

CAPISTRANO BAY DISTRICT
AGENDA REPORT
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Shoreline Advisory Committee

ITEM 7c

Smart Coast California Conference

Smart Coast California is a 501(c)6 established in 2019 to promote and advocate for private property rights and smart land use policies in coastal regions of California.

This organization conducts an annual conference to bring all coastal stakeholders together to follow progress on numerous fronts relating to entitlement, development and the politics of coastal real estate in California.

This year, our coastal law counsel, Stan Lamport, sat in on two separate discussion panels and was able to present his power point show demonstrating the flaw in the CCC's position that sea walls cause beach erosion.

Manager Russell attended both days and was able to meet and learn more about some of the more proactive organizations working to create sound policies for coastal land use:

- BEACON Beach Erosion Authority for Clean Oceans and Nourishment
- Pajaro Dunes Association (Santa Cruz area – strong supporter of Casa Mira)
- Coastal Quest (Oakland based – might be too supportive of the CCC's policies)
- Ocean Protective Council (State of Calif. Cabinet-level body)
- League of California Coastal Cities (advocates for local control)
- City of Oceanside (Pilot project for beach nourishment and sand retention)

And, of course, there were three Coastal Commission staff members present to advocate for limited development in the coastal zone.