

CAPISTRANO BAY DISTRICT
AGENDA REPORT
July 22, 2024

Old Business

ITEM 10a

Pines Park Storm Drain Flooding

After much phoning and emailing, we now have a contact with OC Public Works and OC Parks who is in a position to discuss the issue with this particular drain system.

As was presented at the April Board meeting, the storm drain that flows out of Pines Park tends to overflow and cause flooding in the first several homes on Beach Road when there is a violent and torrential rain event, like the one we all experienced on Easter Sunday.

Dr. Thomas's subgrade garage was immediately flooded up to street level. While this only occurs maybe once every 4-5 years, the inundation to Dr. Thomas's property is substantial.

We've learned that the drain facility belongs to the County and also that it was County Planning who originally approved the sub-grade garage design. It would only seem reasonable to expect the County to own-up and not pass the buck to another agency.

On that note, the District Manager had a site meeting with County officials, at the storm drain on Thursday, to discuss the problem and explore ideas of what could amount to a simple solution.

The County is showing interest, which is a good sign that something may get done. There's work to do to provide a proposal and a design concept but the good news is that we have a breakthrough with County Public Works and OC Parks.