

## BEACON BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING MINUTES

**DATE:** Friday, January 24, 2020

**TIME:** 9:00 AM

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

<b>Item</b>	1	Call to Order, Roll Call and Introductions – Chair, Gregg Hart.
<b>Minutes/ Actions:</b>		<p><b>Directors Present:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gregg Hart (County of Santa Barbara)</li> <li>• Das Williams (County of Santa Barbara)</li> <li>• Steve Bennett (County of Ventura)</li> <li>• Christy Weir (City of Ventura)</li> <li>• Fred Shaw (City of Carpinteria)</li> <li>• Kyle Richards (City of Goleta)</li> <li>• Carmen Ramirez (City of Oxnard)</li> <li>• Steve Gama (City of Port Hueneme)</li> </ul>
<b>Item</b>	1B	<p><b>BEACON Meeting Agenda Organization and Calendar Year 2020 Meeting Agenda Topics.</b></p> <p>Receive and file a status update on BEACON agendas for calendar Year 2020.</p>
<b>Minutes/ Actions:</b>		<p>Mr. Brennan and Mr. Beyeler presented to the Board a recommendation for modifications to the Board Meeting agenda sequence and topics. The proposed new agenda format/content would follow the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Administrative Items</li> <li>2. Public Comments</li> <li>3. Presentations</li> <li>4. Projects</li> <li>5. BEACON Organization and Program Items – including Financial</li> <li>6. Executive Director’s Report and Communication</li> </ol> <p><b>BOARD ACTION: The Board expressed support for the agenda modifications. Report was received and filed.</b></p>
<b>Item</b>	1C	<p><b>Approval of Agenda and Filing of Certificate of Agenda Posting</b></p> <p>Action: Approve and file.</p>
<b>Minutes/ Actions:</b>		The Agenda was unanimously approved by the Board.
<b>Item</b>	1D	<p><b>Consideration and Approval of Minutes of the BEACON Meetings held on November 15, 2019.</b></p> <p>Action: Approve and file.</p>
<b>Minutes/ Actions:</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Director Richards noted that the statement in the Minutes regarding Oil Platform Holly should say the State Lands Commission had begun the process of decommissioning the platform and not Commission had already decommissioned the platform.</li> </ul> <p><b>BOARD ACTION: Apart from the change noted above, the Board unanimously approved the minutes as posted. Moved by Richards/Second by Shaw.</b></p>

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<b>Item</b>	2	<p><b>Public Comment and Other Matters not on the Agenda</b> Receive public comments.</p>
<b>Minutes/ Actions:</b>		<p>Dennis Chenoweth – Solimar Beach Colony Homeowners Association. Mr. Chenoweth indicated that the Grubb 5 lease for pipelines and a pumping station vault structure located approximately 100-ft west (upstream) of Solimar Beach Colony has expired and the facilities are slated for decommissioning and removal. The primary concern is that removal of the three pipelines and vault will have the unintended consequence of altering ocean current flows and eliminate the resultant sand deposition that takes place in the areas of Faria, Solimar Beach Colony, and the large Ventura County beaches downstream of Solimar. Understanding this phenomenon is critically important because the beaches that are currently formed by sand deposition in this area provide marine habitats as well as protection for the homes at Solimar and the extensive infrastructure that is under Pacific Coast Highway. The Colony’s contention is based on observations following removal of the Oil Piers located north of Solimar. The Oil Piers Beach effectively disappeared following removal of the pier. Mr. Chenoweth requested that BEACON support Solimar Beach’s position and consider studying the issue further.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Director Bennett asked what expertise BEACON can bring to this issue especially with its experience working with the USACOE on the Oil Piers Artificial Reef project.</li> </ul>

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<b>Item</b>	3A	<b>Annual USGS Littoral Cell Briefing/CoSMoS-Santa Barbara Channel and BEACON Member Agency Reports on Sediment Management</b> i. Receive a presentation from the US Geologic Survey on its long-term shoreline monitoring of the BEACON coast and presentations from local agencies on current and planned sediment management activities, including representatives from Santa Barbara County Flood Control, the City of Carpinteria, Ventura County (Channel Islands Harbor), and Port Hueneme
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<p><b>Minutes/ Actions:</b></p>	<p>Mr. Dan Hoover of USGS presented an update on the USGS's Coastal Monitoring Study of the BEACON Coast. The USGS PowerPoint presentation will be posted on the BEACON Website. Mr. Hoover indicated that the most recent monitoring period included the debris flow in January 2018. The interesting conclusion of the post debris flow data is that the natural sediment from the creeks making it to the coast was estimated at only 22,000 cubic meters, which is very small given the size of the debris flow event. And, while some creeks were undoubtedly blocked to some degree during the event, the broader conclusion is that there are too many obstacles to the natural sediment transport process. Dan explained that the monitoring is done through bathymetric readings at approximately every 200 meters. Generally, sediment quickly settles once it hits the coast and if the coastal area is rocky the sediment will fill the rock voids or if not a rocky area, the sediment will flow downstream close to the coastline.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Director Gama asked that if there was no Hwy 101 and UPRR how much more sediment would reach the coast. Mr. Hoover responded that a huge amount more.</li><li>• Director Williams reported that SB County Flood Control was implementing several debris modification projects that allow sediments through the debris basins.</li><li>• Paul Jenkins of Heal the Ocean asked if the monitoring could be more continuous? Twice a year does not provide sufficient data.</li></ul> <p>Maureen Spencer, Environmental Manager from the Santa Barbara County Flood Control District presented an update of sediment management issues. Maureen explained that from the debris flow about 400 to 500 K CY of sediment was removed from the debris basins and taken to upland areas. Additional sediment was taken to Carpinteria Beach and Goleta Beach, 40,000 CY and 28,000 CY respectively. In 2019 following storm event, 28,000 CY was taken to Carpinteria Beach from Debris Basins. As reported by Supervisor Williams, the Flood Control District is actively working on three debris basin modification projects, at Romero Creek, San Ysidro Creek and Cold Springs Creek. The modifications will mimic the existing Gobernador Debris Basin design. The projects are scheduled to be completed in 2021 and 2022 and they will allow sediment transport and be fish-passage friendly. Maureen also reported on creek dredging programs at Franklin Creek and Santa Monica Creek in Carpinteria. The Flood Control District is updating their dredging project EIR and anticipates approval in 2020. The historic regulatory permits for the dredging required a maximum of 25% fines. The District is talking to the regulatory agencies to try and increase the max fines to greater than 25%.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Director Gama stated that he believes SB County FC District also believes that "every mountain wants to be a beach". Maureen responded that FC does believe this. In the 1960's and 70's debris basins were built in response to severe flooding and they were maintained accordingly. In 2010 in order to accommodate fish-passage requirements the Flood Control District developed a strategic plan to remove or modify ten debris basins, to accommodate fish-passage. The additional benefit is of course, enhanced sediment transport to the coast.</li><li>• Director Bennett indicated that a pilot study needs to be completed showing no adverse impact of fines greater than 25%.</li><li>• Director Richards indicated that Goleta is concerned about testing when sediment is deposited on the beach. Maureen responded that comprehensive testing is mandated by the permits for the sediment before it is placed on the beaches.</li><li>• Director Shaw asked if emergency permits are open ended? Maureen responded that emergency permits are not open ended.</li></ul> <p>Mr. Matt Roberts, Parks and Recreation Director from the City of Carpinteria presented an update for the City of Carpinteria. Matt stated that since 1983 cleanout sediment from debris basins has</p>
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	<p>been taken to upland locations and this strategy must change. The south coast is unique in that the mountains are very close to the coast. Consequently, sediment flow velocity tends to be higher and more coarse sediment like cobble should naturally reach the coast. In 1939 Carpinteria Beach was very wide with an underlying layer of cobble covered by sand and sand dunes - it was a very living shoreline. In 1960, prior to the installation of debris basins and Hwy 101 Carpinteria Beach was very wide. With the installation of the modified Gobernador Debris Basin that allows sediment transport, the City is seeing more cobbles in Carpinteria creek – which is a very positive thing.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Director Hart stated that sediment needs to be recognized as a resource under CEQA.</li> </ul> <p><b>BOARD ACTIONS: The Board received and filed the reports.</b></p>
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<b>Item</b>	4A	<p><b>Mondo’s Cove Beach Public Access Stairway Improvement.</b> <b>Recommended Action:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Approve and authorize the Chair to execute the attached Agreement with Jensen Design &amp; Survey, Inc. in an amount up to and not to exceed \$59,823.00 with a period of performance from January 24, 2020 through June 30, 2020 for design and engineering services for the Mondo’s Cove Public Access Improvement Project; and</li> <li>ii. Approve and authorize the Executive Director to extend the period of performance and to make immaterial changes in accordance with Sections 4.B and 34 of the Agreement.</li> </ol>
<b>Minutes/ Actions:</b>		<p>Mr. Marc Beyeler presented this item explaining that Staff was bring back the Jensen Design Contract for the Mondo’s Public Access Stairway project to the Board for approval. The previous version of the contract presented to the Board in November 2019 contained language that Jensen Design had not reached concurrence. The contract before the Board today has been fully vetted by BEACON Legal Counsel and is acceptable to Jensen Design.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Director Weir requested that the stairway design consider natural designs not just wood and steel. Director Weir also asked how construction was going to be funded. Mr. Beyeler responded that the design team will consider a full range of design options and community input would be considered. Regarding construction funding, BEACON staff will be pursuing additional grant funding opportunities for the construction phase. Marc indicated that he would bring the project back to the Board for an update in the summer 2020.</li> </ul> <p><b>BOARD ACTIONS: Approved unanimously the recommended actions. Moved by Weir/Second by Richards.</b></p>

<b>Item</b>	5A	<p><b>Board Members Reports.</b> <b>Board members Reports and Updates.</b></p>
<b>Minutes/ Actions:</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Director Weir reported that she had participated in the organized King Tide walk along the shore and it was very successful, well attended and educational.</li> <li>• Director Gama expressed his thanks to the BEACON Team for the great work in 2019 regarding Port Hueneme Beach and is looking forward to 2020 to secure additional dredging funding.</li> <li>• Director Richards reported that Goleta is moving forward a creek management plan which will include public workshops and technical advisor input.</li> </ul>

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<b>Item</b>	5B	<p><b>BEACON Organization – Executive Staff Transition 2020</b></p> <p><b>Recommended Actions:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Receive report from BEACON Board Chair and Executive Director and approve ED proposal for Calendar Year 2020 Transition Activities, including job duties for Deputy Executive Director</li> <li>ii. Authorize the Chair to appoint an <i>ad hoc</i> Transition Subcommittee of five BEACON Board Members</li> <li>iii. Approve and authorize the Executive Director recommendation to appoint Marc Beyeler as Deputy Executive Director for Calendar Year 2020</li> <li>iv. Approve and authorize the Chair to execute a Second Amendment to Agreement with MBA Consultants to increase the scope of work to include Marc Beyeler serving as the Deputy Executive Director of BEACON and to add \$28,000 for increased services for a total amount not to exceed \$64,250 with no change to the period of performance terminating on June 30, 2020.</li> </ol>
<b>Minutes/ Actions:</b>		<p>Mr. Brian Brennan presented this item. Starting in January 2021, Supervisor Bennett will no longer hold the First District Supervisor seat and Executive Director Brian Brennan will no longer be available to serve as an unpaid Executive Director. Consequently, Mr. Brennan will end his service as Executive Director in December 2020. As a result, Staff is recommending the Board authorize the Chair to appoint a Transition Sub-committee of up to five BEACON representatives to coordinate with staff on transition tasks and to meet by teleconference in alternating months from BEACON Board meetings as needed to hear updates from staff on the status of transition planning, including multi-year strategic and financial planning goals and staff reports for Board consideration in 2020. In addition, Mr. Brennan recommended Marc Beyeler be designated Deputy Executive Director for BEACON for the calendar year 2020, starting in January 2020 to coordinate transition planning under the direction of the Executive Director and in close coordination with the Transition Sub-committee. Furthermore, Executive Director Brennan is recommending that Mr. Bayeler succeed as Executive Director at the conclusion of 2020.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Director Bennett stated that the role Mr. Brennan has played as Executive Director has been amazing. He also stated that it is time to elevate BEACON. SLR is here and it would be foolish if we do not expand BEACON’s presence.</li> <li>• Director Richards stated that it is important that Staff outreach to the individual member agency Councils and Board of Supervisors to secure acknowledgement of the role and importance of BEACON.</li> </ul> <p><b>BOARD ACTIONS:</b>  <b>Approval of Transition Sub-committee members Directors Hart, Weir, Gama and Richards.</b>  <b>Approved unanimously all Recommended Actions. Moved by Bennett/Second by Gama.</b></p>

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<b>Item</b>	5C	<p><b>BEACON Science Support</b> <b>Recommended Action:</b></p> <p>i. Approve and authorize the Chair to execute an Agreement for professional services of Independent Contractor Dr. Douglas George to assist in organizing BEACON's science workshop in an amount not to exceed \$5,000 with a period of performance to June 30, 2020.</p>
<b>Minutes/ Actions:</b>	<p>Staff is recommending that BEACON enter into a professional services agreement with Dr. Douglas George to assist Mr. Beyeler in organizing the science workshop (approved by the Board in November 2019) under a limited term contract. Dr. George is an experienced coastal and marine science specialist with expertise in littoral cell sediment transport and fate, and a recognized leader in sediment management and climate science and policy.</p> <p><b>BOARD ACTIONS: The Board approved unanimously the Recommended Action. Moved by Gama/Second by Shaw.</b></p>	

<b>Item</b>	5D	<p><b>Auditor-Controller's Actions and Financial Reports:</b></p> <p>i. Receive and file the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Unadjusted Budget-to-Actual report for the year-to-date period ending December 31, 2019 (Exhibit I)</p> <p>ii. Authorize the Auditor-Controller's Office to make budgetary adjustments as follows: (requires 6/10th vote):</p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">INCREASE</td> <td style="padding-left: 10px;">Other Professional and Specialized Services</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$ 33,250</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">DECREASE</td> <td style="padding-left: 10px;">Engineering and Technical Surveys</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$ 11,131</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">DECREASE</td> <td style="padding-left: 10px;">Contingency</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$ 16,869</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">INCREASE</td> <td style="padding-left: 10px;">Revenue – Other Governmental Agencies</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$ 5,250</td> </tr> </table>	INCREASE	Other Professional and Specialized Services	\$ 33,250	DECREASE	Engineering and Technical Surveys	\$ 11,131	DECREASE	Contingency	\$ 16,869	INCREASE	Revenue – Other Governmental Agencies	\$ 5,250
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<b>Minutes/ Actions:</b>	<p>Mr. Carlos Maldonado of the ACO presented two items: the first reporting on the Budget to Actual for period ending December 31, 2019 and the second reporting budget adjustments to accommodate the amendment to Mr. Bayeler's contract.</p> <p><b>BOARD ACTIONS: The Board approved unanimously all ACO Recommended Actions. Moved by Richards/Second by Shaw.</b></p>													

<b>Item</b>	6	<b>Executive Director's Report and Communications</b>
<b>Minutes/ Actions:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Executive Director reported that at Legal Counsel's direction, a BEACON Bylaw change will be recommended on the March Board Meeting Agenda to change the Chair and Vice-Chair elections to bi-annual instead of annual.</li> <li>• Mr. Brannan also reported on the success of the King Tide walk.</li> <li>• Mr. Brennan reported that he also did a walk of Goleta Beach recently, and he noted that the only walkable area is where the nourishment occurred.</li> </ul>	

**Adjourn to next regular meeting March 20, 2020 at 9:00 AM in Carpinteria City Hall.**

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