



Montrose Settlements Restoration Program

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Dear Interested Party,

The Montrose Settlements Restoration Program (MSRP) is currently developing a restoration plan that will outline a program for the expenditure of the approximately \$30 million of settlement funds set aside for natural resource restoration. Restoration efforts will target those resources injured by past releases of DDT and PCB contaminants off the Palos Verdes Shelf, including the bald eagle, peregrine falcon, seabirds, and recreational and subsistence fishing.

A series of technical and public workshops were held in January of 2003. The purpose of these workshops was to receive feedback from the public on the MSRP goals and objectives, restoration project screening and evaluation criteria, and restoration concepts developed to date. At these workshops, we received additional restoration project ideas that will be screened and evaluated in the restoration plan. A copy of our PowerPoint presentation from the January public workshops is available on our website at www.darcnw.noaa.gov/montrose.htm.

To ensure that our inventory of restoration projects is comprehensive, we are currently seeking all restoration project ideas. If you have a restoration idea that is in line with our program goals and objectives and believe it should be evaluated by the MSRP, please submit your idea to the Montrose Settlements Restoration Program, NOAA, 501 West Ocean Blvd, Suite 4470, Long Beach, CA, 90802, or e-mail your idea to Anne_Hoecker@r1.fws.gov. We have attached some general information on the approach we will be using to screen and evaluate restoration project ideas. Any details in this regard you can provide on your proposed project idea will assist us greatly in our analyses. For an electronic copy of the screening and evaluation criteria and information to be used in our screening and evaluation analyses, please e-mail Anne Hoecker at the above email address.

Thank you for your participation in shaping this restoration program. We respectfully request that all restoration project ideas are submitted no later than April 15, 2003. For additional information on the MSRP, please contact Pam Castens, Program Manager, at 560-980-4088, or Annie Hoecker, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Biologist, at 760-431-9440 x 219.

Sincerely,

Pam Castens
Program Manager

Do you have a restoration project idea?

We want to hear from you! We will be using our draft MSRP program goals and objectives and draft screening and evaluation criteria to determine which restoration project ideas are appropriate for detailed analysis and ranking. Factors that we will be using to assist us in this process will include:

- geographic location of project site
- determination of how projects located outside the Southern California Bight benefit injured resources and/or lost services (bald eagle, peregrine falcon, marine birds, recreational and subsistence fishing, and the habitat and resources upon which they depend) in the Southern California Bight.
- degree of benefit to natural resources and/or the public if the project is implemented
- lag time before project benefits are realized (e.g. 0-3 years, 3-5 years, 5-10 years, >10 years)
- duration of benefits after they become measurable (e.g. >50 years, 30-50 years, 10-30 years, 5-10 years, <5 years)
- description of key elements of the project (construction, operation, maintenance) and how success could be monitored/determined
- whether the method of project implementation has been tested before, and if so, whether it was successful elsewhere
- how and whether performance could be measured
- whether any extenuating factors could affect the potential success of the project (e.g. DDT and/or PCB contaminated food resource, engineering challenges, exotic species, human disturbance, access).
- extent of environmental mitigation measures needed to avoid significant or unacceptable environmental impacts
- whether the project resulted in an unacceptable risk to public health and safety that would require mitigation measures
- estimated costs for implementation
- extent of maintenance requirements
- whether any other potential sources of funding exist for the proposed project
- whether any other project partners exist to share in implementation or maintenance responsibilities
- any potential opportunities for volunteer or community involvement in the project

If you would like to submit a project idea for consideration, we would appreciate receiving your contact information including name, mailing address, and e-mail address. Please feel free to provide any additional site-specific information which you feel may be relevant.

Project ideas can be submitted electronically to Anne_Hoecker@r1.fws.gov or mailed to:
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