

CAPISTRANO BAY DISTRICT
AGENDA REPORT
January 28, 2025

Advisory Committee

ITEM 7a

Miller CDP Application Status

The CDP application for the Miller project was resubmitted to City planning on Friday, January 17th. The City has 30 days to review all the corrections that were addressed and respond to the applicant – this would take us to February 20th. After corrections are complete, the package gets submitted to the Planning Commission for their review and approval. At the Planning Commission hearing we should plan to have our counsel, Stan Lamport, present to answer questions from the Commissioners and possibly Planning staff.

ITEM 7b

Casa Mira HOA v Coastal Commission

The District received word that the attorney for Casa Mira HOA, Tom Roth, submitted his petition to the State Supreme Court on Wednesday, January 22nd. The petition is to request the high court to consider taking the case under review. Additionally, the District, along with several other supporters, have directed Steve Kaufmann to craft a letter in support of Casa Mira. That letter is to be submitted to the Court on Monday, January 27th. We won't know the Court's decision for about a month on whether or not they will take up the case.

ITEM 7c

Addition to the MHTL Survey Program

The District has an opportunity to expand on the Mean High Tide Line data collection by creating an expanded beach profile survey. Currently we measure sand elevation from the back beach (by the homes) out to the water line and create a profile of how much the beach slopes down to the waterline. An expanded survey would take that profile further out into the water to a depth of about 35-40 feet to give a more comprehensive picture of the sand in the near-shore zone where it can't be seen. The usefulness here is that we get a better understanding of how much sand would actually need to be pumped onto our beach to keep it replenished. The District has one proposal at \$55K/year from Coastal Frontiers Engineering. We asked for a bid from Guida Surveying (they do our MHTL surveys) but they are not equipped to run measurements in the nearshore zone from a boat.

This extra surveying may not be necessary as the City of San Clemente conducts a similar survey at 12 transects from DP Harbor to Cotton's Point. Although, while they skip over our beach, they do run survey transects at the County Park Beach just to our north, and at Poche, just to our south. Dave Skelly feels this alignment of survey points provides enough data to permit a reasonable extrapolation for measuring the nearshore bottom along our section of beach.