

CAPISTRANO BAY DISTRICT  
AGENDA REPORT  
December 15, 2015

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## ITEM 9a

### Emergency Permit for Temporary Shoreline Protection

Upon submitting our request to the City of Dana Point for an emergency CDP we were told that the City is not permitted to process such emergency permits on behalf of the Coastal Commission and that our submittal must go direct to the CC in Long Beach.

A 42-page packet was submitted to the Coastal Commission offices in Long Beach on December 1<sup>st</sup>. At that time the receptionist explained that all the staff planning analysts were unavailable all week as they were in a training seminar and that the following week was the regularly scheduled public hearing in Monterey. It was also explained that the staff has been inundated with emergency permit applications from many other coastal property owners and that it might be several weeks before anyone could receive and review our application.

In covering this turn of events with our attorney it was explained that since we have put both the City of Dana Point and the Coastal Commission on notice of our emergency situation that we have satisfied our noticing requirements and can now proceed with implementing our temporary protection measures as detailed in the engineer's report:

- sandbags
- plastic hollow traffic K rail barriers that are filled with water
- gabion baskets/cages that are filled with either existing beach cobble or filled sandbags

Once the District has completed the emergency permit process it is the intent of the Board to then submit an application for a long-term CDP to be allowed to place more permanent armoring on our beach. Such armoring could include large boulders/quarry stones or possibly a system of Gravity Blocks (large solid concrete blocks that get stacked up to form a type of wall).

This would be an effort at a long-range permanent solution to our beach loss and could take a few years to process. In the meantime, you as a private property owner have a constitutional right to protect your property.

If the County of Orange can get a permit to armor the beach with large boulders at the County Beach Park next to our community entrance and if the beachfront community of Broad Beach in Malibu can also get the same permit for the same large boulders then our community should be able to get a similar permit as well.