



## Beach Briefs - January 17, 2014

# Dune Vegetation on Captiva to Begin January 27

The final step in the construction of the 2013-14 Captiva Renourishment Project begins January 27 with the planting of native vegetation on newly restored dunes and the infill of plants on existing dunes. Sand dunes are important because they are land's first defense against erosion. Vegetation anchors and stabilizes the dunes making them more resistant to eroding wind and water. Plants also capture wind-blown sand and build up the dune. The CEPD has contracted with Aquatic Plants of Florida to do this vegetation work. The contract also includes the construction of post and rope fencing to protect the newly-planted vegetation, fertilization, and watering. Existing posts that need to be replaced will be identified and removed.

Of the 318,750 plants to be installed, 80% are sea oats. Other native species that may be used are dune panic grass, beach elder, sea ox-eye daisy, and dune sunflower. Part of the Hagerup Beach Parking Lot will be used to stage equipment used in this project but the lot will remain open. Aquatic Plants has already started staking out the areas to be planted. If you see small flags in the sand, please do not disturb them. Installation will start at the north end of Captiva and move south. Crews will work from dawn to dusk, seven days a week. Disruption will be minimal and activity around any given house will be less than a day. Work should be completed around mid-February.

If you have questions or concerns, call CEPD at 472-2472.

### Upcoming CEPD Board Meeting Dates

February 12, 2014	1:00 P.M.	'Tween Waters Inn, Wakefield Room
March 12, 2014	1:00 P.M.	'Tween Waters Inn, Wakefield Room
April 9, 2014	1:00 P.M.	'Tween Waters Inn, Wakefield Room

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