

BEACON BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Friday, November 20, 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) • John Zaragoza (County of Ventura) • Janet Woolf (County of Santa Barbara) • Salud Carbajal (County of Santa Barbara) • Gregg Hart (City of Santa Barbara) • Fred Shaw (City of Carpinteria) • Carmen Ramirez, (City of Oxnard) • 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 July 17, 2015. Action: Approve and file.
Minutes/ Actions:		Approved.
Item	4	Calendar Year 2016 Meeting Schedule. Action: Consider and adopt meeting schedule for Calendar Year 2016.
Minutes/ Actions:		<p>Approved as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • January 15, 2016 • March 18, 2016 • May 20, 2016 • July 15, 2016 • September 16, 2016 • November 18, 2016
Item	5	Public Comment and Other Matters not on the Agenda a. Receive public comments.
Minutes/ Actions:		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Karl Treiberg of the City of SB Harbor District reported that the City and County were collaborating on a 10,000 CY beach nourishment project at Goleta Beach. The source of sand would be from the City’s West Beach area and the project is being developed to respond to the El Nino storms that are anticipated. Construction will begin either in December 2015 or March 2016. • County Supervisor Wolf thanked the City for its cooperation on this project.

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Item	6	Reports a. Reports from legislative offices. b. Boating and Waterways. c. Cal Coast.
Minutes/ Actions:	No reports.	

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Item	7	<p>Update to CRSMP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Receive an update report from the Executive Director regarding the update to the Coastal Regional Sediment Management Plan (CRSMP) and how BEACON can best serve its member agencies. b. Provide comments and direction on the attached Draft Questionnaire from BEACON to its member agencies.
Minutes/ Actions:		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gerald Comati, Program Manager, explained that BEACON's Coastal Regional Sediment Management Plan (CRSMP) was adopted by the Board in January 2009. The CRSMP identifies policy, studies and capital projects that best address the needs of the BEACON's coastline from Point Conception to Point Mugu. The Plan's recommendations at the time of preparation were comprehensive and established the foundation of a BEACON implementation plan for the next twenty years. However, due to the lack of reliable data at the time, the Plan did not take into account sea level rise and storm inundation projections. • Since the adoption of the CRSMP, level rise and coastal resilience studies have been completed for the BEACON coast. Staff has therefore been strategizing on how BEACON should update the CRSMP and what role BEACON should play in the future. • In July 2015, Staff presented to the Board three distinct elements for BEACON <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Define sea level sea level rise and inundation impacts based on existing studies and new modeling. B. Prepare adaptation tools and development of a coastal tool kit. C. Assess and redefine BEACON's roles and responsibilities in terms of delivering coastal projects and policy initiatives. • In addition, BEACON's member agencies are refining their own Coastal Plans to consider/accommodate the conclusions of the resilience studies and in some cases proceeding with supplemental studies. It is in this context that BEACON Staff have raised the broader question of how BEACON can best serve its member agencies. Many sub-questions have been raised; some of the more relevant ones include: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Should BEACON update its existing CRSMP or just adopt the Coastal Plans of its member agencies? 2. Should BEACON's CRSMP include only truly regional projects and policies? 3. Should BEACON serve only as a political forum for coastal issues? 4. Should BEACON provide technical and funding support to its member agencies in addition to providing a political forum? 5. How can BEACON expand its revenue stream to become more effective? • To assist Staff in providing some guidance, a Questionnaire has been developed for distribution to member agencies and other stakeholders. The Board was asked to provide comment and direction relating to the Questionnaire. • Supervisor Wolf expressed two comments regarding the Questionnaire: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Revise Question #4 to read: "In your Opinion how do you believe, BEACON could be more effective?". 2. Question #9: Clarify what projects are being referred to in the question. • Supervisor Carbajal recommended that the Questionnaire's preamble make it clear that elected officials from the two counties and each of the cities sit on the BEACON Board. • The Board directed staff to revise the Questionnaire per the Board's comments and

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	<p>release it as soon as possible giving it a response deadline of mid-January 2016. The recipients of the Questionnaire should be Planning and Public Works Staff at all levels as well as elected officials. ACTION.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Board directed staff to report back to the Board in March 2016 with a summary of the results of the Questionnaire. ACTION.
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Item	8	<p>Kelp Anchor Demonstration Project</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Receive a report on the status of the Kelp Anchor Demonstration Project. b. Authorize the Executive Director to approve an agreement with Gregory D. Christman Architects Inc. to install and monitor the Kelp Anchors. c. Authorize the Auditor-Controller's Office to make budgetary adjustments as follows: (requires 7/10th vote): <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. INCREASE Miscellaneous Expense (Kelp Anchor) \$ 5,000 ii. DECREASE Contingency \$ 5,000 b. Approval of deposit of \$5,000 from BEACON Account Code 2179 into an Escrow Account as Security for installation of the Kelp Anchors in compliance the State Lands Commission lease, SECTION 1 Basic Provisions
Minutes/ Actions:		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gerald Comati, Program Manager, indicated that the Kelp Anchor demonstration Project was finally nearing installation. As previously reported all permits have been secured and the remaining issue is how to fund installation and monitoring. The inventor of the Kelp Anchor, Mr. Bob Kiel of the Seattle Aquarium, and his partner Mr. Greg Christman, have agreed to install the anchors and providing monitoring at no cost. BEACON staff will, however, continue to seek grant funding which, if successful, will be used to retroactively reimburse Mr. Kiel and his team for the cost of installation and monitoring activities. • In order to address responsibilities, reimbursement arrangements, liability and insurance requirements a contract will be executed between BEACON and Gregory D. Christman Architects Inc. for the installation and monitoring work. The Board is being asked to authorize the Executive Director to approve this contract. • One of the provisions of the State Land Lease is that BEACON provide a surety bond or other security to ensure performance of the anchor installation. This provision is a standard clause applicable to all construction projects. However, the kelp anchor installation doesn't fit the mold, being a scientific experiment that does not have to be performed by a bonded contractor. As a result, staff is recommending that the Board approve the establishment of a special escrow account with \$5,000 of BEACON contingency funds for use in funding the installation of the anchor should Mr. Kiels team fail to perform. Staff believes the likelihood of needing to utilize these funds is extremely remote. However, this action will satisfy the State Lands Commission Lease provision requirement. • The Board discussed the risks of proceeding as recommended. After the discussion, the Board was satisfied with the recommended actions and approved all actions unanimously.

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Item	9	Executive Director's Report and Communications.
Minutes/ Actions:		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Executive Director explained that a UC Santa Barbara student has expressed interest in helping BEACON as an Intern. Staff believes the Intern can assist in processing the responses to the Questionnaire discussed under Item 7 above. Mr. Ready indicated that, as previously done, the employment requirements of the Intern can be met by employing her through one of the departments within Santa Barbara County.• The Executive Director indicated that staff is considering the submittal of a grant application to the Oceans Protection Council (OPC) for Prop1 funding to assist the two county flood control districts with their planned debris basin removal/modification projects. Staff is meeting with the SB County Flood Control District on November 23, 2015 to discuss this opportunity. A letter of intent from BEACON will be submitted to OPC no later than December 1, 2015.• Kevin Ready, Legal Counsel for BEACON, stated that he will be retiring as of February 1, 2016. His replacement will be Rachel Van Mullem, Chef Deputy Counsel for Santa Barbara County. Mr. Ready and Ms. Van Mullem will both attend the January 2016 Board Meeting.

Meeting Minutes by Gerald Comati, Program Manager, BEACON.

Adjourn to next regular meeting January 15, 2016 at 9:00 AM in Carpinteria City Hall