

RESOLUTION NO. _____ (CM)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE RELEASE OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP) FOR CONSULTANT SERVICES FOR PREPARATION OF A POTENTIAL UPDATE TO THE AIRPORT LAYOUT PLAN AND ASSOCIATED UPDATE TO THE AIRPORT MASTER PLAN AND CORRESPONDING ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS

WHEREAS, on October 24, 2023, the Council adopted the Airport Master Plan and Airport Layout Plan. Also at that meeting, Council directed staff to return by March 2024 to discuss crosswind runway options; and

WHEREAS, on March 19, 2024, the City Council directed staff to explore potential deactivation of the crosswind runway; and

WHEREAS, staff has prepared a Request for Proposals (RFP) for pursuing professional consulting services for preparation of an update to the Airport Layout Plan (ALP) and associated update to the Airport Master Plan analyzing the potential deactivation (closure) of Watsonville Municipal Airport's Runway 9-27 (Project); and

WHEREAS, the RFP requests services to evaluate the Project's environmental impacts in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA).

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 issuing Request for Proposals (RFP) for consultant services for preparation of a potential update to the Airport Layout Plan and associated update to the

Airport Master Plan and corresponding environmental analysis 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. Council authorizes staff to issue Request for Proposal for consultant services for preparation of a potential update to the Airport Layout Plan and associated update to the Airport Master Plan and corresponding environmental analysis.

3. That the deadline for submitting proposals is Friday, April 11, 2025.

4. The proposals should be delivered to the Watsonville Municipal Airport, 100 Aviation Way Watsonville, CA 95076, c/o Rayvon Williams, Airport Director.

5. That after the proposals are opened, they shall be analyzed, and a report submitted to the City Manager, who shall recommend awarding, or other action, to the City Council at the next regular meeting, or as soon thereafter as possible.
