

## BEACON BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING MINUTES

**DATE:** Friday, January 15, 2021

**TIME:** 9:00 AM

**PLACE:** TELECONFERENCE

<b>Item</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Call to Order, Roll Call, and Introductions – Chair, Gregg Hart.</b>
<b>Minutes/ Actions:</b>		<p><b>Directors Present:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Gregg Hart (County of Santa Barbara)</b></li> <li>• <b>Das Williams (County of Santa Barbara)</b></li> <li>• <b>Matt LaVere (County of Ventura)</b></li> <li>• <b>Kyle Richards (City of Goleta)</b></li> <li>• <b>Eric Friedman (City of Santa Barbara)</b></li> <li>• <b>Al Clark (City of Carpinteria)</b></li> <li>• <b>Vianey Lopez (City of Oxnard)</b></li> <li>• <b>Steve Gama, (City of Port Hueneme)</b></li> </ul>

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

<b>Item</b>	<b>1C</b>	<b>Consideration and Approval of Minutes of the BEACON Meetings held on November 20, 2020.</b> <b>Action: Approve and file.</b>
<b>Minutes/ Actions:</b>		<p>Three new Board Members (first meeting) and only three standing Board Members attended the January 2021 meeting so there was not a quorum to consider this action. Consequently, It was agreed that consideration for approval of the November 20, 2020 Board Meeting Minutes would be continued to the March 19, 2021 Board Meeting.</p> <p><b>The Board unanimously approved to continue this item to the March 19, 2021 Board Meeting.</b> <b>Moved by Richards / Second by Friedman.</b></p>

<b>Item</b>	<b>1D</b>	<b>Election of Officers.</b> <b>Action: Elect a Chair and Vice-Chair to serve a two-year term for 2021 and 2022.</b>
<b>Minutes/ Actions:</b>		<p>Director Ramirez agreed to serve as Vice-Chair and Director Hart agreed to continue as Chair. Director Hart indicated that this was an exciting time for BEACON. A new paid Executive Director has been installed after over 10 years of a voluntary Executive Director and we have Steve Bennett in the California Assembly.</p> <p><b>The Board approved unanimously the Recommended Action with Director Hart as Chair and Director Ramirez as Vice-Chair.</b> <b>Moved by LaVere / Second by Richards.</b></p>

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<b>Item</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>Public Comment and Other Matters not on the Agenda</b> <b>Receive public comments.</b>
<b>Minutes/ Actions:</b>	Christy Weir reported that there is a huge a whale skeleton washed up near Faria Beach which is amazing to see if anyone is interested.	

<b>Item</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>Presentations – None for this meeting</b>
<b>Minutes/ Actions:</b>	N/A	

<b>Item</b>	<b>4A</b>	<b>Projects Update – Surfers Point Project.</b> <b>Recommended Actions:</b> i. Receive a presentation from City of Ventura on the Surfers Point Project.
<b>Minutes/ Actions:</b>	<p>Marc Beyeler introduced City of Ventura City Engineer Brad Starr. Mr. Beyeler explained that BEACON has been involved in the Surfers Point Project for over ten years. Most recently, BEACON partnered with the City of Ventura on the most recent phase of the project by assisting the City in securing a pass-through grant from OPC.</p> <p>Mr. Brad Starr provided a PowerPoint update on the latest phase of the Surfers Point Project. The presentation will be updated onto the BEACON Website.</p> <p>Director Gama asked how the removal of Matilaja Dam fits into the Surfers Point Project. Brad Starr responded that removal of the dam would certainly be positive since it would provide an increase in sediment deposit to the littoral cell from Ventura River and help expand the beach width.</p> <p>Public Comment: Christy Weir wished to acknowledge Brad Starr and Brian Brennan for holding this important project together.</p> <p><b>The Board received and filed.</b></p>	

<b>Item</b>	<b>5A</b>	<b>BEACON Organization and Program - Board Members Reports.</b>
<b>Minutes/ Actions:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Director Gama indicated that the City of Port Hueneme was excited with the recent dredging of Port Hueneme Beach. The project was completed with no delays and air quality credits. It was very efficient, and Mr. Gama wished to express his thanks to all who helped.</li> <li>• Director Friedman reported that the City of SB's SLR Adaptation Plan was scheduled to go to the City Council in April for approval. Mr. Friedman also indicated that he had been reappointed to the League of California Cities' Coastal Cities Group (CCG) where he is now the Vice Chair. Mr. Friedman also reported that he attended the CCG's Local government Workshop on SLR Adaptation Planning on December 17, 2020.</li> <li>• Director Al Clark of the City of Carpinteria requested that a new item be added to a future BEACON Board Meeting agenda that outlines interagency participation to identify new ways to dispose of sediment from the Carpinteria Salt Marsh. Executive Director Beyeler indicated he would communicate with City Staff to follow-up.</li> </ul>	

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<b>Item</b>	<b>5B1</b>	<p><b>BEACON Organization – BEACON Strategic Planning Goals and Objectives</b></p> <p><b>Recommended Actions:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. <b>Review, and provide any additional input, as needed, on the Draft Strategic Planning Goals and Objectives 2021-2026 (Exhibit 1).</b></li> <li>ii. <b>Direct staff to return with Final Strategic Planning Goals and Objectives at the March 2021 Board Meeting for approval.</b></li> </ol>
<b>Minutes/ Actions:</b>		<p>Executive Director Marc Beyeler explained that a draft of the Strategic Planning Goals and Objectives was previously presented to the Board in November 2020 and the Board requested a review from the Science Advisory Committee (SAC). The SAC review is scheduled for later in January 2021. Following the November 202 Board Meeting, the draft document was also posted on the BEACON Website inviting comments from the Board and public.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The following comments were received:</li> <li>• Add an additional strategic plan goal to have BEACON address regional level SLR adaptation coordination.</li> <li>• Add regional monitoring and objectives as a strategic plan goal.</li> </ul> <p>Staff is supportive of the suggestions, but implementation will require grant funding. Mr. Beyeler asked if the Board had additional comments?</p> <p>Marc Beyeler explained that a revised document is attached to the staff report but that no substantive changes have been made since November 2020.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Director Gama indicated that Steve Bennett is interested in receiving funding objectives from BEACON and that he will do what he can to support the request. Apparently, a new Bill is in the works to provide additional coastal funding.</li> <li>• Director Clark indicated that he supports these additional suggestions.</li> <li>• Director Friedman indicated that the monitoring activity is critical. For BEACON to have a regional SLR plan is excellent. The State is looking for regional planning so this would codify BEACON’s role in regional SLR adaptation.</li> <li>• Director Richards indicated that he also supports the expansion BEACON’s regional role. Director Richards also commented he certainly acknowledges the budgetary constraints of an expanded role but that future budget needs must mainly come from grant funds rather than further dues increases.</li> <li>• Director Hart asked if the Bylaws would have to be expanded to add the suggested regional roles?</li> <li>• Legal Counsel McKenzie indicated the current Bylaws are broad enough to cover this area, but if the Board would like to amend the Bylaws to add the regional role it could.</li> <li>• Director Hart asked if Board members from Ventura County were also supportive of the expanded role?</li> </ul> <p><b>BOARD ACTIONS: The Board approved unanimously the Recommended Actions. Moved by Gama /Second by Friedman.</b></p>

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<b>Item</b>	<b>5B2</b>	<p><b>BEACON Legislative Programs Priorities.</b></p> <p><b>Recommended Actions:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>i. Receive a Staff Report on Legislative Program Priorities.</b></li> <li><b>ii. Authorize the Chair to send a letter to State Legislative Representatives that identifies selected funding and policy actions that would assist BEACON in accomplishing its goals and objectives (Attachment 1).</b></li> </ol>
<b>Minutes/ Actions:</b>		<p>Executive Director Marc Beyeler indicated that at the November 20, 2020 Board meeting Staff presented to the Board draft legislative priorities for consideration. The priorities address BEACON's needs and that of other Regional Sediment Management (RSM) plan authors. Mr. Beyeler explained that all coastal agencies struggle with funding challenges and what role to take regarding SLR and RSM. Attached to the Staff Report is a draft letter to State Legislative Representatives for consideration by the Board. The letter focuses on two actions. One is requesting expanded funding for the implementation of RSM initiatives. The second requests funding for BEACON to advance RSM and Coastal Adaptation on a more global level statewide.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Director Richards wished to clarify the recipients of the letter.</li> <li>• Executive Director Beyeler explained that the letter would be sent directly to all those listed at bottom of the letter under cc.</li> </ul> <p><b>BOARD ACTIONS: The Board approved unanimously the Recommended Actions. Moved by Gama / Second by Richards.</b></p>
<b>Item</b>	<b>5C1</b>	<p><b>Auditor-Controller Budget Actions and Financial Reports Recommended Actions:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>i. Receive and file the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Unadjusted Budget-to-Actual report for the year-to-date period ending December 31, 2020 (Exhibit I).</b></li> <li><b>ii. Approve and authorize the Chair to execute Amendment No. 1 to FY 2020-21 Biennial Audit Contract with Fedak &amp; Brown LLP for Financial Auditing Services to extend the term of performance for an additional 4 months revising the end term date to June 30, 2021 (Exhibit II).</b></li> </ol>
<b>Minutes/ Actions:</b>		<p>Mr. Carlos Maldonado of the Ventura County Auditor Controller's Office presented the Budget to Actual report and requested budget adjustments.</p> <p><b>BOARD ACTIONS: The Board approved unanimously the Recommended Actions. Moved by Gama / Second by Lopez.</b></p>

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Item	6	Executive Director's Report and Communications
<b>Minutes/ Actions:</b>		<p>Executive Director Marc Beyeler provided the following executive report:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. BEACON has contracted recently with George Amoon to assist Staff with Federal Grant requests.</li> <li>b. The Local Government Working Group - Coastal Commission Public Meeting occurred on 12-17-20. Christy Weir presented at the meeting and BEACON was referenced multiple times.</li> <li>c. The first SAC meeting is scheduled for January 19, 2021. It will be a 2-hour session and the agenda is posted on the BEACON Website. A report on the outcome of the meeting will be made at the March 19, 2021 Board Meeting. BEACON staff is also working with BEACON member agency managers to identify what services from the SAC can best underpin local SLR adaptation plans.</li> <li>d. The Executive Director will be presenting at the Coastal &amp; Shoreline Management Conference on Jan 22, 2021.</li> <li>e. The South Ventura County Sand Summit is schedule for February 18, 2021. The focus of this summit as in previous years, will be to discuss how to optimize RSM in this region in the context of harbor dredging, understanding the complex coastal processes occurring and inviting participation from the multitude of agencies involved in this area.</li> </ol>

Item	Jon Sharkey
<b>Minutes/ Actions:</b>	<p>Director Gregg Hart acknowledged previous BEACON Board member Jon Sharkey who sadly passed away recently. Jon was a pillar for BEACON for over 20 years and will be remembered and greatly missed.</p> <p><b>A true Coastal Warrior, and along with being a former Mayor and long-time Councilmember for the City of Pt. Hueneme, Jon served on the BEACON Board for well over 20 years.</b></p> <p><b>He will be missed by all that knew and loved him and his legacy of coastal advocacy for the BEACON coastline lives on in the decisions this board makes on a regular basis.</b></p> <p><b>All of Jon's correspondence as an elected official culminated with his favorite quote regarding public service:</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">                     "Your elected representative owes you not his industry only, but his judgment, and he betrays instead of serving you if he sacrifices it to your opinion".                      --- Edmund Burke                 </p>

**Adjourn to next regular meeting March 19, 2021 at 9:00 AM by Teleconference or Video Conference.**

**Meeting Minutes by Gerald Comati, Program Manager, BEACON.**