

RESOLUTION NO. _____ (CM)

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
WATSONVILLE ADOPTING THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE CLIMATE
ACTION AND ADAPTATION PLAN – SEPTEMBER 2021**

WHEREAS, on February 24, 2015, the Council adopted Resolution 35-15 (CM),
adopting its first Climate Action Plan; and

WHEREAS, a draft Climate Action and Adaptation Plan (CAAP) has been
prepared for updating and replacing this document, and includes initiatives focused on
climate resilience goals; and

WHEREAS, on July 6, 2021, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 209-21
(CM) endorsing the Climate-Safe California Campaign Goals that calls for net negative
emissions by 2030 through policies and programs based on recent science; and

WHEREAS, the CAAP includes the City of Watsonville's 2017 baseline
greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions; identifies projected emissions in 2030, 2045, and
2050; establishes the emissions reduction relative to the statewide targets under
Assembly Bill 32 and Senate Bill 32; and identifies 19 strategies, 33 implementation
measures, and 61 supporting efforts that the City will undertake to reduce GHG
emissions; and

WHEREAS, the CAAP includes three types of initiatives in order to advance its
desired climate resilience goals: (1) *Climate action*, or mitigation, refers to actions taken
to address the causes of climate change and to reduce the impact people have on the
climate system. An example of mitigation includes transitioning to low-carbon energy
sources, such as renewable energy; (2) *Climate adaptation*, on the other hand, refers to
adjusting behaviors, systems, and infrastructure to reduce the impact climate change

has on communities. Updating building codes to address future climate conditions and extreme weather events is an example of climate adaptation; and (3) *Climate restoration* consists of goals and associated actions, such as tree planting programs and soil carbon sequestration, intended to return climate systems to the safe and healthy state in which the natural world evolved; and

WHEREAS, to help achieve the GHG reduction and resilience goals in the CAAP, a new policy and implementation measure has been drafted for inclusion in the Environmental Resource Management Chapter of the City's 2005 General Plan; and

WHEREAS, in September 2021, the City of Watsonville submitted the draft CAAP, General Plan Text Amendment, and associated Initial Study and Negative Declaration to comply with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for a 45-day public review and comment; and

WHEREAS, the CAAP is a CEQA-qualified GHG reduction plan pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15183.5. The CAAP may be used to streamline the analysis of GHG emissions for future projects; and

WHEREAS, on October 11, 2021, the Planning Commission held a public hearing to consider making a recommendation to City Council to adopt the CAAP, approve the General Plan Text Amendment to the Environmental Resource Management Chapter of the General Plan, and adopt the Initial Study and Negative Declaration. After considering all written and verbal evidence regarding this matter, the Planning Commission adopted Resolution No. 15-21 (PC), recommending the City Council adopt the CAAP; and

WHEREAS, on October 11, 2021, the Planning Commission also adopted Resolution Nos. 16-21 and 14-21 (PC), recommending the City Council approve the

General Plan Text Amendment to the Environmental Resource Management Chapter of the General Plan and adopt the Initial Study and Negative Declaration; and

WHEREAS, notice of time and place of the hearing to consider approval of the Climate Action and Adaptation Plan was given at the time and in the manner where appropriate public noticing procedures have been followed and a public hearing was held according to Section 14-10.900 of the Watsonville Municipal Code; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has considered all evidence received, both oral and documentary, and the matter was submitted for decision.

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

That the City Council hereby adopts the Climate Action and Adaptation Plan – September 2021, a copy which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference.
