

BEACON BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Friday, September 20, 2019

TIME: 9:00 AM

PLACE: City of Carpinteria, Council Hearing Room
5775 Carpinteria Avenue, Carpinteria, CA. 93013

Item	1	Call to Order, Roll Call and Introductions – Chair, Janet Wolf.
Minutes/ Actions:		<p>Directors Present:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christy Weir (City of Ventura) • John Zaragoza (County of Ventura) • Steve Bennett (County of Ventura) • Eric Friedman (City of Santa Barbara) • Fred Shaw (City of Carpinteria) • Kyle Richards (City of Goleta) • Carmen Ramirez (City of Oxnard) • Steve Gama (City of Port Hueneme)
Item	2	<p>Approval of Agenda and Filing of Certificate of Agenda Posting</p> <p>Action: Approve and file.</p>
Minutes/ Actions:		The Agenda with the requested modification was unanimously approved by the Board.
Item	3	<p>Consideration and Approval of Minutes of the BEACON Meetings held on July 19, 2019.</p> <p>Action: Approve and file.</p>
Minutes/ Actions:		The minutes were unanimously approved by the Board as posted.
Item	4	<p>Public Comment and Other Matters not on the Agenda</p> <p>Receive public comments.</p>
Minutes/ Actions:		None

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Item	5	<p>Reports</p> <p>a. Reports from legislative offices.</p> <p>b. Board Member Reports and Updates</p>
Minutes/ Actions:		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Director Zaragoza commended Director Gama and the Brian Brennan for an excellent presentation to the RDP21 in September. The information was informative prior to a trip to DC to secure funding. • Director Shaw reported that the City of Carpinteria was moving forward with an update to the City Land Use Plan and Shoreline Management Plan. • Director Richards reported that the City of Goleta is working on a Stream and Watershed Management Plan. In addition, the City of Goleta is edging closer to approving a new Zoning Ordinance. • Director Ramirez indicated that today is “Climate Strike” day with global climate strike demonstrations worldwide. She will be attending events at Mission Park in Ventura. • Director Gama reported that on Saturday September 21 is “Dude Clean My Beach” day in the City of Port Hueneme. • Director Friedman reported that the City of Santa Barbara LCP Update was certified and that “Creek Week” kicked off on September 15. • Director Bennett reported that the Board of Supervisors received the SLR report on adaptation options to consider mitigating SLR. The next steps will be to select options and ultimately update the Counties Coastal Plan.

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Item	6	<p>Reports</p> <p>a. Receive and file the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Budget-to-Actual report for the year-to-date period ending June 30, 2019 (Exhibit I)</p>
Minutes/ Actions:		<p>Mr. Carlos Maldonado of Ventura County Auditor Controllers Office presented the Budget-to-Actual report for year-to-date ending June 30, 2019.</p> <p>BOARD ACTIONS:</p> <p>a. The Board approved unanimously the Auditor Controller Recommended Action.</p>

Item	7	<p>Port Hueneme Beach Regional Erosion Meeting</p> <p>a. Receive a report from the Executive Director on the Port Hueneme Regional Beach Erosion Meeting of September 6, 2019.</p>
Minutes/ Actions:		<p>Brian Brennan and Dr. Bailard explained that in an effort to formulate a collaborative strategy to secure funding for additional dredging at Channel Islands Harbor the City of Port Hueneme hosted a stakeholders meeting on September 6, 2019 at City Hall. Invitees included the Army Corps of Engineers, City of Port of Hueneme, the U.S. Naval Station Point Mugu, Congresswoman Julia Brownlee’s office, The Nature Company, the Channel Islands Harbor District.</p> <p>In attendance at the meeting was Director Gama and Councilmember Hernandez. Mr. Brennan directed proceedings and let a PowerPoint presentation. Presentations were also made by the Nature Company, the Harbor and the Navy. The presentation explained that The Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) of 1996 authorized biennial dredging from Channel Islands Harbor to establish and maintain a littoral sediment balance with is estimated at 1.254 million cubic yards per year, or 2.5 million cubic yards every other year. (§ 305.) This quantity has shown empirically to establish a sufficient coastal equilibrium whereby Hueneme Beach maintains a stability. Unfortunately, during the last decade this target quantity has not been met resulting in serious erosion to Hueneme Beach. Most recently, in March of 2019 the City of Port Hueneme completed its dredging cycle for 2018-2019 delivering only 1.6 million cubic yards. The deficit in dredging quantity stems from increased dredging costs in tandem with static federal funding.</p> <p>The funding for the dredging operation comes from two sources, 19% from the Navy and 81% from the USACOE. However, the variable amount is always from the USACOE and not from the Navy. It might make sense to try and increase the Navy participation especially given the direct impact to the Navy Base that results from insufficient dredging.</p> <p>Marc Beyeler of BEACON Staff reported that while expanding the dredging operation at Channel Islands Harbor is critical, the Coastal Sediment Management Workgroup (CSMW) consisting of representatives from the US Army Corps of Engineers, the California Resources Agency, and regional coastal agencies including BEACON, is looking into policy and other solutions beyond just dredging.</p> <p>Director Gama raised the issue of the Air Pollution Control District permit limitations on the amount of fuel that can be expended during the dredging operation. The permit stipulates 326,000 gal of fuel which may not be enough to complete a 2.5M cy dredge cycle. The Harbor is looking into ways to expand the permit limitations.</p> <p>BOARD ACTIONS:</p> <p>The Board received and filed report.</p>

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Item	8	<p>Grant Pursuits</p> <p>a. Receive an update report on existing grants and new grant pursuits for the following projects: Santa Barbara County Debris Basin, Surfers Point, East Beach Dune Restoration, South Central Coast Beach Enhancement program, and Climate and Sea Level Rise Update to BEACON's Coastal Regional Sediment Management Plan.</p>
Minutes/ Actions:		<p>Mr. Comati and Mr. Beyeler reported on the status of current BEACON grant pursuits.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Santa Barbara County Debris Basin: Mr. Comati reported that BEACON staff in conjunction with SB County Flood Control are responding to data requests from OPC regarding the scope/schedule request submitted following the January 2018 Debris Flow Event. • Surfers Point: Mr. Beyeler reported that Staff had submitted a FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant application in September 2019 for capital funding for phase 2 of the Surfers Point Project. • East Beach Dune Restoration: Mr. Comati reported that BEACON was awaiting a decision from the California Division of Boating and Waterways on funding for the East Beach Dune Demonstration Project. A decision is expected by January 2020. • South Central Coast Beach Enhancement program: BEACON staff and Climate and Sea Level Rise Update to BEACON's Coastal Regional Sediment Management Plan: Mr. Beyeler reported he is looking into a grant with the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation to fund an updated SCCBEP and a SLR update to BEACON's CRSMP. <p>BOARD ACTIONS: The Board received and filed report.</p>

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Item	9	<p>Shoreline Sand Supply and Public Access Fund</p> <p>a. Receive report from Staff on the status of BEACON's Shoreline Sand Supply and Public Access Fund, and California Coastal commission (CCC) mitigation funds on deposit.</p> <p>b. Authorize expenditure of the CCC mitigation funds to begin final implementation of the Ventura coastal access project at Mondo's Cove</p>
Minutes/ Actions:		<p>Mr. Beyeler reported that utilizing the \$64,000 of funding BEACON secured in 2014 as Coastal Commission Sand Mitigation fees received for coastal project at Mussel Shoals, BEACON is proposing much needed beach access at Mondo's Cove. Mr. Beyeler reported that Mondo's Beach was a heavily used recreational destination with no safe beach access over the back of beach revetment boulders. Families accessing the beach are forced to climb over the rocks. The Coastal Commission has approved the proposal and Staff is seeking approval from the BEACON Board. Moving forward, Staff will release an RFP for design services and hopes to bring a consultant contract back to the Board in November 2019. The beach access stairway project at Mondo's Cove could be a catalyst for other coastal access improvements by Caltrans at Mondo's Cove, including pedestrian access, parking, and road safety.</p> <p>Director Ramirez indicated that she was familiar with the beach and the lack of safe access and fully endorses a stairway access project.</p> <p>Director Shaw indicated that vehicular traffic in front of Mondo's can be too fast and hopes Caltrans can install speed postings as part of their road safety improvements.</p> <p>Director Weir expressed a desire for an organic design for the stairway access, perhaps carved out of rocks.</p> <p>BOARD ACTIONS: The Board approved unanimously the Recommended Actions.</p>

Item	10	Executive Director's Report and Communications
Minutes/ Actions:		The Executive Director reported that Staff was in discussions with Caltrans District 7 regarding a possible coastal nourishment program utilizing landslide and potentially other sediment that Caltrans must remove from their highways and or projects. Staff we report further at the November Board Meeting.

Meeting Minutes by Gerald Comati, Program Manager, BEACON.

Adjourn to next regular meeting November 15, 2019, 2019 at 9:00 AM in Carpinteria City Hall