

RESOLUTION NO. _____ (CM)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE TO SUBMIT GRANT APPLICATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$477,861.65 FOR THE CALIFORNIA WATER AND WASTEWATER ARREARAGE PAYMENT PROGRAM; AND IF AWARDED, TO EXECUTE A STANDARD AGREEMENT AND ANY AMENDMENTS THERETO; AND ANY NECESSARY DOCUMENTS; AND APPROPRIATING SUCH FUNDS TO THE WATER ENTERPRISE FUND

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic has made it difficult for many Californians to pay their bills due to job loss and other hardships; and

WHEREAS, as a result, utility systems that provide water services to customers have been financially impacted; and

WHEREAS, the State Water Board created a new program to provide relief to community water and wastewater systems for unpaid bills related to the pandemic; and

WHEREAS, if awarded, the funding from the Water and Wastewater Arrearage Payment Program will cover water debt to the Water and Waste Water Utility funds from residential and commercial customers accrued between March 4, 2020 and June 15, 2021.

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

1. That the City Manager of the City of Watsonville is hereby authorized to submit an application for the California Water and Wastewater Arrearage Payment Program.

2. That the City Manager is hereby authorized and empowered to conduct all negotiations, and execute, and submit on behalf of the City of Watsonville, all documents,

including, but not limited to applications, agreements, amendments, payment requests and so on, which may be necessary for the implementation of said Grant.

3. That the City Manager of the City of Watsonville is hereby authorized and directed, if said Grant is awarded, to appropriate \$477,861.65 to the Water Enterprise Fund [0720].
