

RESOLUTION NO. _____ (CM)

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE
APPOINTING CELESTE DEWALD AS THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE'S
MEMBER FOR THE MEASURE Q CITIZENS OVERSIGHT ADVISORY
BOARD**

WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors of County of Santa Cruz adopted Resolution 143-2024 calling for an election for the purpose of submitting to the qualified electors of the County of Santa Cruz a countywide measure to adopt an initiative petition submitted by voters ("The Safe Drinking Water, Clean Beaches, Wildfire Risk Reduction, and Wildlife Protection Initiative" – Measure Q); and

WHEREAS, Measure Q was approved by voters in the November 2024 election; and

WHEREAS, Through Measure Q, commencing with Fiscal Year 2025-26, an annual Special Parcel Tax in the amount of eighty-seven dollars (\$87) is imposed on each Parcel located within the County, generating approximately \$7 million annually; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors shall distribute the moneys in the Fund each fiscal year according to the following: (a) Safe Drinking Water, Clean Beaches, Wildfire Risk Reduction, and Wildlife Protection Program - Forty percent (40%), on an annual basis, to Eligible Applicants for Eligible Projects in the county to be administered as a grant program by the County; (b) Neighborhood Safe Drinking Water, Clean Beaches, Wildfire Risk Reduction, and Safe and Clean Parks Program - Twenty percent (20%), on an annual basis, to incorporated cities within the County for Eligible Projects conducted by the incorporated cities. The Board shall allocate funds to incorporated cities on a per capita basis. However, if any city does not achieve a minimum allocation

of two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000) annually on a per capita basis, no less than two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000) shall be made available to that city and the remainder shall be allocated on a per capita basis to the other cities meeting the minimum allocation; (c) County Safe Drinking Water, Clean Beaches, Wildfire Risk Reduction, and Safe and Clean Parks Program - Twenty percent (20%), on an annual basis, for Eligible Projects in the unincorporated parts of the County; and (d) Water Quality, Ecosystem Protection, and Fire Resilience on Undeveloped and Working Lands Program - Twenty percent (20%), on an annual basis, for Eligible Projects in the County; and

WHEREAS, Section 4.65.060 of Resolution 143-2024 establishes a Citizens Oversight Advisory Board, composed of nine (9) members, five (5) appointed by the Board of Supervisors with one selection from each of the five (5) Board supervisorial districts, and four (4) appointed with one selection from each incorporated city; and

WHEREAS, The Advisory Board members shall not hold any elected office and shall have demonstrated expertise in the following areas: (a) Water quality, water supply, or flood protection management; (b) Wildfire or forest management; (c) Wildlife, parks, or natural resources stewardship; (d) Working Lands or agricultural expertise; (e) Environmental justice, park equity, or public health; and (f) Knowledge and expertise in evaluating financial transactions or program cost- effectiveness.

WHEREAS, The Advisory Board shall do all of the following: (a) Conduct hearings and receive public input on allocations related to this Act; (b) Receive reports annually from the County, the incorporated Cities, the Resource Conservation District of Santa Cruz County and the land stewardship implementation partner on projects funded

through Measure Q; (c) Report to the Board annually on the outcomes of the projects and programs funded through the Act as well as how the Act was used to leverage other public and private funds; (d) Approve a five-year vision plan to support grant criteria and awards; and (e) Select the land stewardship implementation partner by July 1, 2025, who shall serve in this role for a period of five years; and

WHEREAS, Members of the Advisory Board shall serve a term of four years at the pleasure of the Board or appointing city, and no member may serve more than two consecutive four-year terms; and

WHEREAS, costs associated with the Advisory Board shall be paid by revenues from the Special Parcel Tax.; and

WHEREAS, each member of the Advisory Board shall receive a stipend as compensation for their public service in an amount as determined by the Board of Supervisors annually by resolution.

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

1. Adopting a Resolution appointing the City's Member to the Measure Q Citizens Oversight Advisory Board 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. That the Council hereby nominates Celeste DeWald for appointment to the Measure Q Citizens Oversight Advisory Board (expires March 2029), representing the City of Watsonville.

3. That the Council hereby approves such appointment.

4. That the City Clerk is hereby directed to transmit a copy of this resolution to the newly appointed member and to the Secretary of the Board of Supervisors of Santa Cruz County.
