City of Calistoga Staff Report

TO:

Honorable Mayor and City Council

FROM:

Dan Takasugi, Public Works Director/City Engineer

DATE:

March 4, 2008

SUBJECT: Adopt the ADA Self-Evaluation and Transition Plan

APPROVAL FOR FORWARDING:

James C. Mc Cann (Signed by Sheddon)

James C. McCann, City Manager

ISSUE: Consideration of a Resolution to adopt the ADA Self-Evaluation and Transition

Plan.

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt the Resolution.

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BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION:

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As required by Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and ADA Section 504, the City has performed a thorough self-evaluation of City programs, services, facilities, policies, practices, and procedures. From this evaluation, an ADA Self-Evaluation and Transition Plan was developed to eliminate structural and non-structural barriers that could prevent persons with disabilities from accessing City facilities or participating in programs, activities, and services.

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On June 5, 2007, the City Council approved a Professional Services Agreement with Coastland Civil Engineering, to perform the ADA Self-Evaluation and Transition Plan. Approximately half of this agreement was funded by a Community Development Planning and Technical Assistance Grant.

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Coastland Civil Engineering provided a complete evaluation of City programs, services, facilities, policies, practices, and procedures for ADA compliance. From the inventories, Coastland Civil Engineering has prepared reports identifying barriers, proposing solutions, estimating costs, and suggesting priority levels (using priorities set forth in state and federal disability laws).

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A public meeting was held on August 9, 2007 to solicit input. Meeting notices for this meeting were widely distributed. A total of 8 members of the public were in attendance, excluding City staff, consultants, and media reporters. A Draft ADA Self-Evaluation and Transition Plan was presented to City Council for review on November 20, 2007. The public was invited to submit comments on the Draft Plan over a 40-day comment period

through December 31, 2007. One public comment was received during this period, and the plan was amended in response to that public comment.

 Coastland Civil Engineering has prepared a Final ADA Self Evaluation and Transition Plan that is ready for Council Adoption. Only the 7-page Introduction section and the Transition Plan section of the Final Plan are attached with this report. The full Plan is 111-pages in length, and is thus not included herein.

GENERAL PLAN CONFORMANCE, ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW:

This project is consistent with General Plan Objective CIR 3.2. Staff will review the specific projects concurrently during design pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

FISCAL IMPACT:

Coastland Civil Engineering's cost estimate for full implementation of the ADA Transition Plan is approximately \$4.5 million. Staff will rely heavily upon grant funding sources to offset Transition Plan implementation costs. Many of these projects will be executed during the course of performing Capital Projects. For example, our current 2007 Utility/Pavement project is installing 8 curb ramps as part of that project. Also, the new Fire Station renovation project will address all accessibility issues at the Fire Station. Many ADA Transition Plan projects will be performed as part of infill development. Yet it is likely that some Transition Plan projects must be funded with General Fund expenditures on future maintenance and capital improvement project budgets.

Staff anticipates that the adoption of an ADA Transition Plan will reduce legal costs to defend the City from ADA-based litigation, although these savings cannot be easily quantified.

ATTACHMENTS:

- A. Resolution
- B. Introduction Section of ADA Self-Evaluation and Transition Plan
- C. Transition Plan Section of ADA Self-Evaluation and Transition Plan

RESOLUTION 2008-

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CALISTOGA, COUNTY OF NAPA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT SELF-ASSESSMENT AND TRANSITION PLAN AS PREPARED BY COASTLAND CIVIL ENGINEERING

1	WHEREAS, the City of Calistoga is required by Title II of the Americans with
2	Disabilities Act (ADA) and ADA Section 504 to perform a self-evaluation of City programs,
3	services, facilities, policies, practices, and procedures; and
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5	WHEREAS, the City selected Coastland Civil Engineering to perform the ADA Self-
6	Evaluation and prepare a Transition Plan; and
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8	WHEREAS, a public meeting was conducted on August 9, 2007 to solicit input from
9	the public on any ADA concerns; and
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11	WHEREAS, a draft ADA Self-Assessment and Transition Plan was presented to the
12	City Council on November 20, 2007; and
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14	WHEREAS, the public was invited to offer comments on the draft ADA Self-
15	Assessment and Transition Plan for a period between November 20, 2007 and December
16	31, 2007, and one public comment was received; and
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18	WHEREAS, staff has reviewed the ADA Self-Assessment and Transition Plan as
19	prepared by Coastland Civil Engineering and has found it satisfactory according to the
20	scope of services.
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22	NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Calistoga
23	hereby adopts the Americans with Disabilities Act Self-Assessment and Transition Plan
24	prepared by Coastland Civil Engineering.
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26	PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Calistoga
27	at a regular meeting held this 4 th day of March, 2008, by the following vote:
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