

Meeting #684

CAPISTRANO BAY DISTRICT
AGENDA REPORT
May 31, 2022

Old Business

ITEM 9b

Shredded Sandcubes on the Beach

This topic was discussed at the previous Board meeting at the request of homeowner Dan Nickel who had stated his frustration at the shredded plastic mess out on the beach and has asked the District to take action to get the mess cleaned up.

On the following page is a cleanup notice that was mailed out to the eleven homes that have some level of shredded plastic sandcubes and sandbags on their beach.

The notice is fairly self-explanatory and indicates the concerns which are environmental, aesthetic, and in violation of the District's Littering Ordinance.



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ITEM NO. 96

May 24, 2022

Re: Beach Cleanup Notice/Deteriorating Sandcubes and Sandbags

Dear Property Owner,

This notice and the attached photo, taken on April 28th, are to demonstrate what your beachfront looks like from a different perspective. The public sees this, which is problem enough, but more importantly, the City and the California Coastal Commission (CCC) also see the torn and shredded white plastic material littering the beach.

The concern is both environmental and aesthetic. The sandbag material doesn't last more than maybe three seasons, if we're lucky, then the plastic begins to breakdown and the microplastic particles make their way into the ocean, and secondly, the appearance of all that shredded white plastic is enough to make the public want to take photos and send complaints to the City or worse, to the CCC.

Additionally, this is classified as 'Littering' which is prohibited by District Ordinance No. 15-116. The jurisdiction of this Ordinance covers all areas of the District all the way out to the ocean and carries fines for violations.

At a time when the District is trying to work out a permitting process with the City and the Coastal Commission for shoreline protection, the shredded sandbag material that is left on the beach sends the wrong message. If we are ever going to get permits, one component of that success will be to show the public, the City, and the CCC that our community can be relied upon to keep our beach clean and maintained.

You are one of eleven locations on our beach that has either a small amount of exposed shredded material or a huge mess – either way, the District and the Board of Directors, including our Shoreline Advisory Committee and our legal team, want to see this get cleaned up as soon as possible.

**For coordinating a cleanup, if you're not able to get it done yourself, you might try calling any of these three contractors for assistance:*

- Tim Ronses 714-612-6563
- Rick Luna 949-413-1473
- Drew Liddle 949-533-5159

Thank you,

Donal S. Russell, General Manager
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