NORTH COAST INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN

Meeting Summary
North Coast Integrated Regional Water Management Plan
Policy Review Panel and Technical Peer Review Committee Meeting
June 24, 2010, 9:00-2:45
Mendocino Office of Education
2240 Old River Rd
Ukiah, CA

ATTENDEES
See attached scanned sign-in list

Welcome and Introductions
Chairman Jimmy Smith convened the meeting at 9:35 and introductions of attendees were made. Chairman Smith welcomed Supervisor Grace Bennett, the new PRP member for Siskiyou County, and Dale Roberts, the new TPRC member for Sonoma County.

Review and Approve Agenda
The agenda was revised as follows: the 1:30 item (biomass) was moved to 11:00 and the 11:00 item (Regional Administrator Update) was moved to 1:30.
Motion: Kelley. Second: Duffy, unanimous.

Tribal representation & planning grant request
Chairman Smith provided an overview of the agenda item and proposals before the PRP for consideration. Chairman Smith noted that any change to the North Coast IRWMP's governance and technical committees would have to be approved by each County's Board of Supervisors. Lisa Renton, Sonoma County Water Agency, provided an overview of Prop 84 guidelines related to tribes and tribal information sharing. Karen Gaffney, West Coast Watershed, provided an overview of tribal representation on governance and technical bodies in other IRWM regions throughout the state.

The PRP discussed the request for tribal representation on the PRP and TPRC and heard input from tribal representatives on this matter. A motion was made to include the following tribal representation approach: to amend the North Coast IRWMP governance structure and related documents to include 2 tribal representatives on the PRP and 2 tribal representatives on the TPRC, with appointees selected by North Coast tribes. **Motion: Mackenzie; Second: Duffy;** There was discussion. Supervisor Kelley proposed an amendment to the motion to include 3 tribal representative on the PRP and 3 representative on the TPRC, with appointees selected by North Coast tribes and suggested that the tribes consider appointing representatives based on geographic coverage (eg, North/Central/South). Councilmember Mackenzie and Supervisor Duffy approved the amendment to the motion. **Ayes: Mackenzie, Duffy, Kelley, J. Smith, K. Smith, McCowen, No: Bennett, Armstrong**

Staff was directed to revise the MoMU to reflect this decision and work with the tribes to incorporate their representatives and their process of designating delegates onto the PRP and TPRC. The PRP directed staff to send a draft MoMU to the PRP for review to be followed by consideration and re-adoption by each County's Board of Supervisors.

The PRP approved the inclusion of seeking planning funds to assist with outreach, project development and the inclusion of tribal issues within the North Coast IRWM Plan in the NCIRWMP's Prop 84 planning grant application to DWR. **Motion: Mackenzie; second: K Smith; ayes: Mackenzie, Duffy, Kelley, J. Smith, K. Smith, McCowen; no: Bennett, Armstrong**

Staff was directed to work with the tribes to develop an approach for the planning grant and bring back to the PRP for review.

Biomass Energy Update – Supervisor Armstrong and Supervisor Kendall Smith
Supervisors Kendall Smith and Marcia Armstrong led a discussion on biomass energy. Speakers from the Inland Mendocino and Coastal Mendocino Biomass groups provided a presentation on biomass energy opportunities.

Staff was directed to look at advancing biomass as a regional objective for the North Coast Region.

Prop 50, Round Two Supplemental Funding Update & DWR Small Communities Wastewater/Water Supply Contract Update
Karen Gaffney, West Coast Watershed, updated the PRP on the Proposition 50, Round Two Supplemental Funding application for the Region's partially-funded coastal projects submitted by the North Coast. Staff is scheduled to participate in an interview in late June. DWR anticipates releasing their funding recommendations in late July. Staff will convey the outcome of the application to the PRP.

Karen Gaffney, West Coast Watershed, updated the PRP on the status of the DWR contract with the NCIRWMP for a pilot project to support water quality and supply objectives via small wastewater and water supply entities in disadvantaged communities. The contract scope has been approved by the PRP and DWR and is expected to be executed between DWR and Humboldt County in August, 2010.

North Coast IRWMP Workshops/Conference (Karen Gaffney/Lisa Renton)
Karen Gaffney presented options for a NCIRWMP workshop series and conference (see attached powerpoint presentation). The proposed approaches were unanimously approved by the PRP and staff was directed to move forward in developing these options.

Proposition 84/1e update & discussion (Lisa Renton & Tracie Billington, DWR)
Tracie Billington of DWR provided a presentation overview of IRWM grant funding opportunities through Propositions 84 and IE , outlined requirements that have changed since Proposition 50, and provided a draft schedule (see attached presentation).

Regional Administrator Status Update (Jen Jenkins)
Jen Jenkins, County of Humboldt, provided an overview of implementation projects funded via Proposition 50 (see attached presentation).

NCIRWMP North Coast Energy Independence Program Update
Kirk Girard, County of Humboldt, provided an overview of the NCEIP grant, which is currently on hold due to a lawsuit. Once the lawsuit is resolved, Humboldt expects funds to be available as early as August, 2010 (see attached presentation).

Opportunities for additional Proposition 84 funding
Lisa Renton and Karen Gaffney provided an overview of potential funding sources in Proposition 84 and other areas. Staff was directed to pursue additional funding that meets the objectives of the NCIRWMP and report back to the PRP with options.

Motion: Mackenzie; second: Kendall Smith. Unanimous.
Staff was asked to develop language within a draft proposal that would provide for local autonomy and/or the option of a County to opt-out of a regional proposal submittal.

Climate/energy advisory
Karen Gaffney presented with two alternatives for the creation of a climate/energy advisory group to provide input to the PRP, TPRC and staff. Staff was directed to move forward with

alternative two – the formation of a separate energy independence & climate advisory group that will advise the TPRC, PRP and staff as needed. **Motion: Mackenzie Second: McCowen. Unanimous**

Public comment

Tracie Billington, DWR, introduced DWR representatives present from their Sacramento and Northern District offices and requested that the PRP consider adding an update from DWR's Northern District on a future NCIRWMP agenda item. Chairman Smith asked that staff work with DWR to determine a good time to include this update.

Dan Gjerde, City of Fort Bragg, requested that the PRP consider including a transportation representative on the NCIRWMP's climate/energy advisory group.

Next steps, future meeting dates and locations

The next likely meeting will be in the fall. Staff was asked to circulate a range of potential dates/locations to the PRP/TPRC.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:50 pm

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