

CAPISTRANO BAY DISTRICT
AGENDA REPORT
February 27, 2024

Advisory Committee

ITEM 7a

SANDAG Report/City of Dana Point

Provided on the following three pages is the City's report explaining the SANDAG Project and the details of what we can anticipate as an eventual outcome or end goal of new sandy beaches.

In short, the San Diego Association of Governments is working to create a region-wide sand replenishment project extending from the Dana Point Headlands south to La Jolla. This region of the Southern California coastline is referred to by marine scientists as the Oceanside Littoral Cell, and it is only fitting that San Clemente and Dana Point be included with the San Diego County group.

To this end, both San Clemente and Dana Point have been invited to join forces with SANDAG. It's not a free ride, however. The Dana Point portion is \$124,576.00. This is a lot to ask of a City that doesn't have a lot of beach within the Oceanside Littoral Cell that is under its management. The harbor is operated by the County, then there's Doheny State Beach as you move south, then the County Beach Park before reaching Capistrano Bay Beach.

After lengthy discussion with the Committee and engineers, it was clear that whatever sand is eventually placed on the beaches north of Beach Road will most certainly migrate south to our beach. We are already seeing evidence of this with new sand on our beach from the sand recently placed just to the north of us last fall by the County.

Given this fact of natural sand transport, it would only be fair for the District to cost-share with the City. As a result, the District has offered \$25,000 to help offset the City's cost burden. If you recall, this action was taken at the January Board meeting. Additionally, the County of Orange has also pitched in about \$45,000. Needless to say, the City of Dana Point is very pleased with the assistance and show of support by the District and the County.

To be clear, this first phase of the project will not result in any sand placed on the beach. This is to launch scientific studies to develop a plan for eventual replenishment. We have a ways to go before this can happen, but the good news is that our area is now included in this regional effort, and that the regional conversation is gaining momentum.

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