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COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA

Funding Application for 2024-2025 Fiscal Year

1. **Name and Address of Organization:** Beach Erosion Authority for Clean Oceans and Nourishment (BEACON) 501 Poli St. P.O. Box 99 Ventura, CA 93001
2. **Total Request:** 10,000
3. **Agency is a 501(c)3:** No. Joint Powers Authority Public agency.
4. **Regular Business of the agency:** The Beach Erosion Authority for Clean Oceans and Nourishment (BEACON) is a California Joint Powers Agency (JPA) established in 1986 to address coastal erosion, beach nourishment and clean oceans within the Central California Coast from Point Conception to Point Mugu. The member agencies of BEACON include the Counties of Santa Barbara and Ventura as well as the coastal cities of Santa Barbara, Goleta, Carpinteria, Ventura, Oxnard and Port Hueneme. BEACON is involved in an array of coastal studies and projects within its jurisdiction and works in close coordination with the parks, planning and public works departments of BEACON's member agencies. BEACON is staffed by a combination of specialist consultants and participation from member agency staff. Funding for BEACON comes through annual agency membership dues and grant funding from State and Federal Agencies.
5. **Chief Executive Officer:** Marc Beyler, beyeler@beacon.ca.gov
6. **Program Manager:** Gerald Comati, comati@beacon.ca.gov
7. **Years Agency has been in operation:** 37
8. **Other funding secured for this activity:** Matching funds also committed from the City of Goleta.
9. **Identify which target population will ultimately benefit from your strengthened organization:** County residents and visitors visiting Goleta Beach park.
10. **Please state the name of the program for which funding is being requested and describe overall goals that you are proposing. Be specific, achievable, and measurable:** For over a decade, BEACON has led a successful project to restore kelp in Goleta Bay using an innovative method developed by Bob Kiel of the Seattle Aquarium. The method involves installing granite columns into the seabed to provide stable, eco-friendly anchors for kelp spores. By 2016, 200 anchors were installed, fostering new kelp growth and evolving to include octopus habitats to reduce kelp-eating invertebrates. This project enhances marine life, recreation, and aligns with BEACON's mission to enhance regional coordination of beach nourishment, coastal resources restoration, and protection of coastal water quality within Ventura and Santa Barbara counties to ensure that beaches are sustainably maintained and preserved, coastal shoreline resources are enhanced, coastal water quality protected, and coastal beach access provided.

We certify that the information in this application is true and accurate to the best of our knowledge and is submitted with our Board of Director's Governing Body's full knowledge and endorsement.

CEO: Marc Beyler

Chairperson: Supervisor Vianey Lopez