

RESOLUTION NO. _____ (CM)

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE
AMENDING FEDERAL GRANT SUBAWARD NO. CR106 FOR REGIONAL
ADAPTATION FOR CLIMATE RESILIENCE OF MONTEREY BAY
COASTAL COMMUNITIES FROM THE NATIONAL OCEANIC &
ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION VIA THE CALIFORNIA MARINE
SANCTUARY FOUNDATION TO UPDATE FEDERAL AWARD TERMS AND
CONDITIONS AND CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS**

WHEREAS, on January 14, 2025, Council adopted Resolution No. 8-25 (CM) authorizing the City Manager to execute a grant subaward agreement with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) via its lead award agency, the California Marine Sanctuary Foundation (CMSF) for \$250,000 as part of the Regional Adaptation for Climate Resilience of Monterey Bay Coastal Communities project; and

WHEREAS, on February 4, 2025, the CMSF and City of Watsonville executed said grant subaward; and

WHEREAS, the grant subaward executed February 4, 2025, does not reflect the current Code of Federal Regulations updated October 2024; and

WHEREAS, on April 8, 2025, the CMSF initiated an amendment of the subaward, to ensure that the revised Code of Federal Regulations apply to the grant subaward, and implement minor administrative revisions.

**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 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.

2. The Council hereby agrees to the FDP Subaward Amendment (Amendment), attached hereto as Exhibit A. The City Manager is hereby authorized and directed to execute the Amendment with minor revisions that may be approved by the City Manager and the City Attorney.
