

RESOLUTION NO. _____ (CM)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE APPROVING 2024 MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SANTA CRUZ INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT (IRWM) PROGRAM BY THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE; AND AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE SAME

WHEREAS, the Memorandum of Agreement of implementation of the Santa Cruz Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWA) Program and partner agencies entered into a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) in June of 2006 to guide the integrated regional water management efforts. The MOA provides for ongoing grant efforts. The terms of the MOA are general, and any specific obligation will be covered in future grant agreements and sub-agreements; and

WHEREAS, the City Council authorizes the City Manager to execute the 2024 Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the Santa Cruz Integrated Regional Management (IRWM) Group.

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

1. This action is 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 to approve the MOA between the City and the Santa Cruz Integrated Regional Management (IRWM) Program 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 City Council hereby approves Memorandum of Agreement for the Santa Cruz Integrated Regional Water Management Program and Complementary Efforts by the Santa Cruz Integrated Regional Management (IRWM) Group (Central Water District, City of Capitola, City of Santa Cruz, City of Scotts Valley, City of Watsonville, County of Santa Cruz, Santa Cruz County Sanitation District, Davenport County Sanitation District, Resource Conservation District of Santa Cruz County , San Lorenzo Valley Water District, Scotts Valley Water District and Soquel Creek Water District) regarding general and any regional water management efforts, and any specific obligations will be covered in future grant agreements and sub-agreements.

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