

## **MINUTES**

### **NCIRWMP Policy Review Panel Meeting – Redding**

**April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2006**

#### **Attendees**

##### **PRP**

Supervisor Jimmy Smith, Chair – Humboldt County  
Councilmember Jake Mackenzie, Vice Chair – Sonoma County  
Supervisor Bill Hoy – Siskiyou County  
Barry Shioshita – Siskiyou County  
Supervisor Michael Delbar – Mendocino County  
Supervisor Hal Wagenet – Mendocino County  
Randy Poole, for Supervisor Paul Kelley – Sonoma County  
Supervisor Dave Bradshaw – Modoc County  
Mike Maxwell – Modoc County  
Supervisor Sarah Sampels – Del Norte County  
Tom Stokely – Trinity County  
Mark Lancaster – Trinity County

##### **TPRC**

Dave Lewis, Chair – Sonoma County  
Marilyn Seward – Siskiyou County  
David VanDenover – Trinity County  
Amy Hoss – Siskiyou County  
Tom Weseloh – Humboldt County  
Kirk Girard – Humboldt County

##### **Project Team**

Lisa Renton  
Karen Gaffney  
Katherine Gledhill

##### **Project Proponents**

Ted Walker  
Karla Cummings  
Amy Hansen  
Dave Webb  
DeeLynn Carpenter  
Darcy Short  
Abby Myers

##### **Public**

Abby Stockwell (CalTrout-AmeriCorps)  
Kim Hilsmann

## MEETING NOTES

Chairman Jimmy Smith convened the meeting at 10:00 am, and introduced the attendees.

No revisions or changes to the agenda were made.

Chairman Smith provided an overview of the timeline/milestones that represent the accomplishments and future of the NCIRWMP.

Randy Poole provided an update on bonds that are likely to be on the November ballot. Joe Caves of the Conservation Strategy Group is working to qualify the signatures gathered for a \$5.4 billion water bond initiative which would provide \$1 billion in continued funding for the IRWM grant program and would allocate up to \$45 million for coastal salmon and steelhead restoration programs.

Vice-chairman Jake Mackenzie suggested that the Caves initiative is the only viable alternative now facing the North Coast. Vice-chairman Mackenzie acknowledged the successes of the region, and our many accomplishments over the last two years, and stated that our program has strong support at the Executive and Legislative levels.

Kirk Girard provided an update on the Planning Grant (NCIRWM). Kirk reviewed the regional and local tasks to occur under the grant which aim to assist the State with synchronizing the planning efforts at state, regional and local watershed levels and the integration of these distinct scales. There will be an opportunity for the PRP and TPRC to review a detailed work plan for the planning grant at a future meeting.

Karen Gaffney provided an overview of the State's timeline and process, and outlined minor proposed modifications in the NCIRWMP Phase I plan. Vice-chairman Mackenzie motioned that the PRP approve these minor plan modifications, including recalculation of the Disadvantaged Communities data, the incorporation of language about county resolutions of adoption, and minor typographic and aesthetic changes to the Phase I NCIRWM Plan. Hal Wagenet seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

### Changes in PRP and TPRC representation

The following changes were documented:

Barry Shioshita will be added to the Policy Review Panel, representing Siskiyou County. Amy Hoss will be added to the Technical Peer Review Committee, representing Siskiyou County. No other changes were requested.

### Priority Project Review: Status of Projects at Step 2

Karen Gaffney provided a handout and an overview of the status of project proponents at step 2, and outlined a proposed process for completing the North Coast regional application by the June 8 deadline.

Vice-chairman Mackenzie made a motion that the PRP adopt the memo to project proponents re: the application process for the step 2 NCIRWMP (see attached). Randy Poole seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

### Direction From Policy Review Panel & Suggestions For Competitive North Coast Step 2 Application

Chairman Smith led a discussion regarding the North Coast approach for developing the Step 2 application, taking input from the Policy Review Panel, the Technical Peer Review Committee, Project Proponents, and the public. Inclusion of all counties and stakeholders was emphasized by all speakers, as was the importance of enhancing our discussion of statewide priorities. It was agreed that budget reductions must take into account the degree to which the project is scaleable and the continuing viability of the project.

Vice-chairman Mackenzie made a motion that the PRP should not consider the following two scenarios: a) 50% across the board cut, b) 50% reduction in project load. Motion passed unanimously.

The following consensus recommendations for Step 2 emerged from the discussion:

**A. Inclusiveness.** Ensure geographic representation in the region, including all seven counties. Where possible (and consistent with B, below) retain all Step 1 high priority projects in the Step 2 regional application, and assist project proponents with readiness.

### **B. Preparedness/Competitiveness Components**

- 1) Eligibility
  - 2) Step 2 criteria, including readiness, schedule, economic analysis, technical analysis, other expected benefits, cost/benefit, per step 2 PSP
  - 3) Responsiveness to state priorities: esp water conflicts/water rights TMDLs, 303(d), etc.
  - 4) voluntary budget reductions that retain project viability
  - 5) Responsiveness of project proponents
  - 6) Cease and desist
- (From my notes, not sure where this belongs though: ensuring regional consistency/integration with the IRWM Plan)

### **C. Process**

- a) Project Team compiles all information and puts forward a draft regional application approach that is consistent with the above components

- b) At its May 11 meeting, TPRC reviews the Project Team's draft application approach (including projects) for its adherence to the above listed components and makes recommended revisions to the project slate and draft application. Develop a contingency funding list.
- c) At its May 15 meeting, PRP reviews the project slate; approves a final slate, reviews draft application approach, provides direction

Vice-chairman Mackenzie made a motion to accept the above Consensus Recommendations for Step 2. The motion was seconded by Dave Bradshaw. Jimmy Smith asked for public comment from everyone in the room. The motion passed unanimously.

The NCIRWMP Technical Peer Review Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 11<sup>th</sup> in Redding. David Lewis, TPRC Chair reminded his colleagues of the TPRC's adherence to the CA Conflict of Interest Code during the evaluation process.

The NCIRWMP Policy Review Panel meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 15<sup>th</sup> in Redding.

**Chairman Jimmy Smith adjourned the meeting at 2:45 pm**