

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CAPITOLA
AUTHORIZING SUBMITTAL OF A SHORELINE EROSION PROTECTION GRANT
APPLICATION TO THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND
RECREATION, DIVISION OF BOATING AND WATERWAYS**

WHEREAS, the City of Capitola is committed to proactively managing its shoreline and coastal infrastructure to ensure public safety and protect critical assets; and

WHEREAS, coastal erosion along Cliff Drive presents an immediate threat to a 60-foot bluff that serves as a key evacuation route and provides access for approximately 8,000 vehicles, cyclists, and pedestrians daily; and

WHEREAS, severe storm events in January 2023 caused significant damage to this area, highlighting the urgent need for resilience and erosion protection to safeguard both public safety and critical infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the City's Cliff Drive Resiliency Project aims to address this threat by reinforcing the bluff with soil nails, shotcrete, and rock slope protection, alongside improvements to the roadway to enhance structural integrity and multimodal accessibility; and

WHEREAS, the State of California, Department of Parks and Recreation, Division of Boating and Waterways (DBW) offers competitive Shoreline Erosion Protection Grants for projects that protect critical infrastructure threatened by erosion; and

WHEREAS, the City has prepared a grant application for the DBW's Shoreline Erosion Control Program to secure funding in the amount of \$6 million to support the construction of the Cliff Drive Resiliency Project; and

WHEREAS, a formal resolution of support from the City Council is a required component of the DBW grant application, authorizing the submission of the application for consideration; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Capitola hereby authorizes City staff to submit an application for a Shoreline Erosion Protection Grant to the State of California, Department of Parks and Recreation, Division of Boating and Waterways, in the amount of \$6 million to support the construction of the Cliff Drive Resiliency Project, and directs staff to take any necessary actions to secure the funding and move forward with the project.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing Resolution was passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Capitola on the 9th day of January 2025, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

[Mayor], Mayor

ATTEST:

Julia Gautho, City Clerk