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Project Title: Cliff Drive Resiliency Project

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Project Location: Capitola Santa Cruz
City *County*

Project Description (Proposed actions, location, and/or consequences).

The City of Capitola Public Works Department (City), is proposing a project to address coastal bluff erosion and associated undermining of the roadway along approximately 800 feet of Cliff Drive in Capitola.

The proposed restoration project is intended to remediate current bluff erosion and provide resiliency for projected increased erosion associated with climate change/sea-level rise. Bluff erosion has threatened this route since the 1960s and is expected to worsen due to rising sea levels and more intense storms from climate change. The City of Capitola seeks a strategy to manage access along the portion Cliff Drive adjacent to the coastal bluff.

In its current configuration Cliff Drive is a busy corridor serving walkers, bicyclists, motorists, and those parking to enjoy the stunning vistas of the Pacific Ocean. Due to the lack of sidewalks along Cliff Drive, conflicts between pedestrians and motorists are possible.

The proposed project would include bluff stabilization via a soil-nail-anchored shotcrete wall, rock protection at the base of the bluff, and a resurfaced roadway with two travel lanes, parking and a bike lane. These improvements would be implemented along the nearly 800-foot stretch of Cliff Drive between Portola Drive and Wharf Road in Capitola. This roadway alignment is classified as a minor arterial roadway, and accommodates nearly 8,000 vehicles daily alongside hundreds of bicyclists and pedestrians. It also serves as the primary evacuation route for Capitola Village.

Identify the project's significant or potentially significant effects and briefly describe any proposed mitigation measures that would reduce or avoid that effect.

The proposed project would result in potentially significant impacts to Biological Resources, Cultural/Tribal Cultural Resources, and Noise. Mitigation measures reduce all impacts to a less-than-significant level.

Biological resources mitigation measures include coastal bluff scrub restoration, mitigation bank or in-lieu fee program for coastal bluff scrub if restoration is not feasible, seep wetland restoration, mitigation bank or in-lieu fee program for seep wetland if restoration is not feasible, and nesting birds avoidance surveys.

Cultural and tribal cultural resources mitigation measures include an extended Phase I survey, archaeological monitoring, Native American monitoring, and measures for inadvertent discoveries including human remains.

Noise mitigation consists of notification requirements prior to nighttime construction activities.

If applicable, describe any of the project's areas of controversy known to the Lead Agency, including issues raised by agencies and the public.

None.

Provide a list of the responsible or trustee agencies for the project.

Caltrans, California Coastal Commission, California Department of Fish and Wildlife, and the Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board.