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TO: BEACON Board of Directors

FROM: Clif Davenport, Coastal Sediment Management Workgroup, and
Steve Sachs, Public Outreach Coordinator

Subject: Public Workshop on California Coastal Sediment Management Master
Plan (Master Plan)

This Agenda item requests that BEACON agree to host a Public Workshop on the California Coastal Sediment Management Master Plan – Master Plan for short – at its April 9, 2004 regularly scheduled meeting. The Master Plan is an innovative collaboration between the State Resources Agency and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to create a comprehensive sediment management strategy for California's coastal regions, focusing on nourishing the state's eroded shoreline.

An Overview of the Master Plan effort is attached.

The proposed BEACON hosted Workshop on the Master Plan is one of a series of public meetings being held all along California's coast this spring. The purpose of the workshops is to seek public involvement in the Master Plan process. Since the Master Plan effort – begun in 2003, and scheduled to span several more years – emphasizes *Regional* solutions to sediment issues, the knowledge, concerns, recommendations and capabilities of local and regional groups are a key part of this effort.

BEACON involvement as host for this workshop will provide a very appropriate venue for getting the word out, and ensure that the perspectives and needs of the Santa Barbara / Ventura coastline will be reflected in the final outcome.

It is anticipated that the workshop will take about two hours, since public comment and discussion will be encouraged. The Agenda for a similar Workshop held in San Diego on February 5th is also attached as an example of what the BEACON workshop will look like. The Coastal Sediment Management Workgroup (CSMW) wants to work with BEACON to customize the Agenda to be appropriate for this area. The CSMW is composed of the state and federal agency representatives that are guiding the Master Plan effort

The CSMW would like to make use of BEACON's normal mailing and public noticing process, and would also use a number of statewide contact lists. The CSMW staff would also notice the workshop in major newspapers, and news releases would be sent to local coastal papers.

All of the background materials and public notices will be provided by the CSMW, its staff and contractors. They will also conduct the workshop. The Workshop could be the last item on BEACON's regular agenda, or could be a special event immediately after the BEACON agenda.

The CSMW invites and encourages BEACON to participate in this important initiative for California's coast, along with the state and federal governments and other regional and local governments and interest groups.

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