

CAPISTRANO BAY DISTRICT
AGENDA REPORT
January 28, 2020

New Business

ITEM 10a

City Notice re: Unpermitted Shoreline Protection

Members of the District met with City of Dana Point officials on Thursday, January 23rd, to discuss the matter of the unpermitted shoreline armoring (boulders, sandbags, etc).

The City assured us that any existing armoring currently in place is allowed to remain for the time being. They do not however, want to see anyone continuing to place boulders or other armament out on the beach. The community can avoid further violation trouble by ceasing any additional protection efforts.

Pending consensus by the Coastal Commission, the City has expressed interest in working with the board on finding a comprehensive permanent uniform solution for the protection of our shoreline. We will know more about this when we meet with the City and the Coastal Commission on Feb 6th. At that meeting, we will be able to get more substantial direction as CCC staff will be in attendance to answer our questions and give us some guidance. The City deferred to the CCC on our question of whether each property owner will have to apply individually for a permit, so we won't know how this would work until we can talk directly to CCC staff on the 6th.

Many homeowners have called explaining that their seawalls or boulders have been in place since before the Coastal Commission was created. In discussing this with the City, their indication right now is to wait until we get further along in the process before we get to the point where proof, if any, would be required.

Some recipients of the Notice from the City have asked if they need to individually respond directly to the City. This is not necessary as Thursday's meeting fulfills that obligation on the part of homeowners.

The Board is asking again for your patience while we wait for this next meeting with CCC staff on February 6th.