CAPISTRANO BAY DISTRICT AGENDA REPORT *April 26, 2011*

Administration Office Relocation

ITEM H.1

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The only progress made since the last Board meeting is the determination that a sitting Director cannot contract and be paid for providing services to the District on projects of any kind.

Last year the District was approved for an exemption of handicap accessibility requirements for the Entry Improvement Project but in a meeting with City officials at the end of March the conversation of handicap accessibility compliance requirements was brought up once again. The City seems to think permitting the admin office back into the community will require this special accessibility compliance.

The District disagreed with this assessment and reminded the City that the District had hired a handicap access specialist/consultant last year in June to provide an expert interpretation of the State Code on Accessibility and the District was ruled to be exempt and the City accepted the ruling. Kyle Butterwick, Community Development Director for the City suggested that perhaps a telephone conference call with the access consultant may be all that is required to get this issue worked out to everyone's satisfaction.

This suggested meeting has not taken place and without some progress on this issue the permit process is stopped. A rough estimate for the cost to upgrade to handicap standards (for the previous project) I believe was about \$15,000 and it would be much more if this triggered a requirement for upgrades to the guard building as well.