

CAPISTRANO BAY DISTRICT
AGENDA REPORT
March 1, 2016

Entry Area Report

ITEM 9

Landscaping Repairs and Improvements

With the placement of the admin office on the grass a good portion of the existing sprinkler and lighting system had to be re-routed and improved to accommodate new plants and lighting. The area was regraded, especially immediately around the palapa, new grass seed and fertilizer was laid down and many new plants were installed around the office.

During this process it was found that many of the existing sprinkler heads were either not working at all or were clogged or out of adjustment. Also discovered were several line breaks where water was leaking when the system came on each time.

With the leaks fixed and sprinkler heads adjusted to be more efficient, the sprinkler schedule has been increased to two days per week which should begin to show results over the next few weeks.

The six jasmine vines growing along the fence adjacent to the service entrance are probably going to succumb to the saltwater intrusion from awhile back when ocean runup reached the guard shack – these will probably need to be replaced and we'll be looking for a variety that might be more saltwater resistant.

The center divider planter separating the resident entry from the exit lane will be replanted soon with Xanadu philodendron which seems to take well to our environment. The two floral bowls in this planter area were just replanted with a new array of succulents.

Regarding the two missing stools at the palapa, they were removed as they tended to tip over easily and we had a small child suffer a bruised ankle because of this. A solution has been worked out and the two missing stools will be back in service soon.

Lastly, Bemus Landscaping has done a terrible job of maintaining the overall system and the District will be re-bidding the work in preparation for the new fiscal year budget beginning in July and a possible new landscape maintenance contractor.