

Montrose Settlements Restoration Program

Meeting Summary

August 21, 2001

Oakland, California

10:00 a.m.

Attendance

The following primary and alternate Trustee Council members were present: Bill Conner (NOAA), Daniel Welsh (FWS), Tim Setnicka (NPS), Suzanne Goode (California Department of Parks & Recreation), Patricia Velez (California Department of Fish & Game), Lance Kiley (State Lands Commission), Jennifer Boyce (NOAA). Also present were: Greg Baker (NOAA), John Cubit (NOAA), Carol Gorbics (FWS), and Kolleen Bannon (NOAA).

Administrative Issues

Staffing update:

NOAA - Pamela Castens was offered and has accepted the position as Program Manager. Ms. Castens is scheduled to begin on September 23 or October 1.

FWS - Carol Gorbics reported that the GS-12 Biologist advertisement closed on August 20. FWS has received the personnel package and hopes to have a final decision in approximately 4 weeks.

Fish & Game - Patty Velez reported that Fish & Game is looking into the option of hiring an existing staff person from the Marine Region located in Los Alamitos. Patty is hoping to hear by early September.

Sample Disposal Plan:

The Trustee Council signed Resolution 01-5 authorizing the disposal of the remaining Montrose samples and specimens. The Council authorized the disbursement of \$20,086.43 to cover the cost of the disposal.

Industrial Economics Task Order Work Plan

The Trustee Council made the following decisions concerning the IEc Task Order:

Fish Sampling Plan - The Trustees agree with IEc's recommendation to hire CH2M Hill to prepare and produce the fish sampling plan using the design specifications prepared by the contracted firm with the assistance of the technical review board. The Trustees approved a total of \$90,000.00 funding for this task to cover CH2M Hill and IEc costs.

Fish Scientific Review Board - The Trustees unanimously voted to authorize \$50,000.00 to cover

the fish technical review board and associated IEC management costs through June, 2002.

Bald Eagle Scientific Review Board - The Trustees recently signed Resolution 01-4 approving advanced funding to FWS and NPS for restoration planning. FWS is allocating \$25,000.00 of this funding for the Scientific Review Board for the eagle reintroduction feasibility study. FWS is not requesting additional money for this purpose at this time and is managing the contracts with Review Board members in-house.

Restoration Plan and Support - The Trustees are seriously considering taking on the drafting of the restoration plan in-house. However, the Trustees agreed to provide IEC with \$10,000.00 for miscellaneous support during the scoping process. Expenditure of these funds will be at the discretion and direction of NOAA. The Trustees will re-consider what role IEC will play in developing the draft Restoration Plan once the Program Manager begins.

Public Outreach - The Trustees will direct IEC to sub-contract with Nakatomi & Associates to reach affected minority communities during the public scoping period. The Council has authorized \$40,000.00 for this service to cover IEC and Nakatomi costs. The Trustees will consider a larger media outreach plan once the Program Manager and staff are in place.

Next meeting:

The next Montrose Trustee Council meeting is scheduled for November 8, 2001 in Long Beach, CA.