

Emergency Funds Approved for Pebble Beach Drive

August 20, 2024



The Crescent City Council acted expediently and decisively at Monday's meeting when it unanimously ratified and passed several items relating to the Pebble Beach Stabilization Emergency.

- The Council unanimously reaffirmed the need to declare an emergency for the continuous slide activity between 7th and 8th Streets along Pebble Beach Drive.
- The Council ratified and executed the Emergency Force Account (EFA) between the City and Tidewater Contractors for construction of a temporary restoration of Pebble Beach Drive.
- Ratified an Agreement between the City and COWI Engineering for a feasibility study for the temporary and permanent restoration projects.
- Approved two Resolutions establishing A New Fund for the Pebble Beach Drive Bank Stabilization Project and the amending of the 2024/24 City Budget.

The scope of the work activities will remove existing slide debris, pioneer access for wall construction, construct a Micropile, place rock slope protection, backfill emergency wall, reconstruct Pebble Beach Drive and perform traffic control.

The Tidewater contract is \$3.2 million.

The COWI emergency engineering services contract is approximately \$227,000.

All funds are reimbursable.

Funding for the emergency tasks come from Cal Trans and Federal Highways Assistance (FHWA) when both agencies requested the City to close out the existing Bank Stabilization account and submit a new Damage Assessment Form (DAF) request for an Emergency Opening (EO) project.

Two weeks ago FHWA approved \$925,000 for costs incurred to date, plus an additional \$38,500. The new request for the EO is \$6.805 million for an integrated design soldier pile.

The total amount of the authorized FWHA funding is \$39.402 million.

The expedient action for Emergency work between 7th and 8th St will allow emergency repairs to be completed before the winter storm season.

A brief background: The December 2016 storms caused significant Beach cliff erosion within City limits along Pebble Beach Drive from Preston Island to 6th St. This condition was evidenced by visible road cracks indicating loss of road foundation and loss of bluff. The deteriorating condition was worsening. The project cost estimate was \$32.6 million.

The Emergency Opening funding is 100 percent reimbursable and must be spent within 270 days of the event causing the emergency.