].

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