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MEETING NOTICE - AMENDED

BEACH EROSION AUTHORITY FOR CLEAN OCEANS AND NOURISHMENT (BEACON)
November 20, 2026

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

DATE: Friday, November 20, 2026
TIME: 9:00 AM
PLACE: IN-PERSON AND TELECONFERENCE (see details below)

The agenda of business to be conducted is below.

Eric Friedman, Chairperson

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

City of Carpinteria
Carpinteria City Hall
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5775 Carpinteria Ave
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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 Meeting held on September 18, 2026 (Exhibit 1).

2. Public Comment and Other Matters not on the Agenda

5C. BEACON Financial and Budget Actions

Recommended Actions:

i. Receive a Staff Report on the BEACON Budget and Dues for Fiscal Year 2027-28 setting forth alternative options for the BEACON budget and member dues;

ii. Adopt an increase to voting member assessments (membership dues) by up to 15% for Fiscal Year 2027-2028 to provide up to an additional $68,647 in revenue. (Exhibit I) **(Requires unanimous approval (10/10 vote)**; and

iii. Upon approval of member assessments, review and approve the Recommended Fiscal Year 2027-2028 Budget (Exhibit II

3. Presentations

Receive presentations from Santa Barbara County and Ventura County Emergency Preparedness officials, Stacy Silva, Interim Director, Santa Barbara County Office of Emergency Management and Patrick Maynard, Director of Emergency Services for Ventura County regarding preparations for the Winter El Nino season.

4. Projects

Kelp Project. Approve, authorize, and direct the Executive Director to file a Notice of Exemption with the State and County of Santa Barbara under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for the implementation of the Phase 2 Goleta Bay Kelp Project that it is exempt per CEQA Guideline 15306 because it is for information collection and will not result in serious or major disturbance to the environment.

5. BEACON Organization and Program

A. Board Member Reports

Directors are invited to provide reports and updates on items of interest in their County or City.

B. BEACON Board Meeting Schedule for 2027

Review and adopt 2027 Meeting Schedule

D. **BEACON Contracts and Agreements**

Recommended Actions:

None recommended

6. Executive Director's Report and Communications

The Executive Director will report on recent activities and achievements of BEACON, upcoming events of interest to the Board of Directors and the public, and general status of BEACON major projects, including the status of recent BEACON presentations on activities and accomplishments to our member agencies. There will be no Board discussion except to ask questions or refer matters to Staff; no action will be taken unless listed on a subsequent agenda.

January Meeting Agenda:

A. BEACON Board Membership

B. Appointment of Science Advisory Committee (SAC)
C. Project Updates

7. Adjourn

Late Distribution of Materials

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STAFF REPORT

Meeting Date: November 20, 2026
Agenda Item: 1B-C

To: **BEACON Executive Committee**
From: **Executive Director**
Date: **November 13, 2026**

Subject: **Administrative Items**

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS:

B. Approval of Agenda and Filing of Certificate of Agenda Posting.
C. Consideration and Approval of Minutes of the BEACON Meeting held on September 18, 2026 (Exhibit 1).

ITEM 1C

EXHIBIT 1

Minutes from September 18, 2026, BEACON Board Meeting

BEACON BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING MINUTES FOR

DATE: Friday, September 18, 2026
TIME: 9:00 AM
PLACE: IN-PERSON IN CARPINTERIA & TELECONFERENCE

Item	**1A**	**Call to Order, Roll Call, and Introductions – Chair, Eric Friedman**
Minutes/ Actions:	**Members Present:** • **Vianey Lopez (County of Ventura)** • **Matt LaVere (County of Ventura)** • **Laura Capps (County of Santa Barbara)** • **Roy Lee (County of Santa Barbara)** • **Eric Friedman (City of Santa Barbara)** • **James Kyriaco (City of Goleta)** • **Julie Mayer (City of Carpinteria)** • **Doug Halter (City of Ventura)** • **Michaela Perez, (City of Oxnard) - Alternate** • **Steven Gama (City of Port Hueneme)** **Members Not Present:** It was announced that Ms. Perez was sitting as the City of Oxnard's alternate in place of Member Teran. The Board welcomed Ms. Perez to her first BEACON meeting. Because all members were present in the room, no roll call vote was required for the actions taken at this meeting.	
Item	**1B - C**	**Approval of Administrative Items** **A. Approval of Agenda and Filing of Certificate of Agenda Posting.** **B. Consideration and Approval of Minutes of the BEACON Meeting held on July 17, 2026.**
Minutes/ Actions:	**Board Members Comments:** • None. **Public Comments:** • None. **Item 1B and 1C: Motion to approve as set forth in the agenda. Moved by LaVere/ Second by Halter. Unanimously approved.**	

Item	**2**	**Public Comment and Other Matters not on the Agenda** Receive public comments.
Minutes/ Actions:	**Board Members Comments:** • None. **Public Comments:** • None.	

Item	**3**	**Presentation – California Coastal Erosion and Landslide Early Warning Research** Receive a presentation from Professor Adam Young, University of California, San Diego, Scripps Institution of Oceanography on California Coastal Erosion and Landslide Early Warning Research.
Minutes/ Actions:		Executive Director Marc Beyeler introduced Professor Adam Young, University of California, San Diego, Scripps Institution of Oceanography. Adam Young made a presentation via Zoom on California Coastal Erosion and Landslide Early Warning research. The presentation is available on the BEACON Website. **Board Members Comments:** • **Member Lee** asked whether one of the landslide monitoring systems could be installed in the region, specifically at La Conchita? • **Member LaVere** noted that Ventura County Public Works does monitor La Conchita but was not sure if it uses the same technology, and how the research and devices are being shared with jurisdictions along the coast. • **Professor Young** responded that his project is technically complete and Scripps is seeking additional funding to continue it. The final report with recommendations was recently provided to the State. He was not certain what was being done at La Conchita, but this type of monitoring would be applicable to that type of landslide. • **Member Capps** asked whether the recommended warning protocols are in place in San Diego, and if Scripps is working with local jurisdictions, or whether this is still at the recommendation stage. • **Professor Young** responded that the report was submitted three to four months ago. The University cannot develop or initiate the protocols or issue warnings; that must be done by marine safety staff and coastal managers. The project revealed a disconnect between the capability to issue a warning and the response to it, which is a critical missing piece. He is not aware if the County of San Diego implementing it yet. • **Member Capps** asked whether the sensors are costly. • **Professor Young** responded that the sensors showing the most promising data are not very expensive. The largest costs are maintenance of equipment and staffing to monitor the data. • **Member Capps** asked how many sensors are needed for a given area. • **Professor Young** responded that it depends on the expected size of the landslide. Essentially one sensor is needed in each area expected to fail, and a sensor only provides information about its specific location. The sensors are typically deployed in networked strings (e.g., ten in a row), so additional sensors can be added without establishing a new site. • **Member Halter** asked whether a formula could be developed relating the variables (e.g., amount of tilt, rainfall, or earthquake shaking at a site) to the probability of failure. • **Professor Young** responded that the regional probabilistic warnings correlate landslide timing with elevated rainfall, including a period of a couple of weeks afterward, though

	the correlation is not perfect. He was not sure enough data is currently available in the Santa Barbara area to make similar probabilistic calculations. • **Member Halter** asked whether the colors on the three-dimensional coastline slide represent elevation. • **Professor Young** confirmed that the slide is a three-dimensional LiDAR model colored by elevation. • **Vice Chair Gama** noted that the City of Port Hueneme recently installed a camera mount where the public can photograph the beach for analysis, that tools for tracking sand movement are expanding rapidly, and asked for Professor Young's prediction of where the science will be in ten years with these tools and artificial intelligence. • **Professor Young** responded that it is difficult to predict, but the amount of data and tools, including new satellite-based tools providing regional context, is expanding and much will be learned in the coming years; sand transport remains very complicated. • **Vice Chair Gama** noted that sand movement at Hueneme Beach is visible from the pier with north and south swells and asked about the large sand dune near Point Mugu. **Professor Young** responded that he is not overly familiar with that location. • **Chair Friedman** asked what will be mapped under the statewide program before and after the El Niño and whether the data will be made available to agencies. • **Professor Young** responded that the surveys collect LiDAR (detailed three-dimensional topographic maps), imagery, and hyperspectral data that can map beach change, cliff erosion, and habitat. The first fall survey is expected in about two weeks and will be compared to the spring survey. Results will be published, the data will be made public, and the online cliff erosion viewer will be updated, likely in phases given the statewide scope. • **Chair Friedman** asked that staff stay in touch with Professor Young so that member jurisdictions have access to the data when it becomes available. • **Executive Director Beyeler** responded yes, noting that this would be a longer-term engagement. • **Member Kyriaco** noted that this will be a multi-year process requiring many partners, that coastline protection is often viewed as decoupled from public safety, and asked what outreach and education could be started locally now to build community support. • **Professor Young** responded that the report includes examples, such as bluff safety education in the Encinitas Junior Lifeguard program, pop-up events at beaches, signage at beach entrances, school programs, social media reminders ahead of large rain events, and Australia's Bluff Safety Month. • **Executive Director Beyeler** thanked Professor Young and noted that this is a multi-year, multi-decade effort. Monitoring has become one of BEACON's important value-added services: identifying data gaps and bringing the best monitoring sources to the region. Rather than only supporting Scripps' requests for State funds, staff would like to explore a longer-term relationship with the University, similar to BEACON's approach to the USGS regarding an MOU or letter of agreement, to jointly support the work financially and at the staff level. Instrumentation is often not the most expensive component; staff capacity and information technology are the larger costs. BEACON is also expected to

lose some shoreline change monitoring due to federal budget constraints. He proposed that the Board allow or direct staff to continue discussions with Scripps and report back to the Board.

- **Member Capps** expressed the hope that the effort focuses on application, noting that the research has been done and the gap is getting sensors into the bluffs and connected to emergency services, determining who does that, and identifying the funding. She noted Supervisor Lee's interest in Isla Vista and the approaching El Niño and urged that the region move quickly to implementation rather than further exploration.
- **Executive Director Beyeler** responded that BEACON's role is to identify such resources and bring them to the member agencies in a stepwise process. Staff could develop a scope of work and budget for this element as part of BEACON's Regional Coastal Adaptation Monitoring Program (RCAMP), given the importance of life and safety, and bring options, timing, and potential funding back to the Board in a timely way.
- **Chair Friedman** noted that this would come back as a future agenda item and that, as referenced in the report, the data is not yet reaching the policy and action level. BEACON should evaluate this sooner rather than later as the region moves into next year and coordinate with member agencies.
- **Member Kyriaco** asked whether enough is known from existing data to determine how many sensors are needed and where they should be placed at hotspots in the region, or whether more advanced surveys are needed, and how the region could get to the front of the line.
- **Professor Young** responded that local hotspots could be identified, such as Isla Vista, and targeted where people use the beach most. Getting to the front of the line is a funding question. He noted that Ian Clampett, Scripps' government relations representative, was in attendance. The plan is to expand to other parts of the state, and his report recommends areas such as Santa Barbara and Isla Vista as good candidates.
- **Chair Friedman** noted that the region appears to be next in line.

Public Comments:

- **Mark Mosby** asked whether Professor Young has induced landslides where a block on a cliff is about to fail.
- **Professor Young** responded that he has not, but it is a strategy used in other places. Permitting can be difficult, particularly on private property.
- **Mark Mosby** asked whether cobbles have been tracked over miles of littoral drift.
- **Professor Young** responded that the study focused on approximately a one-kilometer stretch. Cobbles have been detected at least a kilometer from where they were deployed over a couple of years, but many became stable once they moved into berms at the back of the beach; where there is no accommodation space for berms, they tend to move downcoast.
- **Kimberly Kiefer, Isla Vista Recreation & Park District,** thanked Professor Young for the presentation. She noted that the District is the largest public open space property owner in Isla Vista and owns and co-manages five bluff-top properties. A two-year study was completed in 2022, and significant safety improvements have been made, supported

	by Supervisor Capps' focus on bluff-top safety. She noted that Isla Vista is in a dire situation with respect to emergencies, erosion, and access. **This item was a presentation only and no action was taken.**

Item	**4**	**Project Update – BEACON Grants Funding** Receive a presentation on BEACON grants funding and the status of grant project implementation.
Minutes/ Actions:	Executive Director Marc Beyeler reported on the status of BEACON grants funding. He emphasized that very few sources fund monitoring and planning; the State bond acts that provide most of BEACON's funding focus on capital projects, and planning or monitoring is generally funded only when there is a nexus to a capital project. Adequate funding for monitoring is very important, including for emergency preparedness, and staff are seeking funds for the type of monitoring discussed under Item 3. The Executive Director abbreviated the report so that Item 5B, an action item, could be considered before two Board Members needed to leave the meeting. **Board Members Comments:** • None. **Public Comments:** • None.	

Item	**5A**	**BEACON Organization and Program** **Board Member Reports** Directors are invited to provide reports and updates on items of interest in their County or City.
Minutes/ Actions:	Item 5A was heard after Item 5B. **Board Members Comments:** • **Vice Chair Gama** observed that "one man's landslide is another's beach nourishment." While the coastlines of Oxnard, Port Hueneme, and parts of Ventura differ from the bluff areas discussed today, the coast functions as a whole. Sand movement at Hueneme Beach is visible almost daily, and he looks forward to more data and analysis. • **Member Perez** reported that the City of Oxnard is updating its Local Coastal Program to incorporate sea level rise. The City is finalizing its vulnerability assessment and adaptation plan, including a fiscal impact analysis and an adaptation cost analysis, and is developing Land Use Plan policies, with California Coastal Commission certification targeted by the end of the year. Work is also underway on the Implementation Plan, with the goal of obtaining Coastal Commission certification by mid-2027. **Public Comments:**	

	• None.

Item	**5B**	**BEACON Contracts and Agreements** ***Recommended Actions:*** **i. Approve, ratify, and authorize the Chair to execute an Agreement with Santa Barbara County to provide legal services to BEACON with a period of performance from July 1, 2026, to June 30, 2027, in an amount not to exceed $20,000 (Attachment I).** **ii. Approve, ratify, and authorize the Chair to execute Amendment No. 1 between BEACON and Jenna Wisnieski to increase the amount by $7,425 for a revised total not to exceed $32,425 without a change in the period of performance from July 1, 2026, to June 30, 2027, to support services BEACON will be providing to Santa Barbara County's BeachSMART program (Attachment II).**
Minutes/ Actions:		Item 5B was taken out of order, following Item 4 and before Item 5A, to allow a vote before two Board Members departed. Executive Director Marc Beyeler presented the two agreements: (i) the legal services agreement with Santa Barbara County, and (ii) an amendment to support BEACON's science support staff in their involvement with Santa Barbara County's BeachSMART program. He announced that BEACON's Legal Counsel did not review the legal services agreement on behalf of BEACON; the proposed changes mirror the terms of BEACON's agreement with the Ventura County Auditor-Controller, and the agreement was reviewed at the staff level. Staff recommended approval of both agreements. **Board Members Comments:** • None. **Public Comments:** • None. **Motion to approve Items i and ii as set forth in the agenda. Moved by Kyriaco / Second by Gama. Unanimously approved by all members present.**

Item	**6**	**Executive Director's Report and Communications** **The Executive Director will report on recent activities and achievements of BEACON, upcoming events of interest to the Board of Directors and the public, and general status of BEACON major projects, including the status of recent BEACON presentations on activities and accomplishments to our member agencies. There will be no Board discussion except to ask questions or refer matters to Staff; no action will be taken unless listed on a subsequent agenda.**
Minutes/ Actions:		Executive Director Marc Beyeler provided the following report: • Progress on monitoring occurs through incremental steps that together build a

comprehensive, integrated approach. As Vice Chair Gama noted, the public can use a smartphone camera mount to help monitor the shoreline, a program done in cooperation with the Surfrider Foundation.

- BEACON is working with NOAA to bring a 24/7 camera to the Hueneme Pier under a multi-year contract that NOAA would manage, providing continuous recording capability. This is in addition to BEACON's existing camera monitoring the Surfers Point project.
- Staff are undertaking several projects to strengthen monitoring in the region using different means and funding sources. Because funding and governance are fragmented, staff continually mixes and matches resources and believes partnership is the best approach, which is why staff wishes to engage with Scripps on a partnership basis rather than only a supporting basis.
- Tomorrow (September 19, 2026) is California Coastal Cleanup Day, with dozens of cleanup events throughout the region, building on weekly and monthly cleanups such as those organized by Vice Chair Gama at Hueneme Beach. BEACON is contributing pickers, vests, gloves, and other materials to the cleanup at Ormond Beach (Perkins Road), in coordination with the City of Oxnard and a nonprofit sponsor. Trash and pollution are stormwater problems that return with every rain, and coastal water quality is a BEACON concern. He thanked the Board for its support of coastal cleanup efforts throughout the year.

Board Members and Staff Comments:

- **Brian Brennan** noted that storms may arrive in October, before the November Board meeting, and encouraged community partners and members of the public to safely take photos and video of storm damage and conditions on the beaches and send them to BEACON, to help document damage for State and federal agencies.
- **Vice Chair Gama** thanked staff for highlighting the California Coastal Cleanup. The City of Port Hueneme spreads participation over three weeks to manage volunteer numbers and expects more than 200 people tomorrow. He noted it is one of the largest volunteer efforts in the world, and that information on Coastal Cleanup Day and links to local beach cleanup locations are available on the BEACON website (BEACON.ca.gov).
- **Member Meyer** announced that a BeachSMART presentation will be held in Carpinteria on October 1, 2026, from 5:30 to 7:00 PM at the Veterans Hall, focusing on the beach nourishment at Ash Avenue, and thanked BEACON for its help in organizing it.
- **Brian Brennan** commended the draft BeachSMART alternatives Analysis document, which is being refined with comments from BEACON staff. He noted the County of Santa Barbara Flood Control District's partnerships with the Cities of Santa Barbara, Goleta, and Carpinteria to place sediment from debris basins on the beaches, in contrast to culvert clean-outs near the ocean where sediment is hauled inland. This advances BEACON's mission of returning sediment to the coast, an effort that began about 20 years ago.

BEACON BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING MINUTES FOR

DATE: Friday, September 18, 2026
TIME: 9:00 AM
PLACE: IN-PERSON IN CARPINTERIA & TELECONFERENCE

	Public Comments: • None. The meeting was adjourned.

The next Board Meeting will be held on November 19, 2026, at 9:00 AM, at the City of Carpinteria City Council Chambers.

Meeting Minutes by Gerald Comati, Program Manager, BEACON.

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STAFF REPORT

Meeting Date: November 20, 2026
Agenda Item: 2

To: **BEACON Board of Directors**
From: **Executive Director**
Date: **November 13, 2026**

Subject: **Public Comment and Other Matters not on the Agenda**

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Receive Public Comments.

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STAFF REPORT

Meeting Date: November 20, 2026
Agenda Item 5C

To: **BEACON Board of Directors**
From: **Executive Director**
Date: **November 13, 2026**

Subject: BEACON Budget and Dues Review-FY 2027-2028

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS:

i. Receive a Staff Report on the BEACON Budget and Dues for Fiscal Year 2027-2028 setting forth alternative options for the BEACON budget and member dues.
ii. Adopt an increase to voting member assessments (membership dues) by up to 15% for Fiscal Year 2027-2028 to provide up to an additional $68,647 in revenue. (Exhibit 2) **(Requires unanimous approval (10/10 vote)**.
iii. Upon approval of member assessments, review and approve the Recommended Fiscal Year 2027-2028 Budget (Exhibit 2).

DISCUSSION:

BEACON is a small, virtual, public agency providing technical and professional services, with a small operations and technical assistance budget. BEACON's annual operations budget is exclusively funded out of member dues. BEACON operates as a small, virtual, technical, and professional services organization that provides services to its member agencies, partnering with member agencies and other public and private organizations. (Exhibit 1)

As part of this annual budgeting BEACON staff present a recommendation to the BEACON Board regarding budget options and member dues. For the past three years, Beacon staff have presented the proposed BEACON budget and BEACON dues schedule to the Executive Committee first at its November meeting for review and recommendation for consideration by the full BEACON Board of Directors.

In 2024-25, staff prepared a multi-year program budget addressing administrative and project needs identified in BEACON's Strategic Plan. BEACON staff presented alternative three-year budget and dues options to support current and increased BEACON expenditures to provide essential

agency operational support and to support increased professional and technical services. The Executive Director recommended that the BEACON Board consider multiple options for increased BEACON operations supported by additional professional staff and administrative resources.

The BEACON Board of Directors recommended that incremental dues increases be implemented across multiple years. For the past two years, the BEACON Board has supported an increased Beacon operations budget, providing increased funding for professional and technical services, adopting a revised dues schedule for member agencies, increasing member dues by fifteen percent for both fiscal years 2025-26 and 2026-27.

This year, BEACON staff is again recommending that the Board consider approval of a budget option supported by a dues increase of 15% to support modest increased funding for internal administrative support, external professional services, investments in Information Technology and Communications, and support for project planning, including feasibility analysis, design and engineering (Exhibit 2).

BEACON Executive Staff will be programming the revenues from increased member dues equally into three priorities: (1) Administrative Program Support; (2) Project development and feasibility technical services; (3) and Project funding and implementation. All specialist positions are very part-time and not sufficient to support successful implementation of BEACON's strategic priorities. Current budget limits prevent BEACON from addressing critical regional and local needs.

As a result of this support in the past two years, BEACON executive staff have successfully increased our administrative support, increasing funding for BEACON's (part-time) Program Management and filling our (part-time) Senior Administrative Specialist position to support the BEACON Program Manager and the Executive Director (Exhibit 3).

On November 13, 2026, the Executive Committee reviewed and approved the staff recommendation to the Board to approve Budget Option 4 supported by a dues increase of 15% to support modest increased funding for BEACON operations.

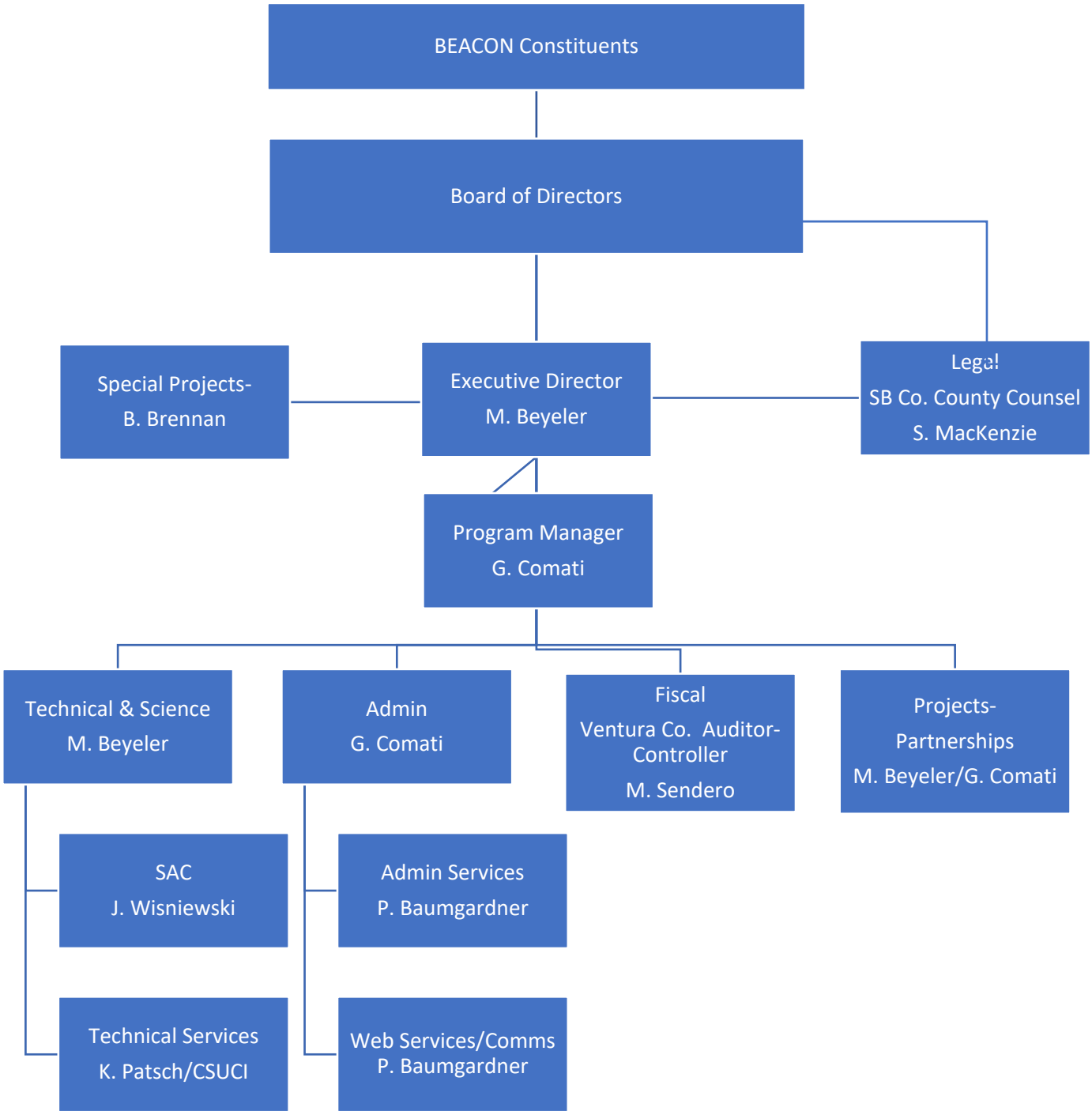
Exhibit 1: BEACON Organizational Structure
Exhibit 2: BEACON Proposed Budget Options and Member Dues or Fiscal Year 2027-2028
Exhibit 3: Administrative Specialist: Job Description

ITEM 5C

EXHIBIT 1

BEACON Organizational Structure

BEACON Organizational and Program Structure 2026-27



January 2026

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EXHIBIT 2

BEACON Proposed Budget Options and Member Dues or Fiscal Year 2027-2028

PROPOSED BEACON OPERATING BUDGET FOR FY 2027-28

Fund O025	Division/Unit Code	Account Code	FY 2026-27 Adopted/ Adjusted Budget	FY 2027-28 Proposed Budget Option 1 No Dues Increase	FY 2027-28 Proposed Budget Option 2 5% Dues Increase	FY 2027-28 Proposed Budget Option 3 10% Dues Increase	FY 2027-28 Proposed Budget Option 4 15% Dues Increase
				0	**22,883**	**45,764**	**68,647**
Revenue							
Operating Revenue:							
Investment Income	5665	8911	19,888	22,854	22,854	22,854	22,854
Membership Dues	5665	9371	457,654	**457,654**	**480,537**	**503,418**	**526,301**
Contributions and Donations	5665	9770	-	-	-	-	-
Miscelleaneous Revenue	5665	9790	-	-	-	-	-
Subtotal - Operating Revenue:			**477,542**	480,508	503,391	526,272	549,155
Operating Expenses (Overhead):							
Communication & Outreach	5665	2031	20,000	15,000	20,000	25,000	25,000
Insurance	5665	2072	6,577	6,577	7,000	7,000	7,000
Memberships and Dues	5665	2131	3,000	3,000	3,000	5,000	5,000
Miscellaneous Expense	5665	2159	6,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	10,000
Technical Services	5665	2183	169,000	105,000	116,000	126,000	141,000
Attorney Services	5665	2185	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000
Professional & Specialized Services	5665	2199	227,000	282,837	282,837	282,837	287,837
Training and Education: Conferences, Workshops, and Seminars	5665	2273	15,000	10,000	10,000	15,000	15,000
Travel Expenses - (Mileage, Travel & Conf.)	5665	2292	5,000	5,000	5,000	7,500	7,500
Subtotal - Operating Expenses:			**471,577**	**452,414**	**468,837**	**493,337**	**518,337**
Contingencies:							
Contingencies - Grant matching, Contract Amendments, New Programs.	5665	6101	5,965	28,094	34,554	32,935	30,818
Subtotal - Contingencies:			5,965	28,094	34,554	32,935	30,818
Investment Income				22,854	22,854	22,854	22,854
				5,240	**11,700**	**10,081**	**7,964**
TOTAL EXPENDITURES			**477,542**	**480,508**	**503,391**	**526,272**	**549,155**
Net Income/(Loss) [PROJECTED USE OF APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE]			-	-	-	-	-

Fiscal Year 2027-2028

BEACON Proposed Membership Dues

Entity	Fiscal Year 2024-2025	Board Approved Increase 15.00%	Fiscal Year 2025-2026	Board Approved Increase 15.00%	Fiscal Year 2026-2027	Option 1 No Increase	Proposed Fiscal Year 2027-2028
County of Ventura	$ 57,672.00	$ 8,651.00	$ 66,323.00	$ 9,948.00	$ 76,271.00	$ -	$ 76,271.00
County of Santa Barbara	57,672.00	$ 8,651.00	66,323.00	$ 9,948.00	$ 76,271.00	$ -	$ 76,271.00
City of Santa Barbara	48,061.00	$ 7,209.00	55,270.00	$ 8,291.00	$ 63,561.00	$ -	$ 63,561.00
City of Oxnard	48,061.00	$ 7,209.00	55,270.00	$ 8,291.00	$ 63,561.00	$ -	$ 63,561.00
City of Buenaventura	48,061.00	$ 7,209.00	55,270.00	$ 8,291.00	$ 63,561.00	$ -	$ 63,561.00
City of Carpinteria	28,842.00	$ 4,326.00	33,168.00	$ 4,975.00	$ 38,143.00	$ -	$ 38,143.00
City of Port Hueneme	28,842.00	$ 4,326.00	33,168.00	$ 4,975.00	$ 38,143.00	$ -	$ 38,143.00
City of Goleta	28,842.00	$ 4,326.00	33,168.00	$ 4,975.00	$ 38,143.00	$ -	$ 38,143.00
	$ 346,053.00	$ 51,907.00	$ 397,960.00	$ 59,694.00	$ 457,654.00	$ -	$ 457,654.00

Entity	Fiscal Year 2024-2025	Board Approved Increase 15.00%	Fiscal Year 2025-2026	Board Approved Increase 15.00%	Fiscal Year 2026-2027	Option 2 5.00%	Proposed Fiscal Year 2027-2028
County of Ventura	$ 57,672.00	$ 8,651.00	$ 66,323.00	$ 9,948.00	$ 76,271.00	$ 3,814.00	$ 80,085.00
County of Santa Barbara	57,672.00	$ 8,651.00	66,323.00	$ 9,948.00	$ 76,271.00	$ 3,814.00	$ 80,085.00
City of Santa Barbara	48,061.00	$ 7,209.00	55,270.00	$ 8,291.00	$ 63,561.00	$ 3,178.00	$ 66,739.00
City of Oxnard	48,061.00	$ 7,209.00	55,270.00	$ 8,291.00	$ 63,561.00	$ 3,178.00	$ 66,739.00
City of Buenaventura	48,061.00	$ 7,209.00	55,270.00	$ 8,291.00	$ 63,561.00	$ 3,178.00	$ 66,739.00
City of Carpinteria	28,842.00	$ 4,326.00	33,168.00	$ 4,975.00	$ 38,143.00	$ 1,907.00	$ 40,050.00
City of Port Hueneme	28,842.00	$ 4,326.00	33,168.00	$ 4,975.00	$ 38,143.00	$ 1,907.00	$ 40,050.00
City of Goleta	28,842.00	$ 4,326.00	33,168.00	$ 4,975.00	$ 38,143.00	$ 1,907.00	$ 40,050.00
	$ 346,053.00	$ 51,907.00	$ 397,960.00	$ 59,694.00	$ 457,654.00	$ 22,883.00	$ 480,537.00

Entity	Fiscal Year 2024-2025	Board Approved Increase 15.00%	Fiscal Year 2025-2026	Board Approved Increase 15.00%	Fiscal Year 2026-2027	Option 3 10.00%	Proposed Fiscal Year 2027-2028
County of Ventura	$ 57,672.00	$ 8,651.00	$ 66,323.00	$ 9,948.00	$ 76,271.00	$ 7,627.00	$ 83,898.00
County of Santa Barbara	57,672.00	$ 8,651.00	66,323.00	$ 9,948.00	$ 76,271.00	$ 7,627.00	$ 83,898.00
City of Santa Barbara	48,061.00	$ 7,209.00	55,270.00	$ 8,291.00	$ 63,561.00	$ 6,356.00	$ 69,917.00
City of Oxnard	48,061.00	$ 7,209.00	55,270.00	$ 8,291.00	$ 63,561.00	$ 6,356.00	$ 69,917.00
City of Buenaventura	48,061.00	$ 7,209.00	55,270.00	$ 8,291.00	$ 63,561.00	$ 6,356.00	$ 69,917.00
City of Carpinteria	28,842.00	$ 4,326.00	33,168.00	$ 4,975.00	$ 38,143.00	$ 3,814.00	$ 41,957.00
City of Port Hueneme	28,842.00	$ 4,326.00	33,168.00	$ 4,975.00	$ 38,143.00	$ 3,814.00	$ 41,957.00
City of Goleta	28,842.00	$ 4,326.00	33,168.00	$ 4,975.00	$ 38,143.00	$ 3,814.00	$ 41,957.00
	$ 346,053.00	$ 51,907.00	$ 397,960.00	$ 59,694.00	$ 457,654.00	$ 45,764.00	$ 503,418.00

Entity	Fiscal Year 2024-2025	Board Approved Increase 15.00%	Fiscal Year 2025-2026	Option 4 15.00%	Fiscal Year 2026-2027	Option 4 15.00%	Proposed Fiscal Year 2027-2028
County of Ventura	$ 57,672.00	$ 8,651.00	$ 66,323.00	$ 9,948.00	$ 76,271.00	$ 11,441.00	$ 87,712.00
County of Santa Barbara	57,672.00	$ 8,651.00	66,323.00	$ 9,948.00	$ 76,271.00	$ 11,441.00	$ 87,712.00
City of Santa Barbara	48,061.00	$ 7,209.00	55,270.00	$ 8,291.00	$ 63,561.00	$ 9,534.00	$ 73,095.00
City of Oxnard	48,061.00	$ 7,209.00	55,270.00	$ 8,291.00	$ 63,561.00	$ 9,534.00	$ 73,095.00
City of Buenaventura	48,061.00	$ 7,209.00	55,270.00	$ 8,291.00	$ 63,561.00	$ 9,534.00	$ 73,095.00
City of Carpinteria	28,842.00	$ 4,326.00	33,168.00	$ 4,975.00	$ 38,143.00	$ 5,721.00	$ 43,864.00
City of Port Hueneme	28,842.00	$ 4,326.00	33,168.00	$ 4,975.00	$ 38,143.00	$ 5,721.00	$ 43,864.00
City of Goleta	28,842.00	$ 4,326.00	33,168.00	$ 4,975.00	$ 38,143.00	$ 5,721.00	$ 43,864.00
	$ 346,053.00	$ 51,907.00	$ 397,960.00	$ 59,694.00	$ 457,654.00	$ 68,647.00	$ 526,301.00

Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U)
12-Month Percent Change

Series Id: CUURS49ASA0
Not Seasonally
Series Title: All items in Los Angeles-
Area: Los Angeles-Long Beach-
Item: All items
Base Period: 1982-84=100
Years: 2013 to 2026

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual	HALF1	HALF2
2013	2.0	2.2	1.3	0.9	1.0	1.4	1.3	0.8	0.6	-0.1	0.4	1.1	1.1	1.5	0.7
2014	0.8	0.5	1.0	1.4	1.7	1.8	2.0	1.8	1.7	1.4	1.3	0.7	1.3	1.2	1.5
2015	-0.1	0.1	0.5	0.5	1.1	0.8	1.4	1.1	0.7	1.0	1.6	2.0	0.9	0.5	1.3
2016	3.1	2.4	1.7	2.0	1.4	1.8	1.1	1.4	1.9	2.2	1.8	2.0	1.9	2.1	1.7
2017	2.1	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.5	2.2	2.5	2.8	3.1	3.1	3.6	3.6	2.8	2.5	3.1
2018	3.5	3.6	3.8	4.0	4.1	4.0	3.9	3.9	3.9	4.1	3.6	3.2	3.8	3.8	3.8
2019	3.2	2.5	2.7	3.3	3.1	3.3	3.3	3.0	3.0	3.2	3.2	3.0	3.1	3.0	3.1
2020	3.1	3.4	1.9	0.7	0.9	1.4	1.9	2.0	1.2	0.7	1.0	1.5	1.6	1.9	1.4
2021	0.9	1.0	2.2	3.6	3.9	4.0	3.9	4.0	4.6	5.4	6.0	6.6	3.8	2.6	5.1
2022	7.5	7.4	8.5	7.9	8.0	8.6	7.7	7.6	7.8	7.5	6.0	4.9	7.4	8.0	6.9
2023	5.8	5.1	3.7	3.8	3.2	2.5	2.7	3.3	3.2	2.4	2.8	3.5	3.5	4.0	3.0
2024	2.5	3.4	4.0	3.9	3.9	3.2	3.4	2.9	2.8	3.0	3.2	3.4	3.3	3.5	3.1
2025	3.3	3.1	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.2	3.2	3.3	3.5		3.6	3.0	3.2	3.1	3.3
2026	3.0	2.9	3.4	3.7	3.6	3.3	3.4	3.6	3.7					3.3	

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EXHIBIT 3

Administrative Specialist: Job Description

BEACON Administrative Services and Grants Specialist

Professional Services Contractor
Location: Santa Barbara/Ventura County, CA (Remote)
Employment Type: Part-time

BEACON is a California Joint Powers Agency (JPA) established in 1986 to address coastal erosion, beach nourishment, and clean oceans along the Central California Coast from Point Conception to Point Mugu. Our member agencies include the counties of Santa Barbara and Ventura, as well as the coastal cities of Santa Barbara, Goleta, Carpinteria, Ventura, Oxnard, and Port Hueneme. BEACON works closely with local and state agencies to implement coastal protection projects, environmental studies, and policy initiatives that preserve the region's coastline and marine resources.

Position Overview:

BEACON seeks a highly organized Administrative Services and Grant Specialist. This position provides administrative assistance in processing and managing all BEACON records, organizational consulting agreements and legal filings, and assists in managing all Beacon grants. The specialist will be involved in team working relationships with the Program Manager (PM) and the Executive Director (ED), as well as with staff of the Ventura County Auditor-Controller and Santa Barbara County Counsel offices.

1. Administrative and Organization Responsibilities
   -Assist ED and PM in developing information management system protocols for Beacon organizational, financial and agency legal submittals, including Beacon grants.
   -Assists Executive Director and Program Manager in complying with Beacon's required agency submittals (Form 700, FPPC filings, Meetings notices, Agendas, Minutes, etc.)
   -Assists ED and PM in processing all budget documents, including consultant agreements
   -Assists Executive Director and Program Manager in managing Beacon's grants submittals and retaining project records.
   -Assists in maintains all agency digital organizational records
   -Assists in maintaining current Board member information, including term of membership, designated board member alternate, and contact information for appointing agency
   -Maintain agency contact and mailing lists, including: Board member and Alternates, Beacon staff, SAC membership, Stakeholder and Interested Parties; Interested Party List, Member Agency Staffing: City Manager/County CEO; Planning, Public Works, and Parks and Recreation. Provide regular updates to the Board Roster to ensure that all contact information and committee assignments and terms are accurate and up to date
   - Coordinates with the ED to ensure that BEACON's policies, programs, projects and related actions are posted in real time to the BEACON Website.

2. Grants Management
   Working under the guidance of the PM and the ED, day to day activities and essential functions will include managing project and program grants and extramural funding, including the following:
   - Maintaining a spreadsheet listing of contracts and grants, and preparing a summary of same to the PM, ED, and as requested to the BEACON Board of Directors;
   - Assisting in the preparation of grants proposals and submittals;
   - Managing invoicing and payment approvals, including grants proof of payment documentation and all Requests for Disbursement and Payment;
   - Tracking grants reimbursements and tracking in-kind and cash matching grant requirements; and
   - Preparing grants supporting documents (necessary Board Resolutions, Compliance Forms, Insurance Certificates, Grant status reports, including Quarterly Progress Reports, etc.).

Required Qualifications:
The ideal candidate has a background as a program and fiscal planning and management specialist, including fiscal or senior level administrative experience, or other relevant executive support experience. The ideal candidate will be able to perform a range of duties that require excellent organizational, project management and problem- solving skills. Applicants should be able to prioritize daily workloads effectively, and should be comfortable taking responsibility for day-to-day decisions.

The Specialist is a highly collaborative individual, able to build trust and effective relationships with executive staff of BEACON. A proficiency in Microsoft Office Suite, or Google (and its Workspace) applications, and Zoom or Teams is required.

Compensation and General Terms
Based on up to an 8-10 hour commitment weekly, flexibility will be required from time to time to meet workloads and support BEACON meetings. The position is an exempt, contractor position. This is a nhourly paid position, dependent on skills and experience. This is a remote role that may be based anyplace in Santa Barbara or Ventura Counties, or northern Los Angeles County or southern SLO County.

To apply, please send a resume and cover letter to staff@beacon.ca.gov with "Administrative Specialist" in the subject line. Your cover letter should include any personal experience or qualifications you may have. Applications for this position will be received on a continuing basis until the position is filled.

BEACON is committed to equal employment opportunities and prohibits the unlawful discrimination against applicants or employees based on race, color, national origin, ancestry, creed, religion, sex, age, disability, genetic information, veteran status, sexual orientation, marital status, gender identity or any other characteristic protected by federal, state or local law.

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STAFF REPORT

Meeting Date: November 20, 2026
Agenda Item: 3

To: **BEACON Board of Directors**
From: **Executive Director**
Date: **November 13, 2026**

Subject: **Receive presentations from Santa Barbara County and Ventura County Emergency Preparedness officials regarding preparations for the Winter El Nino**

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Receive presentations from Santa Barbara County and Ventura County Emergency Preparedness officials, Stacy Silva, Interim Director, Santa Barbara County Office of Emergency Management and Patrick Maynard, Director of Emergency Services for Ventura County regarding preparations for the Winter El Nino season.

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Meeting Date: November 20, 2026
Agenda Item: 4

To: **BEACON Board of Directors**
From: **Gerald Comati, BEACON Program Manager**
Date: **November 14, 2026**

Subject: **Projects – Kelp Project.**

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS:

Approve, authorize, and direct the Executive Director to file a Notice of Exemption with the State and County of Santa Barbara under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for the implementation of the Phase 2 Goleta Bay Kelp Project that it is exempt per CEQA Guideline 15306 because it is for information collection and will not result in serious or major disturbance to the environment.

DISCUSSION:

As presented to the Board in July 2026, BEACON is the lead agency in implementing the Phase 2 Goleta Bay Kelp Project, with the intention of demonstrating the re-establishment and sustainability of sand dwelling kelp in Goleta Bay in the location of the historic kelp forests. The Phase 2 Goleta Bay Kelp Project will install 290 Octo-Columns in Goleta Bay to provide initial hold downs for kelp spores and create necessary habitat and refuge for predators of the kelp grazers.

The Phase 2 Goleta Bay Kelp Project is a demonstration project and falls under a CEQA Exemption, Section 15306 “Information Collection” because the octo-cylinders will be installed in a sand barren area of Goleta Bay and within the footprint of the historic kelp forest and utilizing entirely inert vitrified clay pipes. The project will not result in serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource, has no scenic impacts, does not involve a hazardous waste site, and does not involve a historical resource.

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Meeting Date: November 20, 2026
Agenda Item: 5A

To: **BEACON Board of Directors**
From: **Executive Director**
Date: **November 13, 2026**

Subject: **Board Member Reports**

Directors are invited to provide reports and updates on items of interest in their County or City.

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Meeting Date: November 20, 2026
Agenda Item: 5B

To: **BEACON Board of Directors**
From: **Executive Director**
Date: **November 13, 2026**

Subject: **BEACON Meeting Schedule 2027**

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Review and adopt a 2027 Meeting Schedule.

DISCUSSION:

Every year the BEACON Board approves the meeting schedule for the upcoming calendar year. Staff is recommending that the Board approve the BEACON Meeting schedule for 2027. Traditionally, BEACON Board Meetings are held on the third* Friday of every other month in the calendar year, staring with January, and including March, May, July, September, and November. The proposed meeting dates for the January and May meetings will be the fourth Friday of the month.

BEACON staff are recommending the Board retain the traditional schedule with the noted exceptions. Regular meetings will be held beginning at 9:00 a.m. at Carpinteria City Hall, 5775 Carpinteria Ave, Carpinteria, CA 93013 and via teleconference as may be permitted under the California Brown Act on the following dates, unless otherwise designated or directed by the Board:

January Meeting	Friday, January 24, 2027 (4th Friday)*
March Meeting	Friday, March 19, 2027
May Meeting	Friday, May 27, 2027 (4th Friday)*
July Meeting	Friday, July 16, 2027
September Meeting	Friday, September 17, 2027
November Meeting	Friday, November 19, 2027

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Meeting Date: November 20, 2026
Agenda Item: 6

To: **BEACON Board of Directors**
From: **Executive Director**
Date: **November 13, 2026**

Subject: Executive Director's Report and Communications

The Executive Director will report on recent activities and accomplishments of BEACON, upcoming events of interest to the Board of Directors and the public, and updated status of BEACON's important project engagements, including with member agencies. There will be no Board discussion except to ask questions or refer matters to Staff; no action will be taken unless listed on a subsequent agenda.

January Meeting Agenda:

A. Board Organization: Selection of Chair and Vice-Chair; Appointment of Executive Committee
B. Re-Appointment of Scientific Advisory Committee
C. Presentations
D. Project Updates