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## MEETING NOTICE

### BEACON EROSION AUTHORITY FOR CLEAN OCEANS AND NOURISHMENT (BEACON) EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE APRIL 7, 2025

**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, APRIL 7, 2025**

**TIME: 2:00 PM**

**PLACE: IN-PERSON AND TELECONFERENCE (see details below)**

The agenda of business to be conducted is below.

Eric Friedman, Chairperson BEACON

Members of the public may participate in-person for this meeting at the following locations:

**County of Ventura  
Government Center  
800 S. Victoria Ave., 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Point Mugu Room  
Ventura, CA 93009**

**City of Santa Barbara  
City Council offices  
Santa Barbara City Hall, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
735 Anacapa Street,  
Santa Barbara, CA 93101**

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1. You may observe the live meeting of the Board of Directors Executive Committee via Zoom Meeting:
2. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82745340349?pwd=5xqDtiFe2u3DVmsTRUNVuJCmXCzQR1.1>  
Meeting ID: 827 4534 0349  
Passcode: 859737



3. You may call in to listen live to the Board of Directors Executive Committee meeting by dialing 1669-900-6833 and then entering the following when prompted:  
Meeting ID: [827 4534 0349](tel:82745340349) and Passcode: [859737](tel:859737).
4. 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](mailto:Staff@Beacon.ca.gov) prior to 5:00 p.m. on Friday, April 4, 2025, or through mail to BEACON at 501 Poli Street, Ventura, CA 93001 to be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday, April 4, 2025. 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](mailto:staff@beacon.ca.gov) prior to 5:00 pm on Friday, April 4, 2025. 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 your comments “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 appropriately.
  - c. **By Zoom.** Log into Zoom as described above. The meeting will be controlled by the Beacon Chair. 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.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, individuals needing special accommodations to participate in the meeting should contact BEACON at least three working days prior to the meeting.

## MEETING AGENDA

### 1. Administrative Items

#### A. Call to Order, Roll Call and Introductions—Chair

*Items 1B and 1C listed under Administrative Items constitute a consent agenda and will be acted upon by a single roll call vote of the Board. Matters listed as an Administrative Item will be read only on the request of a member of the Board or the public, in which event the matter shall be removed from the Administrative Agenda and considered as a separate item.*



- B. Approval of Agenda and Filing of Certificate of Agenda Posting.
- C. Consideration and Approval of Minutes of the BEACON Executive Committee Meeting held on November 4, 2024. (Exhibit 1).

**2. Public Comment and Other Matters not on the Agenda**

**3. Closed Session**

Executive Director Performance Evaluation. (Gov. Code § 54957(b)(1).)

Labor Negotiations (Gov. Code § 54957.6(a).)

Employee: Executive Director.

Agency Designated Representatives: Chair Friedman and Counsel McKenzie.

**4. Adjourn**

**Late Distribution of Materials**

Any disclosable public records related to an open session item on a regular meeting agenda and distributed by BEACON to all or a majority of the members of the BEACON Executive Committee less than 72 hours prior to that meeting will be made available for inspection at County of Ventura Government Center, 800 S. Victoria Ave., 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Point Mugu Room, Ventura, CA 93009 during the scheduled meeting and on the Internet at: [BEACON.CA.GOV](http://BEACON.CA.GOV).

Any written ex-parte communication subject to disclosure by members of the BEACON Executive Committee may be published online as an attachment to the corresponding item.

**ITEM 1C – Approval of Minutes**

**EXHIBIT 1**

**Minutes from November 4, 2024, Executive Committee Meeting**

# BEACON SPECIAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

**DATE:** Meeting held Friday, November 4, 2024

**TIME:** 3:00 PM

**PLACE:** In-Person County of Ventura Government Center and City of Santa Barbara City Council Offices and Teleconference

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<b>Item</b>	1A	Call to Order, Roll Call and Introductions
<b>Minutes/ Actions:</b>		<p><b>Executive Committee Members Present:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Laura Capps (County of Santa Barbara)</li> <li>• Eric Friedman (City of Santa Barbara)</li> <li>• Vianey Lopez (County of Ventura)</li> <li>• Steven Gama (City of Port Hueneme)</li> </ul> <p><b>Not Present:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kyle Richards (City of Goleta)</li> </ul>

<b>Item</b>	1B	<b>Approval of Agenda and Filing of Certificate of Agenda Posting</b> <b>Action: Approve and file</b>
<b>Minutes/ Actions:</b>		<p><b>Board Discussion:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None.</li> </ul> <p><b>Public Comment:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None.</li> </ul> <p><b>The Executive Committee approved unanimously the Recommended Action. Moved by Member Friedman/ Second by Member Capps.</b></p>

<b>Item</b>	1C	<b>Consideration and Approval of Minutes of the BEACON Executive Committee Meeting held on February 23, 2024</b> <b>Action: Approve and file.</b>
<b>Minutes/ Actions:</b>		<p><b>Board Discussion:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No Discussion.</li> </ul> <p><b>Public Comment:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None.</li> </ul> <p><b>The Executive Committee approved unanimously the Recommended Action. Moved by Member Friedman/ Second by Member Capps.</b></p>

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

<b>Item</b>	3	<b>Executive Director Report BEACON Budget Review, Fiscal Year-2025-2026</b>
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**Minutes/  
Actions:**

The Executive Director Marc Beyeler explained that the Executive Committee meets twice a year. In Spring you get to evaluate the Executive Director. This meeting is focused on budget. In December 2023, the Board agreed to the establishment of an Ad Hoc Budget Subcommittee, consisting of four Board Members. Since its establishment, the Ad Hoc Subcommittee has met on four occasions and staff has presented a variety of information. Today, I want to present a budget review looking backwards to 2020, as well as looking forward three to five years, as we consider a FY25-26 budget.

Mr. Beyeler provided a FY25-26 budget presentation including options moving forward in Fiscal Year 25-26 that should be considered in the context of enhancing BEACON's value.

Mr. Beyeler explained that BEACON uses all of the member dues each year to cover our operational budget, which means paying for our professional services to do our work that we provide to others and to leverage other monies to do our projects. Without the operating budget there would be no ability to secure leveraged funds. So, there is a critical link to the BEACON operating function and our ability to deliver any projects through leveraged funding.

The Subcommittee reviewed the program goals and the budget goals. We reviewed the last few years of membership dues and its expenditures. We have had four very good years and have lived within the budget with only COL increases. We follow accounting principles as directed by Venture Auditor Controllers Office. We have been successful in finding grants and integrating science. We have put together an unparalleled science team in the form of the Science Advisory Committee. Our projects are in various stages, but our portfolio of projects is relatively small. We are successful because we partner to deliver projects. As an example, many years ago, BEACON was instrumental to secure preliminary engineering funding for the Surfers Point Project. As we all know, this project evolved and secured millions in Federal funds for construction phases. Over the last four years, Staff have successfully leveraged external funding of over \$1.5M for planning efforts, and over \$17M for capital construction. To continue this momentum, staff is recommending that the Board consider a range of operational budgeting and member dues scenarios for FY25-26.

Mr. Beyeler presented a summary table of BEACON operating expenses from 2021 through 2024. Mr. Beyeler explained that looking forward, we want to strengthen our professional services by one to two persons. Currently we have a professional services staff of 1.75 persons. Even if we added one to two persons, we would still be lean and nimble. So, what do we get with additional professional services? It allows us to increase extra external funding and further push to secure on the ground project delivery.

Mr. Beyeler next presented the membership dues history since FY19-20. Except for the 100% increase in dues for FY2021 in order to fund the Executive Director position, the dues have only increased by COL. The table presents four dues increase options for FY25-26. Option 1 is a COL increase of 3%, Option 2 is an increase of 15%, Option 3 is an increase of 30%, and Option 4 is an increase of 50%. The main destination for the additional funding is for a grants specialist/administrative person on a part time basis and to secure technical support. for GIS as an example. Fund Balance is also important. In the past, we have been successful in maintaining a Fund Balance, which can be important for cost sharing when securing grants.

Mr. Bayeler asked the Board what questions or information they needed to be able to support one of the options.

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## **Member Comments:**

- Member Gama indicated that there are three players that are not part of BEACON, perhaps should be: The Navy, Port of Hueneme and Channel Islands Harbor. Maybe we should increase the BEACON membership - this might be an opportunity.
- Member Friedman indicated for the dues to pass we need 10 out of 10 vote and we did a 100% increase in 2020. Each board member needs to sell the proposed increase to our jurisdictional boards/council. To be successful in this task, we need to be able to explain the benefits of BEACON. Member Friedman expressed reservations of including a federal agency like the Navy on the BEACON Board. I also think we should consider securing ongoing focused funding for BEACON to combat SLR, but that is a different conversation. Mr. Friedman added that he was not sure that we can get a 50% increase in dues with a 10 of 10 vote.
- Chair Vianey asked what would growing membership look like? There are options – we discussed adding Guadalupe, representing the northern part of the jurisdiction. We also discussed expanding to add a third county. There is a lot to think about.
- Executive Director Beyeler thanked the Board and stated that he agreed a 10 out of 10 vote is a high bar, and certainly an expanded outreach to members boards can be implemented. In addition, Mr. Beyeler that whether BEACON grows its membership or grows its partnerships, works either way for staff.
- Member Friedman recommended that each BEACON member meet with their respective agency administrator to discuss the options so that a budget increase be placed into the upcoming budget.

## **Public Comment:**

- None.

**The meeting was adjourned.**

**Meeting Minutes by Gerald Comati, Program Manager.**