



**Watsonville**  
CALIFORNIA

## CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

**MEETING DATE:** Tuesday, June 24, 2025  
**TO:** CITY COUNCIL  
**WRITTEN BY:** ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECT MANAGER VU-DUC  
**RECOMMENDED BY:** PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES DIRECTOR LINDBERG  
**APPROVED BY:** TAMARA VIDES, CITY MANAGER  
**SUBJECT:** APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO GRANT SUB-AWARD FROM NATIONAL OCEANIC & ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION VIA CALIFORNIA MARINE SANCTUARY FOUNDATION

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### RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a resolution approving Grant Sub-award Agreement Amendment No. 1 to update the new Code of Federal Regulations and allow greater flexibility for invoice submission.

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### BACKGROUND:

In January 2025, the City Council accepted a \$250,000 grant sub-award from the National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) as awarded via the California Marine Sanctuary Foundation (CMSF) to fund regional capacity building as part of the Regional Adaptation for Climate Resilience of Monterey Bay Coastal Communities project (Resolution 8-25).

### DISCUSSION:

Since the drafting of the sub-award agreement, the National Archives and Records Administration has released updates to the Code of Federal Regulations (CFRs) applicable to all NOAA. The new CFRs update the terms and conditions for all federal awards with a current hyperlink to:

- Updated Department of Commerce Financial Assistance General Terms and Conditions
- Updated NOAA Administrative Specific and Standard Award Conditions

In addition to the federally obligated updates above, Amendment No. 1 also makes the minor administrative updates of:

- Allowing grant sub-awardee invoice submission frequency between 1-3 months
- Updating CMSF staff administrator contact details

Some of the further updates are specific to other grant sub-awardees and therefore not applicable to the City of Watsonville's scope of work.

## **CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) DETERMINATION:**

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 approving an amendment to a grant subaward agreement to update administrative terms and conditions 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.

## **STRATEGIC PLAN:**

This project supports the following Strategic Plan priorities:

**Infrastructure & Environment**

**Fiscal Health**

**Efficient and Well-performing Government**

## **FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

There is no financial impact for the city. Amending this sub-award agreement, which appropriated \$250,000 to the Special Grants Fund as authorized by Resolution No. 8-25, is free of cost.

## **ALTERNATIVE ACTION:**

No reasonable alternatives are known at this time.

## **ATTACHMENTS AND/OR REFERENCES (IF ANY):**

1. NOAA Federal Grant Subaward Agreement between CMSF and City of Watsonville