

BEACON BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Friday, September 17, 2021

TIME: 9:00 AM

PLACE: TELECONFERENCE

Item	1	Call to Order, Roll Call, and Introductions – Chair, Gregg Hart.
Minutes/ Actions:		Directors Present: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gregg Hart (County of Santa Barbara) • Das Williams (County of Santa Barbara) • Carmen Ramirez (County of Ventura) • Kyle Richards (City of Goleta) • Vianey Lopez (City of Oxnard) • Al Clark (City of Carpinteria) • Steven Gama, (City of Port Hueneme)
Item	1B	Approval of Agenda and Filing of Certificate of Agenda Posting Action: Approve and file.
Minutes/ Actions:		The agenda was unanimously approved by the Board. Moved by Richards / Second by Ramirez.
Item	1C	Consideration and Approval of Minutes of the BEACON Meeting held on May 21, 2021. Action: Approve and file.
Minutes/ Actions:		The Board approved unanimously the Recommended Action. Moved by Ramirez / Second by Lopez.

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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 Goleta 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 6th presentation by a member agency regarding SLR adaptation planning.</p> <p>The City of Goleta’s Advanced Planning Manager, Anne Wells, presented the City’s “Coastal Hazards Vulnerability and Fiscal Impact Report”. The presentation will be added to the BEACON website.</p> <p>Board Members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Director Richards thanked Anne Wells and indicated that City can collaborate with BEACON especially for grants at Ellwood Mesa. • Director Ramirez indicated that she felt the presentation was excellent and would be easily understood by lay-persons. Director Ramirez asked if the presentation had been made to the public yet. Anne Wells responded that it had been presented to the public a number of times. • Director Ramirez added that real-estate disclosures are tricky with regards to SLR information. • Director Williams asked if the City had issues with the Coastal Commission because of limited coastline within the City? Anne Wells responded that so far there has been limited conversations with Coastal Staff but that she expects this interface to intensify within a year or so. <p>Members of the Public:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Krista Pleiser of Santa Barbara Relators indicated that the realtor associations are pursuing a Statewide SLR clause advising property buyers to research all local and State provisions and studies related to SLR. <p>BOARD ACTION: The Board received the report.</p>	

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Item	4	<p>BEACON Projects - Hueneme Beach Nourishment Project</p> <p>Recommended Actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Receive and file a Staff Report on Hueneme Beach Nourishment. ii. Approve and authorize the Chair to sign letter to Congressman Brownly requesting full funding for bi-annual nourishment of 2.4 million cubic yards of sediment from the Channel Islands Harbor Sand Trap to Hueneme Beach
Minutes/ Actions:		<p>Ex Director Beyeler explained that this item provides a brief report on the beach nourishment effort at Hueneme Beach and requests the Board to consider a letter to Congressman Brownley requesting full funding for the bi-annual nourishment of Hueneme Beach with 2.4 M CY of sediment from Channel Islands Harbor Sand Trap.</p> <p>Mr. Beyeler continued that BEACON has been assisting the City of Port Hueneme for many years to ensure the maximum amount of federal funding for the dredging and bi-pass operations at Channel Island Harbor. BEACON has assisted the City in coordinating with the Navy, USACOE and the County of Ventura. The minimum amount of sediment that should be dredged and bi-passed to Hueneme Beach is 2.4 M CY in order to retain the beach width. In recent past the quantity has not been met. The benefits of the full 2.4 M CY which will also benefit beaches downs coast of Hueneme Beach. The letter to Congressman Brownley acknowledges the past role that she has played and explains that BEACON can assist to get broad political support from Federal agencies.</p> <p>Board Members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Director Gama indicated that he has a book entitled “Port Hueneme A History”. The first dredge of Channel Islands Harbor occurred in 1953 and the Sand Trap in 1963. An aerial photo taken in 1935 shows a river of sand along the coast. Point Mugu is the most impacted since it sits at the end of the river of sand. This river of sand still exists except we have to figure how to open up the sand faucet at the upstream end. <p>Members of Public:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Charles Caspary indicated he was appreciative of the efforts of BEACON to secure funds for the dredging of Channel Islands Harbor. • Christine Birdsey, CEO of the Port of Port Hueneme, indicated that she was happy this item was on the BEACON Agenda. She stated that 30 K CY of sediment was also contributed to Hueneme Beach as the result of the Channel Islands Harbor deepening project. Christine indicated that the Harbor is fully supportive of the letter to Congressman Brownley. <p>BOARD ACTION: The Board unanimously approved the Recommended Actions. Moved by Ramirez / Second by Gama.</p>

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Item	5A	BEACON Organization and Program - Board Members Reports.
Minutes/ Actions:		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Director Ramirez indicated that Ventura, Camarillo and Santa Barbara all received awards at the recent American Planning Association Award Ceremony.• Director Gama indicated that he met with BEACON's community outreach consultant, Stacey miller for over an hour to discuss BEACON's needs. Director Gama indicated that Stacey had a good understanding of the issues.• Director Hart added that Stacey Miller will be interviewing all Board members.• Director Williams indicated that the new energy initiative has launched creating a lesser rate structure than SCE with a goal of 65% renewable energy in Santa Barbara County by 2025.• Chair Hart indicated that the County of Santa Barbara went before the Coastal Commission last week for consideration of a Local Coastal Plan Amendment. However, the application was withdrawn because of remaining unresolved issues.

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Item	5C	<p>BEACON Organization and Program - Budget Actions and Financial Reports</p> <p>Recommended Actions:</p> <p>i. Authorize the Auditor-Controller's Office to make budgetary adjustments as follows: (requires 6/10th vote)</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">INCREASE 5665-2183 \$20,000</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">DECREASE 5665-2159 \$20,000</p> <p>ii. Authorize the Auditor-Controller's Office to make budgetary adjustments as follows: (requires 6/10th vote)</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">DECREASE 5665-9252 \$323,934</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">DECREASE 5665-2183 \$303,976</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">DECREASE 5665-2199 \$19,958</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">INCREASE 5668-9252 \$323,934</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">INCREASE 5668-2183 \$303,976</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">INCREASE 5668-2199 \$19,958</p> <p>iii. Authorize the Auditor-Controller's Office to make budgetary adjustments as follows: (requires 6/10th vote)</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">INCREASE 5668-9252 \$761,058</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">INCREASE 5668-2183 \$761,058</p>
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>Item i: Increases Technical Services by \$20,000 to accommodate for the contract with CSUCI executed on 5/21/2021 and the associated decrease Miscellaneous Expense by \$20,000.</p> <p>Item ii: To provide the necessary structure and oversight the Auditor-Controller's Office is implementing the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creation of a new accounting division for BEACON #5668 – BEACON Grants. • Division 5665 will be renamed BEACON Operations. These adjustments will move the budget approved on June 15, 2021, related to grant activity from the Operations Division to the new Grants division. <p>Item iii: In order to increase efficiencies in managing the grant activity the Auditor-Controller's Office is recommending the remaining project life revenue and expenditures of the Surfer's Point, Debris Basin, and RSM/SLR Adaptation grants be budgeted in FY22. Passing a budget resolution prior to the end of the fiscal year would permit any remaining budget balance to roll forward to the subsequent fiscal year. This will allow project length vendor contracts and provide clarity on the remaining budget available for each grant.</p> <p>BOARD ACTION: The Board unanimously approved the Budget Actions and Financial Reports Recommended Actions.</p> <p>Moved by Gama / Second by Ramirez.</p>

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Item	5D	<p>BEACON Organization and Program - Review and Approve BEACON Contracts and Agreements</p> <p>Recommended Actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Approve, ratify, and authorize the Chair to execute an Amendment No. 1 to the FY 20-21 Agreement with the County of Santa Barbara for legal services to increase funding in the amount of \$5,360 for performance during the final quarter of FY 20-21 for a total amount of \$17,360 (Attachment 1). ii. Approve, ratify, and authorize the Chair to execute Amendment No. 1 to the Agreement with the City of Ventura to develop the Surfers Point Project to extend the Agreement to April 30, 2022 (Attachment 2). iii. Approve and authorize the Executive Director to execute Amendment No. 1 to the Agreement, substantially similar to that attached, with University of California Santa Barbara to continue providing ecological assessment analysis for an additional six-month period with a revised end date of June 30, 2023, without an increase in the funding amount not to exceed \$75,000 upon review and approval of legal counsel (Attachment 3).
Minutes/ Actions:		<p>Mr. Beyeler indicated that BEACON is getting better at forecasting, managing, and budgeting more activities.</p> <p>This item brings before the Board three contract items. The first is for an additional \$5,360 in budget to cover additional legal services occurring in FY20-21. The amendment is for the FY20-21 Agreement and does not affect the FY21-22 Agreement. The second item is an amendment to extend the termination date for the existing Cooperative Agreement with the City of Ventura for the Surfer's Point Project OPC Grant. The third item is also an amendment to extend the termination date for the Agreement with UCSB for work on the OPC Grant for Coastal Resilience Sediment Pilot Program.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Director Richards asked if the amendment to the Legal Services agreement was for FY20-21 or FY21-22? Legal Counsel Susan McKenzie responded that it was for FY20-21. • Director Richards pointed out a typo on the first line of the amendment to the UCSB agreement, it states "1019" when it should say "2019". <p>BOARD ACTION: The Board unanimously approved the Recommended Actions. Moved by Richards / Second by Gama.</p>

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Item	6	Executive Director's Report and Communications
Minutes/ Actions:		<p>Executive Director Beyeler indicated that in response to Director Ramirez' question of in-person versus virtual future BEACON Board Meetings, this discussion was not on the agenda but direction from the Board can be received and Staff will also be taking into account any new direction from the Governor of California.</p> <p>Executive Director Beyeler indicated that of the eight member agencies in BEACON, we have now received SLR Adaptation reports from six of them. The City of Ventura and City of Port Hueneme still remain. BEACON Staff will identify ways that BEACON can contribute at a regional level to support member agencies in their SLR Adaptation efforts, beyond just letter writing.</p> <p>At the November Board Meeting, we will bring more project updates as well as a report from the Science Advisory Committee (SAC) on the previous year's activity.</p> <p>BEACON Staff are still striving to update/resurrect the South-Central Coast Beach Enhancement Program (SCCBEP) and staff is looking at how regional sediment management can be implemented.</p> <p>The Executive Director indicated he attended the Hueneme Beach Festival the previous week. There was a good turn out with many friends of the Beach turning up to show support.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Director Ramirez expressed her concern regarding the homelessness issues which is connected to some of our beach related issues.

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

Meeting Minutes by Gerald Comati, Program Manager, BEACON.