

Capitola City Council

Agenda Report



Meeting: April 23, 2026

From: Public Works Department

Subject: Esplanade Park Coastal Access Enhancement and Adaptation Plan

Recommended Action: 1) Adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a grant agreement with the State Coastal Conservancy for the Esplanade Park Coastal Access Enhancement and Adaptation Plan; and 2) Authorize the City Manager to execute a professional services agreement with Integral Consulting Inc. in the amount of \$275,000, in a form substantially similar to the attached agreement, subject to approval by the City Attorney.

Background: The State Coastal Conservancy approved a \$275,000 grant to the City of Capitola to prepare the Esplanade Park Coastal Access Enhancement and Adaptation Plan (project). The project will evaluate sea level rise, coastal flooding, and storm impacts at Esplanade Park and develop conceptual design alternatives to improve long-term resilience and maintain public coastal access.

As required by the grant, the City must adopt a resolution authorizing execution of the agreement and designate authorized representatives prior to commencing work. The City must also submit a detailed work program and obtain approval of any consultants retained to complete the project.

Discussion: To implement the project, staff released a Request for Proposals (RFP) in February 2026 to solicit qualified firms with expertise in coastal engineering, planning, and community engagement. Staff received four proposals in response to the RFP.

Proposals were evaluated by a staff review panel, and interviews with two shortlisted firms were conducted during the week of April 13, 2026. Based on this process, staff recommends selection of Integral Consulting Inc. as the preferred consultant.

Integral was selected based on their strong qualifications, project understanding, and depth of expertise in coastal processes, sea level rise adaptation, and resilient waterfront planning. Their team includes recognized leaders in the field of coastal science and engineering, with extensive experience supporting California coastal communities in developing adaptation strategies and translating complex coastal dynamics into implementable planning solutions.

Staff has negotiated a scope of work, schedule, and fee with Integral. The agreement is included as an attachment and is recommended for approval in substantial form, subject to final approval by the City Attorney.

The project work program includes community engagement, technical studies, development of conceptual alternatives, refinement of a preferred alternative to a preliminary design level, and preparation of a final plan with regulatory and permitting guidance.

Approval of the resolution and authorization to execute the grant agreement at this time will allow the City to meet grant requirements and maintain the project schedule.

Fiscal Impact: The project is fully funded by a State Coastal Conservancy grant in the amount of \$275,000. No City match is required. City staff time will be provided as in-kind support.

Attachments:

1. State Coastal Conservancy Grant Agreement
2. Resolution Authorizing Execution of Grant Agreement
3. Professional Services Agreement with Integral Consulting Inc.
4. Draft Work Program

Alignment with 2025-2029 Strategic Plan Priority: Accountable Government; Healthy Families, Community, and Environment; Sustainable Infrastructure

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