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(On record - 10:05 a.m.)

CHAIRMAN MEADE: Okay. Well, this is Joe Meade, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Chugach Nation Forest, and I'll go ahead and chair the meeting today and call our Trustee Council meeting to order.

I'd like to start by welcoming the new individuals representing the State. And, Cherri, maybe we could do a roll call starting with the new representatives with the State and have those a matter of record, who's on the call today representing the trustees.

MS. WOMAC: Okay. Department of Fish and Game would be Denby Lloyd.

MR. LLOYD: Good morning, folks. With me here is Heather Brandon as well.

CHAIRMAN MEADE: Welcome.

MR. LLOYD: Thank you.

MS. WOMAC: I understand that Mike Maher is the Acting Commissioner but Dan Easton is sitting in for him from DEC.

MR. EASTON: Yeah, that's correct. Good morning.

MS. WOMAC: Thank you, Dan.

CHAIRMAN MEADE: Welcome, Dan.

1 MR. EASTON: Thank you.

2 MS. WOMAC: And Hans is sitting in as the  
3 new trustee for USDOJ.

4 MR. NEIDIG: Hello everybody.

5 CHAIRMAN MEADE: Drue.

6 MS. WOMAC: And then Talis Colberg for  
7 Department of Law.

8 MR. COLBERG: Hello.

9 MS. WOMAC: And I think that's everybody.

10 CHAIRMAN MEADE: Very good. Thank you very  
11 much. And again, welcome. I understand that Michael will  
12 be helping to orchestrate some briefing books and other  
13 elements for the new Trustees and, gosh, I think with the  
14 exception of Jim Balsiger, I guess that makes me the old  
15 person on the block, so -- and I've only been here for four  
16 years.

17 Welcome again to the new State Trustees and  
18 I guess the first order of business is to take a look at  
19 our minutes and get a consent on the -- well, I guess a  
20 consent on the agenda. Do we have a motion for approval of  
21 the agenda as distributed?

22 MR. NEIDIG: This is Hans.....

23 MR. O'CONNOR: So moved.

24 MR. NEIDIG: .....so moved.

25 CHAIRMAN MEADE: Several moved. I heard

1 Hans. And do we have a second?

2 MR. O'CONNOR: O'Connor seconds it.

3 CHAIRMAN MEADE: So moved and approved for  
4 the agenda. The next is to take a look at the minutes. We  
5 have two sets of minutes since, as I understand by the  
6 agenda, we've got minutes from both November and December.  
7 I think -- well, do we have any -- a motion to approve the  
8 minutes for November as distributed?

9 MR. O'CONNOR: I -- Craig -- this Craig.  
10 I'll move their approval, Joe.

11 CHAIRMAN MEADE: For the November minutes  
12 approved. Do we have a second?

13 MR. NEIDIG: This is Hans. I'll second.

14 CHAIRMAN MEADE: Approved and -- thank you.  
15 And the December minutes. I would -- would we have a  
16 motion for approving the December minutes?

17 MR. O'CONNOR: Well, I'll do that again.  
18 The December looked good too, Joe, so I'll move their  
19 approval.

20 CHAIRMAN MEADE: Okay. And do we have a  
21 second?

22 MR. NEIDIG: I'll second that as well, Joe.

23 CHAIRMAN MEADE: Okay. I'll call for  
24 question, if I'm following Bobby's rules of orders  
25 correctly. We do have an amendment we'd like to ask to be

1 made in those minutes in December. If I could, I'll go  
2 ahead and just highlight what that is through Steve Zemke's  
3 notes. On page four, I think there was a word in error  
4 associated to the use of conservation work where we wanted  
5 to speak to efficiencies, not deficiencies. Steve, maybe  
6 you can help guide Cherri's eyes to the line and sentence  
7 on those minutes. So we'd like to accurately change a  
8 word.....

9 MR. ZEMKE: Oh, okay. Actually, Joe, it  
10 was the November 14th set of minutes, not the.....

11 CHAIRMAN MEADE: Okay. Excuse me.

12 MR. ZEMKE: .....December.

13 CHAIRMAN MEADE: I thought it was December,  
14 so.....

15 MR. ZEMKE: But on page four of the  
16 November 14th meeting, on the second motion amendment on  
17 page four, it's the sentence, it starts with Mr. Baffrey  
18 and Ms. Studebaker worked to find the, and it's  
19 efficiencies that should be there rather than deficiencies  
20 in dollars allocated. So there's that change, Cherri.

21 CHAIRMAN MEADE: Again, excusing my Bobby  
22 rules of order protocol, with that amendment to both the  
23 November and December minutes, is there support to go ahead  
24 and move forward with those as revised?

25 MR. O'CONNOR: As far as I'm concerned,

1 Joe.

2 CHAIRMAN MEADE: Excellent.

3 MR. O'CONNOR: This is Craig.

4 CHAIRMAN MEADE: Hearing no disclaimers,  
5 we'll go ahead and move forward.

6 I think the first item on our agenda is  
7 Public Advisory Committee comment. Do we have any -- do we  
8 have the chairperson with the PAC joining us today?

9 MR. BAFFREY: No, Stacy is not going to be  
10 joining us today but RJ Kopchak is here and he'll be giving  
11 some comments.

12 CHAIRMAN MEADE: Okay. Would you like to  
13 provide us an overview or a summary, RJ, and then we'll see  
14 if there's any other comments from the PAC?

15 MR. KOPCHAK: Thank you very much, Joe.  
16 This is RJ Kopchak, I'm a member of the Public Advisory  
17 Committee. I'd like to welcome all of the new  
18 representatives for the State and the Federal government to  
19 the EVOS Trustee Council. We'll be looking forward to you  
20 guys making additionally great decisions over the next  
21 three years.

22 I just would like to speak briefly about  
23 the importance of the PAC to your decision making process.  
24 The PAC is of course made up of the representatives of the  
25 communities and folks who use the injured resources in the

1 oil impacted area. We carefully review most of the  
2 proposals in front of the -- that come in front of the  
3 Trustees, except those that are pretty much administrative  
4 in nature. We look at those but don't review them as  
5 intently. And we're committed to doing a good job.

6                   The PAC currently is focused on a couple of  
7 areas that I think are very important to the Trustees in  
8 the near future. One of those areas is the educational  
9 outreach component, where communities are offered  
10 opportunities to learn more about oil, oil impacts, and the  
11 lingering effects of spills. And the other is in the arena  
12 of herring and herring restoration, an unrecovered species  
13 that has had continuing, devastating impacts on the  
14 commercial fishing industry in Prince William Sound. For  
15 those of you that are new here, those impacts economically  
16 add up to about 120 million dollars relating to lost  
17 seasons. That's just in the ex-vessel value and really  
18 isn't a fair measure relating to the community impacts or  
19 family impacts from those lost fisheries.

20                   I'm a commercial herring fisherman, I have  
21 two permits that have been -- they have gone unused for 12  
22 seasons. And personally, losses are well in excess of the  
23 half million dollar mark at this point in my family's life.  
24 And I am not unusual but instead really reflect what has  
25 happened to families there.

1                   The PAC is committed to working with the  
2 Herring Planning Group that the Trustees have -- and I  
3 appreciate it -- have funded. This is a group that's  
4 focused on trying to take a look at herring recovery  
5 strategies over what we're calling biological time lines.  
6 Herring don't recover quickly and we've been doing one and  
7 two year projects and we really need to think in decades  
8 long strategies relating to herring, herring recovery, and  
9 herring science.

10                   So I look forward to meeting with you all  
11 more and talking to you more about that. And again,  
12 welcome aboard. Good to see you all here and I appreciate  
13 the work you're going to do over the next year. So thanks  
14 a bunch.

15                   MR. BAFFREY: Thanks, RJ.

16                   CHAIRMAN MEADE: RJ, thank you. And let me  
17 also express my appreciation to the PAC. We feel the  
18 connection with the Public Advisory Committee is both part  
19 of the order of business for the Trustee Council and the  
20 volunteer services rendered is highly valued by the  
21 Trustees. So again, a lot of appreciation for your  
22 comments and for the PAC and the PAC'S role.

23                   Any other PAC members that would like to  
24 provide any additional input?

25                   MR. McCORKLE: Yes, if I may. This is Vern

1 McCorkle.

2 CHAIRMAN MEADE: Please, Vern.

3 MR. McCORKLE: And this is a little  
4 irregular because usually other PAC members don't get the  
5 opportunity to speak, but I'll be very, very brief and  
6 support what RJ has said, particularly with the interest of  
7 the PAC in herring restoration. And that's a resource  
8 which has not quite fallen through the cracks but we really  
9 do want to focus on that with you. And that's one of the  
10 reasons the restoration reserve is so important, that we  
11 don't diminish that so there is -- there's some funds for  
12 the Trustees to utilize in the continuing efforts to  
13 restoring that resource. Thank you very much.

14 CHAIRMAN MEADE: Thank you, Vern. Any  
15 other comments from any PAC members?

16 MR. ZEINE: Yeah, this is Ed Zeine over at  
17 Cordova and I really appreciate the support that the  
18 Trustee Council has given to this herring study in trying  
19 to bring them back on-line. And I support very strongly  
20 RJ's comments. So thank you very much for hearing us.

21 CHAIRMAN MEADE: Thank you. Any additional  
22 PAC members?

23 MR. BAFFREY: Joe, this is Michael. If I  
24 could make a comment related to the PAC members?

25 CHAIRMAN MEADE: No, thank you, Michael.

1 Of course, Michael.

2 MR. BAFFREY: The -- both the steering  
3 committee and the education, the environmental education  
4 community outreach committees have done incredible work.  
5 And Stacy Studebaker not only has orchestrated the  
6 environmental education community outreach committee but  
7 she's chairing it. And we had, at your direction from the  
8 November 14th meeting, on December 11th, we had our first  
9 meeting and we brought together a large group, including  
10 some of your staff, at that committee meeting. We have  
11 generated our initial report. We do have a goal.

12 One of the objectives is to make sure that  
13 the FY-08 invitation has specific language requesting  
14 environmental education community outreach, community  
15 involvement proposals. And I am just very excited about  
16 the way that both the committees, the steering committee  
17 and the education committees have worked and it seems to be  
18 a whole new era of cooperation.

19 There are five members of the PAC on the  
20 herring restoration plan steering committee, one of which  
21 may have conflict in terms of time and may be stepping out.  
22 But there is strong PAC involvement, not just at the PAC  
23 meetings but in additional work that we're doing here in  
24 this office. So I'm really appreciative of their  
25 involvement.

1                   CHAIRMAN MEADE: Thank you, Michael. And I  
2 may just underscore that the feedback I receive from  
3 Chugach National Forest educators participating in that  
4 state conference was that it was highly worthwhile. And I  
5 anticipate the Trustees across the board will unite in  
6 joining opportunity where we can find these seques for  
7 strong community collaboration, particularly with youth  
8 education and following much the framework you have  
9 orchestrated so well with the efforts with the herring  
10 restoration plan and associated work.

11                   MR. BAFFREY: Okay. That's good.

12                   CHAIRMAN MEADE: I'd like to leave  
13 opportunity for any Trustee Council members to have any  
14 reply or response to the PAC comments this morning.

15                   MR. O'CONNOR: I don't have any.

16                   CHAIRMAN MEADE: Okay, Craig. Hearing no  
17 other, I'll go ahead and move on to public comment. We  
18 always like to create -- or to have a forum of opportunity  
19 for public comment. We do ask individuals to hold their  
20 remarks to within three minutes. And we, at this point,  
21 won't be accepting any input associated to the issues that  
22 are of legal responsibility according to the re-opener.  
23 Aside from that caveat, any individuals joining us that  
24 would like to offer public comment this morning?

25                   (No audible responses)

1                   CHAIRMAN MEADE: Hearing none then,  
2 Michael, that takes us to the fiscal year '07 final work  
3 plan and I have you down as the person to orchestrate that  
4 discussion.

5                   MR. BAFFREY: Well, I'm going to ask  
6 Barbara Hannah to step up to the table to correct anything  
7 that I misspeak. We have the final figure now on the FY-07  
8 work plan to date. And that's the first two rounds of the  
9 proposals. We still have the pre-proposals going to  
10 proposals which are not part of this. But everything to  
11 date that was approved at the November 14th meeting is in  
12 this packet right now.

13                   Five projects have increased the amount of  
14 money, so that's the reason that it will take Trustee  
15 Council action here. The budget formula was wrong. The  
16 G&A was wrong or there were some factors like additional  
17 fuel costs, which were not incorporated into the original  
18 proposals. So what you have in front of you are five  
19 proposals that increased the amount over what was presented  
20 at the November 14th meeting. So it's just a matter --  
21 well, I'll let Barbara speak here. But I believe that the  
22 -- it's pretty straightforward, we just need to get your  
23 concurrence on the total amount so that we can actually get  
24 these people paid.

25                   So there should be a motion in your packets

1 that speaks to this and if you want.....

2 CHAIRMAN MEADE: Is this 0107 [sic]?

3 MR. BAFFREY: Yes -- 0701.

4 CHAIRMAN MEADE: Thank you. I got that  
5 crossed with my eyes.

6 MR. BAFFREY: Great.

7 MR. O'CONNOR: All right. This is the --  
8 what you're suggesting, Michael, at this point, is the  
9 motion associated with the November 14th.....

10 MR. BAFFREY: That is correct.

11 MR. O'CONNOR: .....meeting. Is that  
12 correct?

13 MR. BAFFREY: Yes.

14 MR. O'CONNOR: All right, Joe. I'll make a  
15 motion. That Trustee Council approve funding in the amount  
16 of \$3,794,162 for the projects approved at the November  
17 14th, 2006 Trustee Council meeting. This authorized amount  
18 includes the project budget increases due to formula  
19 corrections, nine percent Trustee Council agency fee and  
20 any adjustments or omitted project budget items for PJ  
21 070819, PJ 070810, PJ 070834, PJ 070751, and PJ 070829, as  
22 well as the project budget decreases that have been  
23 discussed. That would be my motion.

24 CHAIRMAN MEADE: Thank you, Craig. The  
25 motion has been so made by Craig O'Connor. Do we have a

1 second?

2 MR. NEIDIG: This is Hans. I'll second.

3 CHAIRMAN MEADE: Thank you, Hans. It's  
4 been made and seconded. There's a call for a question.  
5 Any discussion?

6 (No audible responses)

7 CHAIRMAN MEADE: Hearing no, I guess since  
8 there is -- since this is a conference call, do we do roll  
9 call or do we just establish any consent -- or any dissent?  
10 I guess I'll just ask, any opposition to the motion as  
11 made?

12 (No audible responses)

13 CHAIRMAN MEADE: Hearing none, if that fits  
14 Robert's Rules, motion carries.

15 MR. BAFFREY: Okay.

16 CHAIRMAN MEADE: Michael, do you want  
17 to.....

18 MR. O'CONNOR: You're good, Joe.

19 CHAIRMAN MEADE: .....go onto the next  
20 item? There's a second resolution, I think.

21 MR. BAFFREY: Craig, did you have a  
22 comment?

23 MR. O'CONNOR: Oh, I was just commending  
24 Joe. He's doing good.

25 MR. BAFFREY: This may be over with

1 quickly. The next one there is four projects in November  
2 -- at the November 14th meeting. Four projects were funded  
3 contingent. Two of those were the youth area watch  
4 projects for Prince William Sound and the Kodiak  
5 Archipelago. And the -- one of them was contingent upon  
6 one of the PI's, Dan Rosenberg, getting in a delinquent  
7 report, and the other was to Kiefer/Brown proposal, which  
8 was contingent upon Evelyn Brown submitting her report,  
9 which was due last June of 2006.

10 All those conditions have been met so those  
11 projects will be the -- have been added to the mix and then  
12 the additional funds for project management to the specific  
13 administering agencies are the basis of this proposal. The  
14 \$19,500 that's in your motion is that additional funds,  
15 three of which will go -- I mean, a large portion, three of  
16 the projects, are going to be to ADF&G and one will go to  
17 NOAA.

18 So that's the background on this. Those  
19 are all good to go. For your information, the youth area  
20 watch, we did adjust their budgets proportionate to the  
21 amount of students that they were serving and we're looking  
22 forward to being a little more specific in the FY-08  
23 invitation about what we actually want them to do. So --  
24 but we're satisfied with all -- that all the conditions  
25 have been met.

1 CHAIRMAN MEADE: Okay. And is there a  
2 resolution in our package associated, Michael?

3 MR. BAFFREY: That is true.

4 CHAIRMAN MEADE: And that number?

5 MR. BAFFREY: That number is 0702.

6 CHAIRMAN MEADE: And would anybody on the  
7 Trustee Council like to speak to a motion?

8 MR. O'CONNOR: Well, would you like me to  
9 make the motion?

10 CHAIRMAN MEADE: I would be pleased to hear  
11 a motion.

12 MR. O'CONNOR: All right. I would move  
13 that the Trustee Council approve an additional \$19,500 in  
14 PJ 070100, project management funding for projects  
15 previously approved as contingent on November 14th, '06.  
16 FY-07 work plan projects are 070210, 070610, 070759, and  
17 070810, based on the representations of the Executive  
18 Director that they have fully complied with their  
19 deliverable requirements. And I would move to authorize  
20 the project management funds as noted.

21 CHAIRMAN MEADE: Thank you, Craig O'Connor,  
22 for making the motion. It's been -- a motion has been  
23 made. Is there a second?

24 MR. COLBERG: Before we vote on it, if I  
25 could just ask one of our staff a question here, if he

1 could come up here.

2 CHAIRMAN MEADE: Absolutely. Well, usually  
3 we'll get a second and then I'll call for a question but  
4 I'm pretty flexible on the Robert rules. So please go  
5 ahead and.....

6 MR. TILLERY: Just -- there may be a  
7 different version of this that should be in front of us.

8 MR. BAFFREY: It was -- okay.

9 MR. TILLERY: Yeah, the one that was out  
10 there on the table was -- is the old one, I think.

11 MR. BAFFREY: The one that he read was  
12 correct, I believe.

13 MR. COLBERG: Okay.

14 MR. BAFFREY: Yeah.

15 MR. COLBERG: The handout.

16 MS. HANNAH: He's looking at the  
17 resolution.

18 MR. COLBERG: The handout is different from  
19 what's in front of us.

20 MR. BAFFREY: Thanks, Talis.

21 CHAIRMAN MEADE: Are you able to provide  
22 clarification there, Michael?

23 MR. BAFFREY: Yes, yes, yeah. The motion  
24 as read was the correct motion.

25 CHAIRMAN MEADE: Does that resolve your

1 question? Is that Dan that was asking?

2 MR. COLBERG: No, it was Talis Colberg and  
3 the packet that was handed out is slightly different than  
4 the one that was read, so that's -- now we've clarified  
5 that, so it's all fine.

6 CHAIRMAN MEADE: Okay. Great. Any  
7 additional questions associated to the motion?

8 MR. BAFFREY: Don't forget to second that  
9 motion, Joe.

10 CHAIRMAN MEADE: And I was going to seek  
11 that second. Is there a second?

12 MR. LLOYD: This is Denby. I'll second the  
13 motion.

14 CHAIRMAN MEADE: Thank you very much. And  
15 any dissent to the motion as made and seconded with  
16 clarification?

17 (No audible responses)

18 CHAIRMAN MEADE: Hearing no dissent, motion  
19 carries. I think all -- that's all that's on your report,  
20 Michael. Do you have any additional items from an  
21 executive director standpoint?

22 MR. BAFFREY: Yes, I do. The ADF&G  
23 procurement is requiring us to follow-up your concurrence  
24 on the science panel members. I had sought that through  
25 emails but they are requesting that the Trustee Council

1 members actually sign a letter designating who the science  
2 panel members are. I have that letter. I just want you to  
3 know you've already concurred with the science panel  
4 members, for some reason the procurement person at ADF&G,  
5 for contractual purposes, wants to see a letter for the  
6 files with the names on it and signed by the Trustee  
7 Council members. I would like to send that letter around  
8 to start getting your signatures. But like I say, you've  
9 already done this once but emails efficiently -- apparently  
10 are not sufficient.

11                   CHAIRMAN MEADE: Okay. So basically  
12 administrative follow-through.

13                   MR. BAFFREY: Exactly.

14                   CHAIRMAN MEADE: Any additional topics?

15                   MR. BAFFREY: No. No, sir.

16                   CHAIRMAN MEADE: Okay. The last item  
17 before I might offer a piece of new business or  
18 clarification, the last item on our agenda is, any need for  
19 an executive session. None has been brought to my  
20 attention. Any Trustee Council have need for an executive  
21 session discussion?

22                   MR. O'CONNOR: Yeah, Joe, I'd like to have  
23 one. This is Craig.

24                   CHAIRMAN MEADE: Okay, Craig. Would you  
25 like to make a motion for executive session and state the

1 purpose?

2 MR. O'CONNOR: I would like to move into  
3 executive session to discuss both matters of a legal nature  
4 and a personnel nature.

5 CHAIRMAN MEADE: Thank you. Is there a  
6 second to that?

7 MR. NEIDIG: I'll second that motion.

8 CHAIRMAN MEADE: Thank you.

9 MR. NEIDIG: This is Hans.

10 CHAIRMAN MEADE: That means we'll go into  
11 executive session, which will mean we'll need to be sure,  
12 Cherri, we have protocols established for joining back for  
13 any members from the public and/or the PAC that would like  
14 to join us. Can I ask for your assistance there with next  
15 step procedures to do that?

16 MS. WOMAC: Yeah, I'll send an email that  
17 has the new code and they'll still dial into the same  
18 number.

19 CHAIRMAN MEADE: Okay. And Mr. O'Connor,  
20 do you have any forecast on how long of an executive  
21 session you feel we may need to have so we can give people  
22 a sense of when we'll rejoin. Although, we're pretty much  
23 exhausted with our business items.

24 MR. BAFFREY: And Joe, if I may, this is  
25 Michael. It would probably be appropriate for -- if you

1 had any additional items for the agenda that you wanted to  
2 talk about, to do that now, to allow the people who are in  
3 the audience who don't want to wait for the Trustee Council  
4 to come back from executive session, so they can leave.

5 CHAIRMAN MEADE: Thank you, Michael. And  
6 with that, I do have one item that I would like to  
7 highlight as clarification from some past business. I  
8 guess, would this be an appropriate time for myself to do  
9 that?

10 MR. BAFFREY: You're the chair. Sure.

11 CHAIRMAN MEADE: Thank you. The  
12 clarification I -- in looking over the minutes from the  
13 past meetings, the one aspect of clarification I thought we  
14 -- I needed at least, I was asked by one of our community  
15 contacts, the mayor of Cordova, the status of when the  
16 Cordova Center proposal would be able to come back forward  
17 to the Trustee Council. And as I recollected, we had  
18 agreed that since their proposal was fully fleshed out and  
19 provided, that they would not need to wait the same time as  
20 other pre-proposals. I think I saw that actually in our  
21 minutes.

22 What I was looking for clarification on and  
23 perhaps you can assist me with this, Michael, is when would  
24 we be looking to invite the mayor of Cordova to be able to  
25 help reach a Trustee Council interaction and/or decision

1 associated. Would that be up in our '08 invitation meeting  
2 here in February or do you have any plans for follow-  
3 through on that?

4 MR. BAFFREY: You know, Joe, I really don't  
5 have a good answer for you on that. I know that there's  
6 been some dialogue back and forth with Cordova and this  
7 office both budget-wise and the other content of the  
8 proposal. I do not know if it's gone to legal review yet.  
9 I don't believe so. I think we're waiting to get it more  
10 firmed up. So is it possible at this point for me to get a  
11 more substantial answer for you in terms of timing and  
12 circulate that to the Trustee Council members?

13 CHAIRMAN MEADE: Absolutely. And if you  
14 could just tie back in with Cordova. I just wanted to be  
15 responsive to the inquiry and to the discussions and  
16 minutes as they were captured in November and December, so  
17 that we were trustful in our follow-through as a Trustee  
18 Council.

19 MR. BAFFREY: And I agree. I actually read  
20 the minutes also and saw where there was supposed to have  
21 been expedited legal and PAC review of that proposal. I  
22 don't believe it's ready to go to either body yet.

23 CHAIRMAN MEADE: Very good. I just --  
24 again, follow-through was my interest there. So if I could  
25 leave that in your hands, I know it will be well tended to.

1                   MR. BAFFREY: All right. And I will  
2 follow-up. Thanks, Joe.

3                   CHAIRMAN MEADE: With that then, I'll go  
4 ahead and ask that we break for executive session. And  
5 Cherri, do we also need to call back in on separate lines?

6                   MS. WOMAC: Call back in on the same line  
7 but I just sent you by email a different code to use.

8                   CHAIRMAN MEADE: Okay. So it's the same  
9 number and look for the different code by email.

10                  MS. WOMAC: Correct.

11                  CHAIRMAN MEADE: Okay. And we'll go ahead  
12 and conclude this session. We'll break for executive  
13 session and for any public interest, we'll come back into  
14 general session at the conclusion of our executive session  
15 but we don't have any further business, so individuals that  
16 may have other activities scheduled for the day may not  
17 want to necessarily wait around, but their prerogative is  
18 certainly open to do so. We'll join you all here  
19 momentarily.

20                               (Off record - 10:32 a.m.)

21                               (Executive Session)

22 NOTE: The Trustee Council came out of executive session  
23 and conducted no further business. Mr. O'Connor motioned  
24 to adjourn and it was seconded by Mr. Lloyd.

25                               (Meeting adjourned - 11:08 a.m.)

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