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**Subject:** Farallon Contracting  
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Eric:

Thanks for the budget estimate. We look forward to having APHIS involved in this interesting project.

I just spoke with Gerry about modifying the existing cooperative agreement with APHIS to include your assistance in the Farallon work.

He seems to think that it would be difficult and perhaps even impossible for the FWS to receive the funds at this time of year because of their end-of fiscal year financial shut-down. He wanted me to inquire if it would be possible for IC to contract USDA directly for the work?

You alluded to a new cooperative agreement taking more time than we have, but would it work faster as a **contract** with Island Conservation (a non-profit NGO), rather than a *cooperative agreement modification* with the USFWS?

The \$12,538 contract figure you calculated is accurate based on the rate you quoted us this week. Although the amount is above the \$2,500/week figure we were given for the grant budget, we can take some funds from other areas to cover the \$7500 additional requested if that amount is inflexible. If you could send us a breakdown of the various amounts for Salary, supplies, per diem and overhead, we (IC) could identify areas that we could provide assistance (e.g. food and transportation) to help reduce the costs to you a little.

Let myself and Gerry know what's the best way to secure Val and Derek's involvement and transfer the specified funds to APHIS.

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**Subject:** RE: 2pm Farallon Gull Trial Agenda

It looks like the total for 18 days will be \$12,538.08. That includes Salary/benefits, per diem/camp rate, supplies and APHIS overhead charges. I will have Val Putman send a modification to the agreement to USFWS once I get word they have received the funds. It would be best if that happened as soon as possible to ensure it gets done on time. That's the part where I don't have much say in who it goes to. Maybe Gerry or Joy could let us know how to get the funds set up for it. The only other alternative would be to set an agreement up with us which might be the way to do it in the future. For now, there is not enough time to get one in place.

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Eric/Gerry:

Maddy will give you the exact days/amounts tomorrow morning, but it will likely be 18 person days: ten days (Nov. 26 – Dec. 5) for one person and 8 days (Dec. 5 – Dec 12) for another.

**What will it take for USDA and USFWS to get the agreement modified in time?**

We have funds to allocate, and the need for assistance, so let us know what we at IC can do (if anything) to help expedite your federal agreement process.

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Dan,

We should get moving on the agreement soon if we want to have it in place before the project starts. I should point out that we have policies that prevent us from working a project until the agreements are in place. Let me know how many days WS will be needed and I will have our budget people get the amendment started as soon as possible.

Thanks,

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Eric:

Thanks for the budget estimates.

I'm assuming that the ~\$5572 for 8 days was for **both** Derek and Val? (or is it just for one of them for eight days?)

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Dan/Gerry,

I worked out a budget for Wildlife Services to work on the Farallon project. For eight days the cost for Derek and Val will be \$5,572.42. This includes Salary/benefits, supplies, camp rate/per diem and APHIS Overhead. If you want to add additional days, we could divide that amount by 8 which would be \$696.56 for each day after that. The easiest and fastest way to get an agreement in place would be to amend our agreement with the Don Edwards NWR and add that amount to it. I have included Joy on this email and she can pipe in and let us know if that is OK with her to amend that agreement. We could also set up a new agreement, but that could take more time than we have to

get it in place.

Let me know how you would like to proceed or if you would like to add additional days to the agreement.

Thanks,

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Eric:

I think we are still looking at 7-8 days from both Derek and Valerie (~2 weeks total). I'm not sure if we can afford a third week, or if they/you can spare them for that or not. If we receive additional funding (we find out this week) we might be able to afford more time. We can discuss that on Wednesday. A total weekly/daily rate for their time would be great, including any per diem or travel required.

I'm sorry you won't be able to attend this week's meeting. Is there a good time this week for us to talk about supply purchases, costs and how to transfer funds from FWS?

Also, could you send me Derek and Valerie's email and phone contact information, so we can discuss travel details with them, when necessary?

Thanks!

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Dan,

I won't be able to be on that call. I have prior arrangements for that day that will keep me from being able to make it. I will try to have Derek on the call if he is available. Also, I need to know for sure the amount of time that will be expected from our folks so I can get a cost estimate to Gerry. I was told on the first call I was on that we would be needed for two weeks. On the last call, it sounded like we would be needed for the full three weeks.

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Hello **F**arallon **A**vian **R**estoration and **H**azing **T**eam!

(I don't think we want to use an acronym for this group...)

Submitted for your review and comments (*in track changes mode only, please*) is the

working Draft of the Farallon Trial Plan.

This is an internal working draft, and we want your comments on it, but it is not yet ready for distribution beyond this group.

*(Winston, could you please forward this to Paul Gorenzel, as well, as we would love to have his comments/participation as well.)*

*(Eric: could you ensure that Derek and Valerie get this email and invite as well?)*

On **Wednesday Sept 26** (from 2pm – 3:30) we will be meeting via phone conference to discuss the details of the plan during our Gull Trial Meeting. Please also be ready to update us on the action items you were assigned from our last meeting (Sept. 5<sup>th</sup>).

Talk to you all then!

The Call-in # is: 888-443-9573;

Passcode: 7646223#

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