

**Montrose Settlements Restoration Program Trustee Council
Meeting Summary
June 11, 2002
Long Beach, California
10:00 a.m.**

Attendance

The following primary and alternate Trustee Council members were present:

William Conner	NOAA / Damage Assessment
Kolleen Bannon	NOAA / General Counsel Natural Resources
Jennifer Boyce	NOAA / NMFS Restoration Center
Pamela Castens	MSRP Program Manager
Daniel Welsh	U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
Patty Velez	California State Dept of Fish & Game
Jonathan Clark	State Lands Commission
Suzanne Goode	California Dept of Parks & Recreation
Tim Setnicka	National Park Service
Kate Faulkner	National Park Service

Also attending as an observer Jenny Macal, DARP West Coast Liaison.

Fund Allocations

The cost group reported recent allocations:

NOAA (Restoration Planning)	\$163,262.14
F&WS (Catalina)	\$212,234.34
Channel Islands Eagle Project	\$581,517.00

NRDA Funds – The council agreed on \$25 million for a one year investment at 2.2% (.5% higher yield), and \$5 million in the shorter-term investment of 6 months at 1.9% (.2% higher yield). Guidance will be revisited in June 2003.

Cost Report for Damage Assessment and Restoration Costs:

CDFG – Resolution signed \$72,879.00. Katherine Pease is reviewing past cost package (see below). NOAA asking for \$305,000 partial FY01. Cost package is currently being reviewed by the cost group.

Past costs for SLC, DOI, NOAA & CDFG are pending. All will be part of allocation from court registry account.

Presentations were given by: Pam Castens, Summary of Activities and John Cubit, Fish Sampling Plan.

Pam Castens suggested Operating Procedures Memo. It was suggested that MOU's need to be referenced and sent around for review again.

Restoration Planning Contract: No decision has been made. The Council will hold a conference call to discuss further on 6/27 at 2:00.

Staffing Update

Patty Velez – 2 Vacant Marine Biologist positions. One was designated but can't be given until there is a signed state budget. All vacant state positions could be eliminated. If position is cut, the state will have to forego. It's possible might be able to contract through the UC system.

Dan Welsh – FWS hiring. Interviewed 5 people, 2 identified, 1 declined. There was a selection. Personnel is negotiating pay. Could possibly be completed in a week.
Decisions

Angler Update Decision – Full Cost – 200K
EPA's share – 125K
Trustee Council's share – 75K

NOAA, to be reimbursed by the TC, will front the money and EPA will reimburse through the IAG. Complete draft to be completed by Pam Castens this Friday. Dan Welsh moved to fund contingent on EPA reimbursable, no objections – Approved.

Fish Sampling Study – Council agreed to reduce the number of species testing by 2 in the Palos Verdes area. Council will only approve if there is a reduced scope and 535K from EPA. Bill Connor motioned sampling plan ceiling of 853K, no objections – Approved.

Next MSRP Trustee Council meets August 20-21.