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
November 10, 2010
Humboldt County Agricultural Center, 5630 S. Broadway, Eureka

Chairman Smith convened the meeting at 9:50, introductions were made. Attendee list attached. Chairman Smith noted the tight turnaround due to DWR program requirements and the need to schedule the meeting quickly. Chair Smith asked who was carrying proxies: Grace Bennett for Marcia Armstrong; Jake Mackenzie for Paul Kelley; John McCowen for Kendall Smith.

Agenda Review and Approval
Chairman Smith reviewed the agenda – there were no proposed changes

Regional Administrator status update
Jen Jenkins provided an overview of the existing and pending contracts for NCIRWMP planning and implementation. She provided detailed information on the following contracts:

- Prop 50 Round 1 Implementation
- Prop 50 Round 1 Planning
- Prop 50 Round 2 Contracting
- WWWS contract

See presentation.

NCEIP Update (Girard)
Kirk Girard provided an overview of the NCEIP program which was substantially modified due to changes in federal PACE requirements. Kirk outlined the proposed approach for a new potential program in the North Coast that could be conducted as an element of the Energy Upgrade California Program. Kirk will update the PRP as more information becomes available and decisions are needed. See presentation.

Climate/Energy Technical Advisory (Gaffney)
Karen Gaffney provided a draft list of climate/energy advisors for consideration by the PRP.
Per direction of the PRP, Karen Gaffney will send out a request to the PRP and tribes for additional names for the technical advisory committee on energy/climate.

The PRP directed staff to develop a targeted meeting on biomass that will include interested PRP and TPRC members as well as selected members of the climate/energy advisory committee once it is convened.

Update on North Coast workshops (Prop 84/1e, biomass (Gledhill/Gaffney)
As directed by the PRP at the June 24, 2010 PRP meeting in Ukiah, staff participated in a biomass workshop in Siskiyou County in October and is currently working with PRP members and

stakeholders to conduct a similar workshop in Ukiah in early December. The October workshop was held in Yreka and was sponsored by the Siskiyou Biomass Utilization Group, and co-sponsored by the NCIRWMP, UC Berkeley and UC Davis. There were approximately 100 participants at the meeting and PRP members, Supervisors Armstrong, Bennett, and Jaegel were in attendance.

Karen gave an update on biomass work with The Watershed Center including: a literature/report review, interviews, project identification, funding and policy strategy, a chapter for the NCIRWM Plan and integration with other NCIRWMP objectives.

Karen also reported on a summit focused on the future of natural resources in CA hosted by the Resources Agency in October. The NCIRWMP was invited to participate and present at the meeting and Vice Chair Mackenzie and Karen Gaffney represented the North Coast on a panel.

Katherine Gledhill provided an overview of the workshops focused on Prop 84 and 1E. Workshops were conducted Sept. 22-29 in Eureka, Crescent City, Weaverville, Yreka, Santa Rosa and Ukiah. The intent of the workshops was to provide information about the IRWMP Proposition 84 & 1E Round 1 Grant opportunities. The meetings included a brief history of the IRWM Program; description of the North Coast IRWM Planning Process; background Information - Proposition 84 & 1E IRWM Programs; described the call for Implementation project proposals & regional grant development; provided information about project application process and tips for writing a quality proposal.

Update on Planning Grant

Katherine Gledhill provided an update on the NCIRWMP planning grant application. The NCIRWMP submitted an application requesting $1 million on September 28th. DWR is expected to announce preliminary recommendations in November, with grant awards expected in Jan. 2011.

Memorandum of Mutual Understandings (MoMU) Revisions and Next Steps

Chairman Smith and Karen Gaffney provided an overview of the revision process to the MoMU. The process included requesting input from all counties and tribes, with counsel from several counties providing detailed input. Tribes in the North Coast also provided input and developed a proposed tribal representation process which is included as Exhibit A to the MoMU. The MoMU has been revised to: expand representation on the PRP and TPRC to include tribal representatives; require the PRP's adherence to the Ralph M. Brown Act; clarify the PRP's quorum requirements; and revise the current NCIRWM Plan to meet new stormwater, flood management, groundwater, and climate change considerations required under Proposition 84. NCIRWMP staff will support county staff and tribal representatives in bringing the revised MoMU before their respective boards and councils for consideration and will prepare and distribute a clean copy of the MoMU as well as a version showing changes to the PRP.

MOTION: Mackenzie – adopt transmission of MoMU to the various Boards of Supervisors. Second: Morris.
Unanimous.

Chair Smith thanked the tribes, Konrad Fisher from the Environmental Justice Coalition for Water and staff. Tribes thanked PRP and staff. Javier Silva, Sherwood Valley Band of Pomo Indians offered to host a future NCIRWMP meeting on reservation land.

Technical Peer Review Committee (TPRC): overview of project upload, evaluation and recommendations to PRP

Kirk Girard (representing TPRC chair Roland Sanford) provided an overview of the technical review process by the TPRC including the scoring criteria, scoring process, and recommended list of projects for two funding levels - $4.1 million and $8.2 million. The TPRC made suggestions for improving the ranking and rating process and asked questions regarding policy issues and direction from PRP re: scoring criteria (match, refined DAC definition, urgency, size, geographic distribution, ratio of infrastructure/natural resources, thematic focus areas (eg, low flow resolution). This review and discussion will be on a future PRP-TPRC joint agenda – TPRC and staff will meet first and develop a set of recommendations for PRP discussion. See presentation.

Public Comment

Mike Thompson – Sonoma County Water Agency – thanked the TPRC for prioritizing the Copeland Creek project. Mike noted that the project is a critical and integrated project which is Important for flood control, water flood storage, groundwater recharge, The project is an integrated flood control/water supply, restoration and has an open space component which he explained stresses the importance of the relationship between parks and habitat connectivity.

Konrad Fisher – Environmental Justice Coalition for Water – complimented the TPRC and staff on the process. Suggestion for future: should bring in more projects rather than just increasing the funding of existing projects. PRP should consider voluntary transactions to retain in-stream rights to water

Patrick Sullivan –Winzler and Kelly, representing Humboldt Bay Water District. Overall good process. Application was frustrating in terms of the limitations on what could be included.

Earle Crosby – representing Karuk tribe. The Camp Creek Habitat Protection and Road Decommissioning project is ready to go and would complement the project's existing federal funding. Implementation of the project will improve Klamath River water quality and benefit the community of Orleans.

Allen Cooperrider – Hopland Band of Pomo Indians have two projects recommended for funding. Allen stated that they would be willing to bundle them.

Barry Jarvis – Indian Health Service. Interesting to see the decision making process. Barry noted that Happy Camp projects need matching funds to implement the septic portion of the project.

Leaf Hillman - Happy Camp sewer line project runs under Indian Creek and is exposed; Leaf noted that this project is one of the tribal council's highest priorities.

Grace Bennett – thanked the TPRC. She noted that the Happy Camp project is important to the Siskiyou Board of Supervisors. Grace also stated that the City of Tule Lake has a cease and desist order and is facing fines from the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board. The project has completed CEQA and preliminary engineering. Grace noted that treated wastewater is currently discharged into Tule Lake and the wildlife refuge. The community would like to upgrade the system to benefit the community and the environment. Grace noted that Tule Lake has a lot of underserved community members and that they would need $150K for the next phase of the project.

Recommended projects, regional application review and submittal, consideration of formation of sub-committee

Chairman Smith suggested that the $150,000 requested by Grace Bennett be considered if future funds come back into the process (if another project no longer needs the funds, cannot use the funds, is deemed ineligible).

John McCowen asked whether the two fisheries projects proposed by the Hopland Band of Pomo Indians can be bundled.

Paul Kelley thanked the TPRC. Supported the suggestion by Supervisor Smith that funds be allocated to the Tule Lake project if additional funds become available.

Patrick Sullivan asked about the process for the re-allocation of funds to lower priority projects.

Kirk Girard recommended on behalf of the TPRC that Tule Lake be taken to the next level in terms of preparing for the Proposition 84, Round 1 application.

Shawn Pady Hopland Band of Pomo Indians – happy to see that their projects made the list.

MOTION: Kelley – approve the recommended project slate and submit to DWR as an application. Further evaluate Tule Lake project and determine if there are options for including it in the application if additional funding becomes available
Mackenzie: second, amended as follows: prior to contract being signed, each project proponent must have signed the MoMU.
McCowen amendment: to bundle Hopland Projects.
All amendments approved by Kelley and Mackenzie.
UNANIMOUS.

Nominations & Elections (Chairman Smith and Vice Chair Mackenzie)
Supervisor Kelley thanked Supervisor Jimmy Smith and Jake Mackenzie for their great leadership on behalf of the NCIRWMP.

Supervisor Jimmy Smith stated that has been PRP Chair since the region was formed almost 6 years ago and felt that it was time to step aside. Supervisor Smith also stated that he really wanted to stay involved with this extremely effective and respected group.

MOTION: Paul Kelley nominated Jake Mackenzie as Chair and Jimmy Smith as Vice-Chair effective January 1. Second: John McCowen. **Unanimous.**

MOTION: McCowen; second Kelley: the Chair/Vice-Chair are authorized to take any necessary actions to carry out the policy direction of the PRP. **Unanimous.**

Supervisor Judy Morris suggested a future meeting agenda: expand the Chair/Vice-Chair roles to train/mentor new leaders on the PRP.

Next steps, future meeting dates and location
Redding

Topics: review approach to next iteration of plan - objectives and content, direction on project evaluation and scoring, NCEIP, other issues as needed.

Meeting adjourned at 2:35

Meeting Attendees – November 10, 2010 NCIRWMP Policy Review Panel Meeting

Name	***Affiliation***
Jen Jenkins	Humboldt County/NCIRWMP Staff
Barry Jarvis	Indian Health Services
Shawn Pady	Hopland Band of Pomo Indians
Grace Bennett	Siskiyou County Board of Supervisors, PRP, Siskiyou
Patrick Sullivan	Winzler and Kelly/HBMWD
Konrad Fisher	Environmental Justice Coalition for Water
Javier Silva	Sherwood Valley Band of Pomo Indians
Allen Cooperrider	Hopland Band of Pomo Indians
John McCowen	Mendocino County Board of Supervisors, PRP, Mendocino
Karen Gaffney	West Coast Watershed/NCIRWMP staff
Katherine Gledhill	West Coast Watershed/NCIRWMP staff
Dale Roberts	Sonoma County Water Agency, TPRC, Sonoma
Mike Thompson	Sonoma County Water Agency
Judy Morris	Trinity County Board of Supervisors, PRP, Trinity
Paul Kelley	Sonoma County Board of Supervisors, PRP, Sonoma
Jimmy Smith	Chair, NCIRWMP PRP/Humboldt County Board of Supervisors, Humboldt
Jill Duffy	Humboldt County Board of Supervisors, PRP, Humboldt
Jake Mackenzie	Vice-Chair, NCIRWMP PRP/Rohnert Park City Council/Sonoma County
Earl Crosby	Karuk Tribe
John Wooley	Assemblymember Chesbro
Kirk Girard	Humboldt County Planning, TPRC, Humboldt
Leaf Hillman	Karuk Tribe