

BEACON BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Friday, July 16, 2021
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) • Matt LaVere (County of Ventura) • Carmen Ramirez (County of Ventura) • Kyle Richards (City of Goleta) • Joe Schroeder (City of Ventura) • Vianey Lopez (City of Oxnard) • Steven Gama, (City of Port Hueneme)
Item	1B	Approval of Agenda and Filing of Certificate of Agenda Posting Action: Approve and file.
Minutes/ Actions:		<p>The Executive Director Marc Beyeler requested that due to the need for a majority vote on budget items and the potential early departure of some Board Members, that Item 5C be heard first on the agenda.</p> <p>The agenda was unanimously approved by the Board with the sequence change requested by the Executive Director.</p> <p>Moved by Gama / Second by Schroeder.</p>
Item	1C	Consideration and Approval of Minutes of the BEACON Meeting held on May 21, 2021. Action: Approve and file.
Minutes/ Actions:		<p>The Board approved unanimously the Recommended Action.</p> <p>Moved by Schroeder / Second by Richards.</p>

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Item	5C	<p>BEACON Organization and Program - Budget Actions and Financial Reports</p> <p>Recommended Actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Receive and file the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Budget-to-Actual report for the year-to-date period ending June 30, 2021 (Exhibit I). ii. Receive and file the audited financial statement for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2020, and 2019 (Exhibit II). iii. Receive and file the Management Letter for the Audit of the Financial Statements for the Fiscal Years ended June 30, 2020, and 2019. (Exhibit III). iv. Approve and authorize the Auditor-Controller's Office to make the budgetary adjustment as follows (requires 6/10 vote) v. INCREASE Other Professional & Specialized Services \$15,000 vi. DECREASE Contingency \$10,000 vii. DECREASE Misc. Expense \$5,000
Minutes/ Actions:		<p>Mr. Omar Arreola from the Ventura County Auditor Controller's Office presented each of the Financial Reports and recommended actions.</p> <p>There was no discussion from the Board and no public comment.</p> <p>BOARD ACTION: The Board unanimously approved the Budget Actions and Financial Reports Recommended Actions.</p> <p>Moved by Schroeder / Second by LaVere.</p>

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Item	2	Public Comment and Other Matters not on the Agenda Receive public comments.
Minutes/ Actions:	There were no public comments on matters not on the agenda.	

Item	3	Presentations – Receive a presentation by the City of Oxnard on The City’s Climate and Sea Level Rise Vulnerability and Adaptation Planning.
Minutes/ Actions:	<p>Executive Director Marc Beyeler introduced this item. He stated that this was the 5th presentation by a member agency regarding SLR adaptation planning.</p> <p>The City of Oxnard’s Principal Planner, Isidro Figueroa presented the City’s “SLR Vulnerability Assessment and Fiscal Impact Document”. The presentation will be added to the BEACON website.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Director Williams asked if the public at Oxnard Shores Beach are aware that eventually more properties will be non-conforming if the dunes are not built; and, does the public know that the dunes will build very slowly and would not affect views for a long time? Isidro responded that we do not have studies to predict dune height over time but that the City did indicate that the dunes would ultimately not exceed 20-ft in height. However, the homeowners are adamant that the dunes will impact their views. • Director Williams asked whether the City would render non-conforming status without the dunes? Isidro responded that yes this is the case but that they do not seem to be concerned although a non-conforming property cannot rebuild if damaged. • Director Gama indicated that a natural dune structure all the way to 5th street would be impressive and could be 30-ft above seal-level creating a significant barrier to SLR. • Director Gama – is the 2030 8-inches SLR going to cause flooding? Isidro responded that it would. • Director Gama – Are some coastal areas currently below sea-level? Isidro responded that there were. • Director Gama – The predicted SLR for 2100 is 58-inches? Isidro responded that it was and that this may in fact be low. Many people are more concerned with probability of prediction. • Director Gama – what does the 8-inch rise mean - is it a universal 8-inches? Isidro responded that it was not universal – local areas will adjust. • Director LaVere asked what is the planning timeline for McGrath? Isidro responded that before COVID the City was working with the State, but communications stalled last year. The plan is to move to higher ground but there are issues with the Coastal Commission, SLR guidance + ESHA impacts. There has been no communication since last year. • Director Ramirez indicated she was on the SLR Working Group and agrees there are a lot of coastal entities involved. She also indicated that she was surprised how supportive people were of managed retreat at Oxnard shores. • Director Schroeder indicated he was out at Surfer’s Point and there were three PhD students looking at dune restoration. <p>BOARD ACTION: The Board received the report.</p>	

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Item	5D	<p>Review and Approve BEACON Contracts.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Approve, ratify, and authorize the Chair to execute an Agreement with MBA Consultants to provide Executive Director services in an amount not to exceed \$139,621.50 with a period of performance from July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022 (Attachment 1). ii. After approval of Item 5.C.iv, approve and authorize the Chair to execute an Agreement, substantially similar to that attached, with Stacy Miller Public Affairs to provide communications planning and support services to BEACON with a period of performance from July 16, 2021, to December 31, 2021, in an amount not to exceed \$15,000. (Attachment 2).
Minutes/ Actions:		<p>Legal Counsel Susan McKenzie stated the Brown Act requires that prior to taking final action in an open meeting that the Legislative Body verbally report a summary on the recommended salary or benefits package of a local agency executive. She asked that the record reflect reading the Item 5Di constitutes the required report under Government Code section 54953(c)(3). Mr. Beyeler read Item 5Di into the record.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chair Hart indicated that the Executive Committee reviewed the job performance of the Executive Director and allowed a negotiation. The Committee was very supportive of the Executive Director and looked forward to FY 2021-2022. • Executive Director Beyeler reported that the second item is a new agreement with a public affairs firm which will assist BEACON with outreach. <p>There was no public comment.</p> <p>BOARD ACTION: The Board unanimously approved the recommended actions. Moved by Gama / Second by Lopez.</p>
Item	5B1	<p>BEACON Organization - Receive a report on BEACON Ex-Officio Membership</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Discuss BEACON Ex-Officio Membership and direct Staff to return to Board with options for implementing Ex-Officio Members
Minutes/ Actions:		<p>Ex Director Beyeler explained that this was an introduction to the item of adding Ex-Officio Members to the Board. BEACON Executive Staff is recommending the BEACON Board consider whether they desire to appoint any ex-officio members to the BEACON Board and what criteria they may apply (if any), in considering the selection of possible ex-officio members.</p> <p>Ex Director Beyeler recommended that the Board request staff to perform an options analysis of potential Ex-Officio Members.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Director Gama asked if there would be a fixed number of Ex-Officio Members? • Ex Director Beyeler responded that this could be if directed. He further indicated that potential members could be Caltrans, UPRR, State Lands and on the operational side, the Harbor Districts. <p>BOARD ACTION: The Board unanimously approved Action. Moved by Hart / Second by Lopez.</p>

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Item	5B2	<p>BEACON Organization - Appointment of BEACON Special Projects Staff</p> <p>ii. Receive a Staff Report on Special Projects Staff; and</p> <p>iii. Adopt Resolution 2021-3 appointing Brian Brennan as Special Projects Volunteer Staff for a period up to June 30, 2022 (Exhibit 1).</p>
Minutes/ Actions:		<p>Ex Director Beyeler explained that last year the Board appointed Brian Brennan as Special Project Staff. The attached Resolution 2021-3 appoints Brian Brennan as a Volunteer Special Project staff member. Mr. Beyeler added that Brian provides an invaluable assistance to the BEACON Team.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Member of public and previous Board Member Fred Shaw indicated that Brian Brennan adds unique knowledge and makes it an easy decision to approve the position. <p>BOARD ACTION: The Board unanimously approved Action. Moved by Gama / Second by Richards.</p>

Item	5A	<p>BEACON Organization and Program - Board Members Reports.</p>
Minutes/ Actions:		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Director Gama thanked BEACON for support with a meeting with Congressperson Bromley's office and asked for assistance with the next cycle of federal funding for dredging. • Director Richards indicate that it was beach hazard removal last month and Cushman Construction Company removed a hazardous pipe from Haskells Beach in Goleta. In addition, the State Lands Commission issued a DEIR for removal of the pier. • Director Ramirez indicated that the process for the decommissioning of Oil Pier is being initiated by Ventura County.

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Item	4	BEACON Projects - Receive a report on the status of planning for Mondo's Cove Beach Access Stairway Project.
Minutes/ Actions:		<p>Ex Director Beyeler explained that in 2014 BEACON executed an MOU with the CCC to receive sand mitigation funds. Funds were received and the Board elected to assign them to the Mondo's Cove Beach Access Project. Mondo's has no safe access today. BEACON contracted with Jensen Design out of Ventura to perform concept and preliminary design. The BEACON Team has been working closely with Caltrans as well as the community.</p> <p>Kevin Waldron of Jensen Design provided a report on the stair way design progress of the project which will be posted to the BEACON Website.</p> <p>Ex Director Beyeler indicated that the next Steps are to secure funding for final design and construction and proceed into the final design phase. The project is included in the BEACON Strategic Plan.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Director Richards indicated that he recalls early design concepts had the access stairs at an angle which appeared to be a potential safety concern. He was pleased to see that the selected design eliminated this concern. <p>BOARD ACTION: The Board received the report.</p>

Item	6	Executive Director's Report and Communications
Minutes/ Actions:		<p>Executive Director Beyeler indicated that the agenda has an outline of the agenda items for September and November. In September there will be one more member agency presentation of SLR adaptations which will conclude all member presentation of SLR. This will then allow BEACON to proceed with the development of a Regional Plan. The agendas will also include further project updates.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Director Ramirez expressed her concern regarding in-person meeting in light of recent COVID surges.

Adjourn to next regular meeting September 17, 2021, at 9:00 AM by Teleconference or Video Conference.

Meeting Minutes by Gerald Comati, Program Manager, BEACON.