

Montrose Settlements Restoration Program Trustee Council
Meeting Summary
July 2, 2003
Long Beach, California
10:00 a.m.

Attendance

The following primary and alternate Trustee Council members were present:

Bill Conner (National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration)
Jennifer Boyce (National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration)
Dan Welsh (U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service),
Patty Velez (California Department of Fish and Game)
Suzanne Goode (California Department of Parks and Recreation)
Kate Faulkner (National Park Service)
Russell Galipeas (National Park Service)

Also present were:

Pam Castens (MSRP Program Manager)
Kolleen Bannon (National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration)
Greg Baker (National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration)
John Cubit (National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration)
Trina Heard (National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration)
Annie Little (U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service)

Administrative Issues

Jonathan Clark (California State Lands Commission) gave his proxy to Patty Velez.

Costs

Resolution 03-1 regarding past costs was executed and forwarded to John Saurenman who will prepare the application for disbursement and proposed order and forward it to the court.

Resolution 03-2 regarding reimbursement to the CDFG for restoration costs was executed. Dan Welsh will forward the signed resolution to the DOI Restoration Fund for disbursement to CDFG.

Resolution 03-3 regarding the analysis of bald eagle samples was executed. Dan Welsh will forward the signed resolution to the DOI Restoration Fund for disbursement to NOAA. FWS will carry over the \$89,838 already allocated to them to fund other aspects of the eagle projects in 2004.

The Trustee Council approved the following investment schedule:

Invest \$500,000 in a 30 day account with an annual yield of approximately 77%;
\$2,500,000 in a 6 month account with an annual yield of approximately 94%;
\$10,000,000 in an 18 month account with an annual yield of approximately 1.15%; and
13,875,389 in a 30 month account with an annual yield of approximately 1.54%.

Staffing Update

Dave Witting was hired for the marine biologist position and will begin on September 2. A resolution will be drafted and circulated for signature regarding the disbursement of funds to NOAA for this position.

Fish Contamination Analysis Update

Approximately 900 fish were shipped to Battelle laboratories in June 2003. The estimated date of release for the results is November 2003.

Angler Update

Greg Baker reported that the results of the angler update will be released in the form of a report in November 2003.

Outreach

Samantha Whalen presented several potential logo designs to the Trustee Council. Each Trustee member will provide Samantha with their top two choices by early August. Samantha will choose the top design as the MSRP logo.

Samantha advised the Council that she will be updating the fact sheet and website, preparing a newsletter, and developing a media plan.

Preliminary Draft Restoration Plan and Programmatic EIS/EIR Discussion

NOAA proposed the following additional restoration objective: "Restoration of fish and fish habitats within the Southern California Bight." The Trustees agreed to this addition.

Bill Conner suggested that the planning report be divided into two volumes. Chapters 1,2,3 & 5 would make up Volume I while chapter 4 (affected environment) would make up Volume II. The Trustee Council approved this approach. It was further suggested that Trustee agency staff members write chapters 1 and 2 while MEC Analytical Systems, Inc. will finalize the remaining chapters.

A Tier 2 development workshop will be held on October 22 in Long Beach to discuss ranking strategy and developing a ranking methodology. Annie Little and Greg Baker will take the lead on organizing the workshop.

Next Meeting

The next MSRP Trustee Council meeting will be held on October 23, 2003 at 10:00 in Long Beach.