

MONTROSE SETTLEMENTS RESTORATION PROGRAM  
Trustee Council Meeting, Long Beach, CA  
November 17-18, 2015

Day 1, November 17, 2015

The following Trustee Council members / alternates were in attendance:

Jennifer Boyce	NOAA, Montrose Settlements Restoration Program [MSRP]
Kate Faulkner	National Park Service [NPS]
Russell Galipeau	National Park Service [NPS]
Holly Gellermen	California Department of Fish & Wildlife [CDFW]
Sarah Mongano	California State Lands Commission [CSLC]
Carol Roberts	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Patty Velez	California Department of Fish & Wildlife
Lisa Wolfe-Kolb	California Department of Fish & Wildlife

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Annie Little	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service [USFWS]
David Mazurkiewicz	National Park Service
Vanessa Nalle	MSRP Taking notes
Attending by phone:	David Witting, MSRP

Also attending:

Meeting started at 12:00pm

Introductions were made for Russell Galipeau, who will most likely take over for Kate Faulkner when she retires this year.

**General Business Items**

**Account Balances**

The account balances were not discussed at this meeting, noted by Jennifer Boyce that account balances were discussed during the August 4, 2015 council meeting.

**Cost Documentation Packages**

Jennifer Boyce made a motion to ratify the NOAA CY2012 cost package in the amount of \$397,060.85 and the NOAA CY2013 cost package in the amount of \$1,470,180.51. Patty Velez seconded the motion. All were in favor and the cost packages are ratified.

Kate Faulkner submitted the NPS CY2014 cost package. NPS cost packages dated CY 2003 through CY 2007 have been recertified by Cotton and Co. Some of the NPS cost packages had no errors or small errors between yearly totals and therefore some of the totals did not change. The NPS CY2002 cost package was not sent to Cotton as part of the audit, therefore the recertification and review started with the NPS CY2003 cost package.

Discussion was held about the process for the council on the recertified cost packages; whether they need additional co-trustee review. Kate Faulkner proposed they do not need a full re-review since summary pages of the changes were provided by Cotton. The recertified NPS cost packages will be ratified at the next council meeting and the summary pages will be provided to the council at that time.

A summary table of the status of cost packages was provided. It was noted that CY2014 cost packages turned in to date are from NPS and CDFW. All trustee cost packages for CY2013 have been submitted to the MSRP office.

Jennifer Boyce advised there is no new firm in position to replace Cotton, and reminded everyone that Council guidelines state the prior year's cost documents are to be turned in before December 31, 2015 in order to receive administrative funds for CY2016.

## **2016 MSRP Budget and Work Plan**

### **Project Updates and 2015 Budget Proposal**

#### **2015 Raptor Restoration Projects Update**

Annie Little discussed a Power Point presentation of 2015 restoration project highlights for Peregrine Falcons and Bald Eagles. There were 48 occupied Peregrine Falcon territories on the Channel Islands in 2015. A total of 18 pairs of Bald Eagles also bred on 5 of the 8 Channel Islands.

#### **2016 Raptor Budget Discussion**

The proposed budget for 2016 is \$402,369. Annie Little led a line by line discussion of the 2016 draft raptor budget page. Monitoring will continue through 2017. It was noted this is the second to the last year of funding for raptors.

Discussion held and changes made to draft budget:

- Change the NOAA total to \$2,651 to correct the calculation error in the Western Foundation of Vertebrate Zoology total. Move this amount to FWS.
- Move \$2000 allocated for NPS housing for Institute for Wildlife [IWS]\* to the IWS contract line
- New IWS contract total will be calculated and budget will be modified

\*Per Kate Faulkner, IWS housing costs can no longer be paid through NPS Montrose funds.

Annie Little advised that NPS is looking at new partners for the Saucers Canyon eagle nest webcam. The equipment originally purchased through HPWREN is not compatible, so Peter Sharpe will continue to use his camera. Explore.org may donate a camera. The Ventura County Office of Education will no longer continue to handle the main broadcast of the eagle nest webcams, but will still provide some infrastructure. Yvonne Menard requested that webcam wording be added into the next IWS contract.

Break 1:00 – 1:15pm

Meeting resumed at 1:15pm

### **2015 Seabird Restoration Projects Update – Annie Little**

Annie Little and Dave Mazurkiewicz discussed a Power Point presentation of 2015 Restoration highlights for the following seabird restoration projects:

- Scorpion Rock project
- Santa Cruz Island (including Orizaba Rock, sea caves and Bat Cave )
- Santa Barbara Island (including Barn Owl Excavation work)
- Baja California Pacific Islands: Coronados and Todos Santos (in partnership with Luckenbach Trustee Council)
- Anacapa Island (Brown Pelican monitoring)
- San Nicolas Island (5 years post project)
- Seabird Protection Network

Annie Little presented a list of reports and grant proposals that were finalized in 2015.

2016 plans seabird restoration projects were discussed. Santa Barbara Island work includes site maintenance, outplanting, pilot study, seabird monitoring, and Ashy Storm Petrel mist netting, Work on permitting for a desalinization system will continue.

### **Seabird Projects – 2016 Budget**

Annie Little gave a line by line review of the Seabird Restoration 2016 budget items. Questions noted from council members:

Carol Roberts asked for clarification on the helicopter costs. David Mazurkiewicz stated the costs are for the helicopter only, not the crew.

The CIES budget was reduced for 2016 compared to 2015. NPS housing costs will be billed to CIES beginning in 2016.

Additional comments on the CIES portion of the seabird budget led to the recommendation that it would be best if CIES was set up with a flat indirect rate. Annie Little will explore this option with them.

Additional detail was requested (and provided) for the CIES Equipment, CIES Safety/Infrastructure and Contracted Services budget lines.

Clarification on the line item titled “annual leave cash out” was stated as payment to employees who leave CIES and cash out their leave amount.

### **MSRP Office 2016 Budget**

Jennifer Boyce led a line by line discussion of the 2016 draft budget for MSRP staff and office costs. Staff hours were reduced as discussed in the August Trustee Council overall budget meeting. Gabrielle Dorr is currently on assignment for headquarters until the end of January 2016, and is currently not working on Montrose outreach.

### **MSRP Trustee Council 2016 Budget**

Jennifer Boyce led a line by line discussion of the trustee council costs in the 2016 draft budget. It was noted that all council members will try to keep within reduced hours. There will be only four council calls per year beginning in 2016.

Holly Gellerman suggested changes to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife section. 20 hours for Admin were removed. Holly Gellerman's hours were increased to 30 hours, and Lisa Wolf-Kolb's hours were increased to 20.

Sarah Mongano requested that 10 hours for Kathryn Colson be added at \$134 per hour, and \$500 for Sarah's travel. The changes were agreed upon and made to the California State Lands Commission section.

Jennifer Boyce stated that NOAA has carryover from 2015 funds of approximately \$500,000

Meeting adjourned at 4:30pm

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Day 2, November 18, 2015

The following Trustee Council members / alternates were in attendance:

Jennifer Boyce	NOAA, Montrose Settlements Restoration Program Manager
Chris Plaisted	NOAA (joined the meeting at 11:45am)
Sarah Mongano	California State Lands Commission [CSLC]
Carol Roberts	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Kate Faulkner	National Park Service [NPS]
Patty Velez	California Department of Fish & Wildlife [CDFW]
Holly Gellermen	California Department of Fish & Wildlife
Lisa Wolfe-Kolb	California Department of Fish & Wildlife

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Gabrielle Dorr	MSRP
David Witting	MSRP
Annie Little	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service [USFWS]

Taking notes: Vanessa Nalle, MSRP

Meeting started at 8:30am

Jennifer Boyce gave a summary of the recent meeting in San Francisco with the Environmental Protection Agency [EPA]. It will likely be at least one year before the EPA proposes a decision with regard to remediation of the Palos Verdes Shelf. In addition, should EPA make the determination within a year, it will likely at least be five years until there is a Record of Decision. Staff will continue to coordinate with EPA in monthly calls and as part of the Scientific Review Board.

Jennifer Boyce will draft a memo summarizing the EPA meeting and provide it to the Trustee Council members.

**Fish Projects Update**

Belmont Pier Artificial Reef

Chris Plaisted informed the Trustee Council that the City of Long Beach is conducting the breakwater study for impacts in the Belmont Pier area. The City of Long Beach has inquired about the potential to restart the project, since they now might be willing to take ownership of the proposed artificial reef at the

Belmont Pier. This is no longer an option because the money previously identified for that project has been reallocated.

### **Palos Verdes Kelp Forest Restoration**

Dave Witting gave a project update and provided a Power Point presentation on the progress of urchin removal. A total of 33.3 acres have been restored and 3.3 million urchins removed by divers with The Bay Foundation, LA Waterkeeper and commercial sea urchin harvesters.

Discussion was held regarding expanding the project into existing Marine Protected Areas [MPA]. Lisa Wolfe-Kolb said she would discuss internally with CDFW.

The 2016 budget for this project covers the cost for an additional 15 acres to be restored. No questions noted on this section of the budget. Monitoring will be adjusted to address impacts of El Nino conditions expected during winter 2015 and early 2016.

### **Palos Verdes Rocky Reef Restoration**

Dave Witting provided background project information and reef designs to the Trustee Council. A draft environmental document will be sent to the Trustee Council.

The next steps include completing the NEPA/CEQA Environmental Assessment/Initial Study [EA/IS] which will include addressing comments received from NOAA and the California State Lands Commission [CSLC]. A public meeting will be held once the EA/IS has been released for public comment.

A pre-application meeting will take place with the Army Corps of Engineers and the State Water Board to discuss permitting.

Dave Witting led a discussion of the 2016 draft budget for this project. Comments from the State Lands Commission on the draft EA/IS are requested by January 2016; initial comments from the NOAA/NEPA Office have been reviewed. Construction is scheduled to begin in 2017.

### **MSRP Outreach – Gabrielle Dorr**

Gabrielle Dorr gave a Power Point presentation review of outreach activities completed in 2015. Youth fishing program outreach is continuing through the Cabrillo Beach Pier Fishing Program – City of LA Department of Recreation and Parks, Marina del Rey Anglers and the LA Rod and Reel Club Foundation. A new animated film for the Montrose kiosks called “Adventures of Max and Olivia” was completed. The film was part of the Wild and Scenic Film Festival and has received a high rate of downloads on TeacherTube.

The recently completed youth fishing outreach video was shown to the Trustee Council and it is currently posted on the MSRP YouTube channel.

August 2017 will be the end date for the licensing of the MSRP kiosk software. One of the kiosks was re-located to a new venue in August at the Deane Dana Friendship Park interpretive center in San Pedro, CA. Gabrielle will give consider options for the kiosks after the next two years. Venues currently housing the other two kiosks are aware of the end date in 2017.

Gabrielle Dorr discussed the 2016 draft outreach budget. No questions noted.

## **General Business**

### **Approval of 2014 Trustee Council Meeting Minutes**

Jennifer Boyce motioned to approve the minutes from the 2014 Trustee Council meeting. Patty Velez seconded the motion. The minutes are approved.

Changes will be made to the draft budget as discussed, and a final version will be emailed. The resolution for the 2016 budget will need to be signed before Christmas in order to make the January 2016 disbursement.

The next council call will be on Thursday, February 25 at 10:00a.m. Three remaining calls for 2016 will be on April 21, July 21 and October 20, 2016, on the fourth Thursday at 10:30am.

Meeting adjourned at 11:25am

