

Adopted 4/8/2025

**Cosco Busan Trustee Council  
Resolution Regarding Disbursement of Funds  
for Restoration Projects  
for Fiscal Year 2025**





1. The State of California, acting through the Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) and the California State Lands Commission (CSLC); the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA); and the Department of the Interior (DOI), acting through the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) and the National Park Service (NPS), are the trustees responsible for restoring those natural resources injured by the discharge of oil from the *M/V Cosco Busan* on November 7, 2007.
2. Sums recovered in the civil action United States v. M/V Cosco Busan et al., and related actions, are being held in the DOI Natural Resource Damage Assessment and Restoration Fund (NRDAR Fund) and the San Francisco Bay Shoreline Parks and Recreational Use account established by the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF Rec Account).
3. The Trustees have entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) among themselves for the purpose of coordinating their trust responsibilities.
4. The MOU specifies several procedural prerequisites to the implementation of projects selected in the Restoration Plan. Among other things, a selected project may not proceed unless a lead Trustee has been designated for that project and the Trustee Council has given its written authorization to commence the project.
3. The MOU further requires the Trustee Council to memorialize all expenditures of funds from the above-referenced accounts in a Trustee Council Resolution signed by the participating voting members. The settlement funds may only be used for the design, implementation, permitting (as necessary), monitoring and oversight of restoration projects and for the costs of complying with the requirements of law to conduct a restoration planning and implementation process. The use of such funds must be documented and an accounting provided to the Cosco Busan Trustee Council.
4. The Trustee Council hereby authorizes the disbursement of \$515,009 from the Cosco Busan NRDAR Account (#520) for restoration project implementation, as described in the Cosco Busan Oil Spill Final Damage Assessment and Restoration Plan/Environmental Assessment, dated March 2012, to the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF). The total includes \$500,009 for the operation of the Estuary Ocean Science (EOS) Center and additional eelgrass restoration by Keith Merkel and not more than 3% or \$15,000 for administrative costs for NFWF. Funding for the augmented eelgrass work and facilities support is being redirected from interest gained on the NRDAR account. There are still funds remaining and the trustees will consider other restoration opportunities. See Scope of work for details and budgets.
5. This Resolution may be executed in counterparts. A copy with all original executed

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signature pages affixed shall constitute the original Resolution and be retained by the Lead Administrative Trustee that maintains records.

6. The effective date of this resolution shall be the date on which the last Trustee Signs this resolution.

Concurred in by the following who are the duly authorized Cosco Busan Trustee Council representatives:

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