

RESOLUTION NO. _____ (N.C.S.)

AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH ECONOMIC & PLANNING SYSTEMS INC. FOR PREPARATION OF AN AGRICULTURE ECONOMIC AND LAND USE STUDY

WHEREAS, the City of Salinas is in the process of preparing its first comprehensive General Plan Update since 2002; and

WHEREAS, agriculture is recognized as a critical industry to Salinas; and

WHEREAS, the successful future for the agriculture industry requires addressing challenges such as a lack of available land in City boundaries for new facilities, identifying modernization/infrastructure needs, and increasing employment opportunities for Salinas residents in higher-paying sectors like Ag-Tech; and

WHEREAS, in 2020, per Resolution 21934 the City applied for and subsequently received a Sustainable Agricultural Land Conservation (SALC) Planning Grant through the California Department of Conservation which includes funds for agriculture economics and land use analysis to support the preparation of the General Plan Update; and

WHEREAS, in April, 2022, the City issued a Request for Proposals seeking a consultant team, or consultant teams that have extensive experience in analyzing economic and land use issues related to agriculture; and

WHEREAS, one proposal from Economic & Planning Systems Inc. (EPS) was submitted by the deadline. Staff evaluated EPS's proposal and confirmed EPS' team has the qualifications and experience to perform the requested work; and

WHEREAS, the cost of the Agriculture Economic and Land Use Study is not to exceed \$184,860; and

WHEREAS, the action of authorizing the execution of the proposed Agreement is not a project as defined by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Section 15061 (b) (3) as there is no possibility that the activity in question, in this case the execution of the Agreement for Professional Services with EPS, may have a significant effect on the environment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Salinas City Council authorizes the City Manager to execute an Agreement for Professional Services for an amount not to exceed \$184,860 with EPS for preparation of an Agriculture Economic and Land Use Study; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that funding for this Agreement will be split between multiple sources. Task 1, the Agriculture Economic and Land Use analysis will be funded through the reimbursable SALC Grant (\$115,581, Fund 3188), and CIP 9701- General Plan Update (\$36,929). Task 2, EIFD analysis (\$32,350) will be funded using General Fund moneys appropriated for Outside Services in the FY 2022-2023 Budget under Community Development

Department, Economic Development Division 1355.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 23rd day of August 2022, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

APPROVED:

Kimbley Craig, Mayor

ATTEST:

Patricia M. Barajas, City Clerk