

BEACON BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Thursday, May 15, 2015

TIME: 9:00 AM

PLACE: City of Carpinteria, Council Hearing Room
5775 Carpinteria Avenue, Carpinteria, CA. 93013

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) • Steve Bennett (County of Ventura) • John Zaragoza (County of Ventura) • Janet Woolf (County of Santa Barbara) • Gregg Hart (City of Santa Barbara) • Jim Farr (City of Goleta) • Fred Shaw (City of Carpinteria) • Christy Weir (City of Ventura)
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 March 26, 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"> • None.
Item	5	<p>Reports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Reports from legislative offices. b. Boating and Waterways. c. Cal Coast.
Minutes/ Actions:		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Director Janet Woolf indicated that she was pleased to report that last week the Coastal Commission had unanimously approved a permit for the Goleta Beach with revetment project. She wanted to thank both Councilmember Gregg Hart from the City of Santa Barbara and Councilmember Jim Farr from the City of Goleta who both spoke at the hearing in support of the project. • Kevin Ready, Legal Counsel for BEACON, indicated that only a 7/10 majority vote was required by the Board for the recommended Auditor Controller Items on the Agenda, not the 8/10 cited.

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Item	6	<p>Auditor Controller's Recommended Actions</p> <p>a. Adopt Recommended Fiscal Year 2015-16 Budget (Exhibit 1).</p> <p>b. Authorize the Auditor-Controller's Office to adjust contingency for the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 budget where the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 actual year-end closing fund balance differs from the budget estimate.</p> <p>c. Receive and file the Budget-to-Actual report for the year-to-date period ending April 30, 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="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">e. INCREASE- Misc Payments/Pub Ed + Travel</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$ 3,500</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">f. DECREASE- Kelp Anchor Permits</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$ 1,800</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">g. DECREASE- SCCBEP</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$ 1,700</td> </tr> </table>	e. INCREASE- Misc Payments/Pub Ed + Travel	\$ 3,500	f. DECREASE- Kelp Anchor Permits	\$ 1,800	g. DECREASE- SCCBEP	\$ 1,700
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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 with a unanimous (8/10) vote of the Board. 						

Item	7	<p>FY 2015-2016 Annual Staff/Consultant Agreements.</p> <p>a. Approve Technical Advisor Services Contract in the amount of \$15,000 with Jim Bailard.</p> <p>b. Approve Legal Services Contract for \$12,000 with Santa Barbara County Counsel.</p> <p>c. Approve Auditor Services Contract for \$15,000 with Ventura county Auditor-Controller.</p> <p>d. Approve Program Management Services Contract with COM3 Consulting for \$47,000.</p>
Minutes/ Actions:		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Executive Director explained that BEACON operated through consultant contracts with Gerald Comati for overall program management and Jim Bailard for technical advice. In addition, BEACON has an annual contract for legal services (Kevin Ready) provided through the Santa Barbara County Counsel Office and financial/accounting services provided by the Ventura County Auditor Controller's Office. These two contracts are at cost with no overhead applied. • The four contracts were approved with no discussion with a unanimous vote of the Board.

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Item	8	<p>Debris Basins</p> <p>a. Receive a report outlining a strategy for BEACON's proposed involvement with the Flood Control Agencies of Santa Barbara and Ventura Counties to support the modifications and/or removal of existing debris basins to allow enhanced sediment transportation to the coast.</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 had recommended 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 the Ventura County Flood Control District and they are in support of this initiative. • Gerald Comati, Program Manager, added that both Flood Control Districts has looked at the issue of debris basin removals or modifications. The County of Santa Barbara Flood Control District has plans in place for the removal of three debris basins during the next five years and another two in the following five years. • Mr. Tully Clifford, the Director of the Ventura County Watershed Protection District indicated that the District has begun an assessment of what to do with existing debris basins in terms of removal, re-purposing, clean out of rock for use as construction aggregate and prioritization. • Gerald Comati explained that the general strategy, agreeable to both Flood Control Districts, is for each District to provide a priority list of debris basin projects (removal or re-purpose) and then together with BEACON formulate a capital projects scope of work with which BEACON can pursue grant funding from the stand point of coastal sediment benefit. If successful in securing grant funding, the Districts would provide any necessary match funds. • The Board requested that once staff has formulated a capital projects scope of work for use in the pursuit of grant funding, to return to the Board with a detailed presentation. <p>ACTION.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The report was received and filed by the Board.

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Item	9	Executive Director's Report and Communications.
Minutes/ Actions:		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Director Jim Farr asked for a brief summary of the path forward for the Kelp Demonstration Project. The Executive Director explained that the permits had been secured and that Staff and Bob Kiel are investigating funding opportunities. The total funding required was in the order of \$15,000. The ED explained that BEACON could contribute to the needed funding, but typically capital funding for BEACON projects is provided through Grants. The ED explained that assuming funding is secured, the soonest the kelp anchors could be installed would be this fall. Staff will bring back a funding status report on the Kelp Anchor Project at the July Board Meeting. ACTION. • Dr. Jim Bailard, Technical Advisor, reported on his attendance at a workshop meeting hosted by the USCOE in San Diego on May 12, 2015. The workshop was focused on the BEACON Regional Sediment Management projects. Jim explained that USCOE personnel from all over the County were in attendance and a brain-storming or "Value Engineering" process followed in order to identify the best approaches to delivering the BEACON RSM projects. The next step will be the development of a conclusionary report by the USCOE providing BEACON, the USCOE and funding agencies with information from which to select the best courses of action and/or projects to pursue. <u>This information will be fed into the planned Coastal Regional Sediment Management Plan (CRSMP) Amendment currently being pursued by BEACON Staff.</u> • Director Christy Weir asked if BEACON has a sand impact ordinance. Mr. Kevin Ready, Legal Counsel for BEACON, reported that a sand ordinance had been prepared by BEACON and that it was included in the Programmatic EIR adopted by the Board in 2010 for the Coastal Regional Sediment Management Plan (CRSMP). The ordinance requires that any beach quality sand excavated as part of a construction project be transported to the coast instead of sold by contractors. None of the BEACON jurisdictions have adopted this or similar sand impact ordinances. Gerald Comati pointed out that, as prepared, the ordinance is not useful anymore because BEACON no longer holds permits for nourishment opportunities at any of its beaches and asking the contractors to secure such permits would be extremely excessive and unreasonable. Gerald suggested a modified version of the ordinance whereby contractors excavating beach quality sand are required pay to BEACON a sand impact fee similar to the sand impacts fee currently being enforced by the Coastal Commission on Coastal Projects with BEACON's jurisdiction. BEACON could then use this fee towards coastal projects. Staff will bring recommendations to the Board on this subject at the July 2015 Board Meeting. ACTION. • The Executive Director reported that as an action item from the March 26, 2015 Board Meeting, Director Farr had requested a report on the for the annual membership fee structure. The analysis had not been completed but it would be presented to the Board at the July Board Meeting. ACTION.

Meeting Minutes by Gerald Comati, Program Manager, BEACON.

Adjourn to next regular meeting, July 17, 2015 at 9:00 AM in Carpinteria City Hall