

Montrose Settlements Restoration Program Trustee Council
Summary
November 28, 2007 Trustee Council Meeting
Long Beach Federal Building

The following primary and alternate Montrose Trustee Council ("Council") members were present:

Jennifer Boyce	NOAA	Suzanne Goode	CDPR
Patty Velez	CDFG	Kate Faulkner	NPS
Jim Haas	USFWS	Sharon Taylor	USFWS
Jennifer Lucchesi	SLC		

Also attending the full meeting on November 28:

Greg Baker	MSRP Staff	Dave Witting	MSRP Staff
Annie Little	MSRP Staff	Carol Gorbics	USFWS
Gabrielle Dorr	MSRP Staff	Laurie Harvey	MSRP Seabird Biologist
Jessica Rader	SLC	Chris Plaisted	NOAA Council

General Business

Approval of past meeting summaries

- Greg will send out May, July, and November meeting notes for review by Council

Account balances and investment decisions

- Council discussed short-term vs. longer term options
- Discussed hiring person for investment advice

Cost documentation

- SLC, NOAA turned in 2006 cost package
- FWS, CDFG, CDPR, NPS still working on 2006 package
- Option not to have Cotton certify, but rather provide list of deficiencies to Council
- Council to provide Cotton and Co. guidance on what level of review is desired, including:
 - Agency indirect rates don't need additional justification
 - Missing receipts for small dollar amount (\$20 or less) don't need to be questioned
 - Attach routing list to cost package that identifies where package should be sent after Cotton review
- For 2008 Budget, agencies should use best estimate of 2005 + 2006 carryover amounts and apply that to the 2008 request
- Each agency will come up with credit amount before approval of budget
- Charlie Fasano is going to assist with Luckenbach accounting

2008 Budget

Trustee Council

- Increased Chuck McKinley's hours due to San Nicolas Project
- Identify Plaisted in NOAA's section
- No objections were raised

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MSRP Office

- No objections were raised

Fish Restoration

- Bulk of Huntington Beach wetland project will be conducted in 2008
- Bolsa Chica dredging may occur, but costs are unknown currently; funds will go to SLC who can be reimbursed later
- Dave gave an update on the Cabrillo reef project and discussed the issue of sediments around site. NOAA divers will explore site and then decide whether boulder test or geotechnical work is warranted.
- Jim Haas mentioned arm thrust test thru Navy
- Dave will send reef flowchart to Council
- MPA enforcement- Patty Velez and Kate Faulkner will follow-up on potential CDFG trips to islands
- Dave will follow-up on issue on use interest to pay fees
- No objections were raised

Seabird Restoration

- NFWF coop agreement is in place. Some issues with NEPA compliance has arisen that may be worked out by doing categorical exclusions
- Annie will follow-up with Navy about in-kind assistance to the cat project on San Nicolas Island.
- Project is currently over budget for this project by \$800-900K; original restoration plan did not include island fox mitigation costs and NEPA compliance
- Next draft of San Nic EA will be ready soon and sent to the Council. Comments and outstanding issues will be discussed on the Dec. 20th 2pm PST conference call
- Staff will do more outreach for San Nic project; Jen and Annie are meeting with Navy on San Nicolas Island on Dec. 3
- There is a chance to pool MSRP funds with Luckenbach funds to support restoration projects in Baja and send out a joint RFP; Jen will provide an update on this opportunity
- Draft of RFP for Baja projects will be sent to TC by Annie
- Need for some seabird outreach this year, including Congressional briefings
- No objections were raised

Peregrine Falcons

- Annie will contact Brian Latta about comments on the draft report. Once the contaminant data is analyzed, it will be included in the draft report and sent to the TC for review
- No objections were raised

Bald Eagles

- Annie will follow up with Peter Sharpe to get total cost for new cameras
- Indirect costs for IWS are higher than average; Annie will look up what we paid for indirect costs in 2007
- No objections were raised

Outreach

- Gabrielle wants to put out quarterly update newsletter
- Ideas for additional banners: 1) Fish habitat (wetlands, MPA), 2) bald eagles/peregrines, 3) seabirds (get XAMU photos from Darrell Whitworth)
- Talking with public interest groups, added \$3,000 to budget for that effort, Gabrielle will work out details and get back to Council

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- Update MSRP website- staff prefers that Gabrielle be able to update website. Rob Ricker will follow-up on issue.
- Move EagleCam to bald eagle budget
- Move Jane Hendron costs for San Nicolas Island project to seabird budget
- No objections were raised

UPCOMING DATES

Monthly Conference call on: December 20, 2007 at 2 pm
Trustee Council meeting on: TBD on call