

RESOLUTION NO. _____(CM)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$827,853.38 FOR THE URBAN GREENING PROGRAM FOR THE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE FOR THE NEW EXPLORATION CENTER AT RAMSAY PARK, AND IF AWARDED, TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE ALL AGREEMENTS AND ANY AMENDMENTS THERETO AND ANY NECESSARY DOCUMENTS WHICH MAY BE NECESSARY FOR THE COMPLETION OF THE PROJECT; AND APPROPRIATING SUCH FUNDS TO THE SPECIAL GRANTS FUND [0260]

WHEREAS, the Legislature and Governor of the State of California have provided funds for the Urban Greening Program (SB170); and

WHEREAS, the California Natural Resources Agency has been delegated the responsibility for the administration of this grant program, establishing necessary procedures; and

WHEREAS, said procedures established by the California Natural Resources Agency require a resolution certifying the approval of application(s) by the Applicant's governing board before submission of said application(s) to the State; and

WHEREAS, the City of Watsonville, if selected, will enter into an agreement with the State of California to carry out the Project.

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

1. Finds that the actions authorized herein are 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 approving the submittal of a grant application 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 because the action constitutes organizational or administrative activities of governments that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes 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. Approves the filing of an application for the funding of green infrastructure at the Exploration Center (“Ramsay Park Phase IV”);

3. Certifies that the City of Watsonville understands the assurances and certification in the application; and

4. Certifies that the City of Watsonville will have sufficient funds to operate and maintain the project consistent with the land tenure requirements; or will secure the resources to do so; and

5. Certifies that the City of Watsonville will comply with the provisions of Section 1771.5 of the State Labor Code; and

6. If applicable, certifies that the project will comply with any laws and regulations including, but not limited to, legal requirements for building codes, health and safety codes, disabled access laws, environmental laws and, that prior to commencement of construction, all applicable permits will have been obtained; and

7. Certifies that the City of Watsonville will work towards the Governor’s State Planning Priorities intended to promote equity, strengthen the economy, protect the environment, and promote public health and safety as included in Government Code Section 65041.1; and

8. Appoints the City Manager as agent to conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all documents including, but not limited to applications, agreements, payment requests and so on, which may be necessary for the completion of the aforementioned project; and

9. Finds that the City Manager of the City of Watsonville is authorized and directed, if said grant is awarded, to appropriate the \$827,853.38 to the Special Grants Fund [0260].
