

CAPISTRANO BAY DISTRICT
AGENDA REPORT
August 31, 2010

Committee Reports

ITEM I.1

LCP Committee

The annual Mean High Tide Line survey survey was conducted this year on July 19th. Staff has not had an opportunity to conduct a review of the survey results but with the entry improvement project winding down, a report will be presented at the September Board meeting.

There was an issue this summer at the south end of the beach with a surf-lesson operation that normally sets up to the south of Poche Creek. Several times over the summer this group would move north to the other side and set up operations in front of the private residences at south end of the community beach.

This group consisted of several adult instructors with megaphones and about 25 young kids with surfboards, boogie boards, towels, backpacks, umbrellas, tables, lunches, water, etc., all screaming to the top of their lungs.

District Security had approached them several times to relocate back to the south side of the creek or move down to the MHTL where this activity is allowed. Security was met with angry opposition by the adult in charge who was reluctant to move and also challenged the conditions of the Coastal Act regarding allowable activity on the beach inland of the MHTL.

District staff and security were finally successful (over the period of about 2 weeks) in discouraging them from coming over onto the private property side, however, this type of activity can be expected next summer as well.

In a lengthy email exchange with the City, it turns out that they are interested in creating a kind of informational handout or "flyer" to use with beach goers in explaining the allowable uses on the beaches in Dana Point. District staff will be following up with the City on this in the fall after the tourist season slows down.