

## **RESOLUTION NO. 25-4**

### **A RESOLUTION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CAPITOLA RECOMMENDING THE CITY COUNCIL ADOPT AMENDMENTS TO THE CAPITOLA LOCAL COASTAL PROGRAM LAND USE PLAN (CHAPTER 2: PUBLIC ACCESS AND CHAPTER 7: NATURAL HAZARDS)**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Capitola has an adopted Local Coastal Program (LCP), consisting of a Land Use Plan (LUP) and Implementation Plan (IP), certified by the California Coastal Commission; and

**WHEREAS**, the Public Works Department has initiated the Cliff Drive Resiliency Project to address bluff erosion, sea-level rise, stormwater drainage impacts, and to enhance pedestrian, bicycle, and coastal access along Cliff Drive; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Capitola received a \$500,000 Coastal Commission Local Coastal Program grant requiring updates to Capitola's LCP relative to the Cliff Drive Resiliency Project; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed Land Use Plan amendments update outdated references, clarify policies, and introduce new policies related to coastal erosion, sea-level rise, shoreline structures, public access, and climate adaptation planning; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed amendments specifically revise Chapter 2: Public Access and Chapter 7: Natural Hazards of the Land Use Plan to reflect current conditions and future planning needs; and

**WHEREAS**, the amendments were duly noticed and made available for public review at City Hall, the Community Center, the Capitola Library, and online; and

**WHEREAS**, on September 4, 2025, the Planning Commission held a duly noticed public hearing on the proposed amendments, considered all testimony, and identified additional amendments to include in the proposed draft based on public testimony and commissioner feedback; and

**WHEREAS**, on October 2, 2025, the Planning Commission held a duly noticed second public hearing on the proposed amendments, considered all testimony, and finds that the amendments are consistent with the California Coastal Act and the General Plan.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Planning Commission of the City of Capitola hereby recommends the City Council adopt amendments to the Local Coastal Program Land Use Plan, specifically amendments to Chapter 2: Public Access and Chapter 7: Natural Hazards.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 2nd day of October 2025, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

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Paul Estey, Chair

Attest:

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Rosie Wyatt, Deputy City Clerk