

BEACON BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Thursday, March 26, 2015

TIME: 9:00 AM

PLACE: County of Santa Barbara, Board of Supervisors Hearing Room
103 East Anapamu Street, Santa Barbara, CA. 93101

Item	1	Call to Order, Roll Call and Introductions – Jon Sharkey.
Minutes/ Actions:		<p>Directors Present:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jon Sharkey (City of Port Hueneme) • Salud Cabajal (County of Santa Barbara) • Steve Bennett (County of Ventura) • John Zaragoza (County of Ventura) • Gregg Hart (City of Santa Barbara) • Jim Farr (City of Goleta) • Gregg Carty (City of Carpinteria) • Carmen Ramirez (City of Oxnard)
Item	2	Approval of Agenda and Filing of Certificate of Agenda Posting Action: Approve and file
Minutes/ Actions:		Approved.
Item	3	Consideration and Approval of Minutes of the BEACON Meetings held on January 16, 2015. Action: Approve and file.
Minutes/ Actions:		Approved.
Item	4	Public Comment and Other Matters not on the Agenda a. Receive public comments.
Minutes/ Actions:		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A member of the public provided verbal support for the joint BEACON/US Army Corps of Engineers Oil Peers Artificial Reef Project .
Item	5	Reports a. Reports from legislative offices. b. Boating and Waterways. c. Cal Coast.
Minutes/ Actions:		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There were no reports from legislative offices or other entities/agencies. • Director Carbajal reported that he would be attending a conference from May 27 through May 28 with the CSAC California State Association of Counties in Sacramento. Mr. Carbajal indicated he is part of a Sub Group of CSAC (Coastal Counties Caucus) which will be meeting to discussing coastal issues. • Kevin Ready, Legal Counsel for BEACON, indicated that only a 7/10 majority vote was required by the Board for recommended Auditor Controller Items on the Agenda, not the 8/10 cited. • Kevin Ready reminded the Board that the FORM 700 is required by all Board Members to be submitted to Pam Baumgardner of BEACON Administrative Staff by April 1 2015.

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Item	6	<p>Auditor Controller's Recommended Actions</p> <p>a. Receive and file Recommended Fiscal Year 2015-16 Budget (Exhibit 1).</p> <p>b. Approve Membership dues for Fiscal Year 2015-16.</p> <p>c. Receive and file the Budget-to-Actual report for the year-to-date period ending February 28, 2015 (Exhibit 2).</p> <p>d. Authorize the Auditor-Controller's Office to make budgetary adjustments as follows: (requires 8/10th vote):</p> <table style="margin-left: 40px; border: none;"> <tr> <td>INCREASE- Other Professional & Spec Services</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$ 3,500</td> </tr> <tr> <td>DECREASE- Misc Payments/Pub Ed + Travel</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$ 3,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>DECREASE- Misc Office Exp/Public Relations</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$ 500</td> </tr> <tr> <td>INCREASE- Misc Office Exp/Public Relations</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$ 500</td> </tr> <tr> <td>INCREASE- Other Professional & Spec Services</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$ 2,500</td> </tr> <tr> <td>DECREASE- Spec Off Exp (Website, Tel, Pub)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$ 1,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>DECREASE- Kelp Anchor Permits</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$ 2,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>INCREASE- Biennial Audit Services</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$ 3,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>DECREASE- SCCBEP</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$ 3,000</td> </tr> </table> <p>e. Approval of Biennial Audit Contract in the amount of \$8,000 (Exhibit 3).</p>	INCREASE- Other Professional & Spec Services	\$ 3,500	DECREASE- Misc Payments/Pub Ed + Travel	\$ 3,000	DECREASE- Misc Office Exp/Public Relations	\$ 500	INCREASE- Misc Office Exp/Public Relations	\$ 500	INCREASE- Other Professional & Spec Services	\$ 2,500	DECREASE- Spec Off Exp (Website, Tel, Pub)	\$ 1,000	DECREASE- Kelp Anchor Permits	\$ 2,000	INCREASE- Biennial Audit Services	\$ 3,000	DECREASE- SCCBEP	\$ 3,000
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Minutes/ Actions:		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Omar Arreola of the Auditor Controller's Office provided a verbal presentation of the Action Items. The Board had no discussion. All Actions were Approved. • Director Carbajal requested that Board Directors be copied on BEACON Membership Dues request letters so Directors could follow up with their respective agencies to ensure budgeting and timely payment. ACTION. • Director Farr from the City of Goleta questioned the fairness of the relative membership fees being paid by the City's versus that being paid by the two Counties. It was agreed that an analysis of this question will be brought back to the Board in May 2015. ACTION. • All actions were approved with a unanimous (8/10) vote of the Board. 																		
Item	7	<p>Contract with Webmaster for BEACON Website Redesign</p> <p>a. Approve a contract with Pamela Baumgardner – Websites, to update and redesign the BEACON Website for a not to exceed amount of \$2,500.</p>																		
Minutes/ Actions:		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Executive Director explained that Pam Baumgardner provided administrative services to BEACON through her employment with the City of Ventura and that one of her responsibilities is to maintain the BEACON Website. Pam also owns a small website design company and given her unique understanding of BEACON she was considered a perfect contractor to re-do the outdated BEACON Website. • Mr. Kevin Ready, Legal counsel for BEACON, explained that the City Attorney for Ventura had indicated that awarding this website update contract to Pam Baumgardner would not constitute a conflict of interest. • The action was approved with a unanimous (8/10) vote of the Board. 																		

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Item	8	<p>Coastal Regional Sediment Management Plan (CRSMP)</p> <p>a. Receive a report from the Executive Director and Marc Beyeler regarding a strategy to amend BEACON's Coastal Regional Sediment Management Plan (CRSMP) to address Sea Level Rise and Coastal Resilience.</p>
Minutes/ Actions:		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marc Beyeler of MBA Associates gave a brief verbal presentation by conference call on the strategy for BEACON intended amendment to the CRSMP in order to address coastal inundation and sea level rise data that has been recently developed for the BEACON jurisdiction. Mr. Beyeler's presentation is detailed in the Memorandum attached to the Staff Report. • The key elements of the proposed CRSMP Amendment Strategy were: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Completion of the local coastal inundation and sea level rise studies. ✓ Updates by the BEACON member agencies of their respective Local Coastal Plans (LCP). ✓ Securing grant funding for the detailed technical analysis associated with the CRSMP Amendment. • The report was received and filed by the Board.

Item	9	<p>Debris Basins</p> <p>a. Receive a report discussing the regional benefits of entering partnerships with the Flood Control Agencies of Santa Barbara and Ventura Counties to discuss collaborative projects to modify existing debris basins to allow sediment transportation.</p>
Minutes/ Actions:		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Executive Director explained that lion's share of sediment reaching the BEACON coast was from our creeks and rivers and that traditional debris basins obstruct the natural sediment transport down these creeks and river. • The ED further reminded the Board of a Santa Barbara County debris basin modification project at Gobernator Creek completed in 2012 successfully allowed the flow of sediment. With this success in mind, BEACON staff is recommending a collaboration with the Flood Control Districts to secure funding for other debris basin modification or removal projects. • BEACON Staff has met with the Santa Barbara Flood Control District and they are in support of this initiative. BEACON staff will be meeting with the Ventura County Flood Control District in April or May 2015. • The Board requested that Staff return to the Board with a specific Action Plan. ACTION. • The report was received and filed by the Board.

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Item	10	<p>Kelp Anchor Demonstration Project</p> <p>a. Receive a report on the status of the Kelp Anchor Demonstration Project and provide direction on how to proceed.</p> <p>b. Authorize the Executive Director to accept and execute the Coastal Commission Permit.</p>
Minutes/ Actions:		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gerald Comati, Program Manager, explained that all permits had now been secured for the Goleta Beach Bay Kelp Anchor Demonstration Project. The project was ready to proceed into construction with the direction of the Board. • The estimated cost for the construction phase was approximately \$15,000. BEACON staff was prepared to seek grant funding. • The Executive Director indicated that he would contact Assembly Member Das Williams regarding funding. • The Board suggested contacting the Santa Barbara Foundation for potential funding. <p>ACTION.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The action was approved with a unanimous (8/10) vote of the Board.

Item	11	<p>Rincon Parkway Nourishment Project</p> <p>a. Receive a report on recent developments for the Rincon Parkway Nourishment Project at Hobson Beach.</p>
Minutes/ Actions:		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gerald Comati, Program Manager, explained that after careful evaluation Staff had determined that proceeding with the Division of Boating and Waterways (DBAW) Grant funding for the Hobson Beach Nourishment Project was not viable. • The key reasons for this determination were: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ The cost to execute a Nourishment Project at Hobson Beach independent of the USCOE Federal Dredging Project is estimated to be in the order of \$12M, greatly exceeding grant funding anticipated from DBAW. ✓ A cooperative project with the USCOE would require the execution of a “bid option” by the successful Federal Dredging Contractor. The option would be to dredge the sand trap and move as much sand as possible up to Hobson Beach for deposition. However, such a provision adds a great amount of uncertainty in that there is no guarantee that the USACE will receive any interest by the Contractor in exercising the “bid option” in which case the work will not be performed; and that such an arrangement provides no guarantee of the amount of sand that Federal Dredging Contractor will place on Hobson Beach. ✓ The grant funding earmarked by DBAW for BEACON’s project requires a 15% local match. This match applies to every phase of work including the upfront environmental and design work. Such a match adds a significant burden on BEACON especially when the ultimate delivery of the project is at risk per the explanation provided under Item 2. • The Board concurred with the recommendation of Staff.

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Item	12	Single-Use Plastic Bag Ban a. Discuss the State-Wide Plastic Bag Ban.
Minutes/ Actions:		<ul style="list-style-type: none">Executive Director Brennan explained that the State had approved a State Wide Ban but that this ban was being challenged through a referendum to be voted on in November 2016. The Referendum will only address the State Ban. Local jurisdictions can proceed with their own bans.

Item	13	Executive Director's Report and Communications.
Minutes/ Actions:		<ul style="list-style-type: none">No report provided.

Meeting Minutes by Gerald Comati, Program Manager, BEACON.

Adjourn to next regular meeting, May, 15 2015 at 9:00 AM in Carpinteria City Hall