

CAPISTRANO BAY DISTRICT
AGENDA REPORT
October 27, 2015

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ITEM 9

Shoreline Protection Project

As a result of the discussion at the previous board meeting, the Board was referred to an attorney who may be able to help the community in an effort to protect the beachfront from further erosion and sand loss.

The prospective attorney, Mr. Howard Coleman of Nossaman LLP in Irvine, has had extensive experience working with private property owners in coastal California for many years in the area of shoreline protection.

One of the popular solutions that is being discussed is to place large quarry stones in front of all homes to create a continuous rock seawall or rock revetment. Until the Board can engage in some meaningful discussion with Mr. Coleman, there is much speculation regarding what property owners may be able to do.

The Board is currently setting a meeting with Mr. Coleman that could be in the first week of November. Several arguments our community could use to support a shoreline protection project are:

- OC armored the county beach park with rocks so we should be allowed as well
- Equal protection under the law
- Constitutional right to protect your property
- Construction of the harbor negatively impacted the natural course of beach replenishment
- Overall value of property in potential peril is about \$700 Million