

## BEACON BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING MINUTES

**DATE:** Friday, March 18, 2022

**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>Carmen Ramirez (County of Ventura)</b></li> <li>• <b>Eric Friedman (City of Santa Barbara)</b></li> <li>• <b>Vianey Lopez (City of Oxnard)</b></li> <li>• <b>Al Clark (City of Carpinteria)</b></li> <li>• <b>Steven Gama (City of Port Hueneme)</b></li> </ul> <p><b>Directors Not Present:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <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>Joe Schroeder (City of Ventura)</b></li> </ul>
<b>Item</b>	<b>1B</b>	<p><b>Report on Circumstances of the COVID-19 State of Emergency</b></p> <p><b>Recommended Actions:</b></p> <p>i. Receive and file:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. An update that the State and County remain under a proclaimed state of emergency related to COVID-19; and</li> <li>b. The County of Santa Barbara Public Health Department recommendation issued February 16, 2022, and the Ventura County Health Officer recommendation issued September 21, 2021, regarding social distancing (Attachment)</li> </ol> <p>ii. Based on the findings above provide direction to staff to meet via teleconference for the next meeting.</p>
<b>Minutes/ Actions:</b>		<p>Legal Counsel, Susan McKenzie explained that we remain under local and State emergency and that Santa Barbara County and Ventura County Health Officials continue to recommend social distancing. The Board has discretion to continue meeting virtually.</p> <p>Board Members Comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Director Ramirez recommended continuing with virtual meetings.</li> </ul> <p>Public Comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None.</li> </ul> <p><b>The Board approved unanimously the Recommended Action. Moved by Ramirez / Second by Friedman.</b></p>
<b>Item</b>	<b>1C</b>	<b>Approval of Agenda and Filing of Certificate of Agenda Posting</b>
<b>Minutes/ Actions:</b>		<p><b>Action: Approve and file.</b></p> <p><b>The agenda was unanimously approved by the Board. Moved by Gama / Second by Friedman</b></p>

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<b>Item</b>	<b>1D</b>	<b>Consideration and Approval of Minutes of the BEACON Meeting held on November 19, 2021. Action: Approve and file.</b>
<b>Minutes/ Actions:</b>	<b>The Board approved unanimously the Recommended Action. Moved by Friedman / Second by Gama</b>	

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

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<b>Item</b>	<b>3</b>	<p><b>Presentations – Chumash Heritage National Martine Sanctuary</b></p> <p><b>A. Naval Base Ventura County</b></p> <p><b>Recommended Action:</b></p> <p><b>Receive a report on from Navy Base Ventura County on their on-going coastal and wetland restoration and climate and sea level rise adaptation efforts</b></p>
<b>Minutes/ Actions:</b>	<p>Executive Director, Marc Beyeler introduced Valeria Vartanian Natural Resources Manager for Naval Base Ventura.</p> <p>Valerie Vartanian made a PowerPoint presentation on the impacts of climate change on the Naval Base. The presentation will be posted to the BEACON Website.</p> <p>Board Members Comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Director Gama asked how much time does it take for sand from Port Hueneme Beach to migrate to the Naval Base? When PH Beach has a sand deficit then this has a ripple effect downcoast and on the Naval Base.</li> <li>• Valerie Vartanian responded that it appears to take 2 years for sand from PH Beach to migrate to the base, but it is very complicated and variable. The other issue is the reduction in amount of sediment coming from Ventura and Santa Clara Rivers that feed PH Beach. So, PH Beach automatically working in a deficit condition.</li> <li>• Director Gama indicated that BEACON has calculated a 30M CY sand deficit in the littoral cell. Mr. Gama also indicated that he did a tour of the base in 2019 and watch the revetement reconstruction operation.</li> <li>• Director Clark asked if Valerie was aware of a Harbor Seal colony near to Magu and who he could contact to determine the health of a seal rookery? The Carpinteria rookery is declining, and we need advice.</li> <li>• Valerie Vartanian responded that they have an active rookery with 200 seals and approx. 20 pups each year. She will provide contact info for some who can advise.</li> <li>• Director Ramirez indicated that the recently signed Federal Budget provided \$15M for dredging of harbors which could help the Channel Islands Dredging operation.</li> <li>• Chair Hart thanked Valerie Vartanian.</li> </ul> <p>Public Comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None.</li> </ul> <p><b>BOARD ACTION: Receive and File report.</b></p>	

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<b>Item</b>	<b>3</b>	<p><b>Presentations – Chumash Heritage National Martine Sanctuary</b></p> <p><b>B. Smart Coast California</b></p> <p><b>Recommended Action:</b></p> <p><b>Receive a presentation from Smart Coast California, a 501(c)(6) established in 2019 to promote property rights and smart land use policies affecting the California coast.</b></p>
<b>Minutes/ Actions:</b>		<p>Executive Director, Marc Beyeler introduced Krista Pleiser and Marta Brown, co-founders of Smart Coast California.</p> <p>Krista Pleiser and Marta Brown made a PowerPoint presentation regarding issues related to Sea Level Rise and the protection of coastal properties. The presentation will be posted to the BEACON Website.</p> <p>Board Members Comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Director Friedman asked what can local government do to remove the borders from local government?</li> <li>• Krista Pleiser responded that the Coastal Commission is one border, and another is funding. Also, though the League of Cities discussions can occur regarding implementation of soft protections like offshore reefs. Such protections would be cheaper than purchasing new property.</li> <li>• Director Friedman indicated that SB1078 provides a revolving loan that could be tapped into by coastal property owners. The downside is that the loan has to be paid back. There is the potential for a grant instead of a loan.</li> <li>• Director Friedman continued that there needs to be an overarching approach to property protection and/or compensation irrespective of if it was constructed prior to 1977 or later.</li> <li>• Director Gama reminded the Board that BEACON was at one time heavily involved in the Oil Piers Offshore Artificial Reef Project.</li> <li>• Director Clark indicated that he hoped offshore reefs could be considered. The City of Carpinteria is a small city that could be faced with a considerable managed retreat scenario without some form of soft or hard protection. However, we will need Federal involvement.</li> <li>• Krista Pleiser indicated that Smart Coast California is seeking Federal input from all over the Country. The Federal Government still uses very old regulations. For example, many regulations are based on East Coast sand grain size.</li> <li>• Chair Hart thanked Krista and Marta and indicated that this discussion will be continued.</li> </ul> <p>Public Comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None.</li> </ul> <p><b>BOARD ACTION: Receive and File report.</b></p>

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<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 Friedman reported that at the Local Governments Workshop with Coastal Commission AB2593 was discussed. The Bill requires any public project in the Coastal Zone to pay into a fee.</li> <li>• Director Gama recommended a mini-sand summit. He questioned whether the Channel Islands Dredging Project was going to run into Air Quality credit thresholds if additional funds were secured for the operation.</li> </ul>

<b>Item</b>	<b>5B</b>	<b>BEACON Organization and Program - Report on Executive Committee Bylaws</b> <b>Recommended Action:</b> <b>Review and approve the amended Executive Committee Bylaws (requires a 2/3 majority vote of the Board of Directors) to require performance and organizational review no more frequently than every other year (biennially) and to revise the Executive Committee meeting schedule to indicate two regular meetings per year while deleting the specific references to meetings in December and May (Exhibit 1).</b>
<b>Minutes/ Actions:</b>		<p>This item was continued to a future Board Meeting.</p> <p><b>BOARD ACTION: None.</b></p>

<b>Item</b>	<b>5C</b>	<b>BEACON Organization and Program - BEACON Budget Actions and Financial Reports</b> <b>Recommended Actions:</b> <b>i. Receive and file Recommended Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Budget (Exhibit I).</b> <b>ii. Receive and file proposed increase to Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Membership Dues (Exhibit II).</b>
<b>Minutes/ Actions:</b>		<p>Executive Director Bayeler explained that this item will present the recommended draft budget for FY22-23 and have the Board consider a modest increase in Membership Dues.</p> <p>The Executive Director indicated that the proposed draft budget was based on a 3-year projected budget which encompasses grant funding and expenditures. The proposed increase in Membership Dues is purely based on a cost-of-living increase and approval of this at the May Board Meeting will require 10 votes. Mr. Beyeler indicated that there are three main drivers to the budget:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Do not spend more than we raise each.</li> <li>• We have reserves for match grant funds.</li> <li>• We understand that Member Agencies have their own budget challenges.</li> </ul> <p>Board Members Comments and Responses:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chair Hart thanked Mr. Beyeler and emphasized that we need full attendance at the May Board Meeting for consideration of the Membership Dues increase.</li> </ul> <p>Public Comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None.</li> </ul> <p><b>BOARD ACTION: Receive and File report.</b></p>

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Item	6	Executive Director's Report and Communications
<b>Minutes/ Actions:</b>		<p>Executive Director Beyeler reported on the following items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The Executive Director and Chair Hart (as available) are attempting to schedule BEACON presentations to all Member Agencies between now and the beginning of the Fiscal Year. Assistance in getting on Council and Board Agenda's may be required from Member Agency Directors.</li><li>• BEACON staff are encouraging Board Members and Alternates to complete the Form 700 for calendar year 2021. The dues date is April 1, 2022. Staff is also working with Members Agency Clerk's Office to determine the term of Director assignments.</li><li>• Staff are working with Member Agencies to identify potential projects to apply for the relatively large amount of State funding available for coastal projects.</li><li>• At the May or July Board Meeting Staff we bring back to the Board a summary of SLR adaptation presentations and identify regional elements towards which BEACON can contribute.</li><li>• As discussed earlier in the agenda, at the May Board Meeting, Staff will present the Budget for FY 22-23 and request approval for a cost-of-living increase in the annual Membership Dues.</li></ul> <p>Board Members Comments and Responses:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• None.</li></ul>

**Adjourn to next regular meeting May 20, 2022, at 9:00 AM by Teleconference or Video Conference.  
Meeting Minutes by Gerald Comati, Program Manager, BEACON.**