

**CITY OF CARMEL-BY-THE-SEA
CITY COUNCIL**

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-077

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARMEL-BY-THE-SEA ADOPTING THE COMMUNITY WILDFIRE PROTECTION PLAN COMPLETED FOR THE CITIES OF MONTEREY, PACIFIC GROVE, AND CARMEL-BY-THE-SEA

WHEREAS, a Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) is a plan developed to help residents and the region better prepare for and respond to wildfires; and

WHEREAS, the cities of Monterey, Pacific Grove, and Carmel-by-the-Sea expressed a desire to complete a joint CWPP and the Monterey Fire Department was the lead on the project; and

WHEREAS, the final CWPP document was completed in November 2023 and included recommended actions; and

WHEREAS, a completed CWPP document will give the city a higher priority for grant award opportunities; and

WHEREAS, the CWPP is not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15060(b) and (c), because adopting the CWPP will not result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment, and because it is not a project as defined in CEQA Guidelines section 15378, as it has no potential for resulting in physical change to the environment, directly or indirectly. Additionally, or alternatively, the CWPP is exempt from CEQA pursuant to the CEQA Guidelines Sections 15262, which exempts feasibility and planning studies for possible future actions that have not been approved, adopted, or funded from the requirement to prepare an environmental impact report or negative declaration provided environmental factors are considered. The CWPP provides recommendations for potential future actions and information to plan, assess, and prioritize wildfire prevention and preparation activities, including public education and fuel reduction projects, and enables such activities to be eligible for State and federal funding. The CWPP does not commit the City or any other entity to any particular course of action. Future activities are contingent upon motivated project proponents, available funding, and review and approval by the authorizing jurisdiction. Any activities that are recommended or included in the CWPP Project List may be modified or denied in their entirety. If any wildfire prevention and preparation activities are later undertaken, the public agencies authorizing such activities will be required to comply with CEQA, as applicable.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARMEL-BY-THE-SEA DOES HEREBY:

Adopt the Community Wildfire Protection Plan prepared by Dudek and completed for the cities of Monterey, Pacific Grove, and Carmel-by-the-Sea dated November 2023.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARMEL-BY-THE-SEA this 10th day of September, 2024, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

Dave Potter, Mayor

Nova Romero, MMC, City Clerk