



## Montrose Settlements Restoration Program

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On behalf of the Montrose Settlements Restoration Program (MSRP), you are invited to participate in a roundtable workshop to discuss restoration concepts and project ideas for restoring/enhancing raptor and seabird populations, and providing cleaner fishing opportunities for recreational and subsistence anglers within the Southern California Bight area. Past releases of DDT and PCB contaminants off the Palos Verdes Shelf have resulted in injuries to birds including the bald eagle, peregrine falcon, and seabirds, as well as fishing activities. The restoration plan will outline the program for expenditure of the approximately \$30 million of settlement funds set aside for natural resource restoration.

Public scoping for the MSRP Restoration Plan began last year. We are now in the process of refining restoration program goals and objectives, screening criteria, and identifying appropriate restoration concepts and projects for evaluation and ranking. This restoration plan will provide the framework for long-term restoration project implementation by identifying and evaluating specific project proposals, and coordinating these with the public. As you are a recognized expert in the restoration planning field or an established interested party, the MSRP requests your assistance and input into this process through your participation in the public workshop scheduled for January 27, 2003. There will be two workshop sessions held in the auditorium of the Cabrillo Marine Aquarium in San Pedro; session 1 will run from 1 PM to 4 PM, and session 2 will run from 6 PM to 9 PM. The focus of this public meeting will be on the review of draft restoration program goals and objectives and screening criteria developed to date, and discussion of appropriate restoration concepts for natural resource injuries involving recreational/subsistence fishing, and raptor/seabird injuries. Attached you will find an agenda for the workshop, and a map to the meeting facility. Please refer to the MSRP web site for current information on program activities at [www.darcnw.noaa.gov/montrose.htm](http://www.darcnw.noaa.gov/montrose.htm).

Thank you for your participation in shaping this significant environmental restoration program.

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