

BEACON BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Friday, March 15, 2019

TIME: 9:00 AM

PLACE: City of Carpinteria, Council Hearing Room
5775 Carpinteria Avenue, Carpinteria, CA. 93013

Item	1	Call to Order, Roll Call and Introductions – Chair, Janet Wolf.
Minutes/ Actions:		<p>Directors Present:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Steve Bennett (County of Ventura) • John Zaragoza (County of Ventura) • Das Williams (County of Santa Barbara) • Gregg Hart (City of Santa Barbara) • Christy Weir (City of Ventura) • Eris Friedman (City of Santa Barbara) • Fred Shaw (City of Carpinteria) • Kyle Richards (City of Goleta) • Steve Gama (City of Port Hueneme)
Item	2	<p>Approval of Agenda and Filing of Certificate of Agenda Posting Action: The Executive Director requested that Item #10 – Surfers Point Project be pulled from the Agenda since the some of the referenced agreements are not ready for approval.</p>
Minutes/ Actions:		The Agenda with the requested modification was unanimously approved by the Board.
Item	3	<p>Consideration and Approval of Minutes of the BEACON Meetings held on January 18, 2019. Action: Approve and file.</p>
Minutes/ Actions:		The minutes were unanimously approved by the Board as posted.
Item	4	<p>Public Comment and Other Matters not on the Agenda Receive public comments.</p>
Minutes/ Actions:		None.
Item	5	<p>Reports a. Reports from legislative offices. b. Board Member Reports and Updates</p>
Minutes/ Actions:		<p>a. The Executive Director Brian Brennan reported that he was recently in DC representing the Ventura Port District. While there he met with the USACOE along with Representative Carbajal and Brownley as well as the Chief of Staff for Speaker of the House Pelosi and Senator Harris. All of the politicians acknowledged the need to ensure sediment reaches the coast. Brian indicated that he would make sure he reminds the local offices of the politician’s to try and attend the BEACON Meetings.</p> <p>b. Director Kyle Richards indicated that the Goleta Beach Park Standing Committee meeting of February 26, 2019 received a status report from the Friends of Goleta Beach on the Kelp Restoration Project in Goleta Bay. Mr. Richards indicated that the Committee was expecting to see a report in April from SB County regarding Goleta Beach water quality.</p> <p>c. Director Weir indicated that she was also recently in DC and met with Representative Brownley. Brownley is a member of a new committee on climate change. BEACON staff will provide relevant information to Brownley’s office regarding coastal effects of climate change.</p>

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	<p>ACTION.</p> <p>d. Director Gama reported that dredging at Channel Islands Harbor was recently completed resulting in 1.5M CY of sand being by-passed to Port Hueneme Beach. Director Game suggested that the by-pass would be more effective if the discharge was located at the top of the beach. Technical Advisor Dr. Jim Bailard indicated that there is a submarine canyon located offshore at the mouth of Part Hueneme Port and depending on where the dredging discharge is placed will affect how much of the by-pass sand will end up in the canyon versus Port Hueneme Beach.</p>
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Item	7	<p>Auditor Controller's Recommended Actions</p> <p>a. Receive and file the Budget-to-Actual report for the year-to-date period ending February 28, 2019 (Exhibit I)</p> <p>b. Receive and file proposed increase to Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Membership Dues (Exhibit II).</p> <p>c. Receive and file Recommended Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Budget (Exhibit III)</p>
Minutes/ Actions:		<p>Mr. Carlos Maldonado of Ventura County Auditor Controllers Office presented the Budget to Actual report, the draft budget for FY 19-20 and a recommendation to increase the membership dues by a CPI index of 3.2%..</p> <p>Director Gregg Hart requested to see a presentation at the May Board Meeting of the evolution of membership dues over time. ACTION.</p> <p>Director Steve Bennett stated that the BEACON team is a collective of experts that is unique and serves as a great resource to all of the member agencies.</p> <p>Director Kyle Richards asked how the proportional membership contribution is determined for each agency. The Executive Director indicated that an explanation would be provided at the May Board Meeting. ACTION.</p> <p>Director Christy Weir requested why such a large contingency of \$128K was being maintained? Executive Director Brennan explained that a portion of these funds was being reserved to fund workshops and for use as local match funds for grants.</p> <p>Director Steve Bennett stated that BEACON was a boom and bust agency and the agency needs to build up a contingency for use as local match for grant funding.</p> <p>BOARD ACTIONS: The Board approved unanimously the Auditor Controller Recommended Actions.</p>

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Item	7	<p>Kelp Anchor Project a. Receive presentation on the status of the Kelp Anchor Demonstration Project..</p>
Minutes/ Actions:		<p>Mr. Bob Kiel provided a presentation to the Board on the status of the Kelp Anchor Project.</p> <p>The presentation will be posted to the BEACON website.</p> <p>Director Steve Gama noted that kelp harvesting was prominent along the Santa Barbara coast in the not too distant past and he believed efforts were made by the kelp harvesting company to resurrect the kelp growth.</p> <p>BOARD ACTIONS: The Board received and filed the Kelp anchor Project report.</p>

Item	8	<p>East Beach Dune Restoration Demonstration Project a. Receive a report on the East Beach Dune Restoration Demonstration Project. b. Adopt Resolution 2019-1 in support of an application by BEACON to the California Department of Parks and Recreation, Division of Boating and Waterways, to seek funding for a Dune Restoration Demonstration Project on the City of Santa Barbara's East Beach.</p>
Minutes/ Actions:		<p>Program Manager, Gerald Comati provided a status report on the East Beach Dune Demonstration Project. He explained that the BEACON in coordination with the City of Santa Barbara had submitted a Grant Application to the Division of Boating and Waterways (DBW) in 2018 for funding to implement a dune establishment project on an approx. 200 foot stretch of East Beach in the City of Santa Barbara. In parallel with this grant pursuit effort, in 2018 the City of Santa Barbara began the development of a Coastal Resilience Plan. This City effort will continue throughout 2019 and will include an assessment of the East Beach Dune concept. Consequently, BEACON and the City have agreed that the 2018 grant application to DBW was premature and BEACON therefore requested that the grant application be withdrawn. However, it was also agreed that a subsequent application to DBW in 2019 would be appropriate. As a result, after consulting with DBW staff, on February 1, 2019, BEACON submitted a second grant application to DBW. As in 2018, a requirement of the application is a project specific resolution from the submitting agency which is attached as Resolution 2019-1 for consideration by the BEACON Board.</p> <p>BOARD ACTIONS: The Board received and filed the East Beach Demonstration Project status report. The Board unanimously approved adoption of Resolution 2019-01.</p>

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Item	9	Carpinteria Beach Nourishments a. Receive presentation on the recent deposition of sediment from debris basins onto Carpinteria Beach.
Minutes/ Actions:		<p>The Executive Director, Mr. Tom Fayram Deputy Director of PW for the County of Santa Barbara and Mr. Matt Roberts, Parks and Recreation Director of the City of Carpinteria presented reports on the deposition of sediment onto Carpinteria Beach from debris basins this winter. Mr. Roberts explained that the deposition of sediment onto Carpinteria Beach following the winter storms had been successful. There was public support despite the ugliness of the actual process. The end result is significant additional width on the beach. Mr. Roberts pointed out that without the downstream obstructions that exist on most creeks, all of this sediment would naturally find itself on the beach and by trucking the material to the beach we are just completing this natural process.</p> <p>Director Christy Weir questioned how the location of the sediment deposition sites was made? Mr. Fayram explained that access is very important – for example sites in Montecito have very poor access.</p> <p>Director Kyle Richards suggested that the deposition location should be as close to the sediment source (debris basin) as possible to reduce extent of trucking on local roads.</p> <p>The Board received and filed the Carpinteria Beach Nourishment reports.</p>

Item	11	Executive Director's Report and Communications
Minutes/ Actions:		<p>The Executive Director indicated that the presentations of the Carpinteria Beach nourishment would be posted onto the BEACON website including the video he had made.</p> <p>Director Weir requested to see a map showing all the obstructions to natural creek sediment transport within the BEACON jurisdiction. ACTION.</p>

Meeting Minutes by Gerald Comati, Program Manager, BEACON.

Adjourn to next regular meeting May 17, 2019, 2019 at 9:00 AM in Carpinteria City Hall