

CAPISTRANO BAY DISTRICT
AGENDA REPORT
October 23, 2008

Security Activity Report

ITEM F.3

Discussion Regarding the Addition of More Street Lights

Staff has conducted a night inspection of the street lights along Beach Road to determine where additional lights may be installed to fill in areas of poor illumination. Since street lights in the Beach Road community are installed on existing power poles the choices are limited to where any new lights can be placed.

Inquiring of SDGE proved fruitless in determining whether the current light placement was based on any type of illumination study. Staff is waiting for a response from the street light department of SDGE to find out if they can conduct a lighting survey. The existing power pole placement is not consistent nor evenly spaced along the road which yields a somewhat random layout of street lights. Choosing additional locations without a proper illumination study will simply add to the random character of the existing system and is not recommended.

The appropriate and recommended procedure at this time is to wait on input from SDGE and see if they can help us to effect a proper study. The second recommendation is to find out from property owners whether they are interested or not in having a street light next to their house. If a lighting study actually takes place, it would no doubt include a proposed layout with addresses indicated and these property owners would have to be allowed a choice in the decision-making process.