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From: City of Santa Cruz, Public Works Dept., 809 Center Street, Room 201, Santa Cruz, CA 95060

Project Title: 1030 West Cliff Drive Emergency Storm Damage Project

Project Address: 1030 West Cliff Drive Assessor's Parcel No.: project is within the

public right-of-way

Project Location: City of Santa Cruz County of: Santa Cruz

Project Description:

Starting December 28, 2022, through January 2023, high wave events damaged several sections of coastline along West Cliff Drive, including along the public right-of-way across from 1030 West Cliff Drive. This period was subsequently declared a California state disaster (DR-4683-CA) across Santa Cruz County by California Governor Gavin Newsom.

Located on West Cliff Drive between David Way and Woodrow Avenue, the site is directly east of an existing concrete retaining wall and had been protected by a rock slope protection (RCP) buttress like other adjacent sites. This site was planned to be repaired with a pier supported concrete retaining wall at the top of the bluff, founded into the purisima bedrock shelf below. As plans for this site were developed, the extent of the adjacent sea cave was surveyed. The sea cave extends under the site and below the adjacent pathway and roadway. The roof of the cave was found to be very thin, raising concerns of the overall stability of the site and associated pathway and roadway above the cave.

Due to intense rainfall, large wave swells and high tides, significant damage occurred at this site. The site has continued to suffer damage and erosion from the winter 2023/2024 storm season. The large swell and high tides damaged the buttress and exposed the terrace deposit soils to direct wave attack. The damage extended landward sufficiently to damage the existing multipurpose trail and road. Protection barriers were placed to isolate the damage and protect the public. The cave condition is currently jeopardizing the entire project site and could result in major damage to the adjacent infrastructure and safety hazards if not addressed.

To stabilize the cave under the recreational path across from 1030 West Cliff Drive, the proposed project involves installing an approximately 56-feet long secant pile wall with approximately 30 piles in front of the mouth of the cave and parallel to the adjacent path on West Cliff Drive. Once the secant pile wall is installed, the sand in the cave behind the wall will be grouted for stability and any