

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

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE APPROVING CONSULTANT SERVICE CONTRACT WITH HARRIS & ASSOCIATES, INC., A CORPORATION, FOR ON-CALL STAFF AUGMENTATION SERVICES, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$254,960; AND AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE SAME**

**WHEREAS**, the Public Works & Utilities Department Engineering Division has had several engineering positions vacant, and recruitment has not yielded any qualified candidates; and

**WHEREAS**, the Engineering Division needs staff augmentation services to assist with streets, including general engineering, project planning and management, construction management and development review; and

**WHEREAS**, Harris & Associates, Inc, a corporation, is selected from the list of On-Call Engineering Services (Staff Augmentation, Design, Construction Management & Construction Inspection), the Request for Qualifications was completed by the Department on September 23, 2024; and

**WHEREAS**, City staff requested a proposal from Harris & Associates, Inc., a corporation, for On-Call Staff Augmentation Services. The proposal was reviewed and accepted by Department Administration.

**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 approving a consultant service contract for On-Call Staff Augmentation Services 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 because the action constitutes organizational or administrative activities of governments that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes 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. That the consultant service contract between the City of Watsonville and Harris & Associates, Inc., a corporation, a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference, is hereby approved.

3. 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 and incorporated herein by this reference, with minor revisions that may be approved by the City Manager and the City Attorney.

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