NORTH COAST INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN

North Coast IRWMP Meeting Summary
Policy Review Panel & Technical Peer Review Committee Meeting

Thursday, February 11, 2010: 9:00 am - 3:00 pm
Humboldt Bay Aquatic Center
921 Waterfront Drive, Eureka, California

Attendees

Policy Review Panel Members (PRP)
Supervisor Jimmy Smith, Humboldt County (PRP Chairman)
Councilmember Jake Mackenzie, City of Rohnert Park/Sonoma County (PRP Vice-Chairman)
Supervisor Jill Duffy, Humboldt County
Supervisor Marcia Armstrong, Siskiyou County (Proxy for Ric Costales, Siskiyou County)
Supervisor Judy Morris, Trinity County
Supervisor Kendall Smith, Mendocino County
Supervisor John McCowen, Mendocino County
Supervisor Paul Kelley, Sonoma County

Technical Peer Review Committee Members (TPRC)
Kirk Girard, Humboldt County
Tom Weseloh, Cal Trout/Humboldt County
Marilyn Seward, City of Etna/Siskiyou County
Roland Sanford, Mendocino County
Wayne Haydon, Sonoma County
Jim Barnts, Del Norte County
Sandra Perez, Trinity County
Mark Lancaster, Trinity County

Staff
Lisa Renton, Sonoma County Water Agency
Jennifer Jenkins, Humboldt County
Karen Gaffney, West Coast Watershed
Katherine Gledhill, West Coast Watershed

Other Attendees
Dipti Bhatnagar, Environmental Justice Coalition for Water
Konrad Fisher, Environmental Justice Coalition for Water
Javier Silva, Sherwood Valley Rancheria
Rickey Wright, Sherwood Valley Rancheria
Nick Garcia, Redwood Valley Rancheria
Megan Rocha, Yurok Tribe
Troy Fletcher, Yurok Tribe
Kathy Dowd, Resighini Rancheria
Frank Dowd, Resighini Rancheria
Rob Cozens, Resighini Rancheria
Robert Franklin, Hoopa Valley Tribe
David Edmunds, Pinoleville Pomo Nation
Leaf Hillman, Karuk Tribe
Crystal Bowman, Quartz Valley Reservation
Ben Henthorne III, Hopland Band of Pomo Indians
Mario Hermosillo, Cloverdale Rancheria of Pomo Indians
Randy Poole, Sonoma County Water Agency
Cordel Stillman, Sonoma County Water Agency
Grant Davis, Sonoma County Water Agency
Rebecca Crow, Winzler & Kelly
David Carter, Winzler & Kelly
Jennifer Burke, City of Santa Rosa
Colleen Fernald, Graton CSD, Sonoma County
Debbie Davis, Environmental Justice Coalition for Water

Welcome and Introductions
Chair Smith/Vice-Chair Mackenzie convened the meeting at 9:00 am, welcomed the meeting attendees and provided introductory remarks. Meeting attendee introductions were made. The Policy Review Panel (PRP) reviewed and approved agenda.

NCIRWMP PRP/TPRC Meeting Location Discussion
Chair Smith provided background rationale regarding meeting location selection and stated that several PRP members have requested a rotation of North/South meeting locations. There was a discussion regarding the difficulties and time commitment of winter travel across the region due to road closures in the mountains. Suggestions were made to consider alternative forms of meeting via conference calls and/or webcast when possible and to investigate grant funding to assist with webcast and travel options. Potential meeting locations that were discussed included Ukiah, Weaverville and Siskiyou County. PRP members also requested that the Redding and Humboldt County meeting locations be retained.

Staff Direction:
Staff was directed to develop a travel/meeting plan for PRP/TPRC meetings that would incorporate seasonal travel restrictions.

Potential Revision of MoMU
Lisa Renton provided background information about the original MoMU development and rationale for MoMU revision to incorporate process and direction changes that have occurred over the years. Updates to the NCIRWMP MoMU include new initiatives as per Prop 84 and as directed by the NCIRWMP PRP, as well as new/evolved NCIRWMP processes. A decision on this issue was tabled due to the new tribal proposal and presentation. Lisa reminded the PRP that a revision would require Board approval from each member entity.

Staff Direction:
Staff was directed to re-circulate revised MoMU and provide a due date for comments.

Status/Update on Proposition 50 & 84 Presentation
Proposition 50: Funding Opportunity for ICWMPs
Lisa Renton stated DWR has $7.4 million available for a supplemental funding opportunity to projects in IRWM regions that were partially funded. DWR stated that this does not include first round of funding that was originally $50 M and was reduced to $25 M. The Prop 50 Round 2 projects that were highly ranked but did not get fully funded are eligible to submit an application for a maximum of $3.7 M. These include projects in the Mattole River, Salmon Creek, Big River, and Forsythe Creek. DWR anticipates finalizing their draft Guidelines in March, however the final solicitation will be released later in 2010.

Proposition 84 Update
Lisa Renton described that DWR intends to release draft Guidelines for the Prop 84 IRWM grant program in late February. DWR plans to hold a Prop 84 workshop on the draft Guidelines on April 13th in Santa Rosa and will also hold a meeting in Sacramento in April which will be webcast. Lisa stated that 10% of implementation/planning funds will be used to fund projects which benefit disadvantaged communities. Staff will post updates and information on the North Coast IRWMP website as it is available.

Status of DWR Wastewater/Water Supply Contract
Karen Gaffney described how a lack of capacity in some small North Coast water supply and wastewater treatment facilities has been identified by the PRP, TPRC, NCIRWMP and state agencies. The PRP authorized staff to approach DWR with a proposal for grant funding to work with these small facilities to provide support. DWR accepted the concept proposal and requested a statement of work. A draft statement of work (SOW) has been provided for comment and review.

The PRP/TPRC has provided helpful review and quality input to date. The process for review and acceptance of this SOW/contract will be iterative; input will be incorporated into the SOW and re-issued to the PRP/TPRC if conflicts are evident; meetings and/or conference calls would be held to try to get consensus. The TPRC and PRP will have the opportunity to review the SOW again after DWR has provided comments, and the PRP will approve the final contract. Staff stated that with all NCIRWMP initiatives and proposals this proposal and inclusion in this process is non- binding.

Staff Direction:
Staff will resend the revised draft SOW for review. Staff was directed to request an extension for returning draft/revised SOW to DWR and to work with PRP members to include language that addresses any outstanding concerns.

Regional Administrator Update
Jen Jenkins provided an update regarding the NCIRWMP Prop 50 implementation projects, Planning Grant status and supplemental funding for Prop 50 Round II projects. The NC projects are in good position for continued funding due to bond appropriations and priority listing.

Jen Jenkins provided a demonstration of the web-based project management tool to be deployed in March 2010. Approved documents will be available to be viewed on the NCIRWMP website by the public. Staff mentioned that slow computer connections will be accommodated either by doing the scanning and uploading for the project sub-grantees and/or continuing to accept/prepare hard copy reports by Humboldt Co. staff.

Energy Independence Initiative
Katherine Gledhill provided an update on California Energy Commission Block Grant & State Energy Program Funding Opportunities:

- Municipal Financing Program – submitted on December 21, 2009
- Energy Efficiency & Conservation Block Grant – submitted on Jan. 15, 2010

Energy Efficiency & Conservation Block Grant Program
The North Coast EECBG grant included 50 energy efficiency projects (including: lighting retrofits, HVAC replacements/retrofits, furnace replacements, energy efficient motor/pump replacements)

- Grant request: $972,825
- Total projects cost: $1,647,371
- Leveraged funds, incentives and rebates: $674,546

The California Energy Commission is currently working with County of Humboldt to develop a contract agreement for the full grant request.

Municipal Financing Program
The competitive grant is intended to assist jurisdictions to establish AB 811-type programs much like the successful Sonoma County Energy Independence Program. An application for the North Coast Energy Independence Program (NCEIP) was submitted to cover the costs of developing and implementing Municipal Finance Programs for residential and commercial energy retrofits in each member county (Sonoma, Mendocino, Lake, Humboldt, Del Norte, Trinity and Siskiyou). Grant request: $4,384,349

- Leveraged funding: Total $15 million in interim loan funds
- Rebates and tax incentives totaling $ 7,218,294

The CEC announced on Feb 10th that the NCEIP was recommended for full funding and ranked 2nd statewide. The Sonoma County Energy Independence Program's application was also recommended for full funding.

Staff Direction:
Staff will develop a generic press release for PRP members to use for distribution to local media outlets.

Climate/Energy Independence Technical Advisors
Karen Gaffney discussed options for enhancing the NCIRWMP existing technical input on energy/climate issues. Karen presented three potential alternatives for consideration and discussion.

1. Staff engage technical advisors and summarize their input for the TPRC and PRP
2. Additions to TPRC (one representative from each county or limited number representatives regionally)
3. Form a technical energy/climate sub-committee to advise the TPRC/PRP

Staff Direction:
Staff was directed to develop a framework for a technical sub-committee including the number of participants regionally content and process for integrating into existing NC water management planning.

North Coast Conference or Workshop
Karen Gaffney presented alternatives for consideration related to a North Coast conference or workshops. Karen made a statement about the intent of NCIRWMP website and process to be as inclusive as possible; and provided a brief description of the 2007 NCIRWMP Conference.

Potential Alternatives:

1. One day conference/concurrent sessions (250-350) (intent – project/topic technical training)
2. Series of Technical Workshops throughout region (50-100 per workshop)
3. 2-3 day NCIRWMP conference (250-450) (can provide technical and political considerations)

Decision:
Vice-Chair Mackenzie – motion: Have staff develop draft agendas/budgets for a series of technical workshops throughout region tailored to the geographic region including information about NCEIP (spring); and consider, to be followed by 2-day policy workshop in fall

- Kendall – 2nd motion
- Unanimous decision

Tribal Representation – North Coast IRWMP Presentation
Chair Smith stated that the Environmental Justice Coalition for Water (EJCW) has brought forward an item for discussion with a request for various tribal groups to address the PRP regarding representation and participation in the NCIRWMP. All PRP members have received copies of a proposal and background materials provided by EJCW. Chair Smith informed the group that this is an information item – the beginning of a conversation – and there was no need for a decision

today.

Discussion:
Chair Smith provided background information about the NCIRWMP intent for inclusiveness of all stakeholders in the region. He reiterated that the NCIRWMP has not received any input or guidance from the State regarding these issues. He also stated that NCIRWMP has not to date, received formal request/proposal from any other tribal group. PRP will take proposal into consideration and will have a public meeting to discuss and/or deliver any decision.

Staff Direction:
Staff was asked to develop alternatives for tribal participation and representation in the NCIRWMP for the PRP's consideration.

Informational Update – Randy Poole
Randy will retire Feb. 22. He stated that he has 4 more years to remain in the area while his son grows up. He mentioned his interest in staying involved with the North Coast IRWMP effort and would like to continue his efforts in the energy/sustainability arena and the potential for local governments to engage in a carbon market. The PRP thanked him for his vision, commitment, support and contributions to the North Coast IRWMP.

Public Comment
A member of the public discussed the efforts of PG&E's WaveConnect pilot project and the Western Governor's Association's interests in this technology. He asked that the PRP consider engaging in wave energy issues in the North Coast Region.
Colleen Fernald addressed the group regarding her interest in merging climate and watershed protection goals and discussed the need for sustainable solutions for California.
Supervisor Judy Morris thanked the group for the warm welcome she received at this first PRP meeting and stated her interest in continuing to be involved with her colleagues in the NCIRWMP's collaborative effort.

Meeting Adjourned at 3:15 pm by Chair Smith