

BEACON BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Friday, January 26, 2024

TIME: 9:00 AM

PLACE: IN-PERSON IN CARPINTERIA & TELECONFERENCE

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 • James Kyriaco (City of Goleta) – Alternate • Eric Friedman (City of Santa Barbara) • Al Clark (City of Carpinteria) - Alternate • 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) • Monica Solórzano (City of Carpinteria) • Doug Halter (City of Ventura)
Item	1B - C	<p>Approval of Administrative Items</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">B. Approval of Agenda and Filing of Certificate of Agenda Posting.</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">C. Consideration and Approval of Minutes of the BEACON Meeting held on December 8, 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 Friedman.</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	Presentation- 2023 Coastal Storm Damage Presentations Receive presentations from BEACON Member Agencies on Coastal Storm Damage in 2023 from a series of storms in January and December, including pre-storm planning, storm damage and responses, and community recovery initiatives.
Minutes/ Actions:		Executive Director Beyeler indicated that BEACON staff had lined up eleven presentations on the coastal damage from the 2023 storms, from entities within the BEACON jurisdiction.

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The presenting entities will be as follows:

1. City of Port Hueneme – by Michael Frederico.
2. Port of Hueneme – By Kristin Degas.
3. City of Oxnard – By Michael Wolfe.
4. Channel Islands Harbor – By Michael Tripp.
5. Ventura County – By Dave Fleisch.
6. City of Carpinteria – By Erin Maker.
7. City of Ventura – By Bill Ayub.
8. City of Santa Barbara Waterfront Department – By Brian Adair.
9. City of Goleta – By Michael Baris.
10. Santa Barbara County – By Kelly Hubbard.
11. Ventura Harbor – By John Higgins.

All presentations will be posted on the BEACON website.

1. City of Port Hueneme – by Michael Frederico.

Board Members Comments:

- Director Williams asked that, if the same extent of damage occurred in 2024, without FEMA assistance would the City of Port Hueneme be able to address the damage.
- Mr. Frederico indicated it is unlikely that the City would be able to afford the response required.
- Director Gama indicated that the storm resulted in 6-inches of standing water at his port side work facility during the high-tide. When the tide went down so did the flood waters.

2. Port of Hueneme – By Kristin Degas.

Board Members Comments:

- None.

3. City of Oxnard – By Michael Wolfe.

Board Members Comments:

- Director Williams asked, that if the same extent of damage occurred in 2024, without FEMA assistance, would the City of Oxnard be able to address the damage.
- Mr. Wolfe responded that it would be unlikely – there would only be a minimum amount of budget available from Public Works.
- Kristin Degas added that for the Port work, we tripped the State funding threshold of \$30M but not the Federal threshold of \$70M.
- Director Lopez stated that these storms and the likely accompanying damage, are clearly no longer one-off events. We have already experienced two major storms in 2024.
- Director Teran thanked Mr. Wolfe for the presentation. He indicated that for the record,

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the storms of 2023 greatly impacted neighborhoods in terms of flooding. Middle class and disadvantaged neighborhoods were impacted. For some, cars were damaged in the storms and because the damage could not be covered by car insurance, the families were without transportation, in turn creating massive logic and financial challenges. With climate change, if this is going to be the new norm, Director Teran indicated that we need to look globally and regionally for resiliency protocols.

4. Channel Islands Harbor – By Michael Tripp.

Board Members Comments:

- None.

5. Ventura County – By Dave Fleisch.

Board Members Comments:

- None.

6. City of Carpinteria – By Erin Maker.

Board Members Comments:

- None.

7. City of Ventura – By Bill Ayub.

Board Members Comments:

- None.

8. City of Santa Barbara Waterfront Department – By Brian Adair.

Board Members Comments:

- None.

9. City of Goleta – By Michael Baris.

Board Members Comments:

- None.

10. Santa Barbara County – By Kelly Hubbard.

Board Members Comments:

- Director Williams indicated that messaging is critical in terms of storm warnings. He indicated that it was important to not order businesses to shut down causing employees to commute home on a flooded freeway.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Director Kyriaco expressed his appreciation of all the presentations and for the efforts by the SB County for Goleta Beach. • Director Friedman thanked all the presenters. He asked if it was the US Army Corps of Engineers responsibility for the repair of eroded river and does it also cover creeks and what is the responsibility for rivers/creeks that have changed course due to extreme storms. • Andrew Raaf from SB County Flood Control responded that the US Army Corps of Engineers is responsible for both rivers and creeks. If a creek has changed course due to a storm, then the Corps gives the local jurisdiction one year to develop plans to restore the creek to its original alignment and then one more year to perform the restoration. If these timelines are not met, then the new creek course becomes the official federal waters boundary. • Director Capps thanked all the presenters. She indicated that only 14% of the community is signed up to the SB County website readysbc.org, which provides a continuous update and warnings on storms. We need to improve on this participation percentage. • Executive Director Beyeler requested that BEACON be brought into the conversation re/ beach closures during storms. <p style="text-align: center;">11. <u>Ventura Harbor – By Higgins!</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Director Lopez thanks all presenters. <p>Public Comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None.
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Item	5A	BEACON Organization and Program - Board Members Reports.
Minutes/ Actions:		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Director Friedman reported that OPC had issued updated SLR projections/guidelines, which are more onerous than previous. If any board members have comments on these, please send them to Director Friedman and he will share at the next League of City meeting.

Item	5B	BEACON Budget Actions and Financial Reports Recommended Action: Receive and file the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Budget-to-Actual report for the year-to-date period ending November 30, 2023 (Exhibit I) (Requires 6/10).
Minutes/ Actions:		<p>Chair Lopez presented this item along with Items 1B and 1C.</p> <p>Board Member Comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None. <p>Public Comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None. <p>The Board unanimously approved the recommended action. Moved by Gama / Second</p>

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Item	6	Executive Director's Report and Communications
Minutes/ Actions:	The Executive Director indicated that in the interests of time, he would only raise one item, which was that the 2023 FORM 700's are due from Board Members to BEACON by April 1, 2024. Staff will be sending out a reminder with a link to the form.	

The next Board Meeting will be held on March 15, 2024, 9:00 AM, at the City of Carpinteria City Council Chambers.

Meeting Minutes by Gerald Comati, Program Manager, BEACON.