

## BEACON BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING MINUTES

**DATE:** Friday, July 19, 2019

**TIME:** 9:00 AM

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

<b>Item</b>	1	Call to Order, Roll Call and Introductions – Chair, Janet Wolf.
<b>Minutes/ Actions:</b>		<p><b>Directors Present:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Das Williams (County of Santa Barbara)</li> <li>• Gregg Hart (County of Santa Barbara)</li> <li>• Eric Friedman (City of Santa Barbara)</li> <li>• Fred Shaw (City of Carpinteria)</li> <li>• Kyle Richards (City of Goleta)</li> <li>• Carmen Ramirez (City of Oxnard)</li> <li>• Steve Gama (City of Port Hueneme)</li> </ul>
<b>Item</b>	2	<b>Approval of Agenda and Filing of Certificate of Agenda Posting</b>
<b>Minutes/ Actions:</b>		<p>Action: Approve and file.</p> <p>The Agenda with the requested modification was unanimously approved by the Board.</p>
<b>Item</b>	3	<b>Consideration and Approval of Minutes of the BEACON Meetings held on May 17, 2019.</b>
<b>Minutes/ Actions:</b>		<p>Action: Approve and file.</p> <p>The minutes were unanimously approved by the Board as posted.</p>
<b>Item</b>	4	<b>Public Comment and Other Matters not on the Agenda</b>
<b>Minutes/ Actions:</b>		<p>Receive public comments.</p> <p>None</p>
<b>Item</b>	5	<b>Reports</b>
<b>Minutes/ Actions:</b>		<p>a. Reports from legislative offices.</p> <p>b. Board Member Reports and Updates</p> <p>a. The Executive Director Brian Brennan reported that representative from Congress Member Brownley is very interested in the Port Hueneme beach issue and will be involved in the proposed work meeting.</p> <p>b. Director Richards reported that the Goleta City Council had submitted a letter of support for the County of Santa Barbara’s National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Grant application for an expansion of the Kelp Anchor Demonstration Project.</p> <p>c. Director Williams reported that he attended the Coastal Commission/Local Government workshop meeting and under the topic of Sea Level Rise (SLR) the California Coastal Commission (CCC) was very supportive of wide beaches. However, CCC makes no indication that they would entertain more flexible nourishment criteria such as longer permit terms of lower percentages of sand.</p>

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<b>Item</b>	6	<p><b>Port Hueneme Beach</b></p> <p>a. Receive an informational report from the Technical Advisor regarding the US Army Corp of Engineers effort to provide additional dredging at Channel Islands and nourishment of Port Hueneme Beach.</p>
<b>Minutes/ Actions:</b>		<p>Dr. Bailard presented the report of the state and cause of Port Hueneme Beach. Dr. Bailard explained that the erosion of the beach experienced during the last decade is a result of a less than sufficient quantity of sand being dredged biannually from Channel Island Harbor. The cause of the reduction in quantity of dredging is simply and increasing dredging cost and fixed funding. Dr. Bailard explained that a Port Hueneme Beach Stakeholders Meeting has been suggested to gather all interested parties under one roof to identify solutions and strategies towards resolving the problem.</p> <p>Director Hernandez fully supports a stakeholder’s workshop to establish a collaborative strategy towards a solution.</p> <p>Director Williams asked how we can keep the dredged sand on the beach? Dr. Bailard explained that offshore structures such as groins or artificial reefs would result in sand deficits at the Navy Base downcoast.</p> <p>Director Friedman indicated that a solution to the Port Hueneme Beach erosion issue would also help the downcoast Mugu Naval Base.</p> <p>Director Ramirez asked if this situation was unique. Dr. Bailard explained that two other similar cases come to mind: Erosion at Thornhill Broome Beach and East Beach in Santa Barbara.</p> <p>Director Hernandez indicated that there appears to be a disconnect between Federal dredge funding budget and the market cost of dredging activities on the West Coast.</p> <p>Assistant to Director Zaragoza indicated that Mr. Zaragoza will be making a presentation on September 10, 2019 re/ the sand deficit on Port Hueneme Beach to the Regional Defense Partnership for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century (RDP21).</p> <p><b>BOARD ACTIONS:</b> <b>The Board received and filed report.</b></p>

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<b>Item</b>	7	<p><b>Kelp Anchor Project</b> a. Receive an update from Staff on the Kelp Anchor Demonstration Project.</p>
<b>Minutes/ Actions:</b>		<p>Mr. Comati reported that Mr. Bob Kiel was pursuing an expansion of the successful Kelp Anchor Demonstration Project in Goleta Bay to incorporate modified anchors that can provide homes for octopi. By doing this, the project can introduce predators (the octopi) to help manage the level of kelp eating kelp crabs. To fund this expansion, the County of Santa Barbara has submitted a grant application to the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation for funding. BEACON prepared a letter of support for the grant as did the City of Goleta.</p> <p>Director Williams reported that he dived with Mr. Kiel in March 2019 and was able to see firsthand the kelp forests that have been established by the kelp anchors. Director Williams remarked how well mapped out the in-place anchors are.</p> <p><b>BOARD ACTIONS:</b> <b>The Board received and filed report.</b></p>

<b>Item</b>	8	<p><b>Santa Barbara County Debris Basin OPC Grant</b> a. Receive a report from Staff on the status of the Ocean Protection Council (OPC) grant for Debris Basin modifications in Santa Barbara County.</p>
<b>Minutes/ Actions:</b>		<p>Mr. Comati explained that BEACON in concert with the SB County Flood Control District successfully secured grant funding through OPC in 2016 to fund the removal of two debris basins. By doing the natural sediment transport process could occur and nourish beaches. Following the Montecito debris flow event of January 2018, the County modified its policy regarding debris basin removal. Consequently, BEACON Staff with SB County Flood Control Staff have proposed a change in scope and schedule for the OPC grant. The change being requested is as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Elimination of the Rattlesnake Debris Basin as a project and replace it with a Cold Springs Debris Basin project.</li> <li>• Change the scope of projects such that instead of <u>debris basin removals</u>, the two debris basins are <u>modified</u> to stay in place but allow sediment to flow through the basin to downstream. The debris basin modifications would follow the design of the very successful Gobernador Debris Basin modification project completed in 2008.</li> <li>• Shift the project delivery dates out to December 2020 and December 2021 respectively for the two debris basins.</li> </ul> <p>Mr. Comati reported that OPC is considering the request.</p> <p>Chair Hart requested a White Paper on debris basin modifications and sediment transport to the coast that could be used to influence other agencies to adopt the same strategy of implementing debris basin modification projects. <b>ACTION.</b></p> <p>Director Gama concurred and stated that “every mountain wants to become a beach”.</p> <p><b>BOARD ACTIONS:</b> <b>The Board received and filed report.</b></p>

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<b>Item</b>	9	<p><b>BEACON Management</b></p> <p>a. Receive a report from the Executive Director regarding transition of BEACON Staff and succession strategy.</p>
<b>Minutes/ Actions:</b>		<p>The Board agreed to continue this item to later in the year. The Executive Director explained that Dr. Bailard has indicated that he will be stepping down from his position as Technical Advisor at the end of the year.</p> <p>The Board Directors unanimously praised Dr. Bailard for his immense knowledge and thoughtful perspective on coastal issues for BEACON during his significant tenure since 1992. Dr. Bailard has contributed immeasurably and will be greatly missed.</p> <p><b>BOARD ACTIONS:</b> <b>The Item was continued.</b></p>

<b>Item</b>	10	<p><b>Executive Director's Report and Communications</b></p>
<b>Minutes/ Actions:</b>		<p>The Executive Director indicated that the BEACON Website will be updated to post the start times and dates for all BEACON meetings so interested parties can plan accordingly.</p>

**Meeting Minutes by Gerald Comati, Program Manager, BEACON.**

**Adjourn to next regular meeting September 19, 2019, 2019 at 9:00 AM in Carpinteria City Hall**