

BEACON BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Monday, November 7, 2022

TIME: 9:00 AM

PLACE: TELECONFERENCE

Item	1A	Call to Order, Roll Call, and Introductions – Chair, Gregg Hart.
Minutes/ Actions:		<p>Directors Present:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gregg Hart (County of Santa Barbara) • Das Williams (County of Santa Barbara) • Eric Friedman (City of Santa Barbara) • Vianey Lopez (City of Oxnard) • Matt LaVere (County of Ventura) • Kyle Richards (City of Goleta) • Joe Schroeder (City of Ventura) <p>Directors Not Present:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Al Clark (City of Carpinteria) • Steven Gama (City of Port Hueneme)

Item	1B	<p>Report on Circumstances of the COVID-19 State of Emergency</p> <p>Recommended Actions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Receive and file: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. An update that the State and County remain under a proclaimed state of emergency related to COVID-19; and b. The County of Santa Barbara Public Health Department recommendation issued September 1, 2022 (Attachment 1), and the Ventura County Health Officer recommendation issued November 15, 2021 (Attachment 2), regarding social distancing. 2. Based on the above findings proceed with this meeting and direct staff to continue to notice and hold hearings as remote hearings consistent with Government Code § 54953(e)(3).
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Minutes/ Actions:		<p>Board Members Comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chair Hart indicated he needed a motion to continue the COVID emergency order which will expire at the end of February 2023. <p>Public Comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None. <p>The Board approved unanimously the Recommended Action. Moved by LaVere / Second by Richards.</p>
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Item	1C	Approval of Agenda and Filing of Certificate of Agenda Posting Action: Approve and file.
Minutes/ Actions:		<p>Board Members Comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None. <p>Public Comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None. <p>The agenda was approved unanimously by the Board. Moved by LaVere / Second by Schroeder.</p>

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Item	1D	Consideration and Approval of Minutes of the BEACON Meeting held on September 16, 2022. Action: Approve and file.
Minutes/ Actions:		<p>Board Members Comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Director Richards requested that his statements under Item 5A be clarified to read: In September 2022, the City of Goleta approved measures that prohibit the distribution and sale of polystyrene products, restricts the sale of Mylar balloons, and prohibits all balloon releases, regulates the distribution of plastic disposable foodware, and establishes an on-premises reusable foodware policy. <p>Public Comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None. <p>With the changes cited above, the Board approved unanimously to approve and file the BEACON Board Minutes from September 16, 2022. Moved by LaVere / Second by Richards.</p>

Item	2	Public Comment and Other Matters not on the Agenda Receive public comments.
Minutes/ Actions:		<p>Board Members Comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None. <p>Public Comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None.

Item	5A	BEACON Organization and Program - Board Members Reports.
Minutes/ Actions:		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Director Friedman reported that he was re-appointed as the chair of the League of California Cities Coastal Cities Leadership Group. • Director Richards reported that the City of Goleta is working with the State Lands Commission to remove the two remaining oil piers (#421.1 and #421.2) from Haskell's Beach. Director Richards also reported that creek clean up events with EDC and the Urban Creeks Council are occurring in October and November of this year.

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Item	5B	<p>Report from BEACON Executive Committee Meeting 11-07-22</p> <p>Recommended Actions:</p> <p>Receive a report from the Chair of the Executive Committee.</p>
Minutes/ Actions:		<p>Chair Hart reported that he has been working with the Executive Director on evaluation of the BEACON Program as well as Board Officer succession which will be discussed under item 5C.</p> <p>Board Members Comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None. <p>Public Comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None. • The Executive Director acknowledged Jim Haussener with CMANC (California Marine Affairs and Navigation Conference) attending today's meeting.

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Item	5C	<p>Discussion Regarding Beacon Board Member Succession and Organization</p> <p>Recommended Action:</p> <p>Board Members to discuss BEACON Officer succession planning and provide any direction to staff.</p>
Minutes/ Actions:		<p>Executive Director Beyeler reported that the board was aware of the tragic loss of Director Carmen Ramirez who was in the position of Vice Chair. Director Vianey Lopez has been appointed by the Governor to fill the seat on the Ventura County Board of Supervisors and to step in as Vice Chair of BEACON. Carmen Ramirez would be very pleased to know that Vianey taking these positions. In 2023, the new Chair will be Director Lopez.</p> <p>This is the last BEACON meeting for Chair Hart who will be sworn into the State Assembly in December 2022. Marc Beyeler reminded the Board that the Board approved 2-year assignments and that Gregg Hart would have stepped down as Chair at the end of 2022 irrespective of his election to the State Assembly. Decisions on the new Vice Chair will be made at the January 2023 Board Meeting. Consistent with practice, the next Vice Chair would come from a Santa Barbara County member agency.</p> <p>Marc Beyeler continued that BEACON has benefitted from leadership consistencies and we look forward to the future. Thank you to Gregg Haart and Carmen Ramirez, without whom we would not be where we are today.</p> <p>Marc Beyeler also stated that the Chair and Vice Chair typically sit on the Executive Committee, consequently, there are two openings on the Executive Committee.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chair Hart thanked Marc and the Board and indicted that it has been a great honor working with everyone of you. Chair Hart indicated he would work hard in Sacramento to help BEACON. <p>Board Members Comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None. <p>Public Comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None.

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Item	5D	<p>BEACON Science Advisory Committee (SAC) Membership</p> <p>Recommended Actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Confirm the re-appointment of the current Co-Chairs and the Members of the Science Advisory Committee (SAC); and ii. Adopt an amendment to the SAC Bylaws adding one additional discipline to the SAC representing Social and Environmental Justice (2/3rds majority vote required).
Minutes/ Actions:		<p>Executive Director Beyeler reminded the Board that two years ago we formed the Science Advisory Committee (SAC) made up of the best scientists in California. All members of the SAC have agreed to be re-appointed including Chair and Vice Chair. The action also includes a recommendation to approve an amendment to the SAC Bylaws to add an additional focus discipline, which is Social and Environmental Justice. Marc also explained that SAC members are allowed to be part of consultant teams submitting proposals for BEACON work.</p> <p>Board Members Comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Director Richards noted that there are 12 disciplines in the SAC Bylaws, and we also have 12 SAC members. Is this just a coincidence? • Executive Director Beyeler responded that it was a coincidence and that there would in fact be adding one more SAC member. <p>Public Comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None. <p>The Board approved unanimously the Recommended Actions. Motion by Richards / Second by LaVere.</p>

Item	5E	<p>BEACON Board Meeting Calendar for 2023</p> <p>Recommended Actions:</p> <p>Review and adopt the Board Meeting Calendar for 2023.</p>
Minutes/ Actions:		<p>Executive Director Beyeler explained that at the end of each year the board adopts the upcoming year Board Meeting calendar for the 3rd Friday of every other month. In 2023, the intent is to align the Executive Committee Meetings with the Board Meetings, so the Executive Committee meetings starts at 8 AM and the Board meeting at 9 AM, as was done today. Attached is the proposed Board Meeting Calendar for 2023. Meetings will be in person or virtual or both – this is still to be determined. Marc Beyeler asked the Board if the proposed calendar represented any conflicts for Board Members.</p> <p>Board Members Comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Director Friedman indicated that the September 2023 Board meeting date should be September 15, 2023. <p>Public Comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None. <p>With the correction of the September 2023 Board Meeting date, the Board approved unanimously the Recommended Actions. Motion by Friedman / Second by Schroeder.</p>

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Item	5G	<p>BEACON Contracts and Agreements</p> <p>Recommended Actions:</p> <p>Approve and authorize the Executive Director to execute an Agreement with Environmental Science Associates (ESA), similar to the attached, to assist BEACON in developing a Regional Coastal Adaptation Monitoring Program (RCAMP) in an amount not to exceed two-hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000.00) with a period of performance from the approval date of both parties to December 31, 2025, upon review and approval by legal counsel and auditor-controller.</p>
Minutes/ Actions:		<p>Executive Director Beyeler explained that the Regional Coastal Adaptation Monitoring Program (RCAMP) has been presented to the Board previously. The City of Santa Barbara took the initiative to secure grant funding and was successful. In July 2022, the Board approved a Cooperative Agreement with the City of Santa Barbara to undertake the RCAMP. The RCAMP is an important project in that it will help fill monitoring data gaps that in turn will guide triggers for adaptation actions. Under the Agreement, BEACON will manage technical consultant services and stakeholder input, as part of the development of the regional monitoring protocols and data collection. Staff prepared and released a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the consultant services and in October after consultant interviews, the selection panel selected Environmental Science Associates (ESA). ESA represents a state-of-the-art consultant firm with state-of-the-art capabilities and a firm that is very experienced with the BEACON coast</p> <p>The ESA scope will be implemented in phases. The first phase will develop the regional adaptation monitoring plan and secure approval/consensus. This phase will include public workshops. The second phase will implement the pilot monitoring projects identified in the approved plan.</p> <p>Board Members Comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Director Richards indicated that ground water intrusion from ocean salt water is a very important issue. The City of Goleta does not control its water supply (run by the Goleta Water District), but it is imperative that waters districts are included in discussions. • Executive Director Beyeler responded that water districts will be invited to the public workshops that will be scheduled during the Phase 1 of the ESA effort in 2023. <p>Public Comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None. <p>The Board approved unanimously the Recommended Actions. Motion by Friedman / Second by Lopez.</p>

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Item	6	Executive Director's Report and Communications
Minutes/ Actions:		<p>The Executive Director reported on the following activities:</p> <p>A. Election of Officers This item was discussed on the agenda today and will be addressed at the January 2023 Board Meeting.</p> <p>B. Grants and Contracts Updates 2023 will see extensive additional State funding becoming available for BEACON. We are trying to prepare ourselves to be ready to tee things off. However, we do need additional administrative help. We have a half time administrative position ready to go out to the street.</p> <p>C. Project Updates Mondo Beach Access secured \$1M in construction funding though Ventura County. BEACON led the project through the design phase, and this is an important funding milestone. Whether BEACON will be involved during the construction phase remains uncertain.</p> <p>D. Regional RSM-SLR Adaptation Planning BEACON has been recognized by the USACOE for its leadership in Regional Sediment Management (RSM), SLR and adaptation planning.</p> <p>Board Members Comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Director LaVere thanked Chair Hart for his outstanding leadership. • Director Richards also thanked Chair Hart for great leadership. Director Richards also stated that the loss of Carmen broke his heart but the best way to honor her is to continue to push the BEACON agenda. • Director Friedman thanked Chair Hart for his role as his mentor. Gregg's knowledge is extensive and important. The Coastal Commission is looking to BEACON as an example and Carmen was instrumental in BEACON's progress. • Director Williams stated that Chair Hart's focus and commitment has been extraordinary, and he has been an excellent leader. We will continue to miss Carmen, but she would have been thrilled to have Vianey take her position. • Chair Hart thanked everyone for their kind words and stated that BEACON has evolved incredibly in recent years. He wished to recognize the Board, Brian Brennan for all his years of commitment, and to Executive Director Beyeler, the SAC, and the rest of staff, and for the collective momentum that has been created as BEACON leads into the future.

**Adjourn to next regular meeting January 20, 2023, at 9:00 AM by Teleconference or Video Conference.
Meeting Minutes by Gerald Comati, Program Manager, BEACON.**