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NOTICE MEETING

BEACH EROSION AUTHORITY FOR CLEAN OCEANS AND NOURISHMENT (BEACON) EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FEBRUARY 23, 2024

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

DATE: Friday, February 23, 2024

TIME: 3:00 PM

PLACE: IN-PERSON AND TELECONFERENCE (see details below)

The agenda of business to be conducted is below.

Vianey Lopez, Chairperson BEACON

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

**County of Ventura
Government Center
800 S. Victoria Ave., 4th Floor,
Point Mugu Room
Ventura, CA 93009**

**City of Santa Barbara
City Council offices
Santa Barbara City Hall,
2nd Floor.
735 Anacapa Street,
Santa Barbara, CA 93101**

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1. You may observe the live meeting of the Board of Directors Executive Committee via Zoom Meeting:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87324531455?pwd=LzdaV0NmVDY2cm53eElUbjFNeGlaUT09>
Meeting ID: **873 2453 1455**
Passcode: **329757**



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2. You may call in to listen live to the Board of Directors Executive Committee meeting by dialing **1669-900-6833** and then entering the following when prompted:
Meeting ID: **873 2453 1455** and
Passcode: **329757**
3. If you wish to make a general public comment or to comment on a specific agenda, the following methods are available:
 - a. Distribution to the Board. Submit comments via email to Staff@Beacon.ca.gov prior to 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 21, 2024, or through mail to BEACON at 501 Poli Street, Ventura, CA 93001 to be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 21, 2024. Your comment will be placed into the record and distributed appropriately.
 - b. Read into the record at the meeting. Submit comments of 250 words, or less, via email to Staff@BEACON.ca.gov prior to 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 21, 2024, prior to the Board meeting. Please indicate if you would like to make a general public comment, a comment on a specific agenda item, or both. Please state in your email, or mail, if you would like the comment "read into the record." Every effort will be made to read your comment into the record, but some comments may not be read due to time limitations. Comments timely received on an agenda item will be placed into the record and distributed accordingly.
 - c. By Zoom. Log onto Zoom as described above. The meeting will be controlled by the BEACON Chair. If you wish to make a comment during the meeting, please raise your hand using the Zoom instructions on your computer. By using the typed messaging capability of Zoom you should also indicate to the Chair which Agenda Item you wish to speak on or if you wish to make a general comment that is not specific to an Agenda Item. BEACON Staff will make every effort to call you during the indicated item so that you may comment.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, individuals needing special accommodations to participate in the meeting should contact BEACON at least three working days prior to the meeting.

MEETING AGENDA

1. Administrative Items

A. Call to Order, Roll Call and Introductions—Chair

The following matters 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 the agenda and filing of Certificate of Agenda Posting.

C. Consideration and approval of Minutes of the BEACON Executive Committee meeting held on December 8, 2023.

2. Public Comment and Other Matters not on the Agenda



3. Closed Session

Executive Director Performance Evaluation. (Gov. Code § 54957(b)(1).)

4. Adjourn

Late Distribution of Materials

Any disclosable public records related to an open session item on a regular meeting agenda and distributed by BEACON to all or a majority of the members of the BEACON Executive Committee less than 72 hours prior to that meeting will be made available for inspection at County of Ventura Government Center, 800 S. Victoria Ave., 4th Floor, Point Mugu Room, Ventura, CA 93009 during the scheduled meeting and on the Internet at: BEACON.CA.GOV.

Any written ex-parte communication subject to disclosure by members of the BEACON Executive Committee may be published online as an attachment to the corresponding item.

BEACON SPECIAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Meeting held Friday, December 8, 2023

TIME: 10:30 AM

PLACE: In-Person Carpinteria City Council Chambers and Teleconference

Item	1A	Call to Order, Roll Call and Introductions
Minutes/ Actions:		<p>Executive Committee Members Present:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laura Capps (County of Santa Barbara) • Eric Friedman (City of Santa Barbara) • Kyle Richards (City of Goleta) • Vianey Lopez (County of Ventura) • Steven Gama <p>Not Present:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None

Item	1B	<p>Approval of Agenda and Filing of Certificate of Agenda Posting</p> <p>Action: Approve and file</p>
Minutes/ Actions:		<p>Board Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None. <p>Public Comment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None. <p>The Executive Committee approved unanimously the Recommended Action. Moved by Member Richards/ Second by Member Friedman.</p>

Item	1C	<p>Consideration and Approval of Minutes of the BEACON Executive Committee Meeting held on March 3, 2023.</p> <p>Action: Approve and file.</p>
Minutes/ Actions:		<p>Board Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No Discussion. <p>Public Comment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None. <p>The Board approved the Recommended Action with four affirmative votes and Member Gama abstaining from voting. Moved by Member Richards/ Second by Member Friedman.</p>

Item	2	Public Comment and Other Matters not on the Agenda a. Receive public comments.
Minutes/ Actions:		No public comments were received.

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Item	3	Executive Director Report on Budget Review for BEACON. Receive a report from the Executive Director on Budget Review process, the ad hoc Budget Review Committee, and discuss and provide any direction so desired
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**Minutes/
Actions:**

Executive Director Marc Beyeler indicated that the Board had earlier today, at the Board Meeting, approved an ad hoc Budget Review Committee to assist the BEACON Executive Director in undertaking a Budget Review for the next three-year period (Fiscal Years 2024-25 through 2026-27). The objective of the discussion today will be the intended work of the ad hoc Budget Review Committee and scheduling. Staff first presented a multi-year budget planning document to the Board in 2020. At that time an ad-hoc Committee of the Board was established and met several times to develop a dues and budget strategy and the results were very good. Based on the full Board’s previous discussion today, the topics of note:

- Multiple year budget planning.
- How to integrate budget and program.
- Options to the BEACON model.

BEACON is currently a JPA but in theory we could be something else too, such as a Special District.

Board Discussion:

- Director Gama indicated that he would like to see other governmental models. The relevance of BEACON is going to greatly intensify over the next 20 years and therefore the intention to review other models now makes sense. Director Gama asked if BEACON did a mid-year budget review?
- Executive Director Beyeler responded that BEACON does not do a mid-year budget review, but we could do. However, BEACON does do budget amendment throughout the year.
- Director Friedman supported the idea of seeing other models of government. We are all part of independent agencies but also of a JPA. Director Friedman indicated that it was hard to sometimes secure a 10/10 vote sometimes and wondered if it would be possible to secure approval with less than unanimous? Director Freidman also supported investigation of other income options and whether we should consider going to monthly meetings.
- Chair Lopez stated that she felt these were thoughtful comments and ones that should be taken back to our boards and councils.
- Director Richards indicated that the ad-hoc Committee should focus on funding options but that the Board as a whole should assess broader issues. Director Richards believed it was important to have a history of the organization. The goal is a regional agency but to also maintain individual agency autonomy. Regarding the less than 10 vote scenario, but then theoretically, an agency could resist paying dues if there isn’t a 10/10 vote.
- Executive Director Beyeler indicated that he was not opposed to less than a 10/10 vote. In the past BEACON’s funding strategy was made up of a bit of local funding and a lot of outside funding. He believed this is changing. We need to increase the extent of local funds. In addition, the population has changed since 1982. We do not have other cities like Guadalupe or Lompoc. Also, some cities have greater disadvantaged communities. BEACON needs to maximize coastal access – this needs to be a major goal.
- Chair Lopez indicated that these are all great questions. She believed that BEACON was at a pivotal moment.
- Director Gama indicated that the “little guppies” program in Port Hueneme is pursuing great things. They are very involved in coastal questions and put together very professional work groups. They are experiencing and seeing the coastal issues we try to address. Recently, a 3rd grade class were visiting Port Hueneme Pier, and an 8-ft great white swam under the pier for all to see.
- Executive Director Beyeler stated that it would be great to hear the number one vision of BEACON from each board member and then scale down.
- Chair Lopez indicated that the discussion was very productive and that the ah-hoc Committee will have a lot to discuss.

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	<p>Public Comment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• None.
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The meeting was adjourned.

Meeting Minutes by Gerald Comati, Program Manager.