



The **North Coast Resource Partnership** (NCRP) works collaboratively across Northern California to enhance natural and working lands as well as built infrastructure. For over twelve years, the NCRP has successfully reduced conflict, integrated federal, state, regional and local priorities and utilized a multi-benefit approach to identify and seek funding for the highest priority project needs throughout the region. The focus of the NCRP includes forest and watershed health, salmonid recovery, water quality and supply, intra-regional cooperation, energy independence, climate change mitigation & adaptation, public health and economic vitality. The NCRP has ranked highly in numerous grant solicitations and has brought more than \$67 M in water, climate change and ecosystem restoration grant funding to the North Coast, while leveraging more than \$110 M in matching funds.

North Coast Region - The North Coast region includes over 19,000 square miles or 12% of California’s landscape. It is a “source region” – for clean water, carbon sequestration, and biological diversity and provides these benefits to other parts of California and the world. The North Coast is a rural region in California that shares many of the land use and climate change challenges facing the rest of the state, but has its own unique challenges. The most significant challenges include degraded built infrastructure and legacy issues affecting the region’s natural infrastructure and natural capital, as well as a decentralized population that is significantly economically disadvantaged. More than 89% percent of the North Coast region’s geographic area is considered economically disadvantaged and 57% of the region is considered severely economically disadvantaged. Additionally, the North Coast region has over 335 water supply and wastewater treatment service providers, many of which are impacted by inadequate or failing infrastructure; often built decades ago to serve much smaller communities. Many of these providers are geographically isolated and 70% serve economically disadvantaged communities, are under staffed and lack current technological advancements, making infrastructure improvements difficult to finance. There are 34 distinct California Tribes in the North Coast. Though a number of North Coast Tribes are economically disadvantaged, all Tribes have been historically under-represented in local and State planning efforts.

NCRP Governance – The NCRP coalition consists of seven North Coast counties (Del Norte, Siskiyou, Modoc, Humboldt, Trinity, Mendocino, and Sonoma), North Coast Tribes and county water agencies. The NCRP governance framework consists of two committees: the Policy Review Panel, which is the NCRP governing body made up of locally elected officials, and the Technical Peer Review Committee, an advisory body to the PRP that provides scientific and technical expertise to the NCRP. The PRP adheres to the Ralph M. Brown Act, ensuring a process that is open, transparent and inclusive to all stakeholders. The NCRP’s process is guided by a Memorandum of Mutual Understandings (MoMU), a non-binding, cooperative agreement intended to establish the mutual understandings of North Coast stakeholders with respect to their joint efforts towards implementing the North Coast Plan. The MoMU currently includes more than 110 signatories ranging from local governments, Tribes, non-governmental organizations, resource conservation districts, watershed groups and interested stakeholders.



The North Coast boundary includes seven counties, 34 Tribes and represents 12% of California's landscape - the largest IRWM region in the state.

Planning - The NCRP approach to planning acknowledges and incorporates the unique issues, information and planning of local areas - both watersheds & counties - within a framework that integrates regional and statewide priorities. The NCRP focuses on areas of common interest and concern to North Coast stakeholders and on attracting funding to the North Coast Region, and recognizes unique local solutions in different parts of the Region.

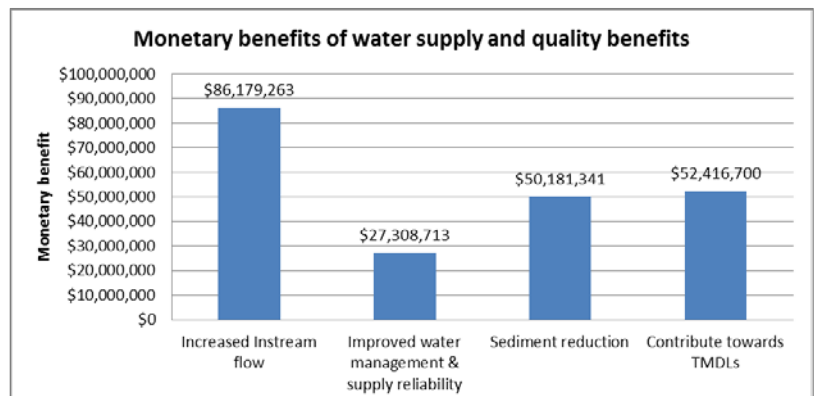
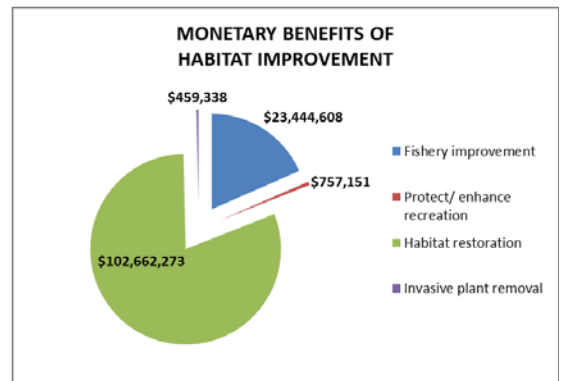
The NCRP is significantly enhancing the climate change elements of its planning and implementation framework – weaving together existing plans, data, and projects into an integrated approach to addressing climate change adaptation and GHG emissions reductions while achieving other benefits such as ecosystem health, clean water, and economic vitality. North Coast assessments and reports include:

- Regional renewable energy analysis and GHG accounting framework
- Regional mapping of forest based carbon sequestration (>4 Billion Metric Tonnes CO2e/year)
- Climate Modeling: Projections and Vulnerabilities
- Regional economic valuation of natural capital and regional economic analysis
- Regional climate change adaptation analysis and strategies

Project Funding - To date, the North Coast Resource Partnership has received over \$65 M for project implementation funding for over 90 projects. A majority (87%) of the implementation projects benefit Tribes and economically disadvantaged communities and the watersheds where they reside substantially contributing towards resolving issues related to safe, reliable drinking water and water quality issues in disadvantaged communities, while also achieving objectives related to climate change and ecosystem health.

Project Benefits – Benefit/cost analysis of NCRP project implementation developed by economists, conservatively estimates a benefit/cost ratio range of 5:1–14:1 for those benefits that can be monetized. In addition, the projects provide considerable benefits that cannot be quantified or monetized. The NCRP program has been very successful to date and brought significant on-the-ground benefits to the region.

- 17 miles of streams and 1350 acres of watersheds have been enhanced or restored
- 180 miles of road decommissioned or upgraded
- 6.4 M cubic yards of sediment removed or stabilized
- Water reliability and conservation projects save nearly 2 million gallons of water per day
- 57 energy efficiency projects save over 1,700,000 electric kWh/year
- 51 water and wastewater projects are completed or underway in economically disadvantaged communities
- 109 projects have been or are being implemented using local labor and creating well over 600 jobs



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