

CAPISTRANO BAY DISTRICT  
AGENDA REPORT  
March 26, 2024

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*Security Report*

## **ITEM 8b**

### Suspension of District Police Operations

At the previous board meeting, the Dana Point Police Chief, Capt. Todd Hylton, made an unannounced visit and during Public Comments reported that it was the request of the OC Sheriff and Orange County Counsel that the District's Police operations be suspended.

Captain Hylton cited concerns that the complexity and liability of operating a police department in California today has so far exceeded the standards of 1959 when the District was established, that the Sheriff's Dept. feels the District doesn't have the resources to meet and comply with the standards of today's modern police departments.

Because there is some potential here for litigation, no further details can be discussed until the Board and Counsel can meet and review what future legal issues may be associated with this requested suspension of police services.

In the meantime, the decision has been made to retain our police officer, Jim Williams, in the capacity of Security Administrator. Due to his long career as a law enforcement officer and in risk management, Jim will be a great asset for maintaining a high level of security service for the community. The police vehicle will get new markings and the blue/red lightbar will get changed out to amber and Officer Williams will be in a slightly differently marked uniform.