

RESOLUTION NO. 6-23 (CM)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO APPLY FOR, NEGOTIATE, AND EXECUTE A GRANT AGREEMENT AS THE LOCAL PROJECT SPONSOR WITH THE SANTA CRUZ INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT GROUP, FOR THE ATKINSON LANE INTEGRATED FLOOD MANAGEMENT AND WATERSHED RESTORATION PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$545,000; AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANGER TO EXECUTE SAME, AND IF AWARDED, APPROPRIATING SUCH FUNDS TO THE SPECIAL GRANTS FUND

WHEREAS, the City of Watsonville is a collaborating member agency in the Santa Cruz Integrated Regional Water Management Group.

WHEREAS, through this participation the City has had opportunities to apply for and be awarded funding for priority projects located throughout the City; and

WHEREAS, the City of Watsonville is partnering with Watsonville Wetlands Watch and MidPen Housing to apply for a Santa Cruz Integrated Regional Water Management Proposition 1, Round 2 Implementation Project for the Atkinson Lane Integrated Flood Management and Watershed Restoration Project in the amount of \$545,000, in order to improve and minimize localized flooding in the City;

WHEREAS, the proposed project will be built within the Atkinson Wetland complex that lies between two housing developments that are designated as affordable housing developments for farmworkers and others with supportive housing needs, including those transitioning from homelessness;

WHEREAS, the location of the proposed project adjacent to this housing development provides a unique opportunity to engage the local youth and the Watsonville community in the enhancement of the wetlands complex in support of the project outcomes, while providing much needed flood risk reduction and water quality benefits to the surrounding;

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WHEREAS, the City doesn't have a match requirements for this grant. The fund, if awarded, would be appropriated to the Special Grants Fund and reimbursed by Santa Cruz Integrated Regional Management Group; and

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

1. Approval of the grant application is not subject to review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21000, et seq. and the CEQA Guidelines (14 Cal. Code Regs. §§ 15000 et. seq.) because approval of a grant application is not a "project" that may cause a direct, or reasonably foreseeable indirect, physical change in the environment. If approval of the grant application is determined to be subject to review under CEQA, it 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. Approval of the grant application is also categorically exempt pursuant to Class 6 (Information Collection) Categorical exemption (14 Cal. Code Regs. § 15306).

2. That the City Manager is hereby authorized and directed to apply, negotiate, execute, a grant agreement as a Local Project Sponsor with the Santa Cruz Integrated Regional Water Management Group for the Atkinson Lane Integrated Flood Management and Watershed Restoration Project in the amount of \$545,000.

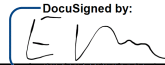
3. That the City Manager of the City of Watsonville is hereby authorized and directed, if said Grant is awarded, to appropriate \$545,000 to the Special Grants Fund [0260].

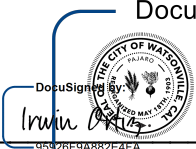
The foregoing resolution was introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of the City of Watsonville, held on the 17th day of January, 2023, by Member Parker, who moved its adoption, which motion being duly seconded by Mayor Montesino, was upon roll call carried and the resolution adopted by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: **Clark, Dutra, Orozco, Parker, Quiroz-Carter, Montesino**

NOES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: **None**


ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS: **Salcido**

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Eduardo Montesino, Mayor

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City Attorney

I, Irwin I. Ortiz, City Clerk of the City of Watsonville, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution No. 6-23 (CM) was duly and regularly passed and adopted by the Watsonville City Council at a meeting thereof held on the 17th day of January, 2023, and that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of said Resolution.

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Irwin I. Ortiz, City Clerk

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