

# MSRP Trustee Council Meeting –Day 1

## December 13, 2011

MINUTES		DAY 1 DECEMBER 13, 2011	10:00AM – 5:00PM	LONG BEACH FEDERAL BUILDING 3 <sup>RD</sup> FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM
STAFF AND COUNCIL MEMBER ATTENDEES	Jennifer Boyce, MSRP Program Manager			
	Kathryn Colson, California State Lands Commission			
	Christopher Huitt, California State Lands Commission			
	Gabrielle Dorr, MSRP			
	Kate Faulkner, National Park Service			
	Carol Roberts, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service			
	Laurie Harvey, National Park Service			
	Annie Little, MSRP			
	David Mazurkiewicz – National Park Service			
	Patty Velez, California Department of Fish & Game			
	Dave Witting, MSRP			
NOTE TAKER	Annie Little, MSRP			
<b>SUMMARY OF HANDOUTS</b>				
HANDOUT (1)	MEETING AGENDA			
HANDOUT (2)	MSRP DRAFT PROPOSED 2012 BUDGET			
HANDOUT (3)	SUMMARY COST PACKAGES TO BE RATIFIED			
HANDOUT (4)	Proposal to Montrose Settlements Restoration Program for Seabird Curriculum Development			
<b>AGENDA TOPIC</b>		<b>GENERAL BUSINESS</b>		<b>ALL</b>
DISCUSSION	<p>Introductions were made for new trustee council members Chris Huitt of the California State Lands Commission and Carol Roberts of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.</p> <p>The meeting began with the group exercise of filling out a timeline of events for the restoration program. A large piece of paper was hung on the wall and the group documented milestones from the 1990s until 2011.</p> <p><u>Account Balances/Investment Decisions</u></p> <p>There is approximately \$20M remaining in the DOI Fund. This amount is currently earning little interest because it is in 30-day rollover notes. The group discussed different investment strategies and decided that \$6M would be kept in a short-term 30-day note. The remaining balance of \$14M would be divided among the longer-term notes (3 yr, 5 yr, and possibly 10 yr). Jennifer Boyce will confirm that there is no penalty for early withdrawal of the funds from the longer-term notes. Jen will send a follow-up recommendation to the Council via email for approval. The investment decision needs to be made by January 20, 2012.</p>			

Cost Packages:

The following MSRP cost packages were ratified by the Trustee Council:

NOAA 2008- \$2,038,532.48

CSLC 2009- \$1,507,906.55

NPS 2007- \$224,465.31

FWS 2009- \$1,297,613.39

CDFG 2010- \$61,447.51

Discussion was held whether to continue using Cotton and Company for cost package review. The Council will continue to use Cotton and Co. to review cost packages.

**AGENDA TOPIC**

**2011 MSRP BUDGET AND WORK PLAN**

JENNIFER BOYCE

The Council discussed the draft proposed budget for 2012 (Handout #2).

Trustee Council:

NOAA- No additional hours were provided for Rob Ricker since he has not been charging to the case and there are carryover hours for him from previous budgets. NOAA will not deduct any carryover for the 2012 budget, but will assess carryover for the 2013 budget.

CDFG- There is sufficient carryover (~\$210K) in CDFG that additional funds will not be allocated in 2012. CDFG has used half of the enforcement funds to date.

NPS- Kate Faulkner is currently figuring out how much carryover NPS has. Significant carryover is likely due to delays in staffing and remaining funds in the CIES seabird agreement.

FWS- The Carlsbad Office was able to lower the hourly rate in an effort to reduce the indirect costs. FWS is still trying to reduce additional indirect costs that are taken at the regional level. The DOI indirect is fixed and is taken at the time of disbursement- it does not reach FWS or NPS. FWS will not deduct any carryover for the 2012 budget, but will assess carryover for the 2013 budget.

**DISCUSSION**

DOI- Chuck McKinley has carryover hours from previous budgets and does not need additional hours for 2012.

State Parks- No additional funds will be provided to State Parks in 2012. Their participation is limited and they have not been charging to the case.

MSRP Office:

In 2011, a Fish Technician was hired in order to assist Dave Witting with project implementation. This position was only filled for a short time. The MSRP team will brainstorm in early 2012 about staffing needs and whether a new person should be hired. The funds remain available in NOAA.

The MSRP Team for 2012 will consist of a Program Manager, Fish Biologist, Bird Biologist, Outreach Coordinator, and Administrative Assistant. Budget items such as rent, equipment, supplies, etc. are similar to previous years.

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<p>Accomplishments of 2011:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ MSRP Website: The new site was launched in 2011. A Google analytical tool was added to the site and will provide detailed information about use of the site.</li> <li>➤ Seabird Flip Card: This outreach product was completed in 2011 and field tested. A Boy Scout troop assembled the waterproof cards. Gabrielle formed a working group to review the products. Cards are expensive (\$2.50-3.00/set) so distribution will need to be strategic. A presentation should be given at the Kayak Guides Orientation at NPS in March of 2012.</li> <li>➤ Return Flight Video: Bald Eagle film was completed in 2011 and has 3,800 views on YouTube. Film was selected for the Wild and Scenic Film Festival in 2012.</li> <li>➤ MSRP 10-Year Anniversary Newsletter: Highlighted major accomplishments of program since 2001</li> <li>➤ Fish Cam: To date, 19 species have been identified on camera.</li> </ul> <p><u>Outreach events/Workshops/Mini-Grant Programs</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Bald Eagle Event at Channel Islands National Park</li> <li>➤ Earth Day Event (Aquarium of the Pacific)</li> <li>➤ Earth Day Event (SEA Lab)</li> <li>➤ Seal Beach Pier Youth Fishing Derby (Mini-grant)</li> <li>➤ Cabrillo Beach Pier Fishing Program (Mini-grant)</li> <li>➤ Seabird Day (Aquarium of the Pacific)</li> <li>➤ Sea Fair (Cabrillo Marine Aquarium)</li> <li>➤ Phase 2 Public Meetings (Ventura, Palos Verdes)</li> <li>➤ Wetlands Teacher Workshop at Huntington Beach Wetlands (28-30 teachers attended)</li> <li>➤ SEA Lab Fun Fishing Program (Mini-grant)</li> <li>➤ Friends of Colorado Lagoon Program (Mini-grant)</li> </ul> <p><u>MSRP Kiosk</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Gabrielle is looking for new locations for the Kiosk. The Huntington Beach Wetlands Visitor Center and Cabrillo Aquarium does not have the space for it. The percentage of viewers that are viewing the video segments ranges from 6-35%. We want to increase this percentage by using more prompts in the animation sequence.</li> </ul>
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<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<p>Steve Carr gave a presentation about the Channel Islands Live Bald EagleCam. Highlights include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ VCOE serves all school districts in Ventura County.</li> <li>➤ There are multiple data centers to provide redundancy and back-up in times of failure.</li> <li>➤ The EagleCam on Santa Cruz Island is not a FCC-licensed link because there is little interference.</li> <li>➤ The EagleCam was created in 2006 after the hatching of A-49, in partnership with NPS and MSRP.</li> <li>➤ There is a complicated process by which the signal gets transmitted from the island and eventually ends up in an on-line user interface.</li> <li>➤ The VCOE network is a dedicated educational network, therefore, does not allow advertisements on the Channel Islands Live site.</li> <li>➤ VCOE pays \$500-600/year to remove ads from the discussion forum site.</li> <li>➤ IWS's UStream channel from Catalina Island does allow ads.</li> <li>➤ In 2012, VCOE wants to expand the capacity on Santa Cruz Island which may enable multiple cameras from multiple islands.</li> <li>➤ In 2010, there were 160,000 unique visitors to the EagleCam from 145 countries, with 1.5M hits.</li> </ul>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ VCOE is working to expand technical capabilities so that EagleCam is compatible with mobile devices (Ipad, Droid).</li> <li>➤ Annual budget (\$35K/yr) supports infrastructure both on-island and mainland, utilities, access, staff support, equipment, etc. VCOE charges NPS (Montrose) a percentage of their overall costs to run EagleCam and thus has not provided a detailed budget breakdown in the past.</li> </ul>
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<b>AGENDA TOPIC</b>	<b>SEABIRD CURRICULM</b>	CAROL PETERSON NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
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<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<p>Carol Peterson is the Education Coordinator for Channel Islands National Park.</p> <p>Carol discussed the NPS proposal to fund the development of a seabird curriculum. The goal of this project is to help students and their teachers better understand and appreciate the value of seabirds and the restoration and protection of their habitats. This will be achieved through an engaging and in-depth curriculum on the seabirds of the Channel Islands and the MSPR-funded projects associated with the recovery of targeted species. A contractor would be selected to develop lessons and materials for use within a range of grades from K-12. The EagleCam would be tied in as appropriate. Total budget for this item is \$18K.</p> <p>Specific outcomes will be detailed in the SOW. NPS will continue to coordinate with MSRP during the development of the curriculum. The Seabird Protection Network may also provide input into the curriculum.</p>
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<b>AGENDA TOPIC</b>	<b>SEALAB PARTNER AWARD AND PRESENTATION</b>	BRENT SCHEIWE SEA LAB
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<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<p>Brent Scheiwe and Cynthia Carmolonga provided an update about the Fun Fishing Program that has been funded by the MSRP.</p> <p>Due to a cut in State funding, fewer schools have been able to visit Sea Lab. Consequently, Sea Lab has been using their outreach vehicle to visit 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade classrooms. A total of 6-8 staff are working on the Fun Fishing Program. A total of 303 youth participated in the pier fishing events in 2011. Sea Lab provided the Comic Book ahead of time to students in order to enhance the learning experience.</p> <p>After the presentation, Gabrielle Dorr provided a partnership award to Sea LAB on behalf of the Council.</p>
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<b>AGENDA TOPIC</b>	<b>OUTREACH 2012 BUDGET</b>	GABRIELLE DORR
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<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<p>Gabrielle discussed the proposed outreach budget for 2012.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Comic Book: \$1,500 will be used to revise the comic book. Messages will be consolidated and text will be tightened up.</li> <li>➤ Belmont Reef Educational Signs (\$13,000): Signs will be designed to educate the public about the reef and safe fishing practices.</li> <li>➤ Public Information Project Review: Gabrielle may seek assistance of an outside consultant to determine what kind of data is needed to assess outreach products. One goal would be to develop standards and reporting requirements for future assessment of projects. Funds are not currently being requested, but may be later in 2012 once Gabrielle has a chance to further develop the idea.</li> <li>➤ Gabrielle will put out an RFP for fishing outreach program. Total amount is \$30,000.</li> <li>➤ Sea Lab’s Fun Fishing Program will be funded for another year at \$20,000.</li> <li>➤ A new postcard with updated web address will be created for the EagleCam (\$300).</li> <li>➤ A total of \$6,600 is proposed in order to bring a Bald Eagle to select outreach events. For 2012,</li> </ul>
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- both the San Francisco Zoo and Ojai Raptor Center will assist with events.
- Seabird Flip Cards: \$6,000 is included for additional printing.
- Bald Eagle Restoration Film: The Council will provide an additional \$20K to Kevin White in support of a longer film about the restoration of the Bald Eagle to the Channel Islands. A rough cut will be provided by Dec. 2012. The Council approved an additional \$10K for Kevin to acquire additional footage for other sites like Scorpion Rock, Santa Barbara Islands, and possibly San Nicolas Island (for a total of \$30K).

<b>AGENDA TOPIC</b>	<b>FISH RESTORATION UPDATE 2011</b>	<b>DAVE WITTING</b>
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	<p><u>Belmont Pier</u></p> <p>URS is working on the Environmental Assessment for the project. It is almost complete and will be sent around for Council review. The report regarding sediment testing was completed in 2011 and indicated that the site is suitable for an artificial reef. Dave Witting will send that report to the Council. Goal is to build the reef in winter 2012.</p> <p>No additional funds are requested in the 2012 budget for the reef project.</p> <p><u>Kelp Project</u>- Need to finalize Phase 2 plan before allocating funds. Goal is to have a spring 2012 allocation for this project.</p> <p><u>Fish Tracking Study</u></p> <p>An additional \$11,000 will be spent on the fish tracking study in partnership with EPA. Funds are necessary to maintain receivers on party boats. The study is providing relevant and interesting data about movement in and around the Palos Verdes area.</p> <p>Additional funding for Phase 2 fish projects will be requested once the Phase 2 Restoration Plan is complete.</p>
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	<b>EXECUTIVE SESSION</b>	<b>JENNIFER BOYCE</b>
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<b>DISCUSSION</b>	Council had a closed door session from 2:40-3:10 pm.
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<b>END MINUTES</b>	<b>MEETING ADJOURNED</b>	<b>JENNIFER BOYCE</b>
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<b>DISCUSSION</b>	End of minutes. Meeting dismissed at 3:10pm.
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# MSRP Trustee Council Meeting –Day 2

## December 14, 2011

MINUTES	DAY 2 DECEMBER 14, 2011	9:00AM – 3:15PM	LONG BEACH FEDERAL BUILDING 3RD FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM
STAFF AND COUNCIL MEMBER ATTENDEES	Jennifer Boyce, MSRP Program Manager		
	Kathryn Colson, California State Lands Commission		
	Christopher Huitt, California State Lands Commission		
	Gabrielle Dorr, MSRP		
	Kate Faulkner, National Park Service		
	Carol Roberts, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service		
	Laurie Harvey, National Park Service		
	Annie Little, MSRP		
	David Mazurkiewicz – National Park Service		
	Patty Velez, California Department of Fish & Game		
	Dave Witting, MSRP		
NOTE TAKER	Annie Little, MSRP		
<b>AGENDA TOPIC</b>	<b>PEREGRINE FALCON UPDATE</b>	ANNIE LITTLE	
<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<p>The plan is to conduct a second Peregrine Falcon survey in 2013. Due to the amount of time necessary for contracting, funds are being allocated in the 2012 budget so they are available for contracting at the end of 2012. Announcement of the RFP will be made in Spring 2012. Several individuals have expressed interest in the surveys.</p> <p>Peter Cattle of Bio Resource Consultants is now working with Brian Latta. He is going to assist with getting the final 2007 report complete for the previous survey effort. We received a draft report, but never received a final report. During Phase 2, two additional surveys are planned.</p>		
<b>AGENDA TOPIC</b>	<b>BALD EAGLE RESTORATION</b>	ANNIE LITTLE	
<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<p><u>2011 Northern Channel Islands Summary</u></p> <p>In the 2011 breeding season, there were six active pairs. Four out of the six pairs were successful.</p> <p><u>Santa Cruz Island summary:</u>            Pelican Harbor nest – New nest site in 2011 near Twin Harbors. Live camera was not able to be installed due to inaccessibility of site. 2011 was the 7<sup>th</sup> year of nesting for this pair. One chick hatched and successfully fledged (A-74).</p> <p>Sauces Canyon nest – A-40 was the new male at this nest. Female (A-27) laid two eggs and one chick hatched on April 9, 2011. Chick (A-73) successfully fledged. Live webcam was shifted to this nest.</p> <p>Cueva Valdez pair – New nest site in Hazards Canyon. One egg hatched on April 25, 2011. The chick (A-76 F) successfully fledged.</p>		

No nesting for the Malva Real pair in 2011.

Santa Rosa Island summary:

Verde Canyon nest- Pair was seen incubating but nest was empty on Apr 5. Cause of failure unknown.

Lopez Canyon nest – This nest was destroyed in wind storm. One chick (~ 2 wks old) was found dead under destroyed nest.

Anacapa Island summary:

New nest on Anacapa in Oak Canyon was discovered in March 2011. One chick (A-75 M) successfully fledged. First nest on Anacapa in over 60 years.

Catalina Island summary:

Twin Rocks nest – Two eggs were laid but both failed. Pair is an 18 year old K-33 male and K-17 a 26 year old female who was removed from a nest in Shasta County in 1984 and hacked on Catalina. Pair incubated for over 10 weeks. Failed in 2010 as well.

Pinnacle Rock nest – Eagle pair K-65 male and K-56 female laid two eggs. No eggs hatched and nest failed.

West End nest –Pair hatched three chicks (K-12 female, K-13 male, K-14 male). All fledged. First record of triplets on Channel Islands.

Rattlesnake Canyon nest - Pair K-80 (male) and K-47 (female) successfully fledged 2 chicks.

Middle Ranch nest – A-37 (San Francisco Zoo hack on Santa Cruz Island in 2005) was the female at the nest. One chick hatched but died within first week.

Seal Rocks nest - K-25 (M) and K-34 (F) had two chick (K-07 F; K-08 M). Both fledged.

Two Harbors nest - K-81 (M) and K-82 (F) had one chick (K-18 F).

**2011 Overall Summary**

- 13 nesting pairs (7 Catalina, 3 Santa Cruz, 2 Santa Rosa, 1 Anacapa)
- 5 nests failed (3 Catalina, 2 Santa Rosa)
- 14 chicks total (9 Catalina, 3 Santa Cruz, 1 Santa Rosa, 1 Anacapa)
- 12 chicks fledged

Prey Collections (2<sup>nd</sup> Year): Seth Newsome and Paul Collins collected prey remains from Santa Cruz (3 nests) and Catalina Islands (5 nests) in 2011. Fox remains were found in the original Pelican Harbor nest on Santa Cruz and the West End nest on Catalina.

**2012 Bald Eagle Budget**

This is last year of Bald Eagle monitoring at the full level. Will be conducted at a reduced level starting in 2013.

- Analytical costs (\$2,140)
- FWS Contract with WFVZ (\$3,021) to measure Catalina eggshells
- NPS support (\$8,071)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>EagleCAM (\$35,000)</li> <li>IWS Contract (\$454,179)</li> </ul> <p>TOTAL = \$503,411 (2011 budget was \$506,586)</p> <p>Bald Eagle paper on lead exposure will be published in Journal of Raptor Research in 2012.</p>
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<b>AGENDA TOPIC</b>	<b>SAN NICOLAS ISLAND SEABIRD RESTORATION PROJECT</b>	<b>ANNIE LITTLE</b>
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<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<p>2011 marked the end of the confirmation phase of the project. The last cat was removed in June of 2010. Since that time, over 27,000 camera trap nights have occurred with zero cat detections. A total of 52 camera traps were placed across the island. Confirmation phase greatly exceeded levels recommended in Probability Detection Model created by Land Care. Island Conservation conducted their final demobilization trip in December 2011.</p> <p>Monitoring of seabirds by UCSC occurred in 2011. The Navy is conducting annual monitoring for the island fox and western snowy plover. Charles Drost is conducting deer mouse surveys. The Council will fund IWS to conduct a fox monitoring effort in 2012 which replicates the 2007 baseline effort. No additional funds are needed for this monitoring.</p> <p>HSUS celebrated the 2-year anniversary of receiving the cats in Oct. 2011. Cats were put on diet and have been socialized. There is a new interactive web cam at the Ramona facility. Some cats have been put in foster homes for eventual adoption to indoor-only homes.</p> <p>Successful completion of project will be announced in early 2012. Council recommended that the event take place on San Nicolas Island or Pt. Mugu, rather than at the Ramona facility. Emphasis of event should be on purpose and benefits to the resources, not the cats themselves.</p> <p>Several presentations and papers are planned for 2012.</p>
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<b>AGENDA TOPIC</b>	<b>SEABIRD RESTORATION: BAJA CALIFORNIA</b>	<b>ANNIE LITTLE</b>
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<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<p>Implementation of the Baja projects was delayed in order to issue a joint RFP with the Luckenbach Trustee Council. The Montrose Council is funding restoration on Coronados and Todos Santos Islands for a total of \$1.2M. A contract was awarded in August of 2011 to Conservacion de Islas and other partner organizations. A press release was issued in November of 2011 in coordination with the Mexican government.</p> <p>SOWs are being developed for 2012. The projects are anticipated to last 5 years. Year 1 activities include monitoring, planning, and permitting.</p>
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<b>AGENDA TOPIC</b>	<b>SEABIRD RESTORATION: SANTA CRUZ ISLAND</b>	<b>LAURIE HARVEY</b>
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<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<p>Baseline surveys for the Ashy Storm-Petrel were conducted in 2005-6 at 5 locations. Social attraction was initiated at Orizaba Rock in order to boost the small colony. Numbers of birds at Orizaba are now back up to pre-decline numbers, but it is unclear if we are drawing birds from other colonies. An A/V study was also conducted at Orizaba Rock in order to assess the social attraction efforts. In 2011, 50 external pit tags were deployed.</p> <p>2012-2014: Moving into wrap phase for this project. Social attraction will continue on Orizaba Rock in</p>
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	2012. Monitoring will occur 2012-2014 at Orizaba and reference sites. Budget for was reduced by using in-house staff and faster boats. Bill McIver will focus on 10-yr report for project. 2012 budget is ~\$107K compared to 2011 budget of \$136K.
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<b>AGENDA TOPIC</b>	<b>SEABIRD RESTORATION: SCORPION ROCK</b>	<b>LAURIE HARVEY</b>
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<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<p>2011 marked the 4<sup>th</sup> and final year of outplanting. In 2011, 2,000 plants were put in ground. Cumulative total of 9,000 in 4 years. There has been a significant reduction in non-native ground cover and project is approaching target native cover. 2009 and 2010 had good rainfall and recruitment of native plants. A total of 18 species have been planted.</p> <p>There may be a need for social attraction for Cassin’s Auklets in the restored areas. Northern side is not suitable for birds/native cover and is also a Brown Pelican roost site. Burrow starts may be attempted in restored areas in order to encourage nesting. Auklet reproduction was moderate to high in 2009-2011. A lower number of carcasses were found in 2011, presumably because birds now have more native cover to hide under and avoid predators.</p> <p>Plan for 2012-2015 includes weeding, watering, monitoring vegetation and Cassin’s Auklets, and minor planting as needed (infill). Monitoring of Prince Island as a reference site will be reduced in 2012 and will be done by in-house NPS staff. Monthly trips are planned for Prince Island. The budget in 2011 was \$213,607. The 2012 budget was reduced to \$112,144.</p>
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<b>AGENDA TOPIC</b>	<b>SEABIRD RESTORATION: SANTA BARBARA ISLAND</b>	<b>LAURIE HARVEY</b>
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<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<p>Highlights of 2011 include 15 active Cassin’s Auklet burrows in newly installed artificial habitat near the sound system. This is the first project that has used social attraction for this species. 2011 marked the 3<sup>rd</sup> year of broadcasting. Murrelet nest cams were also deployed in 2011 and Pomona College will assist in reviewing footage.</p> <p>A new restoration site at Beacon Hill was created in 2011. Site has good potential for both Cassin’s Auklets and Xantus’s Murrelets. Work will occur at this site for 3-5 yrs. A total of 7,500 plants were grown and planted in 2011 at the different restoration sites. Total restored area ~5 acres. Goal is to plant ~5,000 plants/year.</p> <p>New rain catchment system designed and installed in 2011. Has already collected 500 gallons from 2 rain events. This system will replace the desalinization system that was previously proposed.</p> <p><u>Barn Owl Study (2010-2012)</u></p> <p>This study will continue into 2012. One of the outcomes of this study is the prediction that the mouse numbers will crash and the numerous barn owls will look for other sources of prey (e.g., seabirds).</p> <p><u>2012 Work Plan</u></p> <p>No social attraction for Cassin’s Auklets is planned for 2012 due to concern about barn owl predation. Nest monitoring and banding (on land and at-sea) will occur in 2012. Budget in 2011 was \$414,478. Budget for 2012 was reduced to \$377,667. This reduction is in part because the permanent nursery is now complete on the island. The new artificial sites in Landing Cove will be monitored with Reconyx</p>
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	camera and there will be several murrelet nest cams.
<b>AGENDA TOPIC</b>	<b>SEABIRD RESTORATION: ANACAPA ISLAND</b> <span style="float: right;">LAURIE HARVEY</span>
<b>DISCUSSION</b>	Work in 2011 involved nest searches and monitoring as part of an overall assessment of Xantus's Murrelets, Cassin's Auklets, and Ashy Storm-Petrels on the island. Activities also included mist netting and use of night vision equipment. In partnership with U.C. Santa Cruz, several songmeters were deployed which resulted in the exciting discovery of nesting Ashy Storm-Petrels on Anacapa Island. This was the first confirmed breeding of the species ever recorded on the island. An additional year of monitoring will occur in 2012 in order to assess recovery of the colonies and whether additional restoration actions (e.g., social attraction) are warranted. The 2012 budget is \$108,939.
<b>AGENDA TOPIC</b>	<b>SEABIRD RESTORATION: BOAT PURCHASE</b> <span style="float: right;">LAURIE HARVEY</span>
<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<p>Laurie presented projections of the cost of chartering/use of NPS vessels vs. the purchase of a dedicated boat. The group discussed the cost benefits of both options and other considerations such as maintenance, fuel, number of boat days, etc. One benefit of purchasing a boat is to leverage the investment of the Council in the seabird restoration projects so that benefits can continue in the long term. Would provide infrastructure for the future.</p> <p>Estimated cost of \$150K for a used boat. Desired specs include: boat sleeps 6, 32-36' range, twin diesel. Estimated costs of 110 boat days/year. Boat purchase would provide enormous amount of flexibility. NPS is supportive of having boat at their dock. Boat could be offered to other programs to help defray costs.</p> <p>NPS has carry-over that will be used towards the boat purchase. NPS will figure out how much carry-over they have. Council was supportive of boat purchase and Laurie and David will continue to work with NPS contracting on details.</p>
<b>AGENDA TOPIC</b>	<b>PHASE 2 FUNDING</b>
<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<p>Laurie presented estimated costs for 2012-2017 for seabird projects (SBI, Scorpion, Ashy Storm-Petrel, Anacapa). The total was ~\$4.13M; however, only \$3M in proposed in the draft Phase 2 Plan. The Council supports these restoration projects and wants to ensure they continue.</p> <p>The Council discussed various options for altering the Bald Eagle monitoring program for Phase 2 in order to redistribute funds to the seabird restoration projects (particularly SBI where there is active habitat restoration occurring). The draft Phase 2 Plan proposes annual Bald Eagle monitoring at a reduced level from 2013-2021. One option discussed was switch to an every other year monitoring. Annie recommended that the monitoring be on an annual basis for the next 5 years (2013-2017) since the last released birds (in 2006) have just matured. The Council would then evaluate in 2017 whether any additional monitoring for Bald Eagles is needed. The Council decided to also fund the Eagle Cam for another 5 years until 2017. Continued funding beyond 2017 would also be revisited at that time.</p> <p>The Council agreed on the following distribution of funds for Phase 2:</p> <p>Fish- \$9M  Seabirds- \$5M  Bald Eagles/Peregrines: \$3.5M</p> <p>It was also noted that the genetic study approved in the 2011 seabird budget did not occur. The funds</p>

	<p>(\$25K) were provided to NOAA and can be directed towards another project.</p> <p>Public comment period on the draft Phase 2 plan closed Dec. 19. Goal is to make revisions to plan and have a final version in Feb. 2012. Final NEPA and CEQA documents would then be prepared.</p>
<b>END MINUTES</b>	<b>MEETING ADJOURNED</b>
	JENNIFER BOYCE
	End of minutes. Meeting dismissed at 3:10pm.