

**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_ (CM)**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE AWARDING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT TO ECOLOGY ACTION OF SANTA CRUZ FOR THE REGIONAL RESILIENCE GRANT PROGRAM FOR THE ADMINISTRATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MONTEREY BAY ADAPTATION AND RESILIENCE IMPLEMENTATION AND FUNDING ROADMAP, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$430,735, AND AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE SAME**

**WHEREAS**, the City as the lead applicant, partnered with Counties of Santa Cruz, Monterey, San Benito, and City of Santa Cruz as the Monterey Bay Regional Climate Project Working Group (RCPWG) and Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments, Ecology Action of Santa Cruz, and Regeneración of Pajaro Valley to submit a grant application to the Office of Planning and Research Regional Resilience Grant Program (RRGP) for the Monterey Bay Adaptation and Resilience Implementation and Funding Roadmap; and

**WHEREAS** the Office of Planning and Research entered into a grant agreement with the City on July 26, 2024, explicitly allocating tasks to Ecology Action of Santa Cruz as part of the agreement’s work plan.

**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 awarding contract to Ecology Action of Santa Cruz for the Regional Resilience Grant Program for the Administration and Implementation of the Monterey Bay Adaptation and Resilience Implementation and Funding Roadmap 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 Council awards a contract to Ecology Action of Santa Cruz, for the Regional Resilience Grant Program for the Administration and Implementation of the Monterey Bay Adaptation and Resilience Implementation and Funding Roadmap, in an amount not to exceed \$430,735.

3. That the Contract for Consultant Services between the City of Watsonville and Ecology Action of Santa Cruz, a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference, is hereby approved.

4. Consultant shall file FPPC form 700s and 805s pursuant to section 19 of the Contract.

5. That the City Manager is hereby authorized and directed to execute said Contract for and on behalf of the City of Watsonville, in the form attached hereto with minor revisions that may be approved by the City Manager and the City Attorney.

6. These funds are allocated from the Special Grants Fund [0260] in account 0260-338-7361-11108 to which the \$649,335 was appropriated.

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