

BEACON BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Friday, December 8, 2023

TIME: 9:00 AM

PLACE: IN-PERSON IN CARPINTERIA & TELECONFERENCE

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| Item | 1A | Call to Order, Roll Call, and Introductions – Chair, Vianey Lopez |
| Minutes/ Actions: | | <p>Directors Present:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vianey Lopez (County of Ventura) • Matt LaVere (County of Ventura) • Das Williams (County of Santa Barbara) • Laura Capps (County of Santa Barbara) REMOTE • Kyle Richards (City of Goleta) • Eric Friedman (City of Santa Barbara) • Monica Solórzano (City of Carpinteria) • Doug Halter (City of Ventura) • Steven Gama (City of Port Hueneme) <p>Directors Not Present:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gabe Teran, (City of Oxnard) |
| Item | 1B - C | <p>Approval of Administrative Items</p> <p>B. Approval of Agenda and Filing of Certificate of Agenda Posting.</p> <p>C. Consideration and Approval of Minutes of the BEACON Meeting held on September 22, 2023.</p> |
| 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 Administrative Agenda was approved unanimously by the Board. Moved by Gama / Second by Halter.</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"> • None. |
| Item | 3 | Projects – BEACON Staff will provide updates on selected projects. |
| Minutes/ Actions: | | <p>Executive Director Beyeler indicated he would provide a brief update on on-going BEACON Projects.</p> <p>Access Stairs at Mondo’s Beach. Preliminary design was completed in 2022, funded through Coastal Commission Mitigation Fees, which BEACON received through a Coastal Mitigation Impact Fee Agreement between the Coastal Commission. Since that time the project team has been seeking funding for the final design and the construction phases. The funding has now been secured. BEACON will assist the County of Ventura to deliver the</p> |

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| | <p>project which is anticipated to start construction in early 2025.</p> <p>Surfers Point Project. The project is entering final design for Phase 2 of the project. The project is being managed by the City of Ventura and the City has secured \$16M in grant funding. BEACON staff will assist the City with delivery oversight.</p> <p>Prop 68 Grant – Coastal Resilience Sediment Pilot Study. This study, commenced in 2022 and includes UCSB, CSUCI and the USGS, is essentially an assessment to better understand the impacts of sediment management (nourishment etc.) on ecology and habitat within the BEACON coastline. This project will help inform resource agencies permitting constraints for future projects.</p> <p>Regional Coastal Adaptation Monitoring Program (RCAMP). This project began in 2023, will develop specific information necessary to begin the development of a coastal adaptation monitoring program. The project will also initiate one or more pilot projects.</p> <p>Mr. Beyeler also discussed the Science/Management Summit that BEACON hosted at the H2O Conference held in Ventura at the end of November 2023. The Summit was sold out and a huge success.</p> <p>Board Members Comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Director Das Williams thanked Mr. Beyeler for his presentation and indicated that it is very impressive how much work BEACON is involved in. BEACON may need more revenue to support these projects, but still BEACON is much less than other agencies' programs. • Director Gama expressed his happiness with the Science/Management Summit in November. It was diverse and it would be great to create a video of it. <p>Public Comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None. |
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| Item | 5A | BEACON Organization and Program - Board Members Reports. |
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| Minutes/ Actions: | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eric Friedman reported that in September the State Legislator approved SB 272 requiring that all Local Coastal Plans in the State include SLR by 20234. The Coastal Commission will implement guidelines. Mr. Friedman also indicated that OPC released a Draft SLR guidance which will inform planning moving forward. • Director Gamas indicated that the weekly beach cleanup at Port Hueneme Beach continues and involves a broad range of students, from college to elementary. Mr. Gama emphasized the importance of youth involvement and awareness. • Executive Director Beyer recognized Director Halter for attending in person the Science/Management Summit and providing excellent introductory remarks. • Director Halter indicated that he absolutely believes in BEACON and was delighted to be present at the Summit. He also indicated that for 2024, the City of Ventura would be |

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| | <p>shifting its Council Meetings to Tuesday nights.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Director Richards indicated that he sat-in virtually on a part of the Summit and it was a great experience, but indicated he did not feel connected with the Science Advisory Committee (SAC). • Executive Director Beyeler indicated that the SAC would be presenting to the Board more frequently in 2024. Mr. Beyeler also expressed the difficulties of staying within the constraints of the Brown Act, as a result it is best to bring the SAC to the Board rather than visa-versa. • Director Williams suggested that staff should invite Board Members to SAC meetings, and it would be first come first served. • Director Beyeler indicated he would seek legal counsel on Director Williams' suggestion. • Director Gama indicated that when he first started attending BEACON Board meetings there was a full audience. However, now, very few members of the public show up. • Executive Director Beyeler indicated that is hard to get public participation but that with ZOOM it does make it easier to participate if there is interest. Executive Director Beyeler added that he did not think BEACON needs to be front and center but does need to be transparent and open. |
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| Item | 5B | <p>2024 Meeting Schedule Recommended Action: Review and adopt the 2024 Meeting Schedule.</p> |
| Minutes/ Actions: | | <p>Executive Director Beyeler explained that the 2024 Board meeting schedule was the same as typical, with Board meeting on the third Friday of every other month with the exception of the January 2024 meeting with will occur on the 4th Friday of January (January 26). Mr. Beyeler indicated that in past years, Smart Growth has used the same third Friday in May of the month to host its meeting. Mr. Beyeler added that at the March Board Meeting the dues will be considered.</p> <p>Board Member Comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Director Halter indicated is unable to attend the January Board Meeting. <p>Public Comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None. <p>The Board approved unanimously the recommended actions. Moved by Richards / Second by Solórzano.</p> |

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| Item | 5C | <p>BEACON Budget Review Recommended Actions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Receive a Staff Report on BEACON Budgeting; ii. Authorize the Chair to appoint an ad hoc Budget Review Committee to |
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| | | <p>assist the BEACON Executive Director in undertaking a Budget Review for the next three-year period (Fiscal Years 2024-25 through 2026-27) consisting of the following four or five BEACON Members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chair Richards; • Member Lopez; • Member Halter; • Member Williams; and • An optional additional member |
| Minutes/ Actions: | <p>Executive Director Beyeler recommended the formation of an ad hoc budget review committee consisting of four or five members.</p> <p>Mr. Beyeler explained that historically the Board considers an annual budget in March, including an operations budget, a multiple year grants and contracts budget, and recommendations regarding yearly member dues. The last significant member dues increase occurred in 2020 when dues were increased by 100 percent to allow BEACON to retain a paid Executive Director, in addition to its specialist contractors. BEACON is once again at an inflection point and the need for a comprehensive look at the budget over the next three years is recommended, and it makes sense that this effort should be overseen by either a new committee (ad hoc Budget Review Committee) or be added to the scope of the Executive Committee.</p> <p>Board Members Comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chair Lopez indicated she supported the recommendation of a new committee. • Director Gama indicated he was a fan of multi-year budgets but believed the outer two-year budgets should be considered projections. • Director Friedman supported the recommended format for a new committee and indicated it was similar in the City of Santa Barbara. • Director Richards stated that in terms of the make up of the Budget Review Committee it is clearly balanced between the two counties with four members. With a fifth then we have an odd number. Mr. Richards asked what is the charge of the committee? Is this the right budget model or are there other model we should be considering. • Chair Lopez suggested that review of budget models should be part of the Budget Review Committee Scope. • Executive Director Beyeler agreed that consideration of budget models should be included in the scope of the committee. Staff will bring this discussion back to the Board in March and we can telescope into the next three years. • Director Halter indicated he liked what he heard and supports the recommendation for the new committee. <p>Public Comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None. <p>The Board approved unanimously the recommended actions. Moved by Halter / Second</p> | |

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| | by Capps. |
| Item | <p>5D</p> <p>BEACON Contracts and Agreements Recommended Actions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Approve and authorize the Chair to execute Amendment No. 3 to the Agreement with University of California Santa Barbara to extend the term of the Agreement by 12 months to provide ecological assessment analysis with a revised end date of December 31, 2024, without an increase in the funding amount not to exceed \$75,000 (Attachment 1); ii. Approve and authorize the Chair to execute Amendment No. 2 to the Agreement with California State University Channel Islands to extend the term of the Agreement by 12 months to provide technical services under the Ocean Protection Council (OPC) Proposition 68 grant with a revised end date of December 31, 2024, and with an increase in the funding amount of \$25,000 for a revised total not to exceed \$100,000 to complete additional technical and field work under the existing scope of work (Attachment 2); iii. Approve and authorize the Chair to execute Amendment No. 2 to the Agreement with The United States Geologic Survey to extend the term of the Agreement by 12 months to provide sediment modeling services under the OPC Proposition 68 grant with a revised end date of December 31, 2024, without an increase in the funding amount not to exceed \$100,000 (Attachment 3); and iv. Approve, ratify, and authorize the payment of an invoice to the California Shore and Beach Preservation Association for A/V services provided in support of the H2O 2023 Conference in the amount of five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) (Attachment 4). |
| Minutes/ Actions: | <p>Executive Director Beyeler indicated that this item approves extension of term to the three OPC Prop 68 grant Coastal Resilience Sediment Pilot Study agreements with UCSB, USGS and CSUCI. The project is well under way, but more time is required to complete it. OPC is aware and supportive of the time extensions. Mr. Beyeler indicated he will bring back to the Board at a later date a recommendation for the Board to delegate to the Executive Director the authority to approve time extensions for agreements. This action would be more time effective for staff.</p> <p>The second item is for the Board to approve reimbursement of the expenses incurred by the California Shore and Beach Preservation Association (CSBPA) for the BEACON Science/Management Summit held at the H2O Conference in November.</p> <p>Board Members Comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Director Solorzano indicated that she agreed with the request for delegation regarding contract time extensions. • Director Lavere also agreed with the delegation request. |

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| | <p>Public Comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None. <p>The Board approved unanimously the recommended actions. Moved by LaVere / Second by Halter.</p> |
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| Item | 6 | Executive Director's Report and Communications |
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| Minutes/ Actions: | | <p>The Executive Director reported that the January meeting would include the following upcoming topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Chair Report from the Executive Committee Meeting December 8, 2023 B. Presentation-Regional Sediment Management (RSM) and Sea Level Rise (SLR) Adaptation Planning C. Project Updates D. Budget and Financial Actions <p>Other items that Staff is looking at:</p> <p>Staff is seeking to implement a SLR update to the BEACON Coastal Regional Sediment Management Plan (CRSMP). The original document was adopted in 2009. BEACON does not have the funds (approx. \$220K) to complete this and is looking for grant funds. This effort will be completed in the context of adaptation plans already completed by the two counties and many of the member cities.</p> |

The next Board Meeting will be held on January 26, 2024 9:00 AM, at the City of Carpinteria City Council Chambers.

Meeting Minutes by Gerald Comati, Program Manager, BEACON.