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NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING
BEACH EROSION AUTHORITY FOR CLEAN OCEANS AND
NOURISHMENT (BEACON)

FEBRUARY 12, 2021

NOTICE IS HERRBY GIVEN of a **SPECIAL MEETING** of the Beach Erosion Authority for Clean Oceans and Nourishment (BEACON) pursuant to Government Code section 54956 and BEACON Bylaws Article V, Section 3. The date, time, and place of the meeting shall be as follows:

DATE: Friday, February 12, 2021

TIME: 9:00 AM

PLACE: TELECONFERENCE (see details below)

The agenda of business to be conducted is below.

Gregg Hart, Chairperson
BEACON

Date: February 12, 2021

Per guidance of California Department of Public Health and the California Governor's Stay at Home Executive Order N-33-20 issued on March 19, 2020 to protect the health and well-being of all Californians and to establish consistency across the state in order to slow the spread of COVID-19, BEACON Board of Directors meetings will temporarily no longer provide in-person participation.

The following alternative methods of participation are available to the public:

1. You may observe the live meeting of the Board of Directors via Zoom:

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Meeting ID: 842 1233 7299

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3. If you wish to make a general public comment or to comment on a specific agenda, the following methods are available:
 - a. Distribution to the Board. Submit comments via email to Staff@Beacon.ca.gov prior to 5:00 p.m. on February 11, 2021, or through mail to BEACON at 501 Poli Street, Ventura, Ca 93001 to be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 11, 2021. Your comment will be placed into the record and distributed appropriately.
 - b. Read into the record at the meeting. Submit comments of 250 words, or less, via email to Staff@Beacon.ca.gov prior to 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 11, 2021 prior to the Board meeting. Please indicate if you would like to make a general public comment, a comment on a specific agenda item, or both. Please state in your email, or mail, if you would like the comment "read into the record." Every effort will be made to read your comment into the record, but some comments may not be read due to time limitations. Comments timely received on an agenda item will be placed into the record and distributed accordingly.
 - c. By Zoom. Log onto Zoom as described above. The meeting will be controlled by the BEACON Chair, Mr. Gregg Hart. If you wish to make a comment during the meeting, please raise your hand using the Zoom instructions on your computer. By using the typed messaging capability of Zoom you should also indicate to the Chair which Agenda Item you wish to speak on or if you wish to make a general comment that is not specific to an Agenda Item. BEACON Staff will make every effort to call you during the indicated item so that you may comment.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, individuals needing special accommodations to participate in the meeting should contact BEACON at least three working days prior to the meeting.

MEETING AGENDA

1. **Administrative Items**
 - A. **Call to Order, Roll Call and Introductions – Gregg Hart**
 - B. **Approval of Agenda and Filing of Certificate of Agenda Posting**
2. **Public Comment and Other Matters not on the Agenda**
3. **Presentations-None for this meeting**
4. **Projects –None for this meeting**



5. BEACON Organization and Program

B1. BEACON Legislative Program Priorities

Recommended Actions:

- i. Receive a Staff Report on Legislative Priorities;
- ii. Approve the Legislative Priorities in the staff report and authorize BEACON staff to finalize the project list and requested budget for submission in the Assemblymember's legislative packet;
- iii. Authorize the Chair to send a letter to Assembly member Steve Bennett endorsing the Legislative Priorities; and
- iv. Provide direction, as may be needed, in furtherance of the Legislative Priorities.

B2. BEACON Executive Committee

Recommended Actions:

- i. Confirm the following appointments made by the Chair to the BEACON Executive Committee: Director Hart, Director Ramirez, Director Friedman, Director Richards, Director Lopez ; and
- ii. Approve and adopt the BEACON Executive Committee Bylaws.

6. Executive Officer's Report- None for this meeting.

Adjourn.

Next regular meeting is scheduled on March 20, 2021 at 9:00 AM.

Late Distribution of Materials

Any disclosable public records related to an open session item on a regular meeting agenda and distributed by the City Clerk to all or a majority of the members of the BEACON Board less than 72 hours prior to that meeting are available for inspection in the City Clerk Office, at 5775 Carpinteria Ave, Carpinteria, CA. 93013 and on the Internet at: BEACON.CA.GOV. Any written ex-parte communication subject to disclosure by members of the BEACON Board may be published online as an attachment to the corresponding item.



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STAFF REPORT

Meeting Date: February 12, 2021
Agenda Item: 1B

To: BEACON Board of Directors

From: Executive Director

Date: February 12, 2021

Subject: Approval of Agenda and Filing of Certificate of Agenda Posting

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS:

Approve and File.



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STAFF REPORT

Meeting Date: February 12, 2021
Agenda Item: 2

To: BEACON Board of Directors

From: Executive Director

Date: February 12, 2021

Subject: Public Comment on Matters not on the Agenda

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS:

Receive Public Comments.



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STAFF REPORT

Meeting Date: February 12, 2021
Agenda Item: 5B1

To: BEACON Board of Directors
From: Executive Director

Date: February 12, 2021

Subject: BEACON Legislative Program Priorities

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS:

- i.** Receive a Staff Report on Legislative Priorities;
- ii.** Approve the Legislative Priorities in the staff report and authorize BEACON staff to finalize the project list and requested budget for submission in the Assemblymember's legislative packet;
- iii.** authorize the Chair to send a letter to Assembly member Steve Bennett endorsing the Legislative Priorities; and
- iv.** Provide direction, as may be needed, in furtherance of the Legislative Priorities.

DISCUSSION:

At the November BEACON Board meeting, staff presented Legislative Program Priorities for consideration by the BEACON Board. At the November Board meeting, the Board directed staff to return with legislative action items for 2021. At the January BEACON Board meeting, staff presented the first legislative action involving BEACON communicating initial legislative priorities to BEACON's California Legislative representatives so they could be considered in the current legislative session.

As indicated in its November and January staff reports, BEACON is being tasked with many responsibilities for project and program development essential to sustainable and resilience regional sediment management, coastal protection and enhancement, and regional climate and sea-level adaptation planning and implementation. BEACON's work could be supported with additional funding and the State's Regional Sediment Management and Coastal Adaptation efforts could be supported by BEACON contributions.

BEACON's regional sediment management and climate adaptation efforts are essential to successfully address the regional impacts of climate changes and sea-level rise in Santa Barbara and Ventura Counties through



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developing innovative natural infrastructure and resources conservation, enhancement, and restoration projects consistent with state priorities for coastal climate adaptation. BEACON's regional programs support significant statewide and federal interests and BEACON staff will continue our coordinated efforts with State and federal agency representatives.

Since the January Board meeting, staff has been discussing legislative options with the staff of Assemblymember Bennett. Assemblymember Bennett's staff has recommended a suite of legislative actions that they support and would be willing to submit as either legislative bills or funding requests. There are summarized below. Staff is recommending that the Board authorize the Chair to send a letter to Assemblymember Bennett supporting the selected funding and policy actions outlined below that would assist BEACON in accomplishing its goals and objectives.

Providing Funding to BEACON for updating its CRSMP and re-authorizing its SCCBEP

Provide funds to undertake and complete: 1) A Climate Change and Sea-Level Rise Update to our Coastal Regional Sediment Management Plan (CRSMP) (Budget Estimate: \$350,000); and Re-authorize our South Central Coast Beach Enhancement Program (SCCBEP), establishing a Regional Sediment Permit with pre-approved receiver sites (Budget Estimate: \$250,000). Budget Estimate Total for both: \$600,000.

BEACON has been unsuccessful in securing adequate planning and implementation funding to update its Coastal Regional Sediment Management Plan (CRSMP), to update its South Central Coast Beach Enhancement Program (SCCBEP). Implementation of BEACON's CRSMP, and re-authorization of the SCCBEP could be accelerated with enhanced state funding. With augmented state funding, these plan elements could be completed in FY 2021-22.

Providing Expanded Funding for BEACON for innovative 'shovel ready' coastal projects within the Santa Barbara Littoral Cell

BEACON staff are recommending at least the following projects (with estimated budgets) be considered for inclusion in any budget funding Member's Request made by Assemblymember Bennett, including: The Surfers Point Living Shoreline and Managed Retreat Project (\$5,000,000); Completion of construction bid documents and construction of the Mondo's Cove Beach Stairway Project (\$750,000); Demonstration Sediment Deposition Project at Carpinteria City Beach (\$1,625,000); and the *tšumaš* Creek/Ormond Lagoon Coastal Water Quality Improvement (\$350,000).

Surfers' Point project is a statewide model demonstration project providing "shoreline management lessons from innovative restoration strategies, many of which can and should be incorporated into plans for regional coastal resilience." The Surfers' Point project presents a case study of the combined adaptation strategies of habitat restoration, infrastructure realignment, and managed retreat in California. Strong community partnerships and a willingness to explore innovative engineering approaches led to a solution that worked with natural processes in ways that had not been attempted before. The project transformed an eroding parking lot and collapsing bike path into a cobble beach backed by dunes that has withstood strong El Niño



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storms and has protected the new bike path while providing continued public access to the beach. The project restored and widened the beach using native materials (cobble, sand) and dune planting by relocating infrastructure landward. Phase 2 is now ready for installation and construction.

The Mondo's Cove Beach Access Improvement Project seeks to provide for essential health and safety with a safe access stairway to one of the Central Coast's most popular beaches. Current access conditions are dangerous and result in unnecessary injuries. Final planning and design funds came from BEACON's Coastal Access and Sand Supply Fund, established in 2014 to support sustainable beach access and coastal restoration and resiliency.

The Demonstration Sediment Deposition Project at Carpinteria City Beach would utilize beach quality sediments from the Construction of the Carpinteria Bike Trail project and require best practices and environmental sound protocols for beach sediment deposition as a model for a regional permit system. The information gained from this project would serve to inform permit and approval conditions for deposition projects undertaken as part of the multi-year regional permit.

The *tšumaš* Creek/Ormond Lagoon Coastal Water Quality Improvement Project would involve the installation of trash booms on *tšumaš* Creek and Ormond Lagoon Waterway. This would add essential water quality protection measures to control trash in nearshore coastal waters entering through Ormond Lagoon. Ventura County Watershed Protection would complete final design and install, and City of Oxnard would maintain. Trash is a high profile, high priority issue for the cities of Oxnard and Port Hueneme, Surfrider Foundation, Friends of Ormond Beach, and Ventura County Public Works Agency-Watershed Protection.

Over the course of the past several years, BEACON has sought funding to implement its priority projects from a range of state sources, securing only limited funding to implement its projects, to implement new innovative demonstration coastal resource enhancement and restoration projects, or to secure funding for regional sea-level rise adaptation. Staff of Assemblymember Bennett have indicated that the Assemblymember would support one or more Member's Request items for budget funding to BEACON. Member Request items must be 'shovel ready' and capable of authorization during the FY 2021-22.

Providing a role for BEACON to identify funding priorities and grant eligibility in future bond acts including coastal funding within the Santa Barbara Littoral Cell.

A great deal of conservation funding in California comes from General Obligation (GO) Bond Acts approved by the state's voters. Proceeds from GO Bond Act normally go to state agencies, including the state's 10 Conservancies, and are then granted out to local and regional project sponsors. Many times, the proceeds are earmarked to specific projects and/or geographies and landscapes.

Under the proposed legislation under discussion between BEACON staff and staff of the Assemblymember, any bond funds be earmarked to the Santa Barbara Littoral Cell for sediment



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management and coastal Sea-Level Rise adaptation would need to be specified in BEACON's Coastal Sediment Management Plan and BEACON could be tasked with determining project eligibility and establishing grant priority.

Staff requests the Board authorize these legislative priorities and authorize the Chair to send a letter to Assemblymember Bennett supporting legislative and budget actions the Member could propose the State Legislature authorize to support BEACON's goals and objectives.

BEACON staff and staff of the Assemblymember are finalizing their discussion of the final set of projects and budget requests to include in the Assemblymember's BEACON legislative packet and staff is requesting that the Board authorize the staff finalize the project list with Assemblymember Staff and return with results at the next regularly scheduled BEACON Board Meeting in March 2021.

Attachment: Letter to California State Legislative Representative Bennett



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February 12, 2021

Honorable Assemblymember Bennett
California State Assembly, District 37
Steve.bennett@asm.ca.gov

SUBMITTED ELECTRONICALLY

Subject: BEACON 2021 Legislative Priorities

Dear Assemblymember Bennett:

BEACON is writing to communicate support for legislative priorities contained in the attached staff report and request that you consider sponsoring one or more legislative proposals directed at these priorities. BEACON staff have been working with your staff over the last several weeks to develop one or more legislative and/or budget requests that would materially assist BEACON in successfully implementing its multiple complimentary responsibilities, and its program and project goals and objectives.

Sediment management projects are important elements of coastal adaptation and contribute to natural infrastructure project objectives to ensure long-term community sustainability and resilience. BEACON needs budget funding and legislative support to successfully implement its regional plans, including: updating its Coastal Regional Sediment Management Plan and re-authorizing its SCCBEP opportunistic sediment management regional permit; funding its demonstration capital sediment management, coastal adaptation projects, and coastal restoration and water quality improvement projects; and participating in the identification of priority projects for the use of General Obligation Bond Funds with the Santa Barbara Littoral Cell.

At a Special Meeting of the BEACON Board of Directors on Friday, February 12, 2021 the BEACON Board approved a series of Legislative Priorities as summarized below and outlined in the attached Staff Report and authorized the Board Chair to send this letter to you.

Providing Expanded Funding to BEACON for updating its CRSMP and re-authorizing its SCCBEP

BEACON is most well suited to implement regional adaptation priorities. BEACON's existing efforts could be expanded and accelerated with additional resources from the State, including targeted increased funding. BEACON can become a significant component in the state's coastal climate and SLR adaptation implementation priorities with sufficient funding from the State.

Specifically, BEACON is recommending funding to undertake and complete: 1) A Climate change and SLR update to our Coastal Regional Sediment Management Plan (CRSMP) (Budget Estimate: \$350,000; and re-authorizing our South Central



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Coast Beach Enhancement Program (SCCBEP) establishing a Regional Sediment Permit with pre-approved receiver sites (Budget Estimate: \$250,000). Budget Estimate Total for both: \$600,000.

Providing Expanded Funding for BEACON for innovative 'shovel ready' coastal projects within the Santa Barbara Littoral Cell

BEACON staff are recommending at least the following projects be considered for inclusion in any budget funding member requests made by Assemblymember Bennett, including the Surfers Point Living Shoreline and Managed Retreat Project (\$5,000,000); the completion of construction bid documents and construction of the Mondo's Cove Beach Stairway Project (\$750,000); the Demonstration Sediment Deposition at Carpinteria City Beach (\$1,625,000); and the *tšumaš* Creek/Ormond Lagoon Coastal Water Quality Improvement Project (\$350,000) .

Providing a role for BEACON to identify funding priorities and grant eligibility in future bond acts including coastal funding within the Santa Barbara Littoral Cell.

Under the proposed legislation under discussion between BEACON staff and staff of the Assemblymember, any bond funds earmarked to the Santa Barbara Littoral Cell for sediment management and coastal Sea-Level Rise adaptation would need to be specified in BEACON's Coastal Sediment Management Plan and BEACON could be tasked with determining project eligibility and establishing grant priority.

BEACON is eager to partner with you, and the State Legislature, and with State agency colleagues, to advance its work and the work of RSM and climate adaptation statewide. If you need further information, please contact Marc Beyeler, BEACON Executive Director. Marc can be reached at beyeler@beacon.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Gregg Hart".

Gregg Hart
BEACON Chair, on behalf of the
BEACON Board of Directors

Attachment: BEACON Legislative Priorities Staff Report, February 2021

cc: BEACON Board of Directors



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STAFF REPORT

Meeting Date: February 12, 2021
Agenda Item: 5B2

To: BEACON Board of Directors
From: Executive Director

Date: February 12, 2021

Subject: BEACON EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS:

- i.** Confirm the following appointments made by the Chair to the BEACON Executive Committee: Director Hart, Director Ramirez, Director Friedman, Director Richards, and Director Lopez ; and
- ii.** Approve and adopt the BEACON Executive Committee Bylaws (Attachment 1)

DISCUSSION:

BEACON Executive Staff, working with the BEACON Chair, has developed Bylaws for an Executive Committee. Chair Hart has appointed initial members of a BEACON Executive Committee. Staff is recommending the BEACON Board confirm the appointments made by Chair Hart and approve Bylaws for the Executive Committee.

BEACON staff believe that an Executive Committee is needed and desirable at this time for the successful functioning to BEACON in order to perform selected actions to support the operations of the BEACON Board and the BEACON staff.

Initially, the proposed Executive Committee would be responsible for a limited set of activities, including:

- An annual evaluation of BEACON'S goals, structure, and performance, directed toward continually improving the planning, coordination, and implementation process (BEACON Bylaws Art. VI, § 1.C);
- As needed, review legislative priorities and any legislative proposals (BEACON Bylaws Art. IV, § B); and
- An annual review of the performance of BEACON'S Executive Director (BEACON Bylaws Art. IV, § B, Art. VI, § 1.C).

BEACON has operated without a paid Executive Director up until May of 2020. At the May BEACON Board Meeting, the BEACON Board



approved the appointment of a paid Executive Director and approved a Job Description, including specific duties for the Executive Director. The Job Description and the duty statement include reference to Board review of the performance of the Executive Director. Under the proposed Executive Director Bylaws, the Executive Committee would review the performance of the Executive Director and report a recommendation to the BEACON Board.

Under the current BEACON Bylaws, the Chair may appoint “committees or subcommittees.” Under the current BEACON Bylaws, the Board may appoint a standing committee to “to perform an annual evaluation of BEACON'S goals, structure, and performance, directed toward continually improving the planning, coordination, and implementation process.” BEACON Executive Staff are recommending that the Executive Committee perform this important function on behalf of the BEACON Board and make any recommendations that are appropriate to the BEACON Board.

Finally, the proposed Executive Committee Bylaws would task the Executive Committee with the responsibility to review any BEACON legislative priorities and make recommendations to the Board about legislative proposals and actions the BEACON may support. At the November BEACON Board meeting, staff presented Legislative Program Priorities for consideration by the BEACON Board. At the November Board meeting, the Board directed staff to return with legislative action items for 2021. At the January BEACON Board meeting, staff presented the first legislative action involving BEACON communicating initial legislative priorities to BEACON’s California Legislative representatives, so they could be considered in the current legislative session.

Attachment 1: Executive Committee Bylaws



BYLAWS FOR BEACON EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

(Adopted by the BEACON Board of Directors February 12, 2021)

1.0 FUNCTION

The Executive Committee is a standing advisory committee that provides advice and recommendations to the policy making Board of Directors of the Beach Erosion Authority for Clean Oceans and Nourishment (BEACON) as follows:

- An annual evaluation of BEACON'S goals, structure, and performance, directed toward continually improving the planning, coordination, and implementation process (BEACON Bylaws Art. VI, § 1.C);
- As needed, review legislative priorities and any legislative proposals (BEACON Bylaws Art. IV, § B); and
- An annual review of the performance of BEACON'S Executive Director (BEACON Bylaws Art. IV, § B, Art. VI, § 1.C).

2.0 REPRESENTATION & TERM

The Executive Committee shall consist of a minimum of 3 members and up to a maximum of 5 members from the BEACON Board of Directors which are designated as follows:

- The Past Chair;
- The Current Chair;
- The Current Vice Chair;
- One member from the Ventura County area member agencies; and
- One member from the Santa Barbara County area member agencies.

If there is a vacancy, duplicative member, or a member declines participation from the above positions (e.g. retirements, or other reasons), the Chair, at his or her discretion, may immediately appoint a member of the BEACON Board of Directors to serve on the Executive Committee. Thereafter, the newly appointed member(s) will be brought before the BEACON Board of Directors at the next regularly scheduled meeting for confirmation in accordance with BEACON Bylaws Article VI, Section A. Alternatively, the Chair may bring the matter before the Board at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

Each Executive Committee member shall serve for a two-year term, or if applicable, at the will and pleasure of their appointing authority. Executive Committee members may re-appointed to additional terms without limitation.

BEACON consultant staff shall provide support for Executive Committee including scheduling of meeting locations, preparing and distributing agendas and meeting materials, and taking meeting minutes.

3.0 VOTING

Each voting member shall be entitled to one vote. (Bylaws, Art. IV § D.) Only voting members who are present at the meeting may make a motion, second a motion, or vote upon a motion under consideration by Executive Committee. A motion shall pass if approved by a simple majority of the members present at the meeting unless otherwise required.

BEACON Executive or consultant staff may present recommended Board actions to the Executive Committee to receive the committee's professional advice and input. The Executive Committee may recommend approval of BEACON Executive or consultant staff recommendations or may formulate and approve its own recommendations and shall not be bound by those presented by BEACON Executive or consultant staff. BEACON Executive or consultant staff shall report to the BEACON Board of Directors on recommendations approved by Executive Committee.

4.0 QUORUM

A quorum shall be two-thirds of the committee members (e.g. 2 of 3, or 3 of 5 members). A quorum shall be required for the conduct of any business of the Executive Committee. (Bylaws, Art. V, § 1.) No business shall be conducted by a committee without a quorum. (Bylaws, Art. V, § 1.)

5.0 OFFICERS

Officers of the Executive Committee shall include a Chair and Vice Chair. The Current Chair and current Vice Chair of the BEACON Board shall serve as the Chair and Vice Chair of the Executive Committee. The Vice Chair shall serve as the Chair, pro tempore, when the Chair is absent.

6.0 REPRESENTATION AT BEACON BOARD MEETINGS

Either the Chair or Vice Chair may represent the Executive Committee before the BEACON Board of Directors as may be needed to facilitate Board discussion on issues germane to the Executive Committee's advisory role.

7.0 MEETINGS

Meetings of the Executive Committee shall be held at least twice annually: May and December. The Chair may call additional meetings of the Executive Committee at his or her discretion as may be necessary. At the discretion of the Chair, meetings may be rescheduled or cancelled.

Meetings shall be conducted in compliance with the Ralph M. Brown Act as amended (Government Code Section 54950 et seq.)

8.0 BYLAW ADOPTION AND AMENDMENTS

A two-thirds majority of the BEACON Board of Directors shall be required to adopt these bylaws and any amendments to these bylaws. SAC may recommend bylaw amendments to the BEACON Board of Directors.