

CAPISTRANO BAY DISTRICT
AGENDA REPORT
February 24, 2009

Manager's Reports

ITEM I.1

Update on Entrance Improvement Project

Staff met here on site with the OC Parks Supervisor Leslie Ray and OC Parks Asset Manager Harry Huggins on Friday, February 20 to review the District's proposal to exchange easements. The District wants a section of the county's currently unused planter area (about 300 sq.ft.) to create a safe pedestrian pathway along the seaward side of our entrance driveway. In exchange, the District is considering the offer of an equivalent-sized portion of our north gate maintenance yard. The area being offered to the county would be created by setting the gate back from the road edge about 10 feet. This would effectively allow more elbow room on the traffic-side of our gate for pedestrians and cyclists to move through with less congestion. The large swing gate going into our north gate area would remain in place but at a location about 10 feet further north than it sits now.

There is no guarantee at this time that the county is going to allow such an exchange. It seems very reasonable and is based on the need for additional safety precautions with both agencies. The county has not said no and the indication thus far is that they are seriously thinking about it. This process however, is proving to be slower than staff had thought and it is being considered that the District should just go ahead and push the approval for the RR parking phase of the work immediately so that portion of the overall project can get underway while we concurrently work through the process with the county on the entry lane phase of the work.