

extent to which the Trust develops alternatives to the proposed action.

(d) All proposed stewardship actions involving the management of the lands, resources, and facilities of the Preserve will require authorization by the Board of Trustees at a public meeting, during which public comments will be considered and recorded.

(e) The Trust will provide a reasonable time period for public review and comment upon the completion of an environmental assessment, unless the Responsible Official determines that:

(1) Emergency circumstances exist requiring immediate implementation of the proposed action; or

(2) Based on public input earlier in the process, the level of public interest does not warrant a comment period.

#### *101.8 Making and Recording an Implementing Decision.*

(a) The Responsible Official may make an implementing decision to authorize a stewardship action after completion of 101.5, if and only if:

(1) The available information regarding the purpose and need for the proposal and the anticipated outcomes are suitable; and

(2) At least one monitored outcome is identified in the stewardship register.

(b) The implementing decision must be recorded in the stewardship register by signature of the Responsible Official and dated.

(c) After an implementing decision for one or more stewardship actions is made, minor corrections or adjustments to the stewardship action to improve efficiency, correct minor errors, or otherwise improve performance may be made by the responsible Trust staff, if and only if:

(1) The corrections or adjustments do not significantly alter the nature or extent of the stewardship action or its goals, objectives, or performance requirements;

(2) The anticipated consequences of the stewardship action remain essentially the same as those described in the relevant environmental documents; and

(3) Such minor corrections or adjustments are recorded in the appropriate stewardship register as described in 101.4(c).

#### *101.9 Monitoring Outcomes and Considering New Information.*

(a) The Responsible Official must evaluate each monitored outcome identified in the stewardship register. As information from monitoring is obtained and interpreted, conclusions are to be recorded in the appropriate stewardship register by the responsible Trust staff.

(b) If, based on monitoring conclusions or other new information available to the Responsible Official, the observed outcomes of stewardship actions described in one or more stewardship registers as amended and/or appended differ significantly from those anticipated or if new information has a meaningful bearing on the anticipated consequences of one or more stewardship actions, the Responsible Official must consider such information and:

(1) Consider the preparation or supplementation of an environmental document as described in 101.5 and CEQ regulations;

(2) If appropriate, propose a stewardship action and/or continue, modify, or terminate one or more stewardship actions as described in 101.4; and

(3) Appropriately, amend and/or append the stewardship register to incorporate the new information and/or change to the stewardship action or description of consequences in the relevant appended environmental document.

#### *101.10 Preparing and Approving the Comprehensive Management Program.*

(a) The comprehensive management program summarizes monitored outcomes, describes past and ongoing stewardship actions of the Preserve, and displays the strategic guidance for the Preserve adopted by the Board of Trustees. The comprehensive management program provides a basis for determining the cumulative effects of the management of the Preserve and provides convenient public communication of accomplishments and desired outcomes.

(b) A comprehensive management program must be prepared by the Responsible Official two years after the Trust assumes management responsibility of the Preserve, thereafter, it must be reviewed and appropriately updated at least once every five years or when appropriate as determined by the Board of Trustees.

(c) Upon completion by the Responsible Official, the comprehensive management program must be reviewed and approved by the Board of Trustees or returned to the Responsible Official for additional preparation.

### **Exhibit I— Stewardship Register**

Descriptive name of Stewardship Action:

File Number:

Target Start Date:

Actual Start Date:

Target Completion Date:

Actual Completion Date:

Location: Identify the location of the stewardship action in the Preserve in a readily accessible and understandable form.

Purpose and Need: Concisely explain why the stewardship action is proposed.

Description: Describe the stewardship action and, through appropriate media, describe the related physical, biological, social, and/or economic environment.

Goal: Identify the goal(s) sought by adoption or implementation of the stewardship action.

Objective: Describe the desired outcome of the stewardship action in measurable terms including, but not limited to, anticipated quantity, location, and timing.

Performance Requirements: List the performance requirements needed to guide or limit resource use in accomplishment of the objective. A checklist may be used.

Append Environmental Document, if applicable.

Agencies and Persons Consulted:

Signature of Responsible Official  
Date Authorized

Monitored Outcomes: List one or more outcomes that will be meaningfully evaluated after implementation of the stewardship action. Describe the nature, size, and location of each monitored outcome anticipated to occur in the short-, mid-, and/or long-term.

Evaluation of Monitoring Information: As information from monitoring is evaluated, describe conclusions and any new information as guided by 101.7(b).

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