

CAPISTRANO BAY DISTRICT
AGENDA REPORT
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ITEM 10a

Disaster Preparedness Guidance

We are asking a lot of our consultant, John Ciampa, who was tasked last month with taking the full set of accumulated emergency management and disaster preparedness documents that have been assembled by District staff over the past several years and begin to organize the material into a guidance document for our residents.

An initial outline of all things of a disaster and emergency response-related nature will be ready early next week for initial review by the Board and staff.

Mr. Ciampa has had to take 19 separate comprehensive documents on a broad range of issues and organize this information into a kind of guidance pamphlet. Along with this 'booklet' would be a basic single page summary of easy-to-follow essential instructions.

AlertOC Mass Notification System

Staff has been encouraging homeowners to sign up for the *AlertOC Mass Notification System* that was developed by the Orange County Emergency Management Agency (OCEMA). This system sends notifications of disaster events to your cell phone, your email or your other electronic devices automatically, and is instantaneous day or night.

We were all concerned when the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station shut down and all the community notification sirens were dismantled. The *AlertOC* program takes place of the obsolete mechanical siren system, which was vulnerable to ocean air corrosion, rust, electronic failure, etc. To say nothing of the time delay in rousing someone out of bed at late hours to rush to the City's operations center to make an announcement over the loud speakers.

The *AlertOC* system is vastly superior to the loudspeaker concept but of course, is only effective for those who sign up, it's a no-brainer – go to ***AlertOC.org*** and sign up.