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Notice of Exemption

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

Project Title: 944 and 960 West Cliff Drive Emergency Storm Damage Project

Project Address: 944 and 960 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 sections in and along the public right-of-way across from 944 and 960 West Cliff Drive. This period was subsequently declared a California state disaster (DR-4683-CA) across Santa Cruz County by California Governor Gavin Newsom. The sites have continued to suffer damage and erosion from the winter 2023/2024 storm season.

Located approximately 500 feet and 700 feet west of Columbia Street along West Cliff Drive, two seawall structures built to protect public recreational pathways and parking areas, experienced extreme winter storm events. At 944 West Cliff Drive, the storms removed the rip-rap protection at the toe of the wall and exposed the softer bedrock formation under the base of the wall. An undercut formed, jeopardizing the wall foundation. Further erosion of the exposed backfill soils created a void under the public walkway paving that led to the formation of a 16-foot deep sinkhole behind the seawall. At 960 West Cliff Drive, wave action during the same winter storm events outflanked and undermined the same wall, resulting in loss of existing rip-rap protection and terrace deposits that previously supported the end of the wall. The loss of backfill behind the wall and below the footings resulted in damage to the public pathway above. Currently, this exposed portion of the wall is unsupported and vulnerable to wave attack.

To repair the seawall at 944 West Cliff Drive, the proposed project involves excavating the loose materials in the sinkhole, placing an underdrain system in the damaged area at the base of the sinkhole, and backfilling the void on the interior of the wall with 450 cubic yards of slurry cement backfill. In addition, the proposed project will repave the damaged parking area, curb, gutter and recreational path. There will also be replacement of 160-250 tons of lost rock slope protection (RSP) at the toe of the wall, above the mean high tide elevation. Soil nails for the seawall will not be cut or damaged.