

BEACON BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Friday, May 15, 2020

TIME: 9:00 AM

PLACE: TELECONFERENCE

Item	1	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) • John Zaragoza (County of Ventura) • Christy Weir (City of Ventura) • Eric Friedman (City of Santa Barbara) • Fred Shaw (City of Carpinteria) • Kyle Richards (City of Goleta) • Carmen Ramirez (City of Oxnard) • Steve Gama, (City of Port Hueneme)

Item	1B	<p>Approval of Agenda and Filing of Certificate of Agenda Posting Action: Approve and file.</p>
Minutes/ Actions:		<p>The Agenda was unanimously approved by the Board. Moved by Ramirez/ Second by Zaragoza.</p>

Item	1C	<p>Consideration and Approval of Minutes of the BEACON Meetings held on January 24, 2020. Action: Approve and file.</p>
Minutes/ Actions:		<p>The Board unanimously approved the minutes as posted. Moved by Richards/Second by Shaw.</p>

Item	2	<p>Public Comment and Other Matters not on the Agenda Receive public comments.</p>
Minutes/ Actions:		<p>None.</p>

BEACON BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Friday, May 15, 2020
TIME: 9:00 AM
PLACE: TELECONFERENCE

Item	4A	<p>Projects Mondo's Cove Beach Access Stairway Improvement</p> <p>i. Approve and authorize the Executive Director to execute Amendment No. 1 to the Agreement with Jensen Design & Survey, Inc. to increase the scope of work to include a survey of the Mean High Tide Line, to increase funding by \$3,000 for a revised total amount not to exceed \$62,823 without a change to term ending June 30, 2020; and</p> <p>ii. Approve and authorize the Executive Director to execute a Letter Agreement, substantially similar to the one attached, with the Chicago Title Company for preparation of a preliminary title report to determine easements and property entitlements for an amount not to exceed \$2,000, a term ending by June 30, 2020, upon review and concurrence of legal counsel.</p>
Minutes/ Actions:	<p>Mr. Marc Beyeler reported that this project is funded through the Coastal Commission Impact mitigation fund. In January, the Board approved a contract with Jensen Design to prepare a design for the project. Since January, the Jensen team has been completing a variety of tasks under the Jensen Agreement and BEACON staff were tasked with compiling all property and permitting information and requirements to complement the Jensen work. As the design effort has progressed, it has become apparent that current entitlements and property ownership information needed for the project is incomplete. Staff is recommending the Board approve two additional authorizations to allow for the collection of needed property information, including an updated preliminary title report to be prepared by Chicago Title Company and a boundary survey to establish the extent and location of the current mean high tide line (MHT) by Jensen Design and Survey. This information is essential to understand the full extent of needed permissions, approvals and permits required to install and operate a public access stairway improvement at Mondo's Cove beach.</p> <p>Director Williams indicated that this project was especially important for Mondo's Cove which is a destination for both Santa Barbara and Ventura County residents and especially for kids wanting to learn to surf.</p> <p>BOARD ACTIONS: The Board approved unanimously the Recommended Action. Moved by Gama/Second by Zaragoza.</p>	

BEACON BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Friday, May 15, 2020
TIME: 9:00 AM
PLACE: TELECONFERENCE

Item	5A	Board Members Reports. Board members Reports and Updates.
Minutes/ Actions:		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Director Friedman indicated that the City of SB SLR subcommittee had postponed its outreach effort thereby delaying the study. Mr. Friedman also indicated that he was on the League of Cities Policy Committee for Environmental Quality and they are looking at SLR and short-term rentals issues. • Director Weir indicated that the City of Ventura was addressing erosion issues at the Ventura Promenade. The City has moved 4-ton boulders under the promenade to mitigate the erosion. In addition, the City is pursuing with the Coastal Commission limited time parking at the parking lot by the Promenade. • Director Shaw indicated that the City of Carpinteria has implemented a 2-hour parking time limit at coastal beach areas and includes enhanced enforcement. • Director Williams indicated that the City of Carpinteria was able to implement the limited time parking through an emergency permit. • Director Gama indicated that use of protective boulders is important, but it does accelerate erosion downcoast. • Director Richards indicated that the City of Goleta was supporting a California Sea grant request to fund the next phase of the Kelp Project in Goleta Bay. In addition, in March and April SB County Flood Control made depositions of sediment from debris basins onto Goleta Beach. The material was tested prior to placement and during placement and all result came back clean. • Chair Hart indicated that he had directed BEACON Staff to move forward with trying to secure approvals for a beach nourishment component of the City of Carpinteria’s Rincon trail Project. • Director Ramirez indicated that homelessness in the City of Oxnard is an issue and along with the Ventura County the City is making great efforts to house the homeless. Unfortunately, the homeless often prefer camping out at the beaches which has an impact on the natural environment. • Director Gama indicated that a lot of the homeless set up encampments on beaches and refuse services from the local jurisdictions and this can cause trash. Volunteers have removed a significant amount of trash from Orman Beach during the last 2 years. • Director Zaragoza commended Director Gama for his beach clean up coordination efforts over the years. Mr. Zaragoza also reported that Ventura County was moving forward with covering an existing drainage channel. • Director Williams indicated that SB County had set up temporary shelter for homeless in hotels during COVID.

BEACON BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Friday, May 15, 2020
TIME: 9:00 AM
PLACE: TELECONFERENCE

Item	5B1	<p>BEACON Organization – Executive Staff Transition 2020 -Appointment of Marc Beyeler as Executive Director effective May 15, 2020</p> <p>Recommended Action:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Appoint Marc Beyeler as Executive Director, effective May 15, 2020. ii. Approve and authorize the Chair to execute Amendment No. 3 to the Agreement with MBA Consultants to increase the scope of work to include Marc Beyeler serving as the Executive Director of BEACON without a change in the total amount not to exceed \$64,250 and no change to the period of performance ending June 30, 2020.
Minutes/ Actions:		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brian Brennan reported that at the January 2020 Board Meeting the Board assigned Marc Beyeler to position of Deputy Executive Director. Mr. Brennan continued that based on the time he needed to spend on COVID issues for the County of Ventura, he strongly recommended that Mr. Beyeler be appointed to the Executive Director position and that the Board approve the related scope change to his agreement. • Mr. Beyeler indicated that he has been working closely with the Transition Subcommittee over the last four months and is excited to take on this new role. • Chair Hart expressed his immense thanks to Brian Brennan for his many years of amazing service to BEACON and he is fully supportive of bringing on Marc to take over the mantel of Executive Director. Mr. Hart also thanked the Transition Subcommittee for it excellent work. • Director Zaragoza commended Brian Brennan for his outstanding work and was also supportive of the transition to Marc Beyeler. • Director Ramirez thanked Brian and indicated that he has been the foundation of BEACON for two decades. She also expressed support for Marc and his work with BEACON. • Director Williams indicated that he had known Brian Brennan for twenty years and that BEACON owes a great dept of gratitude to Brian - BEACON as an agency would not have survived if not for Brian Brennan. • Director Weir indicated that we need a party for Brian Brennan to celebrate his decades of services. Ms. Weir expressed that she looked forward to working with Marc. • Director Shaw expressed his thanks to Brian Brennan for all he has done for BEACON and the City of Carpinteria. Mr. Shaw also stated that he believed the transition to Marc will be extremely easy. • Mr. Brennan indicated that Dr. Bailard also played a vital role in the survival of BEACON and he also needs to be celebrated. • Director Friedman thanked Brian Brennan. He recalled what a great help Brian was back when Mr. Friedman was a staffer for the then Supervisor Carbajal. • Director Gama suggested a party for Brian at the ribbon cutting for the Mondo's Cove stairway's project. <p>BOARD ACTIONS: The Board approved unanimously the Recommended Action. Moved by Friedman/Second by Gama.</p>

BEACON BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Friday, May 15, 2020
TIME: 9:00 AM
PLACE: TELECONFERENCE

Item	5B2	<p>BEACON Organization – Membership Dues.</p> <p>i. Receive and review Staff Report on membership dues increase.</p> <p>ii. Discuss and direct Staff to return in July 2020 with specific membership dues increases.</p>
Minutes/ Actions:		<p>Mr. Marc Beyeler - Executive Director:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff has worked over last 3 months with the Transition Subcommittee and County of Ventura HR Department to come up with funding options for an Executive Director. • Three options were identified: • 100% increase in membership dues which could fund a full time Executive Director. • 75% increase in membership dues which could fund a full-time Executive Director but would also require use of contingency funds. • CPI cost increase only which would fund a part-time Executive Director and would also expend a large portion of contingency. <p>Mr. Beyeler reported that generally the consensus at the February and April Transition Subcommittee meetings was that the 100% option is best but that member agencies should contribute what they can afford. In addition, consensus was that the membership dues increase decision would be postponed till the July Board meeting once member agencies have adopted their own budgets.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chair Hart (County of SB) indicated that he felt the recommendations of the Subcommittee makes sense. The County of SB has included the 100% membership dues increase in its FY20-21 Budget. • Director Zaragoza (County of Ventura) reported that the County of Ventura supports the 100% membership dues increase. • Director Ramirez (City of Oxnard) reported that she was unsure what the City of Oxnard had included in the FY 20-21 Budget, but she would be speaking to the City Manager. • Director Friedman (City of SB) reported that he has asked the City Manager to go with the 100% increase. He also stated that SLR is not going away and the need for a regional coastal agency is more critical now than ever. • Director Shaw (City of Carpinteria) reported that he had discussed this item with the City Manager, and he believed the that the 100% increase would be included in the FY 20-21 Budget. • Director Weir (City of Ventura) reported that the 100% increase is included in the Draft FY 20-21 Budget. • Director Richards (City of Goleta) reported that the 100% increase is included in the Draft FY 20-21 Budget. The City’s budget hearings are yet to happen. • Director Gama (City of Port Hueneme) indicated that he would advocate to the Council the 100% increase. Mr. Gama felt the increase was a nominal investment compared to overall City budget. BEACON is important to the City.

BEACON BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Friday, May 15, 2020
TIME: 9:00 AM
PLACE: TELECONFERENCE

Item	5C	<p>Amendments to BEACON Bylaws</p> <p>Recommended Action:</p> <p>i. Review and recommend approval of the amended BEACON Bylaws. (requires a 2/3/ majority vote of the Board of Directors)</p>
Minutes/ Actions:		<p>Ex Director Brennan indicated that the recommendation is to amend the BEACON's Bylaws that were created in 1986. The proposed amendment reflects changes in the 1999 Joint Powers Agreement and BEACON's current practices. Specifically, the amendment includes an update to BEACON's name, two-year terms for BEACON Officers, flexibility in appointing committees, and a change to simplified parliamentary procedures.</p> <p>BOARD ACTIONS: The Board approved unanimously the Recommended Action. Moved by Ramirez/Second by Zaragoza.</p>

Item	5D	<p>Auditor-Controller Budget Actions and Financial Reports</p> <p>Recommended Actions:</p> <p>i. Receive and file the Budget-to-Actual report for the year-to-date period ending April 30, 2020 (Exhibit I)</p> <p>ii. Authorize the Auditor-Controller's Office to make budgetary adjustments as follows: (requires 6/10th vote):</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">INCREASE Other Professional and Specialized Services \$ 5,000</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">DECREASE Contingency \$ 5,000</p> <p>iii. Receive and file proposed increase to Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Membership Dues (Exhibit II) and provide direction to BEACON Staff as appropriate.</p> <p>iv. Receive and file Proposed BEACON Budgets for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 (Exhibit III) and Provide Direction to BEACON Staff.</p>
Minutes/ Actions:		<p>Mr. Carlos Maldonado of the ACO presented the four items: Budget to Actual report, budgetary adjustments, a report on a membership dues increase recommendation; and, a report of FY 2021 Budget Scenarios.</p> <p>BOARD ACTIONS: BOARD ACTIONS: The Board approved unanimously the Recommended Action. Moved by Shaw/Second by Williams.</p>

Item	6	<p>Executive Director's Report and Communications</p>
Minutes/ Actions:		<p>The Executive Director made the following report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The City of Port Hueneme Council would be considering the dues increase at an upcoming Council Meeting. • A letter and presentation would be prepared and submitted to the member agencies. He also indicated that planning for a science workshop was in the works but will be delayed for now. • With the loss of Dr. Bailard BEACON is pursuing a Technical Workshop with a Science Group consisting of eighteen science personnel. This work group would serve as science advisors to BEACON.

Adjourn to next regular meeting July 17, 2020 at 9:00 AM by Teleconference or Video Conference.

Meeting Minutes by Gerald Comati, Program Manager, BEACON.