

BEACON BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Friday, January 20, 2017

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:		<p>Directors Present:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Steve Bennett (County of Ventura) • John Zaragoza (County of Ventura) • Janet Wolf (County of Santa Barbara) • Das Williams (County of Santa Barbara) • Gregg Hart (City of Santa Barbara) • Christy Weir (City of Ventura) • Fred Shaw (City of Carpinteria) • Paula Perotte (City of Goleta) • Jon Sharkey (City of Port Hueneme)
Item	2	Approval of Agenda and Filing of Certificate of Agenda Posting Action: Approve and file
Minutes/ Actions:		<p>At the recommendation of Legal Counsel, due to desired revisions by Legal Counsel to the Ocean Protection Council's (OPC) Grant Agreement Language being considered under Item 9, this item is being withdrawn from the agenda. The OPC agreement will be presented at the March 2017 Board Meeting.</p> <p>The Board Approved this action unanimously.</p>
Item	3	Consideration and Approval of Minutes of the BEACON Meetings held on November 18, 2016. Action: Approve and file.
Minutes/ Actions:		Approved.
Item	4	Public Comment and Other Matters not on the Agenda Receive public comments.
Minutes/ Actions:		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:		None.

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Item	6	<p>Election of Chair and Vice Chair a. Election of BEACON Board Chair and Vice-Chair for 2017.</p>
Minutes/ Actions:		<p>The Executive Director explained that traditionally BEACON has had the Chair and Vice-Chair hold office for two year periods. In addition, the two positions are typically held by one Director from Ventura County and one from Santa Barbara County. Currently, the Chair is Supervisor Wolf from Santa Barbara County and the Vice Chair is Councilmember Sharkey from the City of Port Hueneme.</p> <p>After brief discussion there was a motion for the new Chair to be Councilmember Sharkey from the City of Port Hueneme and the new Vice-Chair to be Councilmember Hart from the City of Santa Barbara.</p> <p>BOARD ACTIONS: 1. The Board approved unanimously the motion.</p>

Item	7	<p>Auditor Controller Recommended Actions a. Receive and file the Budget-to-Actual report for the year-to-date period ending December 31, 2016 (Exhibit 1). b. Authorize the Auditor-Controller's Office to make budgetary adjustments as follows: (requires 7/10th vote):</p> <table style="margin-left: 40px;"> <tr> <td>INCREASE Contributions and Donations</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$ 2,500</td> </tr> <tr> <td>DECREASE Unassigned Fund Balance</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$ 4,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>INCREASE Other Professional and Specialized</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$ 6,500</td> </tr> </table>	INCREASE Contributions and Donations	\$ 2,500	DECREASE Unassigned Fund Balance	\$ 4,000	INCREASE Other Professional and Specialized	\$ 6,500
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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 December 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 December 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. 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>BOARD ACTIONS: The Board approved unanimously the Auditor Controller Recommended Actions – Item a and Item b.</p>						

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Item	8	Goleta Beach	<p>a. Receive a presentation from the County of Santa Barbara on the recent Goleta Beach Nourishment Project.</p>
Minutes/ Actions:			<p>Director Wolf introduced this item since the Goleta Beach Project is located within her supervisorial District. Director Wolf explained that The Goleta Beach Project has been on-going for over ten years. The County completed a comprehensive study of Goleta Beach and requested that the Coastal Commission approve a permit to allow the rock revetment currently in place to remain in order to protect the Goleta Beach Park from erosion. The Coastal Commission approved this request.</p> <p>Executive Director Brennan explained that at one time BEACON, under the South Central Coast Beach Enhancement Program (SCCBEP), held permits to allow nourishment of Goleta Beach. The permits were utilized for a nourishment of the Beach in 2010. The permits have subsequently expired. BEACON has not renewed the permits in part due to the significant cost to do so. Indeed the complexity and resulting cost of securing permits for beach nourishment remains an obstacle to many jurisdictions up and down the California Coast.</p> <p>Mr. Brennan explained that a small beach nourishment project at Goleta Beach has just begun, details of which will be presented by Santa Barbara County Project Manager, Jill Van Wee and Consultant Project Manager Dan Gira from AMEC.</p> <p>Mr. Gira presented a brief slide show of the ongoing nourishment project. Detailed of the presentation are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The purpose of the project is to bury the now exposed rock revetment that was recently approved by the Coastal Commission to remain in place at the west end of Goleta Beach. • A total of approx. 6,000 CY of sand will be excavated from West Beach next to Santa Barbara Harbor and trucked up to Goleta Beach for placement. The movement of this quantity of sand will require approx. 600 truck trips. • Separate permits were secured for both the excavation work at Santa Barbara's West Beach and for the sand placement at Goleta Beach. • The project is expected to be completed by the end of January 2017. <p>Parks Director from City of Carpinteria, Mr. Matt Roberts, expressed his concern with up-coast recycling projects such as the Goleta Beach project presented, because it reduces the amount of sand going downcoast to nourish downcoast beaches. Mr. Roberts suggested use of more local nourishment sand sources such as the Goleta Slough for Goleta Beach.</p> <p>Director Wolf agreed that the use of sediment in Goleta Slough would be ideal for nourishment of Goleta Beach but seeking approval from the Resource Agencies is challenging.</p> <p>BOARD ACTIONS: The Board received and files presentation.</p>

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Item	10	<p>Supplemental Dredging Project</p> <p>a. Receive report from Executive Director on Staff's recommendation to submit a grant application to the California Division of Boating and Waterways for supplemental dredging funding for the three harbors within the BEACON jurisdiction.</p> <p>b. Approve and authorize the Executive Director to sign the attached Resolution authorizing submittal of a grant application to fund supplemental harbor dredging under the Beach Erosion Control and Public Beach Restoration Grant program of the California Division of Boating and Waterways.</p>
Minutes/ Actions:		<p>BEACON Program Manager Gerald Comati provided a brief verbal explanation of the project as follows:</p> <p>All three of the BEACON jurisdiction harbors (Santa Barbara, Ventura and Channel Islands) have beneficial sand by-pass programs in place whereby dredged sand is pumped to the nearest downstream beaches. Such beneficial by-pass provides immediate sediment benefits to the BEACON coast by feeding sand back into the littoral cell. In an effort to implement a very cost efficient and immediate regional coastal benefit, in May 2016 a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between BEACON and the three harbors districts was executed. The MOU defined a commitment by BEACON to pursue grants that can fund supplement dredging to the ongoing annual or biannual Federal dredging operations at each harbor. BEACON Staff are recommending the preparation of a grant application to the Division of Boating and Waterways (DBW) for \$2 to 3 Million in funding.</p> <p>If BEACON is successful in securing a DBW grant, the strategy for implementation would be to provide a portion of the supplemental funding to each of the three harbors that would be used to fund additional dredging of the harbor sand traps. The cost efficiency is accomplished because the supplemental funding would be added to the ongoing annual/biannual Federal Dredging Operations at each harbor. The Federal programs would fund the very costly mobilization and demobilization costs of the dredger and would fund the dredging of the Federal Channels and if budget is available, some of the sand-traps too. The supplemental funding provided by BEACON through the DWA grant would continue the dredging operations of the sand-traps which would add more beneficial by-pass sand to be pumped to down-stream beaches.</p> <p>Staff is seeking approval from the Board to proceed with the DBW Grant application and to approve a Resolution authorizing submittal of the grant application.</p> <p>Director Hart asked whether the funding split between the three harbors could be flexible depending on need at the time of the grant funding becomes available? Staff responded that this was a possibility.</p> <p>Director Weir clarified that the beneficial bypass sand from Santa Barbara Harbor goes to East Beach, from Ventura Harbor goes to a location immediately north of the Santa Clara River Mouth, and from Channel Islands Harbor goes to Port Hueneme Beach.</p> <p>BOARD ACTIONS: The Board approved unanimously to receive and file the presentation and approved the Resolution authorizing submittal of the grant application to DBW.</p>

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Item	11	<p>Overview of 2017 for BEACON</p> <p>a. Receive a presentation from the Executive Director on key BEACON activities and projects for calendar year 2017..</p>
Minutes/ Actions:		<p>Executive Director Brian Brennan provided the following summary of planned BEACON activities for calendar year 2017:</p> <p><u>BEACON Support to Member Agencies.</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff is assembling a presentation for each member agency council or board explaining BEACON’s regional role and identify ways BEACON can directly assist each member agency. • Staff will continue to pursue funding to update BEACON’s Coastal Regional Sediment Management Plan (CRSMP) to address SLR projections and adaptation policies. • Staff will continue to stay on the forefront of coastal issues and provide regional guidance to member agencies. <p><u>Debris Basins Removals.</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BEACON will continue to implement debris basin removal projects to enhance sediment flow to the coast. Currently a grant from OPC has been secured for the removal of two debris basins in Santa Barbara County. • Staff will work with the Ventura County Flood Control District to identify debris basin removal projects in Ventura County. • Staff will also continue to work with the National Recovery Damage Assessment Team assigned to secure funding for further debris basin removal projects as mitigation for the Refugio Oil Spill. <p><u>Supplemental Dredging Program.</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff will be submitting a grant application to the Division of Boating and Waterways to fund supplemental dredging at each of the three harbors within the BEACON jurisdiction. • Staff will pursue other grant funding opportunities to fund supplemental dredging. <p><u>Kelp Project.</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff will continue to monitor the success of the Kelp Anchor project and apply for permit extensions. <p>Director Weir indicated that the public is confused about coastal issues and SLR projections. BEACON needs to try and educate the public through public workshops, website information, government TV opportunities, and perhaps set up a BEACON Face-Book page.</p> <p>BOARD ACTIONS: The Board requested research into setting up a BEACON Face-Book page.</p>

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Item	12	Executive Director's Report and Communications.
Minutes/ Actions:	• None	

Meeting Minutes by Gerald Comati, Program Manager, BEACON.

Adjourn to next regular meeting March 17, 2017 at 9:00 AM in Carpinteria City Hall