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NOTICE OF DETERMINATION

To: ☒ Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation
1400 Tenth Street, Room 121
Sacramento, CA 95814

☒ Orange County
Assessor-County Clerk-Recorder
601 N Ross St
Santa Ana, CA 92701

From: City of Dana Point
33282 Golden Lantern
Dana Point, California 92629

Applicant: City of Dana Point

Subject: Filing of Notice of Determination in compliance with Section 21108 or 21152 of the Public Resources Code.

Addendum to City of Dana Point General Plan EIR
Project Title

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State Clearinghouse Number (If submitted to Clearinghouse) | Contact Person | Area Code/Telephone/Extension

Project Location: The City of Dana Point is in the southwest portion of Orange County, California. The City encompasses approximately 29.5 square miles of land (approximately 18,880 acres) within Orange County. The City is bounded by the City of San Juan Capistrano on the northeast, the Cities of Laguna Niguel and Laguna Beach on the northwest, the City of San Clemente on the east, and the Pacific Ocean on the south and west. Roughly 2,158 acres of the City lie within the Local Coastal Zone (Coastal Overlay District). Pacific Coast Highway (PCH) (California State Route [SR] 1) runs north-south on the western boundary of the City, along the coastline, and Interstate 5 (I-5) bisects the City's southern boundary.

Project Description: The project is an update of the Introduction Chapter, Circulation, Economic Development and Public Safety Elements of the City of Dana Point General Plan. The General Plan is a state-required legal document that provides guidance to decision-makers regarding the allocation of resources and determining the future physical form and character of development in the City. It is the official statement of the City regarding the extent and types of development needed to achieve the community's physical, economic, social, and environmental goals. The City is proposing to update these elements to reflect a new citywide vision statement and set of guiding principles, with a focus on updating the Circulation and Public Safety Element to ensure adherence to state law and refining the Economic Development Element. Importantly, the proposed updates do not include any land use changes, nor do they expedite, initiate, or permit any ground-disturbing development. Additionally, neither element is part of the City's Local Coastal Program. The City is updating its Circulation Element to bolster its approach to complete street practices for multimodal transportation and strategies for improving safety for all roadway users. In addition, the City is refining the classification of select roadways to better reflect on-the-ground conditions and to right-size other roadways to better serve the needs of the community. Other examples of proposed changes include a clarification of the City's acceptable level of service standards, coordination with OCTA to improve transit service, and strategies to enhance pedestrian and bicycle facilities along existing roadways. The City is restructuring its Economic Development Element to provide higher level guidance that will be implemented through the City's Strategic Plan. the City is revisiting its Public Safety Element to address new state laws. The most substantive change includes an Evacuation Assessment, which includes a list of strategies that would improve preparation, evacuation traffic management, evacuation procedures, education and training, and unique strategies by evacuation type; discussion and policy direction regarding rewilding; and the value of open space to enhance safety and climate resilience. Changes primarily include removing and reframing outdated goals and policies that are either no longer relevant or need to be updated to reflect current and future conditions, with new policies expanding the conditions under which stand-alone commercial developments may be considered for a mix of residential and nonresidential uses.

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This is to advise that the City of Dana Point (☒ Lead Agency or ☐ Responsible Agency) has approved the above described project on October 7, 2025 (Date) and has made the following determinations regarding the above described project:

1. The project [☒ will ☐ will not] have a significant effect on the environment.
2. ☒ An Environmental Impact Report was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

   ☐ A Negative Declaration was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
3. Mitigation measures [☒ were ☐ were not] made a condition of the approval of the project.
4. A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan [☒ was ☐ was not] adopted for this project.
5. A Statement of Overriding Considerations [☒ was ☐ was not] adopted for this project.
6. Findings [☒were ☐ were not] made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

This is to certify that the Addendum and the record of project approval is available to the General Public at:

City of Dana Point
33282 Golden Lantern
Dana Point, California 92629

Date received for filing and posting at OPR: _____

Signature (Public Agency) and Title

Date 10/8/2025