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
o Greg recommends we OK them completing work for 03, 04, 05, and revisit it for 06 during budget discussions.
o 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.
o Cost doc committee should be involved with C&C to eliminate duplicate inquiries.
o Consensus to keep C&C until November meeting.
o 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.
  o Must be reimbursable
  o Don’t know yet if this is acceptable to NFWF
  o 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?
  o If you are doing multiple small budget projects, NFWF is cost effective
  o One big project is less cost effective.
- Other advantages to using NFWF
  o Could add in some projects easily
  o 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
• Milena has received final files of fish comic from artist
  o Will post to web
  o 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
    o Seems like things are delayed – will take more than a few months for decision to be released.
    o 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
  o Drafted letter indicating a change to special use permit banning use of lead shot on SR; also addresses deer and elk numbers
  o Has support up to regional officer
  o In the DC office
  o Kate will talk to them tomorrow or Thursday
• Story in press about last golden eagles on Santa Cruz
  o Used Pro Hunter helicopter and net gunned 2 adults, got chick from nest
  o Found 11 fox carcasses in nest and 5 carcasses in area
  o 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
  o Fish Study
  o NCI Bald Eagle Work –accepted as a paper presentation
• Kate has presentation on Island restoration work, including NCI