

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

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE ACCEPTING NATIONAL OCEANIC & ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION CLIMATE RESILIENCE REGIONAL CHALLENGE GRANT SUB-AWARD, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$250,000 AND AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO NEGOTIATE, EXECUTE SAME, AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE SPECIAL GRANTS FUND**

**WHEREAS**, the City as a member jurisdiction of and on behalf of the Monterey Bay Regional Climate Project Working Group (RCPWG) comprised of the Counties of Santa Cruz, Monterey, San Benito, and City of Santa Cruz partnered with the California Marine Sanctuary Foundation (CMSF) to submit a grant application to the National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA's) Climate Resilience Regional Challenge Grant Program as part of the Regional Adaptation for Climate Resilience of Monterey Bay Coastal Communities; and

**WHEREAS** the National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration announced the successful award of the grant to the California Marine Sanctuary Foundation on July 26, 2024; and

**WHEREAS**, the California Marine Sanctuary Foundation and the City of Watsonville on behalf of the Monterey Bay Regional Climate Project Working Group subsequently worked through a draft sub-awarded grant agreement; and

**WHEREAS**, the drafted agreement is finalized and ready to be executed to accept the \$250,000 in sub-awarded grant funding to the City of Watsonville for the regional capacity building as part of the Regional Adaptation for Climate Resilience of Monterey Bay Coastal Communities project.

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

1. Adopting a Resolution awarding the National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration Climate Resilience Regional Challenge Grant Sub-Award 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 of a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment.

2. The City Council authorizes the City Manager to negotiate and execute the California Marine Sanctuary Foundation Sub-award Grant Agreement and any associated grant documents for the Regional Adaptation for Climate Resilience of Monterey Bay Coastal Communities, in the amount of \$250,000.

3. That the \$250,000 is hereby appropriated to the Special Grants Fund [0260].

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