

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

A RESOLUTION OF THE SALINAS CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING MAYOR GUNTER TO SIGN AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN MONTEREY BAY AIR RESOURCES DISTRICT (MBARD) AND THE CITY AND ACCEPTING THE MBARD GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$400,000 TOWARD THE RE-DESIGN OF EAST BORONDA ROAD

WHEREAS, Salinas is preparing construction drawings for a re-design of East Boronda Road to facilitate efficient travel and reduce potential air quality emissions from what might otherwise be generated; and

WHEREAS, on September 18, 2018, the Monterey Bay Air Resources District awarded Salinas a grant of \$400,000 from the State’s AB 2766 Emission Reduction Grant Program to pay for a portion of the roadway re-design and associated construction drawings for East Boronda Road; and

WHEREAS, The City of Salinas has determined that the proposed action is not a project as defined by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (CEQA Guidelines Section 15378). In addition, CEQA Guidelines Section 15061 includes the general rule that CEQA applies only to activities which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. Where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment, the activity is not subject to CEQA. Because the proposed action and this matter have no potential to cause any effect on the environment, or because it falls within a category of activities excluded as projects pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15378, this matter is not a project. Because the matter does not cause a direct or foreseeable indirect physical change on or in the environment, this matter is not a project. Any subsequent discretionary projects resulting from this action will be assessed for CEQA applicability.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Salinas City Council hereby authorizes the Mayor to sign the Agreement with the Monterey Bay Air Resources District and accepts the Monterey Bay Air Resources Grant in the amount of \$400,000.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 19th day of March, 2019, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

APPROVED:

Joe Gunter, Mayor

ATTEST:

Patricia M. Barajas, City Clerk