

BEACON BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Friday, March 17, 2023

TIME: 9:00 AM

PLACE: TELECONFERENCE

Item	1A	Call to Order, Roll Call, and Introductions – Chair, Laura Capps.
Minutes/ Actions:		<p>Directors Present:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laura Capps (County of Santa Barbara) • Das Williams (County of Santa Barbara) • Vianey Lopez (County of Ventura) • Matt LaVere (County of Ventura) • James Kyriaco (Alternate - City of Goleta) • Eric Friedman (City of Santa Barbara) • Monica Solórzano (City of Carpinteria) • Doug Halter (City of Ventura) • Gabe Teran, (City of Oxnard) • Steven Gama, (City of Port Hueneme) <p>Directors Not Present:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kyle Richards (City of Goleta)
Item	1B	Approval of Agenda and Filing of Certificate of Agenda Posting. Action: Approve and file.
Minutes/ Actions:		<p>Board Members Comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None. <p>Public Comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None. <p>The agenda was approved unanimously by the Board. Moved by Halter / Second by Gama.</p>
Item	1C	Consideration and Approval of Minutes of the BEACON Meeting held on January 20, 2023. Action: Approve and file.
Minutes/ Actions:		<p>Board Members Comments:</p> <p>None.</p> <p>Public Comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None. <p>The Board approved unanimously to approve and file the BEACON Board Minutes from November 7, 2022. Moved by Halter / Second by Gama.</p>

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Item	ID	BEACON Board Meeting Calendar for 2023. Review and adopt an updated Board Meeting Calendar for 2023.
Minutes/ Actions:		<p>Executive Director Beyeler explained that based on the Board’s direction at the January 20, 2023, meeting, BEACON staff recommends the Board adopt an updated Board meeting schedule as for the remaining calendar year of 2023. Regular meetings will be held beginning at 9:00 at Carpinteria City Hall, 5775 Carpinteria Ave, Carpinteria, CA 93013 and via teleconference in accordance with Government Code section 54953(b) on the following dates, unless otherwise designated or directed by the Board:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • March Board Meeting Friday, March 17, 2023 • May Board Meeting Friday, May 19, 2023 • July Board Meeting Friday, July 21, 2023 • September Board Meeting Friday, September 22, 202 • November Board Meeting Friday, November 17, 2023 <p>Board Members Comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None <p>Public Comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None. <p>The Board approved unanimously to approve and file the BEACON Board Minutes from November 7, 2022. Moved by Halter / Second by Gama.</p>

Item	2	Public Comment and Other Matters not on the Agenda Receive public comments.
Minutes/ Actions:		<p>Board Members Comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None. <p>Public Comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Andy Catcher asked if Dan Gira was going to be involved in projects?

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Item	3	Presentations Receive presentations on Science of Regional Sediment Management and 2023 Emergency Beach Sediment Deposition Projects at Goleta Beach and Carpinteria Beach by Dr. Kiki Patsch, BEACON Science Advisory Committee (SAC) Co-Chair; and by Walter Rubalcava, Deputy Director, Santa Barbara County Public Works-Water Resources and Andrew Raaf, Environmental Manager, Santa Barbara County Flood Control District.
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<p>Minutes/ Actions:</p>	<p>Executive Director Beyeler introduced this item explaining that there would be two presentations today. First, an oversight presentation on Regional Sediment Management in the BEACON littoral cell by Dr. Kiki Patsch, the Chair of BEACON Science Advisory Committee (SAC) and professor at California State University at Channel Islands. The second presentation will be by Andrew Raaf, Environmental Manager for the Santa Barbara County Flood Control District, providing a report on the beach sediment deposits at Goleta Beach and Carpinteria Beach following the 2023 winter storms.</p> <p>Both presentations will be posted to the BEACON website.</p> <p>Following the presentation by Dr. Patsch:</p> <p>Board Members Comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Director Williams indicated that the bottom line is that the BEACON Littoral Cell is sediment deprived. Therefore, without sediment deposits, we will end up seeing the loss of many existing beaches.<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Dr. Patsch responded that this was correct.• Director Williams asked if the removal of Matilija Dam would help the sediment deficit and if it would help in Santa Barbara County as well as Ventura County?<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Dr. Patsch responded that it would certainly help in Ventura County and perhaps a little in Santa Barbara due to some upstream drift of sediment.• Director Gama reported that this year's dredging of Channel Islands Harbor resulted in the most sediment deposited on Hueneme Beach in many years. Director Gama asked if Dr. Patsch knew how much of the dredged sand originated from Santa Clara River?<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Dr. Patsch responded that there was a huge amount from the Santa Clara River, but she did not have specific figures.• Director Kyriaco thanked Dr. Patsch for her presentation and asked if she knew if the Goleta Slough was sediment deprived?<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Dr. Patch responded that she did not know the answer to this question.• Director Solórzano what does the regional level monitoring and permitting look like?<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Dr. Patsch responded that monitoring is very important, and BEACON is spending a lot of times on the subject. The SAC has developing some metrics on the various facets of monitoring. Often monitoring data is siloed One of the BEACON initiatives is to try and get everybody in the same room in terms of monitoring beach protection, recreation activity, and ecology.• Director Halter asked if significant turbulence occurs at river mouths during large storms/<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Dr. Patsch replied that there is significant turbulence during storms but that it dissipates out to the ocean fairly quickly. Following the 2018 storms and subsequent sediment depositions, after 3 months there was no evidence of turbulence. <p>Following the presentation by Andrew Raaf of the Santa Barbara County Flood Control District:</p> <p>Board Members Comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Director Kyriaco indicated that he understood the need for sediment deposition during emergency operations. Director Kyriaco asked what is the status sediment in Goleta Slough? Is it a sediment rich environment?<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Mr. Raaf responded that we have 5 sediment catchments in the Sough and 4 of them have been dredged. But there is a large amount that is never dredged.
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- Director Kyriaco asked how much beach nourishment is occurring at Goleta Beach outside of the emergency scenarios?
 - Mr. Raaf indicated that the standard dredging program from Goleta Slough is every 3 to 7 years. Since 2018 there have been more emergency deposits. The emergency operations fall outside the scope of the dredging EIR.
- Director Kyriaco indicated that he understood that periodically, the dredging's from Goleta Slough are deposited onto Goleta Beach as nourishment and that these operations are approved through a CEQA EIR. Given that the protocols for placement of the Goleta Slough dredge deposits are not that different from the emergency scenario deposits, is there a difference in material make up and type. Is there anything environmentally that Goleta community should know?
 - Mr. Raff indicated that the biggest difference is the material source location. There are five catchment areas identified for dredging in the Goleta Slough and four of these were dredged. However, there remains a substantial portion of the slough that is not included in these catchment areas. The EIR defines removal of sediment from just the Goleta Slough and excludes all materials from debris basins. Consequently, the Goleta Slough material is largely void of any large grain material which has significant benefit to Goleta Beach, especially cobble.
- Director Kyriaco indicated that he understood that chemical testing protocols are implemented for emergency depositions and that some of these include analyses at the material source, in other words at the debris basins. Are the results of these analyses known prior to the placement of the material at the beaches?
 - Mr. Raaf responded that the results are secured in parallel with the deposition operations. Some of the testing results occur in real time, others trickle in later.
- Director Kyriaco indicated that he understood that under the Slough Maintenance EIR air quality analyses are required. Is a similar air quality analyses completed for the debris basin deposition?
 - Mr. Raaf responded that there is not an air quality analysis for the emergency conditions. Should a formal sediment deposition program be implemented then such an analysis would be required.
- Director Kyriaco asked if the distance of truck travel cited in the presentation were as the crow flies?
 - Mr. Raff confirmed that the distances cited were as the crow flies.
- Director Solórzano asked if Mr. Raaf could provide a permit update for the emergency work.
 - Mr. Raaf indicated the District has been engaging a multiyear process with the Coastal Commission to examine sediment thresholds, recognizing that the large grain material like cobble has great benefit to the beaches. The standard permits do not allow the placement of this size material and we are trying to update the standard permits to allow. However, this is not applicable to emergency conditions.
- Director Williams indicated that he understands that cobble is a proven benefit for beaches and fully endorsed by Surf Rider. This was very well proven at Surfers Point project. The community wants to make the whole process better. Could we add a potential storage site to a permit? Or if a farm can receive sediment material, could that destination be viable for sediment deposition?
 - Mr. Raff responded that the District recognizes the benefit of such a site and has researched potential sites for sediment, but it is very challenging to find anywhere. Regarding the potential use of agricultural sites as receiver sites for sediment that is viable, but we would have to have the receive sites pre-approved.
- Director Gama indicated that every mountain wants to be a beach, is the emergency action just mimicking what Mother Nature would naturally do?

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Mr. Raaf responded that effectively the emergency operations do mimic what Mother Nature would do but we are living in an urbanized environment with impervious surfaces, so our ability to truly mimic Mother Nature is impossible.• Director Williams stated that the public have my commitment that SB County will look for alternative sites and reduce the volume of deposition onto the beaches. However, some amount of the sediment belongs on the beach. <p>Public Comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Andy Patrick. Andy is a resident of Carpinteria. The discussion today was incredibly enlightening. I spent a lot of time going through the testing reports and I have observed the emergency operations and it looks like a complete mess and I have never seen a single test actually being performed. However, I recognize that we can't all agree. My question is why this is happening in the first place. Why don't we bring together the private sector and the public sector along with entrepreneurs and come up with a collaborative solution?• Michelle Carland, resident of Carpinteria and business owner. I believe the dumping has an impact on the City's beach and I started a petition against the dumping of sediment. I understand emergency conditions but there needs to be more transparency, programmatic permitting and accountability among the various agencies involved in the dumping. The dumping activities have economic impacts as well. A 2021 study indicates tourism is negatively affected by these operations. Finally, one of the goals of BEACON is "clean oceans" which is reflected in the BEACON Strategic Plan. Please listen to your constituents.• Russell Ruiz. I have been involved in local government for 40 years. Dan Gira is a close friend and an excellent resource for beach nourishment issues. He was the Deputy Director of SB County Planning and is now a consultant. He should be involved. Are you aware of Professor Robert Norris who established the geology department at UCSB? Professor Norris is a good friend because I was the General Counsel of the Goleta Water District for 20 years. He is the preeminent expert on beach nourishment. I am very much against the deposition of sediment in Carpinteria. The rocks that were delivered to the beach in 2018 are still on the beach and I ask Das Williams to go down and observe.• Matt Roberts, City of Carpinteria Parks and Recreation Director. I started as a lifeguard over 30 years ago and I have an interesting story of my early lifeguard experience. I had a rescue in process because a boat was drifting into the surf zone. However, I couldn't run down the beach as fast as I wanted because the entire beach was cobble, and this phenomenon was visible every year in springtime. The mountains around Carpinteria are steep resulting in higher velocity flows to the coast which historically carry cobble and rocks. Cobble is critical to our beaches and to the resilience of our beaches.• Kurt Petersen. I am a business owner and resident of Carpinteria. I recently learned about BEACON and was very excited to hear people are working on these issues. I have a question for Dr. Patsch. I was wondering if anyone had thought of a natural restoration of our watershed and how that might affect our urbanized areas. How the channelization of our water has affected our sediment transport.• Catherine Salant. I live in Carpinteria. One of the slides shows the percentage of sediment being delivered to Carpinteria Beach coming from the various debris basins. Das Williams explained that most of the material came from debris basins in Carpinteria watershed. The majority of the sediment is from the Santa Monica Debris Basin. Catherine asked if the wood debris is going to
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	<p>be cleaned up. Matt Roberts of the City of Carpinteria indicated that the City and State Parks are collecting wood debris and will be grinding them up for mulch.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paula Perotte. I am speaking as a resident of Goleta. I want to thank BEACON for putting on the presentation – it’s a great opportunity for people to discuss these important issues. I understand there has never been an EIR for Goleta Beach nourishment and the potential impacts on the ecological environment. Also, I noticed that the trucks and dozers being used to transport and move the sediment at Goleta Beach are diesel and I am concerned with the air quality issues. • Dean Placer. I am on the Executive Board of Surf Rider, and I would like to endorse the criticality of cobble placement on beaches. • Ted Horton. Executive Director of Channel Keepers. I understand the criticality of emergency measures. However, I would like to encourage alternative destinations for the sediment. If I understand the bio monitoring started in March. I am not sure what that monitoring entailed but there was a continuous disposal operation over a period of 50 to 60 days, and I wonder what bio impacts occurred. I appreciate the presentation and questions - I learnt a lot today. However, I am seeking more long-term solution arrangement rather than the current protocols. • Michelle Carland. I would like to add that Jenny Dogan, UCSB Professor, who is part of your Science Advisory Committee. She did a research study on the dumping from the 2018 storm event. It showed that the debris did not travel very far. I am not sure if this is a good thing or not. <p>The Board approved unanimously to approve and file the BEACON Board Minutes from November 7, 2022. Moved by Halter / Second by Gama.</p>
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Item	5A	BEACON Organization and Program - Board Members Reports.
Minutes/ Actions:		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None.

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Item	5B	<p>REVISED BYLAWS-BEACON EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE</p> <p>Recommended Action: Review and approve the amended Executive Committee Bylaws (requires a 2/3 majority vote of the Board of Directors) to require performance and organizational review no more frequently than every other year (biennially) and to revise the Executive Committee meeting schedule to indicate two regular meetings per year while deleting the specific references to meetings in December and May (Exhibit 1).</p>
Minutes/ Actions:		<p>Executive Director Beyeler reported that this item is a modest modification to the Bylaws regarding the timing of Executive Committee meetings and the review of BEACON's goals, structure and performance.</p> <p>There are two specific recommendations as detailed in the Staff Report: (1) to delete any calendar reference to Executive Committee meeting dates, rather simply specifying a minimum of two meetings per year; and (2) allowing for a biennial versus annual evaluation of BEACON's goals, structure, and performance, directed toward continually improving the planning, coordination, and implementation process.</p> <p>Board Members Comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None. <p>Public Comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None. <p>The Board approved unanimously the recommended actions. Moved by Gama / Second by Halter.</p>

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Item	5C	<p>BEACON Budget Actions and Financial Reports</p> <p>Recommended Action:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Receive and file the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Budget-to-Actual report for the year-to-date period ending February 28, 2023 (Exhibit I); ii. Authorize the Auditor-Controller’s Office to make the budgetary adjustment as follows (requires 6/10 vote): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DECREASE 5665-2199-GATV-GFUN \$16,000.00 INCREASE 5668-2199-CCMF-RCAM \$16,000.00; iii. Adopt an increase to voting member assessments (membership dues) by 5.1% for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 to provide an additional \$16,303 in revenue. (Exhibit II) (Requires unanimous approval (10/10 vote); iv. Upon approval of member assessments, review the Recommended Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Budget (Exhibit III) with Final Budget Approval to be Presented at May 2023 BEACON Board Meeting.
Minutes/ Actions:		<p>Executive Director Marc Beyeler explained that budget item provides a Budget to Actual report through February 2023 for the FY 22/23, identifies a budgetary adjustment of \$16,000, recommends a 5.1% cost of living Dues increase for FY23-24 and presents the Draft FY 23-24 Budget for review. The Dues increase requires a 10/10 vote whilst the other items do not.</p> <p>Board Members Comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chair Lopez asked if the Board could approve items i, ii, and iv and hold off on item iii, which requires full board participation. • Executive Director Beyeler responded that this would be possible. The Board can approve items i, ii, and iv and receive and file item iv. Then at the May Board meeting, item iv. will be brought back for consideration. • Director Halter asked what the current Dues were? • Executive Director Beyeler responded that the currently the counties pay \$53,273; the larger cities pay \$44, 397; and the smaller cities pay \$26,643. <p>Public Comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None. <p>The Board approved unanimously action i, ii, and received and filed actions iii, and iv. Moved by Halter / Second by LaVere.</p>

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Item	5D	<p>BEACON Contracts and Agreements</p> <p>Recommended Action:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Adopt Resolution 2023-2 designating the Board of Director Chair and the Executive Director as incumbents authorized to negotiate and execute Agreement 22-120 with the State Coastal Conservancy and amendments to it on behalf of BEACON as grantee (Attachment 1). ii. Approve and authorize the Board of Director Chair to execute an Agreement with California State Coastal Conservancy to provide funds for BEACON to complete a study of options for integrating Regional Sediment Management and Sea-Level Rise (SLR) Adaptation with a period of performance from March 31, 2023 through December 31, 2024 in an amount not to exceed \$50,000 (Attachment 2). iii. Approve and authorize the Chair to execute an Agreement with Jenna Wisniewski to provide specialist science support services, including Geographic Information Systems (GIS), in an amount not to exceed \$10,000 with a period of performance from April 1, 2023, through June 30, 2023 (Attachment 3).
Minutes/ Actions:		<p>Executive Director Marc Beyeler reminded the Board that there are no BEACON employees, only specialist consultants. Before the Board today is a \$50,000 grant with the California Coastal Commission, initiated by Assemblyman Steve Bennett, to study Regional Sediment Management. For this effort staff will bring in a consultant to assess how BEACON can best implement Regional Sediment Management strategies. In addition, before the board is consideration of an agreement with a science support person, Jenna Wisniewski, to provide GIS services.</p> <p>Board Members Comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Director Halter asked if there were any required BEACON matching funds with the Coastal Commission Grant? • Executive Director Beyeler responded that there was no grant match required but because of the small size of the grant there is no oversight budget assigned to BEACON staff. <p>Public Comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None. <p>The Board approved unanimously all recommended actions. Moved by Friedman / Second by Gama.</p>
Item	5D	<p>Closed Session</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Executive Director Performance Evaluation. (Gov. Code § 54957(b)(1).) ii. Conference with Labor Negotiators (Gov. Code § 54957.6(a).) Employee: Executive Director. Agency-designated representatives: Chair Lopez and Senior Deputy County Counsel McKenzie.
Minutes/ Actions:		<p>The Chair closed the regular meeting and moved into the Closed Session.</p> <p>Following the Closed Session, the Legal Counsel, Susan McKenzie indicated that 2 items were reported in Closed Session and there were no reportable actions.</p>

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Item	6	Executive Director's Report and Communications
Minutes/ Actions:	<p>The Executive Director reported on the following upcoming activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Regional Sediment Management (RSM) and Sea Level Rise (SLR) Adaptation Planning B. Project Updates C. BEACON Budget Review and Approval D. Contracts and Agreements Review and Approval <p>Executive Director Beyeler indicated that the big items for the May Board Meeting were approval of the FY 23-24 Budget, and approval of the annual contracts that keep BEACON operating. Mr. Beyeler also indicated that he is setting up presentations from Caltrans and State Parks regarding regional sediment. Finally, at upcoming Board meetings specific project updates will be made to the Board. In particular updates on the Surfer's Point, and Mondo's Beach Access projects.</p>	

Adjourn to next regular meeting May 19, 2023, at 9:00 AM at the Carpinteria City Hall and via Teleconference.

Meeting Minutes by Gerald Comati, Program Manager, BEACON.