

RESOLUTION NO. _____(CM)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANGER ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION AS CO-APPLICANT TO THE FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION'S CHARGING & FUELING INFRASTRUCTURE DISCRETIONARY GRANT COMMUNITY PROGRAM, IN AN AMOUNT OF \$10,000,000 FOR THE MONTEREY BAY REGION EQUITABLE EV CHARGING PROJECT; AND IF AWARDED, TO EXECUTE ALL AGREEMENTS AND ANY AMENDMENTS THERETO AND ANY NECESSARY DOCUMENTS WHICH MAY BE NECESSARY FOR THE COMPLETION OF THE PROJECT AND ACCEPTING SUCH FUNDS PERTAINING TO WATSONVILLE OF THE \$10 MILLION GRANT TO THE SPECIAL GRANTS FUND [0260]

WHEREAS, the City of Watsonville adopted a Climate Action & Adaptation Plan in 2021 which identifies transportation has the largest source of emissions and commits to a GHG emissions reduction goal of 80% lower than 1990 levels by 2030; and

WHEREAS, since 2022, the Monterey Bay Regional Climate Project Working Group has collaborated among agencies and organizations in the Monterey Bay Area region, including Santa Cruz, San Benito, and Monterey Counties to develop, prioritize, secure funding for, and effectively and equitably advocate for and implement regionally beneficial climate programs; and

WHEREAS, the City of Watsonville is a founding member Monterey Bay Regional Climate Project Working Group; and

WHEREAS, the Monterey Bay Regional Climate Project Working Group, the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments, and Ecology Action have identified funding opportunities where a regional collaborative approach would be most competitive; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation has provided funds for the Charging & Fueling Infrastructure Discretionary Grant Community Program established by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Highway Administration has been delegated the responsibility for the administration of this grant program, establishing necessary procedures; and

WHEREAS, the City of Watsonville is a co-applicant with other public agencies and non-profit partners on a grant application to be made to the Federal Highway Administration Charging & Fueling Infrastructure Discretionary Grant Community Program for the Monterey Bay Region Equitable EV Charging Project.

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

1. This action 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. Directs City of Watsonville staff to work as co-applicant to submit the regional grant proposal package to the Federal Highway Administration in the amount of \$10 million.

3. Authorizes and directs the City Manager of the City of Watsonville to apply for, accept, and execute in the name of the City of Watsonville all necessary documents including but not limited to applications, contracts and agreements and amendments from the Federal Highways Administration to implement and carry out the scope of work approved through approval of the grant application.

4. That the City Manager of the City of Watsonville is authorized and directed, if said grant is awarded to accept funds pertaining to Watsonville of the regional \$10 million grant proposal under the Monterey Bay Region Equitable EV Charging Project to the Special Grants Fund [0260].
