

BEACON BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Friday, January 15, 2016

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:		Directors Present: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jon Sharkey (City of Port Hueneme) • Steve Bennett (County of Ventura) • John Zaragoza (County of Ventura) • Janet Wolf (County of Santa Barbara) • Gregg Hart (City of Santa Barbara) • 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 November 20, 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:		None.

Item	5	Reports a. Reports from legislative offices. b. Boating and Waterways. c. Cal Coast.
Minutes/ Actions:		No reports.

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Item	6	<p>Santa Barbara County Coastal Resiliency Project</p> <p>a. Receive a presentation from Dr. David Revell on the Santa Barbara County Coastal Resiliency Project completed in 2015.</p>
Minutes/ Actions:		<p>In 2015 the County of Santa Barbara completed the Santa Barbara County Coastal Resiliency Project for the South County coastline. A similar study for the Ventura coast was completed in 2014 and Santa Barbara County is proceeding with a North County resiliency study, slated for completion at the end of 2016. In addition the cities of Santa Barbara and Goleta are both sponsoring focused resiliency studies within their respective jurisdictions. Dr. Revell of Revell Coastal has been involved in all of the completed and on-going studies. Dr. Revell presented the findings and conclusions of the Santa Barbara Coastal Resiliency study and provided an outline for the next steps in terms of the implementation of policy and projects in response to the studies. Dr. Revell’s presentation has been uploaded to the BEACON website.</p> <p>The following questions were asked by the Board in response to the Dr. Revell’s presentation:</p> <p>Q1: Where is the BEACON Jurisdiction in relation to the rest of the State? A1: BEACON is probably somewhat ahead in that it now has SLR studies either completed or ongoing for its entire coastal line.</p> <p>Q2: When will study data be at a point where policies can be effectively defined? A2: Depending on the individual jurisdiction, some of the agencies within BEACON are currently making policy decisions based on existing Study Data. For example the City of Goleta is being very proactive. Indeed, BEACON as an agency provides an excellent forum to provide guidance as individual jurisdictions consider this question.</p> <p>Q3: How can one design around the tidal influence of creek flooding? A4: It is very difficult. A jurisdiction can increase flood conveyance capacity along a creek, however, such capacity becomes somewhat ineffective when tidal run-up from storm events extend well upstream of the creek mouths. One somewhat controversial mitigation for this situation is to ensure that the creek mouths are always open to drain to the beach. Many creek mouths will be blocked by beach sand embankments that build during summer sand nourishment cycles.</p> <p>Comments:</p> <p>Director Bennett:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BEACON is the correct agency to guide with policy questions from its member agencies. • Please agendaize this subject at a future Board meeting for a more detailed discussion. <p>ACTION.</p> <p>Director Ramirez:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Like it or not, local opinion remains mixed on the effects of climate change on SLR. As a result, BEACON also needs to be involved somehow in an “education” role. <p>Director Zaragoza:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concur with Director Ramirez, education is critical to garnish full public support of policies and projects.

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	<p>Director Weir:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please provide clarification of the funding that occurred with the Surfers Point Project. ACTION. <p>Director Hart:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recommends individual presentations re BEACON role and overall SLR study conclusions to all of the members agencies. ACTION. • Would like a separate discussion on strategy regarding the enormous amount of dam sediment through both Santa Barbara and Ventura counties. ACTION. <p>The Board unanimously the approved the Presentation to file.</p>
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Item	7	<p>Recognition of Appreciation for Kevin Ready</p> <p>a. Recognize former Executive Director and BEACON Legal Counsel, Kevin Ready, for twenty years of service to BEACON.</p>
Minutes/ Actions:		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Executive Director described the over 20 years of service that Mr. Ready has provided to BEACON both as legal counsel (continuously) and as Executive Director (for 4 years). • The Board expressed their deep appreciation of Mr. Ready and the immense contribution he has made to BEACON. • The Executive Director re-introduced the legal counsel Rachel Van Mullem. <p>The Board unanimously approved the Resolution of Appreciation for the services of Mr. Kevin Ready.</p>

Item	8	<p>Auditors Controllers Recommended Actions</p> <p>a. Receive and file the Budget-to-Actual report for the year-to-date period ending December 31, 2015 (Exhibit 1).</p> <p>b. Approve and Ratify Amendment No. 1 to the FY 2014-2015 Biennial Audit Contract with Charles Z. Fedak & Company, CPA's for Financial Auditing Service for FY13 & FY14 (Exhibit 2)</p>
Minutes/ Actions:		<p>Mr. Omar Arreloa of Ventura County Auditor Controllers Office presented the two items.</p> <p>Both items were approved unanimously without discussion.</p>

Item	9	Executive Director's Report and Communications.
Minutes/ Actions:		No discussion.

Meeting Minutes by Gerald Comati, Program Manager, BEACON.

Adjourn to next regular meeting March 18, 2016 at 9:00 AM in Carpinteria City Hall