



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

AGENDA DATE: July 15, 2008
TO: Mayor and Councilmembers
FROM: Karl Treiberg, Waterfront Facilities Manager
SUBJECT: Beach Erosion Authority for Clean Oceans and Nourishment—
Annual Dues Increase

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council approve an increase in the annual dues paid by the Waterfront Department to the Beach Erosion Authority for Clean Oceans and Nourishment (BEACON) from \$10,000 to \$15,000, provided all other BEACON member agencies increase their dues to the new levels.

DISCUSSION:

BEACON was established in 1986 under a Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) with coastal member agencies including two Board members each from the County of Ventura and the County of Santa Barbara, and one elected official from each of the coastal cities: Carpinteria, Goleta, Oxnard, Port Hueneme, Santa Barbara, and Ventura. The City of Santa Barbara is a member agency under the Joint Powers Agreement. Councilmember Das Williams is the current City representative and Board of Directors Chairman.

Member agency dues were originally set at \$12,000 from each county and \$10,000 from each city. Dues were reduced and suspended for a short time in the 1990s. Annual dues were restored to \$10,000 for the City of Santa Barbara in 2002.

At the May 9, 2008, meeting, the BEACON Board of Directors unanimously voted to increase annual dues by 50%. The level of BEACON activities is increasing dramatically as the regional significance and capability of BEACON is recognized. A larger BEACON operating budget is needed to provide local matching funds for grants as well as to cover additional project specific technical oversight and management and implement strategic objectives.

BEACON annual dues are currently \$10,000 and paid out of the Waterfront's operating fund. The proposed increase will set annual dues at \$15,000.

BUDGET / FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

BEACON dues are paid for out of the Waterfront Operating Fund. There are sufficient funds in the Waterfront Administrative Program to cover the cost of BEACON dues.

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SUBMITTED BY: John Bridley, Waterfront Director

APPROVED BY: City Administrator's Office