

ATTACHMENT A

BEACON Legal Services Agreement FY 2025-2026

**AGREEMENT TO PROVIDE LEGAL SERVICES TO
BEACH EROSION AUTHORITY FOR CLEAN OCEANS AND NOURISHMENT**

This Agreement is made by and between the County of Santa Barbara for services of the County Counsel's Office ("County") and Beach Erosion Authority for Clean Oceans and Nourishment, a Joint Powers entity ("BEACON") (collectively referred to as, "Parties" or individually as, "Party").

WHEREAS, BEACON is in need of legal services in connection with the execution of its duties;

WHEREAS, the County, has been and is currently providing legal services to BEACON and BEACON desires to continue to receive legal services only through the County; and

WHEREAS, the County is authorized to provide legal services to BEACON at a cost not to exceed the actual costs of providing similar services to County departments, and at rates effective during the term of the Agreement.

NOW THEREFORE, to accomplish these objectives, County and BEACON enter into this service agreement ("Agreement"), as follows:

1. **Term of Agreement.** The Agreement shall cover the period of time from and including July 1, 2025 to and including June 30, 2026. This Agreement will renew each fiscal year thereafter with an annual amendment for each fiscal year's costs to update Section 4 of this Agreement and as agreed to by both Parties. Early termination may be made by either Party upon ninety (90) days notice in writing.
2. **Scope of Services.** County, through the County Counsel's Office, shall provide legal services as requested by BEACON, including: legal counsel, contract review and liaison with BEACON Board and member agency staff as necessary.
3. **Services and Costs.**
 - a. Counsel Services. Direct professional staff services and costs incurred shall be billed at actual hours at approved contract service rates. Clerical and administrative services are covered within the professional staff contract rates as overhead. On signing the Agreement, the billing rate will be the Special Senior County Counsel contract service rates established by the County effective during the term of the Agreement. The current rate is \$150.00.
 - b. Billing. The method of billing for the costs of services under this Agreement shall be consistent with the normal billing processes established by the County.
4. **Fiscal year 2025/2026 Agreement Costs.** Legal services costs for 2025/2026 are projected to be \$15,000.
5. **Policies and Procedures.** BEACON agrees that, for the services rendered under this Agreement, the County will not be required to establish separate policies and procedures from those applicable to the County. Such policies and procedures include but are not

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limited to guidelines on contracts, County ordinances, claims against the County reimbursement for County employee expenses, etc. Authorized travel shall be paid by County as part of overhead and will be reimbursed to staff members serving BEACON in accordance with County's travel policy in effect as of the date of the travel for which reimbursement is sought.

6. **Communication.** The County shall maintain an ongoing relationship with BEACON by providing a designated liaison from the management of the County Counsel's organization who will have the primary responsibility for providing the legal services. The designated liaison may meet as needed with the BEACON Executive Officer to review the services provided.
7. **Indemnification.** In lieu of and notwithstanding the pro rata risk allocation which might otherwise be imposed between the Parties pursuant to California Government Code Section 895.6, the Parties agree that all losses or liabilities incurred by a Party shall not be shared pro rata but instead all Parties agree that pursuant to California Government Code Section 895.4, each of the Parties hereto shall fully indemnify and hold each of the other Parties, their officers, board members, employees and agents, harmless from any claim, expense or cost, damage or liability imposed for injury (as defined by California Government Code Section 810.8) occurring by reason of the negligent acts or omissions or willful misconduct of the indemnifying Party, its officers, board members, employees or agents, under or in connection with or arising out of any work, authority or jurisdiction delegated to such Party under this Agreement. No Party, nor any officer, board member, employee or agent thereof shall be responsible for any damage or liability occurring by reason of the negligent acts or omissions or willful misconduct of other Parties hereto, their officers, board members, employees or agents, under or in connection with or arising out of any work, authority or jurisdiction delegated to such other Parties under this Agreement.
8. **Amendment.** Except as otherwise provided herein, this Agreement may be modified or amended only in writing and with the written consent of both Parties.
9. **Severability.** If any provision of this Agreement, or any portion thereof, is found by any court of competent jurisdiction to be unenforceable or invalid for any reason, such provision shall be severable and shall not in any way impair the enforceability of any other provision of this Agreement.
10. **Venue.** The venue for any legal action filed by either Party in State court to enforce any provision of this Agreement shall be Santa Barbara County, California.
11. **Entirety of Agreement.** This Agreement constitutes the entire Agreement between the Parties relating to the specific subject of this Agreement and supersedes all previous agreements, promises, representations, understanding and negotiation, whether written or oral, among the Parties with respect to the subject matter hereof.

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12. **Remedies Not Exclusive.** No remedy herein conferred upon or reserved to BEACON is intended to be exclusive of any other remedy or remedies, and each and every such remedy, to the extent permitted by law, shall be cumulative and in addition to any other remedy given hereunder or now or hereafter existing at law or in equity or otherwise.
13. **Execution of Counterparts.** This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts and each of such counterparts shall for all purposes be deemed to be an original; and all such counterparts, or as many of them as the parties shall preserve undestroyed, shall together constitute one and the same instrument.
14. **Survival.** All provisions of this Agreement which by their nature are intended to survive the termination or expiration of this Agreement shall survive such termination or expiration.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Agreement was executed by the Parties hereto and effective as of July 1, 2025.

Attest:
Clerk of the Board
Mona Miyasato
County Executive Officer

**COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA, a
political Subdivision of the State of
California**

By: _____
Deputy

By: _____
Name: Laura Capps
Title: Chair, Board of Supervisors
Date: _____

Recommended for Approval:
Rachel Van Mullem
County Counsel

By: *Rachel Van Mullem*
Department Head

Approved as to Accounting Form:
Betsy Schaffer, CPA
Auditor-Controller

By: *Betsy Schaffer*
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Approved as to Form:
Risk Management

By: *Gary Milligan*
Signed by:
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Deputy

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BEACON, a California Joint Powers Agency

By: 
Name: _____
Title: Chair, BEACON
Date: _____ May 16, 2025

Attest:


By: _____
Name: Marc Beyeler
Title: Executive Director