

BEACON



What is BEACON?

- Beach Erosion Authority for Clean Oceans and Nourishment
- Joint Powers Agency Established in 1992
- Member Agencies: Counties of Santa Barbara, Ventura, City of Goleta, City of Santa Barbara, City of Carpinteria, City of Ventura, City of Oxnard and City of Port Hueneme



BEACON's Key Objectives

- Beach Preservation, Maintenance and Erosion Control
- Beach Nourishment through use of Trapped Sands as well as Upland and Offshore Sand Deposits
- Preservation and Enhancement of the Natural Sediment Supply
- Clean Oceans
- Implementation of Innovative Sand Retention Technology



BEACON Projects (recent and current)

- South Central Coast Beach Enhancement Program
- Goleta Beach Nourishment Projects (2002 + 2010)
- Oil Piers Off Shore Artificial Reef Project
- Kelp Re-Establishment Project
- Federal Authority for Sediment Management Projects
- Coastal Access Maintenance – Ventura County
- Surfers Point Managed Retreat Project
- Single Use Plastic Bag Ban



Plastic Bag Ban

- At Least 13 Municipalities In California To Date
- Failed State-Wide Initiative - 2010
- Manhattan Beach Ruling
- LA County EIR

BEACON Resolution (9/23/11):

- Support and endorse efforts to ban and or restrict single-use bags by BEACON member agencies, other government agencies within the counties of Santa Barbara and Ventura, and other citizen initiatives to limit the adverse impact of single use plastic bags on our ocean's environment.
- Support and encourage educational campaigns for voluntary use of reusable shopping bags.
- To seek support from member agencies and other agencies within the counties of Santa Barbara and Ventura for BEACON to pursue a regional Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the ban and or restriction of single use bags.



Before the Board of Supervisors:

- Support BEACON to move forward with EIR for Ban of Single Use Plastic Bags
- Consider Funding Contribution To BEACON towards Cost of EIR

