

# The Promise and Legacy of Restoration — *A Storyteller's Perspective*



*There can be no purpose more inspiring than to begin the age of restoration, reweaving the wondrous diversity of life that still surrounds us.*

*— E.O. Wilson*





# Elements of Story (in Restoration)

- A Principal Character(s)
- A Challenge or Threat
- Struggle, Conflict or Trials
- Epiphany or Triumph
- The Transformation



# Restoring Bald Eagles to the Channel Islands of California



“Yesterday’s solutions may become tomorrow’s problems.”





# DDT Contamination in Southern California

- 80 tons of DDT dumped by Montrose Chemical.
- Entered the marine ecosystem through sewer outfalls.
- Impacted top avian predators such as the bald eagle.

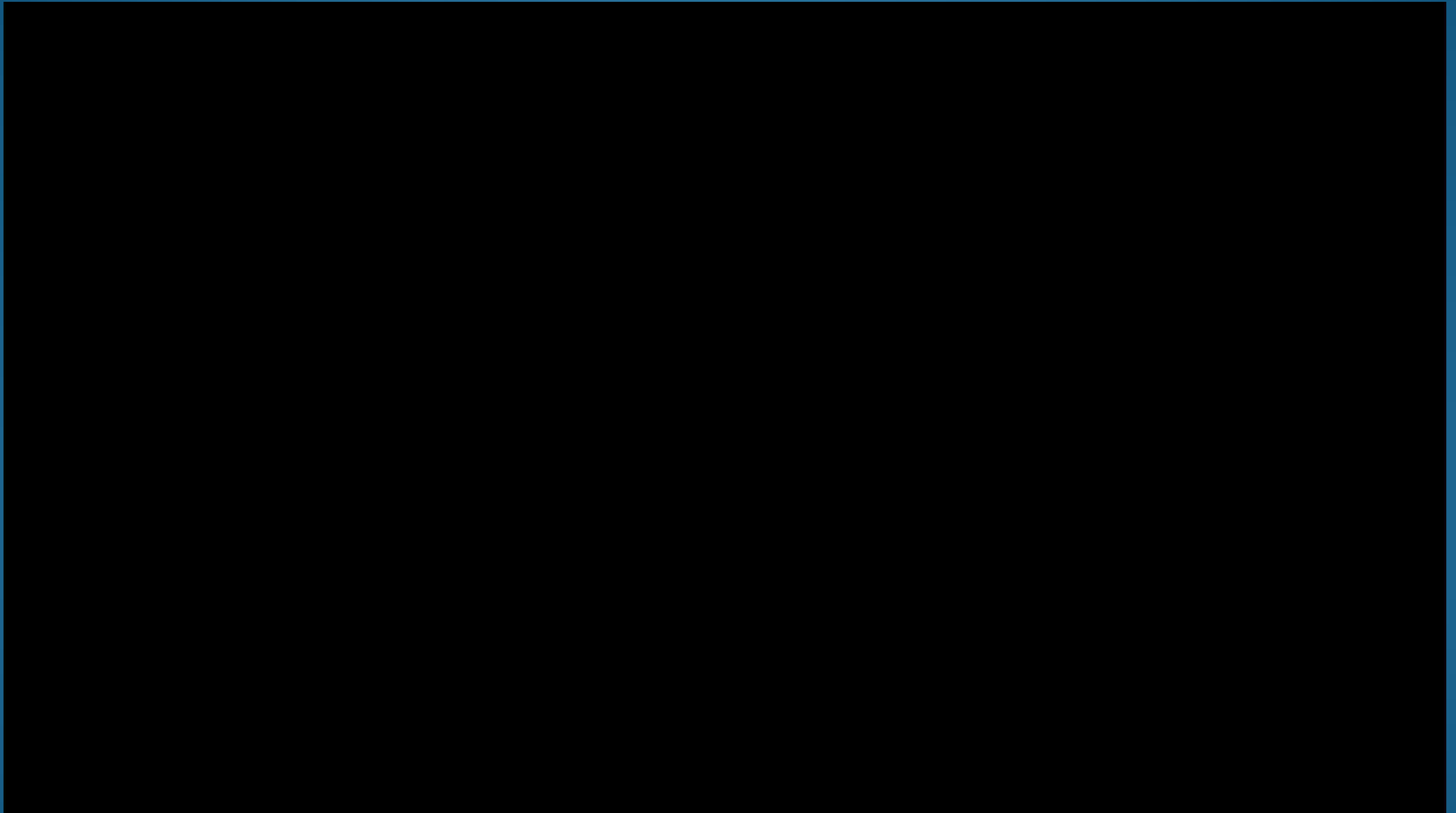


*“I thought it was going to be easy.”*

— Dave Garcelon



# “Return Flight”





# Accomplishments of Bald Eagle Restoration Program



- The island's first “second-generation” eaglet.
- Currently 60+ resident bald eagles.
- 15 breeding pairs resulting in 16 fledged chicks.
- EagleCams resulting in 4 million viewers.

# Legacy of Bald Eagle Project

- Vision
- Collaboration
- Delivering on the Promise
- Innovation + Dedication = Transformation





# STRAW — Students and Teachers Restoring a Watershed



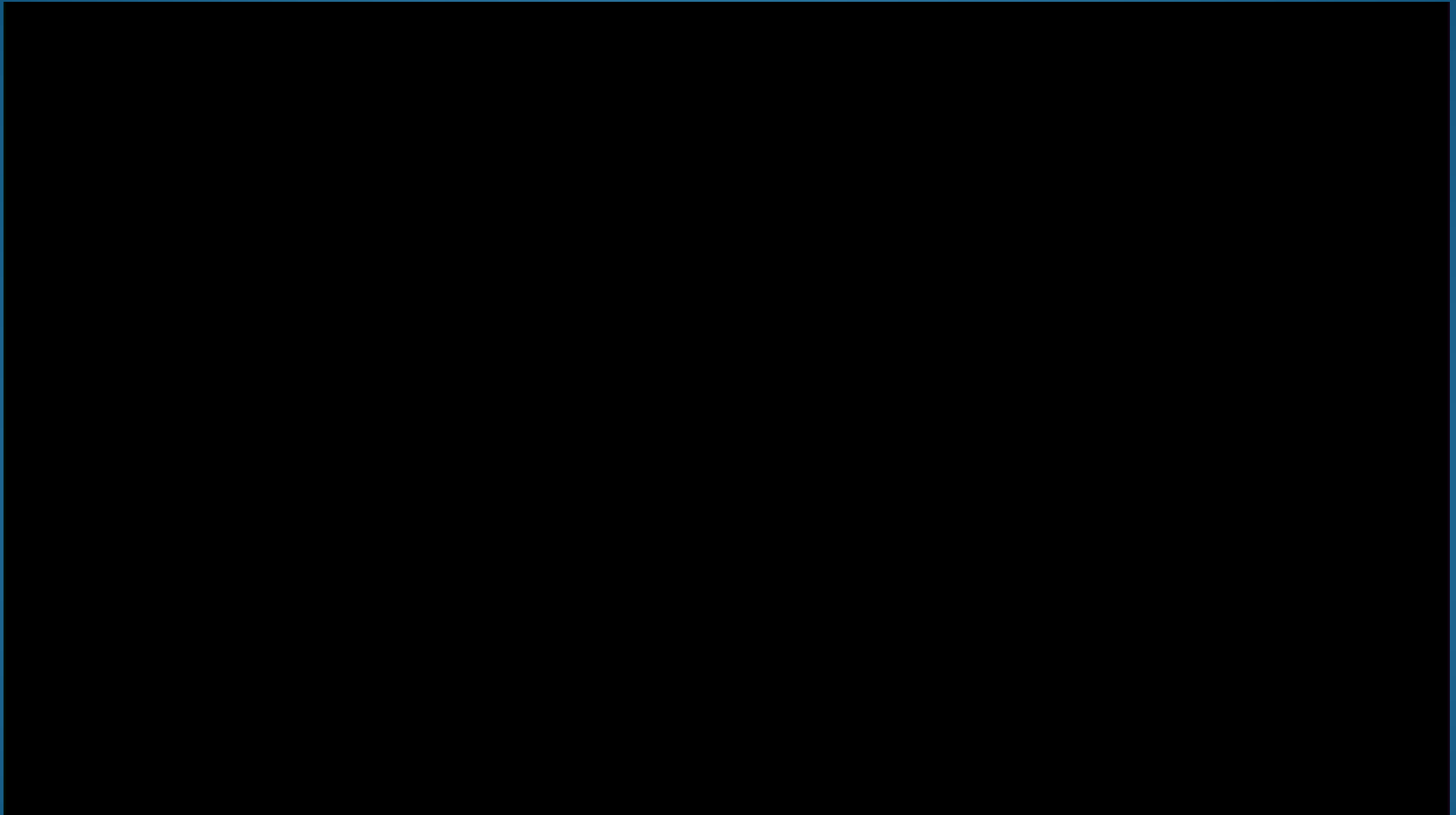


*“I knew we needed to do something big.”*

— Loretta Rogers



# A Simple Question



# STRAW Accomplishments

- 29 miles of riparian habitat restored
- Expansion of CA freshwater shrimp range
- 22+ species of rare and endangered birds returned





# STRAW Accomplishments

- Participation of more than 33,000 school children
- 430 restoration sites in five CA counties
- Engagement of more than 15 partner organizations



# STRAW: A New Paradigm





# Legacy of STRAW

- Passion for learning through restoration work
- Bonding between school and community
- Empowering students to make a difference
- Transform community to: “Think Like a Watershed”





# The STRAW model

- *“The earth is a garden, and each of us only need care for our own part for life to be breathed back into the planet, into the soil, into ourselves.” — John Jeavons*



# Veterans Restoring Salmon Habitat



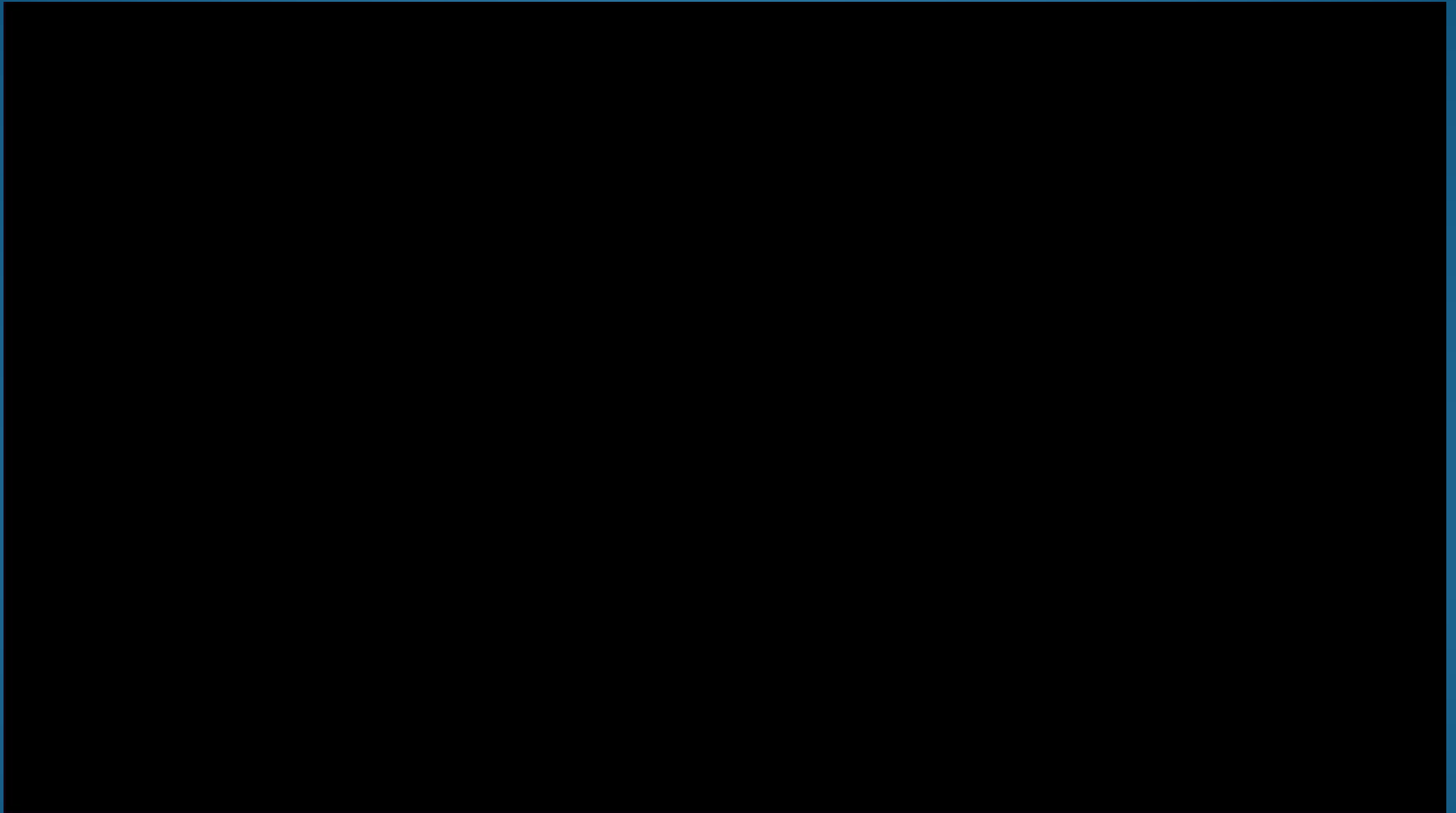


“There’s just no jobs here for a .50 cal  
gunner.” — Carolyn Jacobson





# Return and Restore



*"I know of no restorative of heart, body, and soul more effective against hopelessness than the restoration of the Earth."*

— Barry Lopez



# Legacy of the VetCorps Program

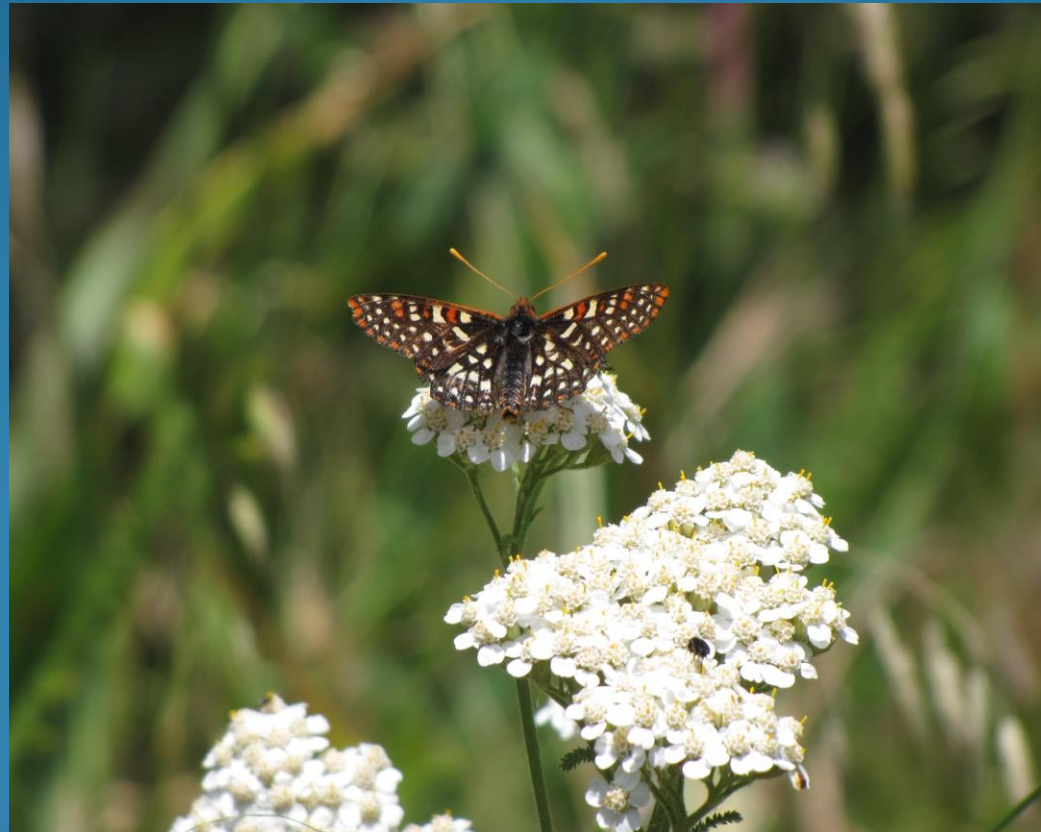


- Inter-agency collaboration
- Creating careers in restoration for our future
- Restoring sense of hope and possibility for veterans



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