

CAPISTRANO BAY DISTRICT
AGENDA REPORT
APRIL MEETING
May 29, 2025

Shoreline Committee

ITEM 7a

Miller CDP Application Status

The second round of Plan Check corrections has been completed and submitted back to the City on May 14th. The City has 30 days to complete their review and reply to the District. A third round of corrections will require much more scrutiny by the Committee.

ITEM 7b

South Orange County Beach Coalition

Shoreline Committee legal counsel Stan Lampert and the District Manager met with County staff who are primarily responsible for promoting this new organization. The District's intent here is to be early to the table to advance our understanding that the cause of shoreline erosion since about 2013 is primarily due to the lack of sand coming out of the San Juan Creek on a seasonal cycle and NOT the armoring that has been placed on the beach to protect property. If this argument can resonate with the County, there's a good chance they will initiate a watershed study to learn how sediment moves within the San Juan Creek system, the results of which could divert the attention of the CCC away from the issue of alleged armoring violations to the real issue of sediment scarcity in the watershed.

ITEM 7c

Response to Recent CCC Letter

By now, homeowners have been made aware of the CCC's latest letter of April 23rd and the Committee's letter to everyone explaining how the Committee intends to respond to the CCC. That letter is ready to submit with the exception of verifying some comments from the City. This is essential since the District is relying on the City to be assertive in NOT ceding their enforcement jurisdiction to the Coastal Commission. This will help ensure that we can rely on the City to support our position with regard to the watershed issue and not beach armoring. The Committee fully intends to meet the Friday, May 30th response deadline set by the CCC.