

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 GRANT APPLICATION FOR AN ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF \$465,000 TO THE STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD FOR THE CALIFORNIA EXTENDED WATER AND WASTEWATER ARREARAGE PAYMENT PROGRAM; AND IF AWARDED, TO EXECUTE A STANDARD AGREEMENT AND ANY AMENDMENTS THERETO; AND ANY NECESSARY DOCUMENTS; AND APPROPRIATING SUCH FUNDS TO THE WATER AND WASTEWATER ENTERPRISE FUNDS**

**WHEREAS**, the COVID-19 pandemic has made it difficult for many Californians to pay their bills due to job loss and other hardships; and

**WHEREAS**, as a result, utility systems that provide water services to customers have been financially impacted; and

**WHEREAS**, the State Water Board extended the program to provide relief to community water and wastewater systems for unpaid bills related to the pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, if awarded, the funding from the Water and Wastewater Arrearage Payment Program will cover water debt to the Water and Wastewater Utility funds from residential and commercial customers accrued between June 15, 2021, and December 31, 2022.

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

1. Adopting a Resolution submitting 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.

2. That the City Manager of the City of Watsonville is hereby authorized to submit an application for an estimated amount of \$465,000 to the State Water Resources

Control Board for the California Extended and Wastewater Arrearage Payment Program.

3. That the City Manager is hereby authorized and empowered to conduct all negotiations, and execute, and submit on behalf of the City of Watsonville, all documents, including, but not limited to applications, agreements, amendments, payment requests and so on, which may be necessary for the implementation of said Grant.

4. That the City Manager of the City of Watsonville is hereby authorized and directed, if said Grant is awarded, to appropriate an estimated amount of \$465,000 to the Water [0720] and Wastewater Enterprise Fund [0710].

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