

BEACON BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Friday, November 18, 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 – Chair, Janet Wolf.
Minutes/ Actions:		Directors Present: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jon Sharkey (City of Port Hueneme) • Steve Bennett (County of Ventura) • Janet Wolf (County of Santa Barbara) • Gregg Hart (City of Santa Barbara) • Christy Weir (City of Ventura) • Fred Shaw (City of Carpinteria)
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 September 16, 2016. Action: Approve and file.
Minutes/ Actions:		Approved.
Item	4	Public Comment and Other Matters not on the Agenda A member of the public (name not noted) encouraged the Board to resurrect the Oil Piers Artificial Reef Project.
Minutes/ Actions:		None.
Item	5	Reports a. Reports from legislative offices. b. Boating and Waterways. c. Cal Coast.
Minutes/ Actions:		None.

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Item	6	<p>Calendar Year 2017 Meeting Schedule a. Consider and adopt meeting schedule for Calendar Year 2017.</p>
Minutes/ Actions:		<p>The Executive Director presented the 2017 bi-monthly Board Meeting Calendar. As before, all meetings will be in Carpinteria, unless otherwise designated by the Board.</p> <p>The proposed schedule was:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • January 20, 2017 • March 17, 2017 • May 19, 2017 • July 21, 2017 • September 15, 2017 • November 17, 2017 <p>BOARD ACTIONS: 1. The Board approved unanimously the meeting schedule for 2017.</p>

Item	7	<p>Auditor Controller Recommended Actions a. Receive and file the Budget-to-Actual report for the year-to-date period ending October 31, 2016 (Exhibit 1). b. Authorize the Auditor-Controller's Office to make budgetary adjustments as follows: (requires 7/10th vote):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • INCREASE Contributions and Donations \$ 2,500 • INCREASE Other Professional and Specialized \$ 2,500
Minutes/ Actions:		<p>Mr. Omar Arreola of Ventura County Auditor Controllers Office presented Item a. – the Budget-to-Actual report for the year-to-date period ending October 31, 2016. Mr. Arreola also presented the request to make budgetary adjustments as described under Item b.</p> <p>Discussion for Recommendation a: Receive and file report from Ventura County Auditor-Controller's Office on Budget-to-Actual for Fiscal Year 2016-17 for the period ending October 31, 2016 (Exhibit 1).</p> <p>Discussion for Recommendation b (requires 7/10ths vote): To increase Contributions and Donations by \$ 2,500 to accommodate for City of Goleta – Kelp Anchor Demonstration Project Grant, accepted by BEACON's Board at September 16, 2016 Board Meeting.</p> <p>To increase Other Professional and Specialized Services by \$ 2,500 to accommodate for Bob Kiel professional services in installing and reporting on the Kelp Anchor Demonstration Project.</p> <p>Due to the fact there were insufficient Board Members present to secure a 7/10ths majority vote for Item b. this item was postponed till the January 20, 2017 Board Meeting.</p> <p>BOARD ACTIONS: The Board approved unanimously the Auditor Controller Recommended Action – Item a. The Board continued the Auditor Controller Recommended Action – Item b.</p>

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Item	8	<p>Refugio Oil Spill.</p> <p>a. Approve and authorize BEACON to partner with the Santa Barbara County Flood Control District to submit a joint grant application to fund modifications to certain South Coast Debris Basins as a potential restoration project to be considered in the National Resource Damage Assessment (NRDA) for the Refugio Oil Spill.</p> <p>b. Find that the proposed action is related to the creation of a government funding mechanism and other fiscal activities which do not involve a commitment to any specific project which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment, and is therefore not a project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Guideline Section 15378 (b)(4).</p>
Minutes/ Actions:		<p>Legal Counsel Rachel Van Mullem explained that that as a result of the Refugio Beach Oil Spill, State and Federal trustee agencies (trustees), in cooperation with local cities, counties, and other organizations, are working to assess the ecological injuries and human use losses caused by the spill. Through this process, known as a natural resource damage assessment (NRDA), the trustees intend to quantify the injuries to wildlife, habitat, and lost use of those resources, and to develop a restoration plan. The trustees will ultimately make a claim for funds from the responsible party to implement restoration projects designed to both restore and compensate for the injured resources and human activities.</p> <p>One of the steps within the NRDA process is to identify potential restoration ideas that will then be evaluated within the Damage Assessment Restoration Plan (DARP). The trustees work with the public to select and implement restoration projects which are best suited to recover damages to injured wildlife, habitats or lost services.</p> <p>BEACON Staff has researched the NRDA process for the selection of projects that could be allocated funding resulting from the oil spill and believes that a “debris basin removal project” located in Santa Barbara County would compete well in the process. Staff believes that a debris basin removal project would satisfy very well the identified NRDA selection criteria for the Refugio Oil Spill. Staff have met with the Santa Barbara County Flood Control District and on November 8, 2016 the Santa Barbara County Flood Control District Board authorized The Flood Control District to proceed with a joint grant application to NRDA to fund modifications to certain South Coast Debris Basins as a restoration project for the Refugio Oil Spill.</p> <p>Rachel explained that if successful, funding would note likely be available for at least a year.</p> <p>BOARD ACTIONS: The Board approved unanimously the Recommended Actions.</p>

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Item	9	<p>Ocean Foresters</p> <p>a. Receive a short presentation from Ocean Foresters and consider approving a letter of support for research grant opportunities involving harvesting seaweed to produce energy.</p>
Minutes/ Actions:		<p>Mark Capron, Principal at Ocean Foresters explained that Ocean Foresters is a non-profit organization headquartered in Ventura California established in 2012 Ocean Foresters participants are marine biologists and engineers pursuing marine biological innovations to address climate change challenges and other issues. Ocean Foresters is seeking a letter of support from BEACON for grant funding opportunities associated with growing and harvesting seaweed to produce energy.</p> <p>Director Weir requested more details on the scope of the project for which BEACON is being asked to submit a letter of support. She wants to see the Grant Proposal before she is willing to commit BEACON's support. Director Weir asked that Ocean Foresters return to the Board with a grant Proposal. ACTION.</p> <p>Director Bennett indicated that BEACON support for any industrial operation on the coast would likely result in an extremely sensitive issue from a public policy perspective.</p> <p>BOARD ACTIONS: The Board approved unanimously to receive and file the presentation and agendize the item for a future meeting upon receipt of a Grant Proposal from Ocean Foresters.</p>

Item	10	<p>Coastal Adaptation Planning</p> <p>a. Receive a fifteen minute presentation from BEACON Intern Claudia Avendano on Trends and Innovations in Coastal Adaptation Planning.</p>
Minutes/ Actions:		<p>Claudia Avendano made a PowerPoint presentation on a Coastal Adaption Planning process.</p> <p>BOARD ACTIONS: The Board expressed their praise for the presentation and requested that it be posted on the BEACON Website.</p>

Item	11	Executive Director's Report and Communications.
Minutes/ Actions:		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None

Meeting Minutes by Gerald Comati, Program Manager, BEACON.

Adjourn to next regular meeting January 20, 2017 at 9:00 AM in Carpinteria City Hall