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January 29, 2002
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), Stephen Schwarzbach (U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service), Patty Velez (California Department of Fish and Game), Jonathan Clark (California State Lands Commission), Tim Setnicka (National Park Service), Kate Faulkner (National Park Service).

Also present were: Pam Castens (Program Manager), Kolleen Bannon (National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration), John Cubit (National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration), and Andy Yuen (U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service).

Administrative Issues

1. Reimbursement of Past Costs

Dan Welsh requested reimbursement of 75% of FWS' past costs out of the DOI Restoration Fund. Bill Conner requested several weeks to review the Rubino cost summary for Montrose NRDA costs before the Trustees vote on this issue. Dan Welsh agreed.

2. Catalina Bald Eagle Reintroduction Project Funding

The FWS requested continued funding for the Catalina Island Bald Eagle Restoration Project for the period from January 1, 2002 through December 29, 2002. As per Resolution 01-1 the Council unanimously approved the transfer of $212,334.61 to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The money will be allocated from the DOI NRDAR Fund.

Dan Welsh provided the Montrose Cost Group with an interim summary, including supporting documentation of FWS' costs on the Catalina Island Bald Eagle Restoration Project for the period January 1, 2001 through December 29, 2001. The grand total of all costs for 2001 was $175,006.66. FWS will produce a final cost documentation package for 2001 after all costs for the project are in the Federal Financial System.

The Trustee Council agreed that the Restoration Plan will consider the question of whether the eagle work on Catalina should be continued.

3. Northern Channel Islands Eagle Feasibility Study

Jennifer Boyce and Kate Faulkner presented a draft copy of the Feasibility Study for Reestablishment of Bald Eagles on the Northern Channel Islands for final Trustee Council review. The Council agreed to have all comments to Jennifer Boyce by COB February 8.

FWS and NPS requested Trustee Council approval of $50,000.00 for the purchase of satellite GPS transmitters as part of the Feasibility Study. All members approved the funding but Patty Velez abstained from voting until she speaks to Ron Jurek. The transmitters will be purchased and a request for reimbursement will be submitted or the costs will be included in a future request for funding of the feasibility study.

4. Dan Welsh proposed a longer roll over period of 90 or 180 days for the funds in the DOI Restoration Fund. The Trustee Council will consider this.

5. Restoration Planning

Pam Castens reminded the Council that it had been agreed at the November meeting to pursue using a contractor to begin developing the restoration plan until the program staff is in place. Pam will prepare a Statement of Work and an estimated budget to be presented to the Trustee Council.

6. Program Staffing

FWS provided an update on the status of their staffing effort. They indicated that the advertisement for the vacancy had already gone out through their internal system, and it was expected that OPM would publish a nation-wide announcement shortly. Accordingly, they expected a list of candidates at the end of March.

CDFG provided a status on their current hiring freeze and re-organization. A potential candidate for their vacancy was scheduled to meet with the Trustee Council following the Council meeting.

Next Council Meeting:

The next Montrose Settlements Restoration Program Trustee Council meeting will be held in Long Beach at 10:00 on Tuesday, April 16, 2001.