The CEPD will approach federal, state, and county government with a request for funding assistance for the next project. Captiva has historically depended on federal, state and county funding. But no longer can we assume that all projects will get built with federal and state funds. Federal and state budgets for beach and shore projects have dwindled with the eroding economy. Since federal and state government has always required the community to share in the cost of the nourishment, the cost to the community may increase.

The Captiva Erosion Prevention District is proposing a $23.5 million project for 2013-2014. The CEPD will aggressively pursue funding from both local and state government estimated at $8.5 million. Additionally, the District will seek federal reimbursement through Congressional appropriation. If and when federal dollars are received, the share of the cost of the project for Captivans will be reduced. In the absence of federal funding, the Captiva share of the project is estimated at $15 million.

At their July 14, 2010 Regular Board Meeting, the Board of Commissioners of the CEPD passed a resolution to place a bond/loan referendum on the ballot for the November 2, 2010 general election. This early date was chosen to take advantage of existing interest rates that are at or near historical lows.

Only Captivans who are registered to vote on Captiva will be eligible to vote. Voter registration for the election closes on October 4. Should the referendum pass and the project move forward, residents and businesses will not pay on their renourishment assessment until the project is complete.

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Voter Information

Key Dates

Registration to Vote – Closes 10/4/2010	**Voter Registration Web Site** - leeelections.com/voterreg.htm
Early Voting - October 18 – October 30, 2010	**Request a Ballot by Mail** - call 239-533-6919; fax 239-533-6913
General Election - November 2, 2010	**Supervisor of Elections Phone Number** - 239 533-868