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NOTICE MEETING

BEACH EROSION AUTHORITY FOR CLEAN OCEANS AND NOURISHMENT (BEACON) EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

DECEMBER 10, 2021

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN of a **MEETING** of the Beach Erosion Authority for Clean Oceans and Nourishment (BEACON) Executive Committee. The date, time, and place of the meeting shall be as follows:

DATE: FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2021

TIME: 12:30 PM

PLACE: TELECONFERENCE (see details below)

The agenda of business to be conducted is below.

Gregg Hart, Chairperson

BEACON

Date: FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2021

The California State Legislature recently passed, and the Governor signed, Assembly Bill 361 (Rivas, 2021), which amends the Government Code to allow Brown Act bodies to continue to meet remotely if certain elements are met.

The following alternative methods of participation are available to the public:

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 - a. Distribution to the Board. Submit comments via email to Staff@Beacon.ca.gov prior to 5:00 p.m. on December 9, 2021, or through mail to BEACON at 501 Poli Street, Ventura, Ca 93001 to be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 9, 2021. Your comment will be placed into the record and distributed appropriately.
 - b. Read into the record at the meeting. Submit comments of 250 words, or less, via email to Staff@Beacon.ca.gov prior to 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 9, 2021, prior to the Board meeting. Please indicate if you would like to make a general public comment, a comment on a specific agenda item, or both. Please state in your email, or mail, if you would like the comment "read into the record." Every effort will be made to read your comment into the record, but some comments may not be read due to time limitations. Comments timely received on an agenda item will be placed into the record and distributed accordingly.
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MEETING AGENDA

1. Administrative Items

- A. Call to Order, Roll Call and Introductions – Gregg Hart
- B. Report on Circumstances of the COVID-19 State of Emergency
 - i. Receive and file:
 - a. An update that the State and County remain under a proclaimed state of emergency related to COVID-19; and
 - b. The Santa Barbara County Public Health Department recommendation issued September 28, 2021 and the Ventura County Health Officer recommendation



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issued September 21, 2021 regarding social distancing.

- ii. Provide direction to Staff about the location of the next meeting.
- C. Approval of Agenda and Filing of Certificate of Agenda Posting.
- D. Consideration and approval of minutes of the BEACON Executive Committee Meeting held April 23, 2021.

2. Public Comment and Other Matters not on the Agenda

3. Organization and Program Review

Recommended Actions:

- i. Receive and file a Staff Report on Organization and Program Performance;
- ii. Direct Executive Staff to prepare a Staff Report for the BEACON Board of Directors outlining a proposal for completing the Organizational and Program Performance Evaluation.

4. Adjourn

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STAFF REPORT

Meeting Date: December 10, 2021
Agenda Item: 1B

To: BEACON Executive Committee
From: Executive Director

Date: December 10, 2021

Subject: Report on Circumstances of the COVID-19 State of Emergency

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS:

- i. Receive and file:
 - a. An update that the Nation, State, and County remain under a proclaimed state of emergency related to COVID-19; and
 - b. The Santa Barbara County Public Health Department recommendation issued September 28, 2021, and the Ventura County Health Officer recommendation issued September 21, 2021 regarding social distancing.
- ii. Provide direction to staff about the location of the next meeting.

DISCUSSION:

The California State Legislature recently passed, and the Governor signed, Assembly Bill 361 (Rivas, 2021) (AB 361), which amends the Government Code to allow Brown Act bodies to continue to meet remotely if certain elements are met. AB 361 took effect immediately and applies to all Brown Act boards, committees, and commissions. Below summarizes the ongoing declared emergencies related to the COVID-19 pandemic and the current status of community transmission.

Federal and State

On January 31, 2020, the Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) declared a public health emergency under section 319 of the Public Health Service Act (42 USC § 247d) in response to COVID-19. On March 13, 2020, the US President declared a national emergency concerning the COVID-19 pandemic which has been extended until February 24, 2022. On March 4, 2020, Governor Newsom declared a state of emergency for conditions caused by COVID-19 which has been extended until March 31, 2022.

Santa Barbara County

On March 12, 2020, the Santa Barbara County Director of Emergency Services proclaimed a Local Emergency as a result of the COVID-19 and the Santa Barbara County Health Officer declared a Local Health Emergency, due to the imminent and proximate threat to public health from the introduction of COVID-19 in Santa Barbara County. Thereafter, on March 17, 2020, the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors ratified the Proclamation of a Local Emergency and the Declaration of a Local Health Emergency which remain in effect.

On September 28, 2021, the Santa Barbara County Public Health Officials recommended utilizing teleconferencing options for public meetings as an effective social distancing measure to facilitate participation in public affairs and encourage



participants to protect themselves and others from the COVID-19 disease (Attachment 1). As of December 1, 2021, Santa Barbara County is categorized as having a “substantial” level of community transmission by the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's four-tiered system. As of December 1, 2021, the Santa Barbara County Public Health Department reports a case rate of 7 per 100,000 and a 4.0% testing positivity rate.

Ventura County

On March 12, 2020, the Ventura County Public Health Department declared a local health emergency in response to 1) increased spread of novel coronavirus (COVID-19) across the country 2) in alignment with the Governor of California’s Declared State of Emergency and mass gathering guidance 3) an increase of local cases. Thereafter, on March 17, 2020, the Ventura County Board of Supervisors proclaimed a Local Emergency and ratified and extended the Declaration of a Local Health Emergency which remain in effect.

On September 21, 2021, the Ventura County Public Health Officer recommended “that physical/social distancing measures continue to be practiced throughout our Ventura County communities to minimize the spread of COVID-19, including at meetings of the Board of Supervisors and meetings of other legislative bodies of the County of Ventura.” (Attachment 2). As of December 1, 2021, Ventura County is categorized as having a “moderate” level of community transmission by the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's four-tiered system. As of December 1, 2021, the Ventura County Public reports a case rate of 6.4 per 100,000 and a 2.1% testing positivity rate.

Attachments:

1. Santa Barbara County Health Officials AB 361 Social Distance Recommendation.
2. Ventura County Health Officer recommendation regarding Social Distancing and Continued Remote Meetings of Legislative Bodies.



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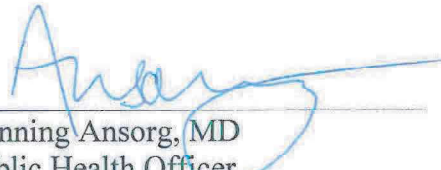
HEALTH OFFICIALS AB 361 SOCIAL DISTANCE RECOMMENDATION

Issued: September 28, 2021


COVID-19 disease prevention measures, endorsed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, include vaccinations, facial coverings, increased indoor ventilation, handwashing, and physical distancing (particularly indoors).

Since March 2020, local legislative bodies-such as commissions, committees, boards, and councils- have successfully held public meetings with teleconferencing as authorized by Executive Orders issued by the Governor. Using technology to allow for virtual participation in public meetings is a social distancing measure that may help control transmission of the SARS-CoV-2 virus. Public meetings bring together many individuals (both vaccinated and potentially unvaccinated), from multiple households, in a single indoor space for an extended time. For those at increased risk for infection, or subject to an isolation or quarantine order, teleconferencing allows for full participation in public meetings, while protecting themselves and others from the COVID-19 virus.

Utilizing teleconferencing options for public meetings is an effective and recommended social distancing measure to facilitate participation in public affairs and encourage participants to protect themselves and others from the COVID-19 disease. This recommendation is further intended to satisfy the requirement of the Brown Act (specifically Gov't Code Section 54953(e)(1)(A)), which allows local legislative bodies in the County of Santa Barbara to use certain available teleconferencing options set forth in the Brown Act.



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To: Board of Supervisors
County Executive Office
Clerk of the Board

From: Dr. Robert Levin, Ventura County Health Officer

Date: September 21, 2021

Re: Recommendation regarding Social Distancing and Continued Remote Meetings of
Legislative Bodies

I strongly recommend that physical/social distancing measures continue to be practiced throughout our Ventura County communities to minimize the spread of COVID-19, including at meetings of the Board of Supervisors and meetings of other legislative bodies of the County of Ventura.

California Department of Public Health ("CDPH") and the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ("CDC") caution that the Delta variant of COVID-19, currently the dominant strain of COVID-19 in the country, is more transmissible than prior variants of the virus, may cause more severe illness, and that even fully vaccinated individuals can spread the virus to others resulting in rapid and alarming rates of COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/variants/delta-variant.html>). Additionally, the CDC has established a "Community Transmission" metric with 4 tiers designed to reflect a community's COVID-19 case rate and percent positivity. Ventura County currently has a Community Transmission metric of "high" which is the most serious of the tiers.

Whether vaccinated or not, positive individuals are contracting the Delta variant and infecting others in our communities. Social distancing and masking are crucial mitigation measure to prevent the disease's spread. Remote meetings of legislative bodies of the County, including but not limited to the Board of Supervisors, are a recommended form of social distancing that allows for the participation of the community, staff, presenters, and legislative body members in a safe environment, with no risk of contagion. It is recommended that legislative bodies of the County continue to implement 100% remote meetings.

If you have any questions regarding this recommendation, please do not hesitate to contact me.



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STAFF REPORT

Meeting Date: December 10, 2021
Agenda Item: 1C

To: BEACON Executive Committee Members
From: Executive Director

Date: December 10, 2021

Subject: Approval of Agenda and Filing of Certificate of Agenda Posting

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS:

Approve and File.



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STAFF REPORT

Meeting Date: December 10, 2021
Agenda Item: 1D

To: BEACON Executive Committee Members
From: Executive Director

Date: December 10, 2021

Subject: Consideration and Approval of Minutes of the BEACON
Executive Committee Meeting held on April 23, 2021

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS:

Approve and File.

BEACON EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Special Meeting held Friday, April 23, 2021

TIME: 9:00 AM

PLACE: TELECONFERENCE

Item	1A	Call to Order, Roll Call and Introductions
Minutes/ Actions:	Executive Committee Members Present: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Gregg Hart (County of Santa Barbara)• Carmen Ramirez (County of Ventura)• Kyle Richards (City of Goleta)• Eric Friedman (City of Santa Barbara)• Vianey Lopez (City of Oxnard)	

Item	1B	Approval of Agenda and Filing of Certificate of Agenda Posting Action: Approve and file
Minutes/ Actions:	Approved.	

Item	2	Public Comment and Other Matters not on the Agenda a. Receive public comments.
Minutes/ Actions:	No comments were received.	

Item	3	Closed Session. Executive Director Performance Evaluation. (Gov. Code § 54957(b)(1).)
Minutes/ Actions:	The Board recessed to Closed Session. Upon returning from Closed Session there were no reportable actions.	

The meeting was adjourned.

Meeting Minutes by Marc Beyeler, Executive Director, BEACON.



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Meeting Date: December 10, 2021
Agenda Item: 2

To: BEACON Executive Committee Members
From: Executive Director

Date: December 10, 2021

Subject: Public Comment and Other Matters not on the Agenda

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS:

Receive Public Comments.



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STAFF REPORT

Meeting Date: December 10, 2021
Agenda Item: 3

To: BEACON Executive Committee Members
From: Executive Director

Date: December 10, 2021

Subject: Organization and Program Performance Evaluation

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS:

- i. Receive and File Staff Report on Organization and Program Performance.
- ii. Direct Executive Staff to prepare a Staff Report for the BEACON Board of Directors outlining a proposal for completing the Organizational and Program Performance Evaluation.

DISCUSSION:

The Executive Committee was established by the Board in February 2021. The Executive Committee is charged with a select list of responsibilities, including Evaluation of the Performance of the Executive Director and “An annual evaluation of BEACON'S goals, structure, and performance, *directed toward continually improving the planning, coordination, and implementation process* (emphasis added)” (BEACON Bylaws Art. VI, § 1.C).”

There are several important reasons why BEACON Executive Committee and Board Members support organizational and program evaluation including: Evaluation will help BEACON manage limited resources; Evaluation will improve decision-making; Evaluation will help BEACON improve program implementation and effectiveness; and Evaluation will provide information about agency and program expenditures, including importantly program accomplishments.

This Staff Report proposes several steps for completing an “evaluation of BEACON’s goals, structure, and performance” for the BEACON Executive Committee to review. Staff understand the required evaluation to focus on a “formative” approach, where a formative evaluation focuses



on program improvement. The primary purpose of a formative evaluation is to provide timely and constructive information for decision-making.¹

This is the first year of several major changes and adjustments to BEACON's Bylaws, its Financial Statements and Delegations, and program operations to be able to evaluate program successes from these changes and program initiatives. This Staff Report recommends important steps for completing the required evaluation, including: (1) BEACON Executive Staff is recommending to the Executive Committee that BEACON adopt a bi-annual two-year evaluation period, and (2) that the Executive Committee recommend to the BEACON Board that BEACON fund and hire a consultant to develop and complete an evaluation work plan and an initial evaluation, including both qualitative and quantitative numeric, financial, and programmatic metrics, and suggested recommendations for program improvement.

The BEACON Board has approved several significant changes to BEACON's goals and objectives, structure, and program operations and procedure in the past year that are intended to improve BEACON's program and organizational effectiveness, including (1) changes to BEACON's Bylaws and adoption of the first BEACON Strategic Planning Goals and Objectives; (2) changes to the BEACON organizational structure with approval of an Executive Committee and a Science Advisory Committee (SAC); and (3) improvements to BEACON financial planning and budgeting.

BEACON Executive Staff have partnered with the Board to introduce several new financial planning and administrative tools in order to improve BEACON's financial performance. During 2021, the Board adopted two important new financial features, including the initial annual Budget Resolution and a revised Budget and Accounting ledger that separated capital and operating revenues and expenses.

In 2021, the BEACON Board adopted the recommendation of the Executive Staff and the staff of the Ventura County Auditor-Controller's Office to create separate Operations and Capital and Grants budgets within the overall BEACON Budget. This change will make it easier to chart changes in operational revenues and expenses and to understand the impact of capital projects and grants on personnel, financial, and cash flow resources. In addition, the Adopted BEACON Strategic Plan Goals and Objectives document includes a two-year implementation schedule for 2021-22 that will be important in evaluating early implementation actions and achievements.

All of these changes and improvements would be the subject of the proposed professional evaluation.

¹ Formative Evaluation involves gathering information with a focus on finding out whether your efforts are unfolding as planned, uncovering any obstacles, barriers or unexpected opportunities that may have emerged, and identifying mid-course adjustments and corrections which can help insure the program's success. (Scriven, 1967)