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Northern California Component**  
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**PCJV Steering California Committee Meeting**  
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**Humboldt Area Foundation Office, Humboldt County, CA**

**Present:** Jeff Robinson <jrobinson@portofhumboldtby.org>, Mark Andre <mandre@arcatacityhall.org>, Melvin McKinney <mmckinney@humboldt1.com>, Don Allan <don@rcaa.org>, Greg Gray <greg\_gray@fws.gov>, Carey Smith <carey\_smith@fws.gov>, Karen Kovacs <kkovacs@dfg.ca.gov>, Karyn Gear <kgear@scc.ca.gov>, Michael Bowen <mbowen@scc.ca.gov>, Chet Ogan <chet\_ogan@yahoo.com>, Amy Krause <akrause@ca.blm.gov>, Karen Holmstrom <kholmstrom@ca.blm.gov>, Bob Wick <rwick@ca.blm.gov>, Maya Conrad <m.conrad@ncrct.org>, Paul Springer <pfvms@humboldt1.com>, Andrea Davis <andrea@wiyot.com>, Paula Golightly <paula\_golightly@fws.gov>, Aldaron Laird <aldaronlaird@riverplanner.com>, Eric Nelson <eric\_t\_nelson@fws.gov>, Nicole Spencer <Nicole@asje.org>, Lind Crockett <crockett.lilies@charterinternet.com>, Andrea Poteet <apoteet@ccc.ca.gov>, Amber Transou <atransou@parks.ca.gov>, Kyle A. Spragens <duckman4ever99@yahoo.com>, Dominic Bacman <dominicbachman@hotmail.com>, Caleb Balas <cjb47@humboldt.edu>.

**Martin Slough Restoration Project (Don Allan, RCAA)**

RCAA (Redwood Community Action Agency) has been working on the Martin Slough Restoration project since 2001. Martin Slough drains much of southern Eureka including the Eureka Municipal Golf Course. Coho Salmon have been recently found in the slough in good numbers and in good size. Martin Slough Enhancement Plan is just being completed and the plan will be out soon. Of 4 alternatives considered, the Technical Advisory Committee selected Alternative 4 - replacing/ upgrading the existing tide gates and adding an adjustable-tide-level controlled gate to support a brackish marsh and tidal flushing of the channel upstream of the tide gates. The plan includes creating approximately 5 acres of brackish marsh, expanding existing ponds, creating new ponds, modifying 6,000 feet of channel, and riparian enhancement around the ponds and channel. Current needs are funding to prepare final construction plans and permits, and to implement the project. A grant application was submitted to the NOAA Fisheries Open Rivers Initiative for money to prepare final designs. Fund-raising for implementaion is on-going.

**California Coastal National Monument (Bob Wick, BLM)**

The recent publication of the California Coastal National Monument Management Plan has initiated a collaborative effort among those interested in conservation of marine resources depending on offshore rocks and islands.

**Introduction to the CCNM**

- Offshore rocks under General Land Office, then BLM jurisdiction since 1848.
- Cooperative mgmt. for wildlife initiated with Cal. Fish & Game in 1983.
- Rocks designated as Calif. state ecological reserve (1988) and BLM Area of Critical Environmental Concern (1990).
- Several public efforts for special Congressional designation.
- Established by Presidential Proclamation on January 11, 2000 "...for the purpose of protecting...all *unappropriated or unreserved* ...islands, rocks, exposed reefs, & pinnacles above mean high tide within

12 nautical miles of the shoreline of the State of California.”

**Identifies following resources for protection:**

- Overwhelming beauty & magnificent scenery
- Geologic formations
- Seabirds
- Marine mammals
- Vegetation
- Nearshore ocean zone
- Tidepools & associated organisms
- Historic & prehistoric properties

**The CCNM consists of more than 20,000 rocks & small islands but totals only about 1,000 acres**

- All off-shore (no on-shore portion)
- Cuts across 5 BLM Field Offices
- Adjoins & intertwined with dozens of different coastal and offshore jurisdictions.

**CCNM Resource Management Plan-- Highlights**

**Natural Resources**

- Protection of physical, biological, & cultural resources is the top management priority (birds, marine mammals, cultural sites, etc.).

**Resource Characterization & Research**

- Build understanding of resources and protection needs

**Recreation/Environmental Education**

- Access to rocks generally allowed, but not encouraged
- If impacts to protected resources occur, BLM will apply adaptive management actions
- Public use focus on environmental education/interpretation
- Work in partnership with existing programs
- Priority on using existing mainland facilities (State Parks, local communities)

**Resource Protection**

- Focus on Education

**Traditional Cultural Use**

- Consult with tribes regarding traditional use areas.
- Encourage traditional uses that are consistent with CCNM purpose and goals.

**Land Use, Research**

- Most land use authorizations not permitted except for aids to navigation/emergency uses.
- Consolidate/streamline permitting process across agencies – Balance protection with research.

**Partnerships**

**Core-Managing Partners**

- BLM
- Calif. Dept. of Fish & Game
- Calif. Dept. of Parks & Recreation

### **Collaborative Partners**

- National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.
- Point Reyes Bird Observatory Conservation Science
- Recreational Fishing Alliance

### **Stewards**

- U.S. Air Force
- Trinidad Rancheria
- U.S. Navy
- Trinidad Museum Society
- Yurok Tribe (pending)
- City of Trinidad (pending)

### **Opportunities**

- Consolidate Existing Data
- Collaboration on Meeting Data Needs

### **Collaboration on Meeting Data Needs**

- Data gaps and research priorities
- Creative funding: partnerships and matches
- Resource based vs. jurisdiction based focus

### **Immediate Data Uses**

- Establish species trends for CCNM
- Impact Assessments
- Adaptive management responses

### **Next Steps**

Propose formation of Rocks and Islands Working Group facilitated by the California PCJV. A meeting will be planned for early March. Contact Bob Wick ([rwick@ca.blm.gov](mailto:rwick@ca.blm.gov)) or Ron LeValley ([ron@madriverbio.com](mailto:ron@madriverbio.com)) if you are interested in participating.

### **California Coast Zone Rehabilitation Projects – a focused look at the regulatory constraints. (Aldaron Laird, Trinity Associates).**

Aldaron presented an informative and useful summary of the California Coastal Act's influence and jurisdiction on restoration and enhancement projects in the coastal zone. A flow chart was presented to aid in the determination of project suitability. The report outlined the constraints that the Coastal Act Regulations put on enhancement/restoration projects, the allowable uses under the Coastal Act, and recommendations appropriate for various scenarios. This flow chart and the accompanying report will be posted on the PCJV-CA web site when it is finalized, hopefully in about one month. A further elaboration will include permitting assistance and examples of portions of successful applications.

### **California Coordinators Report (Ron LeValley)**

Web Site Update – [www.pcjv.org](http://www.pcjv.org) is now being hosted by the Copia Group here in Humboldt County and managed by Ron LeValley. The California pages will be moved to this site in a few weeks so that all can be accessed seamlessly. Ron will send an e-mail announcing the new address as soon as it is functioning.

## **PCJV Coordinators Report (Carey Smith)**

Three north coast applications for NAWCA Small Grants were submitted for 2005 totaling \$126,565. These three proposals total 7 acres of acquisition and 56 acres of restoration and would leverage \$1,082,988.

Coastal Grant awards included the City of Arcata's Bayview Ranch project.

These awards were diminished by 7%, apparently for political reasons.

Discretionary fund proposals are due by March 10. The discretionary funds will be limited to \$10k and cover project seed money, planning, outreach, research and monitoring, or coordination. This year our science coordinators will identify high priority research and monitoring areas that the joint venture will want to emphasize, but not all the funding will be directed in this area. Please see our web site for details (look under Grants).

## **Steering Committee member reports**

Jeff Robinson – The Humboldt Bay Plan is still being worked on.

Mark Andre – Bayview Ranch Coastal Grant was received. Mark requested that we discuss this at the next meeting.

Melvin McKinney – Finalizing the PALCO Marsh enhancement project, still monitoring the Waterfront Drive Extension proposal.

Karen Kovacs – CDF&G Continuing with acquisition within Pacific Shores for incorporation into the Lake Earl Wildlife Area. Some funds from USFWS Coastal Wetland Grant were used to acquire parcels. State has prevailed in the CEQA portion of the lawsuit regarding the Lake Earl Wildlife Area Management Plan (unclear as to status of remaining civil claims by plaintiffs).

Karyn Gear – the Conservancy would be considering a \$363,000 grant to the City of Arcata for the Sunny Brae forest acquisition at our March Board meeting.

Michael Bowen – Del Norte County Aleutian Goose Management Plan finalized by Mad River Biologists being presented tomorrow to the Aleutian Goose Working Group.

Chet Ogan – The California Coastal Commission approached RRAS with an Offer To Dedicate option on 2 parcels adjacent to HWY 101 along Campbell Creek in Arcata.

Amy Krause – South Spit Final Management Plan is being developed and initial scoping meetings should take place in the next few months.

The Arcata Field Office is taking the first steps in developing projects under the California Coastal National Monument- to that end BLM will be refining management questions and data needs and is actively seeking input from local researchers and resource managers on the issues pertaining to the Monument along the North Coast including future research or project goals and current data needs.

Maya Conrad – The NCRLT is taken applications for Executive Director.. Applications are due on March 1.

Greg Gray/ Paula Golightly – US FWS -- The due date for submission of pre-proposals to the Coastal Program at Humboldt Bay and the Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program is February 17th, 2006.

Nicole Spencer - Alliance for Sustainable Jobs & the Environment. Studying the Economics of the Restoration Economy in Humboldt County

**Set date for next meeting**

**Next meeting on March 21st, 2:30 p.m. at the Humboldt Area Foundation office. Check the California PCJV web site for details and an agenda.**

**Adjourn**