

# *News Flash from Lagoon Point*

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## **Dredging update**

We just received the lab report on the sediment in our silting basin, and the news is good. The lab report indicates no troublesome chemical contaminants in the sediment, and grain size generally large enough to allow us use the sediment to rebuild nearby beaches. (This is called “beach nourishment.”) This absence of contaminants and large enough grain size should come as no surprise –the sediment in our silting basin comes, after all, from nearby beaches, carried in by tides, especially high tides during winter storms.

Were there no man-made jetty channel and silting basin at Lagoon Point the sediment carried by the tides would have settled instead downstream on nearby beaches, where it would have replaced sediment being washed away from there. Returning the sediment from our silting basin to nearby beaches would in effect reverse ten or more years of beach erosion on those beaches. Rebuilding nearby beaches would also help recover biological habitat lost with that erosion.

The Division 2-3-4 Architectural Committee and LPCA Board jointly discussed the sediment lab report last week and decided that they would ask the beachfront lot owners along Oceanside Drive whether the owners would be agreeable to having their beaches rebuilt (at no expense) by using the sediment from dredging our silting basin.

But before we approach the Oceanside property owners we will first gather information on the shape and size of the proposed beach rebuild and expert professional opinion on the process and consequences of rebuilding that section of beach. The beachfront lot owners are bound to have lots of questions about what we might be proposing to do on the beach, and we want to be prepared to answer those questions best we can.

In future updates we'll let you know what we've found out about beach nourishment.

Meanwhile, there is the matter of paying for the upcoming dredging of our silting basin. You will recall that some months ago the Lagoon Point property owners and the Division 2-3-4 owners each approved by vote a series of annual special assessments to pay for the dredging. Your first assessments will soon arrive in the mail.

Annual assessment invoices are mailed out in June, and this June your invoice will bill you for both your regular annual assessment and the annual special assessment for dredging.

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