

CAPISTRANO BAY DISTRICT
AGENDA REPORT
October 23, 2008

Committee Reports

ITEM H.1

Possible Increase in Contribution to Pacific Legal Foundation

Currently, the District has \$250 budgeted under sub-account #2400 as a contribution to the Pacific Legal Foundation. This organization was extremely helpful during the years when the District was working to remove certain conditions attached to the granting of Coastal Development Permits in our community. In essence, the Coastal Commission was getting away with taking beachfront property from applicants in exchange for issuing permits for development of new homes. With assistance from the PLF, the District succeeded in getting this permit condition removed. While this chapter in Beach Road progress is closed there will be more challenges ahead, mostly coming from the beach side of our community relating to public access and entitlement and the community and the District will once again be calling upon the services of the PLF. Additionally, the PLF takes on legal challenges in defense of private property rights in other beach communities as well and while an issue may not directly involve Beach Road, it may still have some indirect connection and benefit to the property rights of those in our community.

There has never been a question that the District should continue its annual contribution to PLF. This discussion is about considering the value of the Pacific Legal Foundation as a friend and whether that value is enough to consider increasing the District's donation. With legal fees averaging \$250 per hour, a \$5000 contribution would represent a mere 20 hours of legal assistance.

ITEM H.2

CBRA Report

There is no background report for this item provided by CBRA. At the previous meeting, the Board agreed to dissolve the ad hoc QLC Committee which allowed the committee to join with the CBRA. Also approved was the request to maintain the *CBRA Report* as a regular item on the District monthly board meeting agenda.

Staff did receive an email on Wednesday from the CBRA President, Debbie Horowitz, explaining that she would be present at the Board meeting to provide a report.