

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CAPITOLA ADOPTING THE
SANTA CRUZ COUNTY MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN 2025
UPDATE**

WHEREAS, the Santa Cruz County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan 2025 Update (“Plan”) recognizes the threat that natural hazards pose to people, property, infrastructure, and natural resources within our community; and

WHEREAS, the implementation of hazard mitigation actions can significantly reduce the risk of injury, loss of life, property damage, and disruption caused by future natural hazard events; and

WHEREAS, the federal Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (DMA 2000) requires all cities, counties, and special districts to have adopted a Hazard Mitigation Plan to receive pre-and post-disaster mitigation funding from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA); and

WHEREAS, the City of Capitola fully participated in the FEMA-prescribed mitigation planning process to prepare the Plan; and

WHEREAS, a coalition of Santa Cruz County local governments and special districts embarked on a planning process to prepare for and lessen the impacts of specified hazards by updating the Plan; and

WHEREAS, each participating jurisdiction, including the City of Capitola, has been responsible for reviewing and approving its respective Jurisdictional Annex within the Plan, and the Plan compiles individual annexes into a unified framework to ensure a comprehensive and coordinated hazard mitigation strategy for the entire Santa Cruz County planning area, aligned with the goals, objectives, and priorities of the Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Santa Cruz County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan 2025 Update is comprised of two volumes, including Volume 1: Base Plan, which contains the countywide hazard mitigation framework and risk assessment, and Volume 2: Jurisdictional Annexes, which document the hazard profiles, vulnerabilities, and mitigation actions of participating jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, a public involvement process consistent with the requirements of DMA 2000 was conducted to develop the Plan; and

WHEREAS, the California Governor’s Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) has reviewed and approved the Plan and has forwarded the plan to FEMA Region IX for final review and approval.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED that the City Council of the City of Capitola hereby adopts the Santa Cruz County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan 2025 Update as an official plan of the jurisdiction. The City of Capitola adopts Volume 1 of the Plan

in its entirety and acknowledges that the City of Capitola Jurisdictional Annex contained in Volume 2 represents the jurisdiction's specific hazard mitigation strategies and responsibilities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the City Council authorizes staff to make minor technical edits or administrative corrections to the Plan, as necessary to address FEMA review comments, prior to final adoption; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council further encourages the respective departments identified in the implementation strategy of the plan to carry out the recommended mitigation actions assigned to them; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the proposed project is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to the CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) (common sense exemption), and Section 15262 (Feasibility and Planning Studies); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, this Adoption Resolution will be submitted to Cal OES on behalf of the City of Capitola by Santa Cruz County Staff to enable the Plan's final approval by Cal OES and FEMA.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the above and foregoing Resolution was passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Capitola at its regular meeting held on the 26th day of March 2026, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

ATTEST:

Julia Gautho, City Clerk

Margaux Morgan, Mayor