

**MSRP Trustee Council Conference Call notes
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Cost Documentation status

- Reminder on end of July as deadline for old cost packages, plus 2005 cost packages
- Also want a mid-course look at charges to see how 2006 is going – anything unusual?
- NOAA
 - Should have 2002 packages done by deadline.
- NPS
 - Will not be claiming any additional costs for 2002; funds received in advance in that timeframe were already reconciled in 2003 package.
- All signatures received on TCR 06-07 – requiring all old costs turned in by end of July 2006.
- Only outstanding older costs are NOAA and CDPR.
- CDPR
 - Nothing for 2003
 - Will put other cost docs into calendar year to submit. Will be in by deadline.
- Sent out via e-mail: TCR 06-06 amended – canceling TCR 06-06 since we won't be doing San Miguel monitoring this year.
- Cotton and Company
 - See spreadsheet attachment
 - Taking them longer than planned to certify cost packages
 - NOAA cost packages not included, so really only 5 cost packages yr.
 - Original estimate = about \$5000
 - Now turns out about \$10,000/yr.
 - Total for 03-05: \$31,000/yr

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- Greg recommends we OK them completing work for 03, 04, 05, and revisit it for 06 during budget discussions.
- Other option discussed:
 - Have in house person – accountant to do this and coop. agreements / contracts, etc. Would have to be a govt. employee, but is it a full-time job? Could share it between projects, but that is difficult to organize.
- Cost doc committee should be involved with C&C to eliminate duplicate inquiries.
- Consensus to keep C&C until November meeting.
- Greg will contact C&C to keep costs limited.

NFWF

- Bottom line recommendation: still want to pursue NFWF
- See attachment: NFWF fee comparisons
- Most advantageous scenario is 10% fee per deposit, as long as another deposit made within a year.
- ALSO - NOAA general counsel determined that we can't transfer funds to them in advance.
 - Must be reimburseable
 - Don't know yet if this is acceptable to NFWF
 - If they don't have to worry about investing and accounting for investing, costs should be less.
- How much effort will be required if we have to do actual field oversight?
 - If you are doing multiple small budget projects, NFWF is cost effective
 - One big project is less cost effective.
- Other advantages to using NFWF
 - Could add in some projects easily
 - Since it's reimbursable and we don't have a large amount of money to transfer over at once, we can do a short term trial
- We would like to get back to them by the end of July
- Will come back to the TC with MOA before signing.

Next Meeting September 2006

- Wetlands RFA will be ranked and a recommendation for funding ready for the TC by then.
- November meeting could be for outreach, MPAs, and the 2007 budget.
- November meeting set for November 14th and 15th, 2nd day being the bald eagle technical meeting.

Outreach

- E-mailed the final version of the Restoration Plan Executive summary pdf

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- Milena has received final files of fish comic from artist
 - Will post to web
 - Will send to print
- Milena, Annie and Kate will get together for meeting on bald eagle webcam to discuss next year / successes / problems / etc.

Fish Study

- Greg and Dave met with OEHHA, HTB, EPA to discuss fish data, transmit database to OEHHA
- Had sidebar conversation with Carmen on status of EPA's in situ remedy
 - Seems like things are delayed – will take more than a few months for decision to be released.
 - She is still leaning away from capping, possibility that EPA will continue to monitor for now, may take additional action after monitoring.

Bald Eagles

- A49 is close to fledging
- IWS banded bird in grassland nest
- All of the hack tower birds have been released
- Annie is drafting letter to zoo indicating that we don't need chicks for next year, and that we'll be revisiting bald eagle options when the FS is done.
- NPS Lead letter
 - Drafted letter indicating a change to special use permit banning use of lead shot on SR; also addresses deer and elk numbers
 - Has support up to regional officer
 - In the DC office
 - Kate will talk to them tomorrow or Thursday
- Story in press about last golden eagles on Santa Cruz
 - Used Pro Hunter helicopter and net gunned 2 adults, got chick from nest
 - Found 11 fox carcasses in nest and 5 carcasses in area
 - Radio transmitters on birds to track them in case they come back
- Comments on draft NCI report by next week so Annie can get them to Pete.

CA World Oceans Conference

- Two posters accepted
 - Fish Study
 - NCI Bald Eagle Work –accepted as a paper presentation
- Kate has presentation on Island restoration work, including NCI