

BEACON BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Friday, November 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, Gregg Hart.
Minutes/ Actions:		<p>Directors Present:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gregg Hart (County of Santa Barbara) • Christy Weir (City of Ventura) • Steve Bennett (County of Ventura) • Eric Friedman (City of Santa Barbara) • Fred Shaw (City of Carpinteria) • Kyle Richards (City of Goleta) • Carmen Ramirez (City of Oxnard) • Steve Gama (City of Port Hueneme)
Item	2	Approval of Agenda and Filing of Certificate of Agenda Posting Action: Approve and file.
Minutes/ Actions:		The Agenda with the requested modification was unanimously approved by the Board.
Item	3	Consideration and Approval of Minutes of the BEACON Meetings held on July 19, 2019. Action: Approve and file.
Minutes/ Actions:		The minutes were unanimously approved by the Board as posted.
Item	4	Public Comment and Other Matters not on the Agenda Receive public comments.
Minutes/ Actions:		Marta Brown – Ventura County Coastal Association of Realtors + Krista Pleiser – Santa Barbara Association of Realtors: Indicated that they work 29 associations in California called “Smart Coast California” – which takes into consideration smart solutions for properties potentially impact by SLR.

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Item	5	<p>Reports</p> <p>a. Reports from legislative offices.</p> <p>b. Board Member Reports and Updates</p>
Minutes/ Actions:		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Director Gama indicated that the City of PH had written to the Whitehouse re/ the sand retention issues at Port Hueneme Beach. A response was received which was encouraging. Mr. Gama also reported that the amount of sand in the CI Sand Trap is now estimated at 3M CY. Finally, Mr. Gama reported that he will be attending the CMAC conference in January in DC and will meet with both the Navy and USACOE. • Director Richards reported that the City of Goleta now owns its own City Hall which is a significant milestone. In addition, the City will be joining the Community Energy Coalition in which Mr. Richards will represent the City and on Nov 1st the City held a workshop on resiliency. Also, the City has joined Cycle California Coast a coalition of non-profits and government agencies promoting bike tourism and bike infrastructure in the Central Coast. Finally, Mr. Richards reported that the State Lands Commission had decommissioned Platform Holly as well as a pier on Goleta property. • Director Shaw reported that the City of Carpinteria was also a member of Cycle California Coast and that the California Land Trust has acquired an additional 21 acres on the Carpinteria Bluff for preservation. • Director Weir reported that she attended a Bike Conference hosted by the City of SB and it was reported that the City of Goleta had received \$24M of ATP funding for its San Jose Creek Bike Path Project. Ms. Weir also posed the question of how the SCE Settlement dollars should be spent – could it be used to implement SLR adaptation projects? • Director Freidman reported that the City of SB SLR subcommittee continues to meet and are drafting recommendations by the end of the year. In 2020 the SLR Adaptation recommendations will be adopted. The City will plan on making a presentation to BEACON on its SLR adaptation actions. • Director Ramirez reported that TNC was awarded a \$1M OPC grant for restoration at Orman Beach. • Chair Hart reported that the sediment from the County’s recently completed dredging of Goleta Slough will not be taken to Goleta Beach. Mr. Hart also inquired as to the status of the City of Carpinteria’s Rincon Trail Project.

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Item	6	<p>Calendar Year 2020 Meeting Schedule a. Consider and adopt meeting schedule for Calendar Year 2020.</p>
Minutes/ Actions:		<p>The Executive Director presented the Board meeting calendar for 2020. BOARD ACTIONS: The Board approved unanimously 2020 Board Meeting calendar with change that the January 17 meeting be shifted to January 24.</p>

Item	8	<p>BEACON Management a. Receive a report from the Executive Director regarding transition of BEACON Staff and succession strategy.</p>
Minutes/ Actions:		<p>Executive Director Brian Brennan indicated that Supervisor Bennett will be termed out at the end of 2020 and therefore Mr. Brennan has decided he will also end his role as pro-bono Executive Director which he has held since 2007. Consequently, BEACON needs to affect a transition in its Executive leadership, starting in 2020, giving BEACON the opportunity to transfer executive leadership responsibilities in an orderly manner and with sufficient time to ensure as seamless transition as possible while maintaining and accelerating BEACON's programs and initiatives.</p> <p>Mr. Brennan proposed BEACON Board consider appointing a Deputy Executive Director starting in the new year. The Executive Director would spend the next year in training and transferring executive responsibilities to the Deputy Director. Among the responsibilities starting in the new year, the Deputy Executive Director would be tasked with organizing and managing BEACON Board agendas and meetings. In addition, the Deputy Director would become familiar and conversant with BEACON Budgeting and funding details. The Deputy Director would work with the incumbent Executive Director in developing the next fiscal year budget and would be responsible for developing and presenting a multi-year financial strategy to the BEACON Board, starting with the FY2020-2021 Budget to be presented to the Board during the Spring 2020. To take the position of Deputy Director, Mr. Brennan recommended Mr. Marc Beyeler who has been working as a consultant to BEACON since 2014. Mr. Bayeler is highly qualified, very familiar with Santa Barbara and Ventura counties and already has a very comprehensive understanding of the BEACON organization and history.</p> <p>Director Weir requested that a job description of the Deputy position be provided.</p> <p>Director Ramirez indicated that a succession plan is critical and commended Supervisor Bennett for allowing Mr. Brennan to take time from his position as executive aid to the First District Supervisor to serve as the BEACON Executive Director for so many years at no cost to BEACON.</p> <p>Director Freidman concurred with the request for a job description and that Staff also bring back to the Board a projected budget including the costs of a paid Executive Director. Mr. Freidman suggested that an increase in BEACON member dues will be required.</p> <p>Director Gama indicated that BEACON's role is critical, and we must prevent beach quality sediment being exported to upland destinations.</p> <p>BOARD ACTIONS: The Board directed Staff to return with formal recommendations in January along with a job description,</p>

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Item	9	<p>Auditor-Controller's Recommended Actions</p> <p>a. Receive and file the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Unadjusted Budget-to-Actual report for the year-to-date period ending October 31, 2019 (Exhibit I).</p> <p>b. Authorize the Auditor-Controller's Office to make budgetary adjustments as follows: (requires 6/10th vote):</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">INCREASE Other Professional and Specialized Services \$ 64,000</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">INCREASE Revenue - State Other \$ 64,000</p>
Minutes/ Actions:		<p>Mr. Carlos Maldonado of the ACO presented two items: the first reporting on the Budget to Actual for period ending October 31, 2019 and the second reporting budget adjustments to make use of the California Coastal Commission Mitigation Fee fund (Shoreline Sand Supply and Public Access Fund) that BEACON holds for use on the Mondo's Cove Public Access Stairway improvement Project.</p> <p>BOARD ACTIONS: The Board approved unanimously both ACO Recommended Actions.</p>

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Item	10	<p>Mondo’s Cove Public Access Stairway Improvements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Receive status report on the Mondo’s Cove Public Access Improvements Project as part of BEACON’s Shoreline Sand Supply and Public Access Fund. b. Authorize the Executive Director to execute a Contract with Jensen Design & Survey, Inc. for design services on the Mondo’s Cove Public Access Improvements Project for the not to exceed amount of \$59,823 with an expiration date of June 30, 2020. c. Authorize the Executive Director to execute Amendment No.1 to MBA Consultants contract to fund management services for the Mondo’s Cove Public Access Improvements Project increasing the contract amount 4,000 for a new total not to exceed amount of \$31,000. d. Determine the above action is not a “Project” under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA guideline 15378(b)(5) because it is an administrative activity that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment.
Minutes/ Actions:		<p>Mr. Beyeler reported at the September meeting, the BEACON Board approved expending funds from the Shoreline Sand Supply and Public Access Fund to design the Mondo’s Cove Public Access Improvements Project. Since the September Board meeting, BEACON staff prepared a Request for Proposal (RFP) to select a consultant team to complete the design work on the project. The RFP was issued on October 16, 2019 and on November 1, 2019 three proposals were received. BEACON staff reviewed, evaluated and ranked the proposals and on November 5, 2019 selected the firm/team of Jensen Design & Survey, Inc. to negotiate a consultant contract. BEACON Staff successfully negotiated a contract scope with Jensen Design & Survey on November 8, 2019. BEACON staff is recommending that the Board authorize the Executive Director to execute a contract with Jensen Design & Survey, Inc. for an amount up to and not to exceed \$59,823.00 for design services on the project.</p> <p>Director Ramirez requested that the Mondo’s Cove project have sufficient public outreach components within the project delivery process.</p> <p>BOARD ACTIONS: The Board approved unanimously the Recommended Actions.</p>

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Item	11	<p>Mugu Rock Coastal Sediment Enhancement Program</p> <p>a. Receive a report from BEACON Staff on the Mugu Rock Coastal Sediment Enhancement Program</p>
Minutes/ Actions:		<p>Mr. Comati reported that during the last six months, BEACON Staff have engaged with Caltrans District 7 regarding the possibility for BEACON to assist the State in developing a coastal nourishment program utilizing landslide and debris flow sediment deposited onto Route 1, Route 23, and Route 27 during emergency events or from suitable excavated export materials resulting from planned construction projects. Caltrans is interested in funding BEACON to take the lead in the development of such a program based on BEACON's experience with the South-Central Coast Beach Enhancement Program (SCCBEP). The BEACON Team has assessed this interest and developed a project scope for the "Mugu Rock Coastal Sediment Enhancement Program Project". The project has been formulated to simplify, in terms of environmental review and permitting, the delivery of sediment to the coast. The project identifies Mugu Rock as a single destination location for sediment materials. Source materials would be from emergency events or from excavation export from planned Caltrans projects. Sediment would be placed in the near shore ocean environment at Mugu Rock and would contribute to the overall supply of sediment in the littoral cell.</p> <p>Staff have prepared a Cooperative Agreement with Caltrans to define roles and responsibilities which is being considered by Caltrans. Staff anticipates coming back to the Board with recommended actions in the future once consensus has been reached between the Caltrans Team and BEACON Staff on a path forward.</p> <p>BOARD ACTIONS: The Board received and filed to report.</p>
Item	7	<p>Kelp Anchor Demonstration Project</p> <p>a. Receive an update from BEACON Staff on the Kelp Anchor Demonstration Project.</p>
Minutes/ Actions:		<p>Mr. Greg Christman from the Kelp Anchor Project Team provided a PowerPoint presentation on the progress and evolution of the Kelp Anchor project. Mr. Christman reported that a NFWF Grant has been submitted by SB County Parks for \$1.7M to implement Phase 2 of project which requires new permits and covers an area of approx. 13 acres in Goleta Bay. The PowerPoint presentation will be posted on the BEACON website.</p> <p>Director Richards expressed his support for Phase 2 and indicated that the project would create excellent ecological benefits.</p> <p>Director Ramirez recommended a solid public relations push on this unique project.</p> <p>BOARD ACTIONS: The Board received and filed to report.</p>

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Item	12	Executive Director's Report and Communications
Minutes/ Actions:	The Executive Director reported that Staff was considering a grant application to NFWF to fund the update to the CRSMP and to establish a new SCCBEP. The Executive Director reported that he was looking into the establishment of a Science Support Team for BEACON and would bring back recommendations to the Board in 2020.	

Meeting Minutes by Gerald Comati, Program Manager, BEACON.

Adjourn to next regular meeting January 24, 2020 at 9:00 AM in Carpinteria City Hall