CAPISTRANO BAY DISTRICT AGENDA REPORT September 29, 2015

Old Business

ITEM 13

Application to CCC for Rock Revetment on the Beach

The Board is considering making an application to the Coastal Commission for a permit to armor the beach with large rocks to protect homes and property. With the beach continually eroding over the past ten years, the potential for inundation is becoming an imminent threat.

A possible argument in support of a rock revetment is the natural tendency of the homeowner to protect his home to prevent a claim on his National Flood Insurance. This, however, seems in direct conflict with the restrictive policies of the Coastal Commission. One the one hand, there is the federal agency (NFIP) that expects an insured client to take measures to protect their home and thereby limit the potential for large claims while on the other hand the CCC places insurmountable hurdles in the way making it practically impossible for a homeowner to do so.

Rocks have been placed on the beach in the past but it's been several years and it would be useful to solicit some bids to get an idea of today's cost for the work.

Beached Sailboat at 35687

A sailboat that ran aground on August 21st is still sitting on the beach between the addresses of 35687 and 35691 Beach Road. The District has determined that the boat is sitting on County-maintained property and has asked the County to handle their maintenance and public safety responsibility. The County has denied any such responsibility. The District then sent them proof; recorded copies of the public access easements that were deeded back in the early 1980's and the County Board of Supervisors' Resolution accepting the easements in 1989. There has been no further response from the Director of OC Parks, Stacey Blackwood.

