NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A
MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

PROJECT NAME: El Camino Real Widening Project, Arenal Rd. to La Costa Ave. (CIP 6051)
PROJECT NO: CDP2022-0030, HMP2022-0004, HDP2022-0001, SUP2022-0003, SUP2022-0004 (PUB2021-0012)
PROJECT LOCATION: El Camino Real between Arenal Road and La Costa Avenue

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The project proposes to widen El Camino Real between Arenal Road and La Costa Avenue from two southbound vehicular travel lanes to three vehicular travel lanes, provide an eight-foot bike lane and three-foot bike lane buffer in the southbound and northbound directions, construct new pedestrian bridges on the east and west side of the San Marcos Creek Bridge, construct a new sidewalk between Arenal Road and the San Marcos Creek Bridge, modify the El Camino Real/La Costa Avenue and El Camino Real/Costa Del Mar Road intersections to provide new ADA-compliant curb ramps, restripe the El Camino Real southbound approach to Arenal Road to provide one left turn lane, two through lanes and one shared through-right lane, and relocate and abandon utilities at the San Marcos Creek Crossing. While mostly within existing right of way, the project proposes to acquire right-of-way. Pursuant to General Plan Open Space, Conservation and Recreation Element Policy 4-P.6, the project also proposes a waiver from open space boundary adjustment requirements. An amendment to the Habitat Management Plan (HMP) consistent with Carlsbad Municipal Code Section 21.210.080 is also proposed to adjust an HMP hardline boundary to accommodate the project's permanent removal of 0.201 acre (8756 square feet) of hardline preserve areas.

PROPOSED DETERMINATION: The City of Carlsbad has conducted an environmental review of the above-described project pursuant to the Guidelines for Implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the Environmental Protection Ordinance of the City of Carlsbad. As a result of said review, the Initial study identified potentially significant effects on the environment, but there will not be a significant effect in this case because the mitigation measures described in the Initial Study have been added to the project. Therefore, a **Mitigated Negative Declaration** will be recommended for adoption by the City of Carlsbad City Council.

AVAILABILITY: A copy of the Initial Study documenting reasons to support the proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration is on file in the Planning Division, 1635 Faraday Avenue, Carlsbad, California 92008 and is available online at: https://www.carlsbadca.gov/departments/community-development/planning/agendas-minutes-notices.

COMMENTS: Comments from the public are invited. Pursuant to Section 15204 of the CEQA Guidelines, in reviewing Mitigated Negative Declarations, persons and public agencies should focus on the proposed finding that the project will not have a significant effect on the environment. If persons and public agencies believe that the project may have a significant effect, they should: (1) identify the specific effect; (2) explain why they believe the effect would occur; and (3) explain why they believe the effect would be significant. Written comments regarding the draft Mitigated Negative Declaration should be directed to

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Scott Donnell, Senior Planner, at City of Carlsbad, Planning Division, 1635 Faraday Avenue, Carlsbad, California 92008 or via email to scott.donnell@carlsbadca.gov. Comments must be received within 30 days of the date of this notice.

The proposed project and Mitigated Negative Declaration are subject to review and approval/adoption by the Planning Commission and City Council. Because a segment of the project is within the jurisdiction of the California Coastal Commission, approval from that agency is also required. Additional public notices will be issued when those public hearings are scheduled. If you have any questions, please call Scott Donnell, Senior Planner, in the Planning Division at (442) 339-2618.

PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD	October 24, 2025
PUBLISH DATE	October 24, 2025, to November 24, 2025