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NOTICE

SPECIAL MEETING

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

November 7, 2022

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: Monday, November 7, 2022

TIME: 8:00 AM

PLACE: TELECONFERENCE (see details below)

The agenda of business to be conducted is below.

Gregg Hart, Chairperson BEACON

Date: Monday, November 7, 2022

In September 2021, the California State Legislature 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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Meeting ID: 856 8875 6755

Passcode: 352065



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- 3. If you wish to make a general public comment or to comment on a specific agenda, the following methods are available:
 - a. Distribution to the Board. Submit comments via email to Staff@Beacon.ca.gov prior to 5:00 p.m. on Friday, November 4, 2022, or through mail to BEACON at 501 Poli Street, Ventura, Ca 93001 to be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday, November 4, 2022. 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 Friday, November 4, 2022, 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.
 - c. By Zoom. Log onto Zoom as described above. The meeting will be controlled by the BEACON Chair, Mr. Gregg Hart. If you wish to make a comment during the meeting, please raise your hand using the Zoom instructions on your computer. By using the typed messaging capability of Zoom you should also indicate to the Chair which Agenda Item you wish to speak on or if you wish to make a general comment that is not specific to an Agenda Item. BEACON Staff will make every effort to call you during the indicated item so that you may comment.

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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
 - a. Receive and file:
 - i. An update that the State and County remain under a proclaimed state of emergency related to COVID-19; and
 - ii. The Santa Barbara County Public Health Department recommendation issued February 16, 2022, (Attachment 1) and the Ventura County Health Officer recommendation issued November 15, 2021 (Attachment 2), regarding social distancing.



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- b. Based on the findings above 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 20, 2022.
- 2. Public Comment and Other Matters not on the Agenda
- 3. Discussion of BEACON Executive Committee Representation, Term, and Officers Recommended Action:

Receive a report from Chair regarding Executive Committee Membership

4. Discussion of BEACON Program Evaluation Recommended Action:

Receive and File Report from Beacon Executive Director on status of Program Evaluation.

- 5. Cancellation of December 2022 Executive Committee Meeting
- 6. Adjourn

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STAFF REPORT

Meeting Date: November 7, 2022

Agenda Item: 1B

To: BEACON Executive Committee Members

From: Executive Director Date: November 2, 2022

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

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS:

- 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 County of Santa Barbara Public Health Department recommendation issued September 1, 2022 (Attachment 1), and the Ventura County Health Officer recommendation issued November 15, 2021 (Attachment 2), regarding social distancing.
- ii. Based on the above findings proceed with this meeting and direct staff to continue to notice and hold hearings as remote hearings consistent with Government Code § 54953(e)(3).

DISCUSSION:

In September 2021, the California State Legislature 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 on February 18, 2022 was extended beyond March 1, 2022. On March 4, 2020, Governor Newsom declared a state of emergency for conditions caused by COVID-19 which has been extended beyond 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

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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. As of September 1, 2022, the Santa Barbara County Public Health Officials continue to recommend 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 October 27, Santa Barbara County is categorized as having a "low" level of community transmission by the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's four-tiered system. As of October 26, 2022, the Santa Barbara County Public Health Department reports a case rate of 4.4 per 100,000 and a 3.0% 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.

As of November 15, 2021, the Ventura County Public Health Officer continues to 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." (Attachment 2). As of October 27, 2022, Ventura County is categorized as having a "low" level of community transmission by the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's four-tiered system. As of October 27, 2022, the Ventura County Public reports a case rate of 5.4 per 100,000 and a 4.1% 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.



Public Health Administration

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September 1, 2022

HEALTH OFFICIALS AB 361 SOCIAL DISTANCE RECOMMENDATION

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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A Department of Ventura County Health Care Agency

Robert Levin, MD Health Officer/Medical Director

To:

Board of Supervisors County Executive Office Clerk of the Board

From: Dr. Robert Levin, Ventura County Health Officer

Date: November 15, 2021

Re:

Recommendation regarding Social Distancing and Continued Remote Meetings of

Legislative Bodies

I continue to recommend that physical/social distancing measures 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 in the County of Ventura.

The California Department of Public Health ("CDPH") and the 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 rapid and alarming rates of COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations (https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/variants/delta-variant.html). While the Delta variant is the currently circulating variant, the Delta-2 variant, its likely successor, is 10 to 15% more transmissible. Current case and hospitalization rates have remained stubbornly higher than they were in the days leading up to the most recent surge. In some counties in our state, these rates are starting to climb again. We are facing the winter holidays and the opportunities these holidays present to promote transmission of COVID-19 infection. The winter season and its associated cold weather drives people indoors and provides another opportunity to spread the highly transmissible COVID-19 virus. Associated with these events last year our county experienced a surge in COVID-19 cases.

Whether vaccinated or not, positive individuals are contracting the Delta variant and infecting others in our communities. Social distancing and masking are crucial mitigation measures to prevent the disease's spread. Remote meetings of legislative bodies in 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, county staff, presenters, and legislative body members in a safe environment, with no risk of contagion. It is recommended that legislative bodies in the County continue to implement 100% remote meetings. Just as it is likely that the current County order requiring the use of face coverings indoors will be in place beyond the first of the year,

you have any quest	ions regarding th	is recommenda	tion, please do n	ot hesitate to co	ntact me.
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STAFF REPORT

Meeting Date: November 7, 2022

Agenda Item: 1C

To: BEACON Executive Committee Members

From: Executive Director Date: November 2, 2022

Subject: Approval of Agenda and Filing of Certificate of Agenda

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RECOMMENDED ACTIONS:

Approve and File.



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STAFF REPORT

Meeting Date: November 7, 2022

Agenda Item: 1D

To: BEACON Executive Committee Members

From: Executive Director Date: November 2, 2022

Subject: Consideration and Approval of Minutes of the BEACON

Executive Committee Meeting held on April 20, 2022

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS:

Approve and File.

BEACON EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Special Meeting held Wednesday, April 20, 2022

TIME: 12:30 PM

PLACE: TELECONFERENCE

Item	1A Call to Order, Roll Call and Introductions
	Executive Committee Members Present:
Minutes/ Actions:	Gregg Hart (County of Santa Barbara)
	Carmen Ramirez (County of Ventura)
	Kyle Richards (City of Goleta)
	Vianey Lopez (City of Oxnard)
	Not Present:
	Eric Friedman (City of Santa Barbara)

Item	Report on Circumstances of the COVID-19 State of Emergency Recommended Actions: a. Receive and file: i. An update that the State and County remain under a proclaimed state of emergency related to COVID-19; and	
	ii. 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. b. Provide direction to staff about the location of the next meeting.	
Minutes/ Actions:	b. Provide direction to staff about the location of the next meeting. Legal Counsel, Susan McKenzie explained that the Brown Act allows teleconferencing, but certain requirements are needed. The CDC currently has Santa Barbara and Ventura Counties categorized as high risk and the two counties still have a local emergency in place. Board Discussion: Chair Hart recommended continued Ex Committee virtual meetings. Public Comment: None. The Board approved unanimously the Recommended Action. Moved by Member Ramirez/ Second by Member Richards.	

Item	Approval of Agenda and Filing of Certificate of Agenda Posting Action: Approve and file			
Board Discussion:				
	None.			
Minutes/ Actions:	Public Comment: None.			
	The Board approved unanimously the Recommended Action.			
	Moved by Member Ramirez/ Second by Member Lopez.			

BEACON EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Special Meeting held Wednesday, April 20, 2022

TIME: 12:30 PM

PLACE: TELECONFERENCE

Item	Consideration and Approval of Minutes of the BEACON Executive Committee Meeting held on December 10, 2021. Action: Approve and file.		
	Board Discussion:		
	No Discussion.		
Minutes/ Actions:			
	The Board approved unanimously the Recommended Action. Moved by Member Ramirez/ Second by Member Lopez.		

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 Recommended Action: Executive Director Performance Evaluation. (Gov. Code § 54957(b)(1).)
Minutes/ Actions:	The Board recessed to Closed Session. The Board returned from Closed Session and took no reportable actions.	

Item	4 Cancellation of May 2022 Executive Committee Meeting
Minutes/ Actions:	Board Discussion: • No discussion Public Comment: • None received.
	BOARD ACTION: The Board unanimously approved the Recommended Action. Moved by Member Richards/ Second by Member Lopez

The meeting was adjourned.

Meeting Minutes by Gerald Comati, Program Manager, and Marc Beyeler, Executive Director.



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STAFF REPORT

Meeting Date: November 7, 2022

Agenda Item: 2

To: BEACON Executive Committee Members

From: Executive Director Date: November 2, 2022

Subject: Public Comment and Other Matters not on the Agenda

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS:

Receive Public Comments.



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STAFF REPORT

Meeting Date: November 7, 2022

Agenda Item: 3

To: BEACON Executive Committee Members

From: Executive Director Date: November 2, 2022

Subject: Discussion of BEACON Executive Committee Membership

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Receive a report from the Chair regrading Executive Committee membership.



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STAFF REPORT

Meeting Date: November 7, 2022 Agenda Item: 4

To: BEACON Executive Committee Members

From: Executive Director Date: November 7, 2022

Subject: Discussion of BEACON Program Evaluation

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS:

Receive and File report from the Executive Director on status of Program 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 an "evaluation of BEACON'S goals, structure, and performance, directed toward continually improving the planning, coordination, and implementation process (emphasis added)."

In the current year budget (FY 22-23) on the recommendation of the Executive Director and the Executive Committee, the BEACON Board approved \$25,000 to develop an evaluation template and assist the Executive Staff in a review of program performance. Staff is completing the development of final consultant scope of work. At beginning of the new year, BEACON will be soliciting for the consultant and throughout 2023 BEACON staff will be working closely with the consultant to complete the initial performance review of BEACON's program. The results of this analysis will be presented to the Executive Committee and the BEACON Board of Directors.

As described previously to the Executive Committee and BEACON Board of Directors, staff is proposing 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. 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)

The BEACON Board has approved several significant changes to BEACON's goals and objectives, structure, and program operations and procedure in the past two years that are intended to improve BEACON's program and organizational effectiveness, including (1) changes to BEACON's Bylaws and adoption of the first



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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 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 through 2023.

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