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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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From: Public Works Department
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PROJECT TITLE: City Entry Monument Signs (CIP 24304);
PROJECT APPLICANT: City of San Juan Capistrano, 32400 Paseo Adelanto, San Juan Capistrano, CA 92675, Michael Marquis, (949) 443 – 6326 mmarquise@sanjuancapistrano.gov
ADDRESS: 32400 Paseo Adelanto, San Juan Capistrano, San Juan Capistrano, CA 92675
PROJECT LOCATION – CITY: San Juan Capistrano
PROJECT LOCATION – COUNTY: Orange County
DESCRIPTION OF NATURE, PURPOSE, AND BENEFICIARIES OF PROJECT:
The City Monument Signs Project (CIP 24304) includes construction of two monument signs at key entrances to the community: 1) the Gateway intersection at Ortega Highway and Old Mission Road; and 2) the raised median on Camino Capistrano near the City's boundary with Dana Point. The City will be the main beneficiary of the project.

NAME OF PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING PROJECT: City of San Juan Capistrano

NAME OF PERSON OR AGENCY CARRYING OUT PROJECT: Michael Marquis, Sr. Civil Engineer

EXEMPT STATUS: (check one):

☐Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
☐Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
☐Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
☒Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Section 15303 Class 3 (New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures)
☐Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:
The City's Environmental Administrator has determined that the Project is categorically exempt from further review under the State CEQA Guidelines, Section 15303 Class 3 (New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures) and there is no substantial evidence demonstrating that an exception to a categorical exemption pursuant to CEQA Guidelines, Section 15300.2 applies. The Class 3 Categorical Exemption allows for the construction of accessory (appurtenant) structures, including monument signs designating the entry to two locations of the city.

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Laura Stokes, Environmental Administrator

November 19, 2026
Date