

CAPISTRANO BAY DISTRICT  
AGENDA REPORT  
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New Business

## ITEM 10b

### District Wide Rat Abatement Proposal

Several years ago the County of Orange Vector Control operations discontinued providing rodent abatement services for the Beach Road community. During their time servicing the community there were about 40 bait stations placed along the RR block wall around the vegetation and trash enclosures. When the County ended the service, many of their bait stations were removed.

Based on the numerous complaints received by the District on a regular basis, it is necessary that something be done. On that note, four local pest control companies were solicited, of which we received two proposals:

- Western Exterminators      \$1170 one time set up cost      \$315/month for 65 bait stations
- Lloyds Pest Control          \$ 945 one time set up cost      \$315/month for 63 bait stations

The vendor would initially come onsite and install the bait stations along the RR block wall, in among the vegetation in locations that the tech feels would be most effective, some on the ground and some fastened to the wall, etc. ***\*No bait stations would be placed on homeowner private property, only on the RR side of the Road.*** Then on a weekly basis, service 15-16 stations until all 65 are serviced once over a 30 day period.

OC Vector Control tells us that the only way to effectively reduce the rodent population is to attack the entire community at the same time and over a sustained period of time, otherwise the rats just move to the next area that has no control.

While 65 bait stations seems like a lot, keep in mind the Road is 1.5 miles long, and with 196 parcels that make up Beach Road, this provides a distribution of a bait station at every third property.