



NORTH COAST INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN

North Coast Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (NCIRWMP) Policy Review Panel (PRP) & Technical Peer Review Committee (TPRC) Meeting Summary

July 19, 10 am – 3 pm, Holiday Inn Express, Yreka

Welcome and Introductions

Chair Mackenzie convened the meeting at 10 am, and noted that Vice-chair Smith would not be attending. Introductions were made. Meeting participants are listed at the end of the meeting summary.

The following PRP members formed the quorum: Jake Mackenzie, Gerry Hemmingsen, Ryan Sundberg, Mark Lovelace, John McCowen, Kendall Smith, Geri Byrne, Marcia Armstrong, Grace Bennett, Efren Carrillo, Judy Morris, Debra Chapman

Review and Approve Agenda

Agenda approved: unanimous

Public Comment for items not on the agenda

Jeanette Hook – City of Yreka outlined the MS4 SWRCB regulations (draft) – comments were due on July 23rd. She indicated that the regulations were broad and far reaching and that the City of Yreka is concerned that the new proposed regulations would impact the ability of DACs to continue their positive water and watershed restoration programs and projects. She suggested that the NCIRWMP track this issue, review the SWRCB website, and consider commenting.

Approval of NCIRWMP resolution for Vice-chair Jimmy Smith (DECISION)

Jake read correspondence from Jimmy Smith, NCIRWMP Vice-chairman, to the Policy Review Panel and Technical Peer Review Committee. Jake reviewed the resolution prepared for Jimmy Smith on behalf of the PRP.

Motion – approve resolution honoring Jimmy Smith: Mackenzie; Morris second

Comments: Supervisor Carrillo noted that the resolution eloquently described the contribution Jimmy made to the region. Jimmy is a mentor and a great communicator and we will miss him. Sonoma County thanks him for his contribution to good governance and as a champion for those he represents. Marcia Armstrong stated that this group would have fallen apart without the leadership of Jimmy and Jake.

Jimmy was very committed to equity, bringing people together, and always showed respect for local autonomy. Kendall Smith noted his great ability to bring people of diverse backgrounds together and to engage in civic discourse. Ryan Sundberg stated that Jimmy is a great mentor and a great leader. Judy Morris noted that Trinity County has benefitted greatly from Jimmy's leadership and his commitment to all the small counties. Supervisor Morris also sent her thanks to the Humboldt County staff and board members for their commitment to the greater region. Gerry Hemmingsen noted that he had the opportunity to work with Jimmy on Klamath fisheries issues and was very impressed with his institutional knowledge about fisheries issues, great communication skills and that he is a kind and good person. John McCowen stated that Jimmy has a real talent to appeal to our best instincts – he has great skill in getting people to commit to the best interests of the region. Supervisor McCowen suggested that the PRP continue Jimmy's legacy - to be mindful to work together as a region for our mutual benefit and to achieve common solutions and regional cohesion. If we do not have this regional cohesion, we are vulnerable to urban objectives or other region's objectives. Jimmy is the rare individual who is respected by people from all backgrounds. All noted his kindness, generosity, intelligence, leadership, and diplomacy. All agreed that the NCIRWMP should continue to be guided by Jimmy's principles and qualities.

Unanimous approval of motion.

Update: Executive Committee action/PRP direction and staff action

Katherine Gledhill reviewed Executive Committee action and PRP-directed staff action since last meeting; the staff presentation can be found at <http://www.northcoastirwmp.net/docs.php?ogid=1000002252>.

Update: Re-allocation of funds from Orick Community Services District per approved PRP policy

Jen Jenkins provided an update on the re-allocation of funds from Orick Community Services District per approved PRP policy (the staff presentation can be found at <http://www.northcoastirwmp.net/docs.php?ogid=1000002252>), and provided an update on staffing.

Update: TPRC Updates

Supervisor Morris noted that a TPRC appointee for Trinity County will be in place by October

Update: Regional Administrator (Jen Jenkins, Humboldt County)

Jen Jenkins provided a handout that summarized the status of contracts and projects (handout attached)

Strategic Growth Council Sustainable Communities grant

Karen Gaffney provided an update – the grant agreement is under negotiation with SCWA, Humboldt County and the Department of Conservation. The contract is expected to be executed in approximately

8 months. There will be a more detailed update and a discussion of criteria for sub-grants to counties, tribes at the next meeting in October.

Legislative news

Tim Anderson, Sonoma County Water Agency provided an update on future financing for regional programs and invasive mussels. Prop 50 and 84 have provided a great source of funds for the large investments to support regional planning and implementation. The water bond has been postponed until 2014. He described a new source of funding via ARB cap and trade program. The sale of carbon credits is expected to be up to 20 billion per year by 2016. Pavley SB 1572 would appropriate money in 2013, \$30 million to metropolitan planning organizations, including Southern CA Association of governments. Tim testified at the hearing and noted that the local government piece could be stronger. AB 1532 Perez sets up a process for directing money to local governments in the future. SCWA is requesting a more explicit commitment to local government. There was PRP discussion re: lobbying about this legislation.

PRP Direction: develop a draft letter for PRP review re: on this legislation. Executive Committee to send a letter once input received by PRP members.

Invasive Mussels: These invasive mussels are found in 27 states and in southern CA already. The infestation could cause over \$2 million per year in costs at Lake Sonoma for water supply and could cause problems with fisheries recovery. Carol Reische at Humboldt Bay has an inspection program. Sonoma and Mendocino counties do not have an inspection program. Legislation (AB 2443) is being proposed that would impose a fee for boaters to support inspection program.

IRWM Program tentative schedule, funding opportunities & Guideline changes (Joe Yun, DWR)

Chair Mackenzie thanked Joe Yun and Margie Graham for DWR's ongoing support for the NCIRWMP, and for attending the meeting. Joe provided a slide show regarding the updates to the program, the schedule and expected future funding. The presentation can be found at <http://www.northcoastirwmp.net/docs.php?ogid=1000002252>.

NCIRWMP Project Application, Review and Selection Process

Karen Gaffney provided an update on the new project upload function on the website. The presentation can be found at <http://www.northcoastirwmp.net/docs.php?ogid=1000002252>.

PRP Directed Guidelines for Project Scoring and Selection (DECISION)

The PRP reviewed the guidelines presented by staff and the Ad Hoc committee and included in the meeting materials. The meeting materials can be found at <http://www.northcoastirwmp.net/docs.php?ogid=1000002252>.

Supervisor Morris made a motion to approve the PRP Directed Guidelines for Project Scoring and Selection. Second: Supervisor Armstrong. Unanimous.

Public Input Guidelines (DECISION)

The PRP reviewed the proposed public input guidelines developed by staff and the Ad Hoc committee (included in the meeting materials).

Supervisor McCowen made a motion to approve the Public Input Guidelines, with a few suggested revisions (outlined below); Supervisor Bennett second.

Discussion: Supervisor McCowen suggested that materials delivered to staff from the public as part of public comment be published on the NCIRWMP website. Staff will request that Humboldt County counsel review the final draft for Brown Act adherence. Mark Lovelace suggested that the public input process should be re-worded to make it more understandable to project proponents.

Staff was directed to take the above into account when finalizing the Public Input Guidelines. Unanimous.

Draft NCIRWMP Proposition 84, Project Implementation Round 2 application

Karen Gaffney reviewed the information provided in the background meeting materials. Supervisor Bennett suggested that there be a timeline and clear schedule for comments. Supervisor Armstrong suggested that public comment is limited and that public commenter's make a specified number of copies of their input. Supervisor McCowen suggested that a call-in option for project proponents and public participants does not go against Brown Act regulation. Staff will integrate these suggestions into the application process.

Chair Mackenzie motion to approve application process; Supervisor Morris second; unanimous

Support & Technical Assistance to Rural & Small Water and Wastewater Service Providers

Jen Jenkins provided an update on the DAC WWWS program.

- Program objectives and staffing
- Working group establishment and outreach
- Strategy for PRP, TPRC and stakeholder input
- Project identification and development
- Trainings and workshop themes

The presentation can be found at <http://www.northcoastirwmp.net/docs.php?ogid=1000002252>.

NCIRWMP Proposition 84 Planning Grant

Karen Gaffney outlined the overarching outreach strategy for the NCIRWMP as described in the meeting materials (see <http://www.northcoastirwmp.net/docs.php?ogid=1000002252>).

Paul Kelley provided information about his outreach and data gathering efforts on behalf of the NCIRWMP (staff presentation and handout found at <http://www.northcoastirwmp.net/docs.php?ogid=1000002252>)

Staff directed to agendaize a detailed discussion of the next iteration of the plan for the October meeting.

PRP input on staff planning activities: Conference planning (DECISION)

Karen Gaffney summarized the information in the meeting materials (see <http://www.northcoastirwmp.net/docs.php?ogid=1000002252>). The PRP approved the staff recommendation for the conference venue and general timeframe. Staff directed to bring detailed information and draft recommendations to October 2012 meeting for full discussion.

PRP Direction re: website, name, re-branding and logo refinement (DECISION)

Karen Gaffney summarized the information in the meeting materials (attached). PRP discussion about the goals and objectives of the NCIRWMP – broad agreement that the NCIRWMP has evolved to include more than just water issues and that the fish is not a representative logo. Staff were directed to explore new options for name, logo, branding and to bring alternatives and recommendations to the PRP for discussion in October.

Motion: Supervisor Morris; Supervisor Carrillo second; unanimous

Regional presentations/updates

The following groups provided presentations to the PRP. The presentations can be found at <http://www.northcoastirwmp.net/docs.php?ogid=1000002252>.

- Siskiyou County: Siskiyou Biomass Utilization Group
- Modoc County: Sage Steppe Restoration on USFS/BLM Lands and Potential Biomass Solutions
- Proposition 50 Implementation Project: Araujo and Shasta Water Association Dam Restoration Projects

Public Comment

Supervisor Bennett appreciated the work of the RCDs locally in the Shasta Valley and elsewhere. She stated that the NCIRWMP needs to stress that there have been long-time working partnerships with RCD's and 5-C programs to protect fish and environment. She suggested that a good conference theme might be highlighting the value of RCDs in the region.

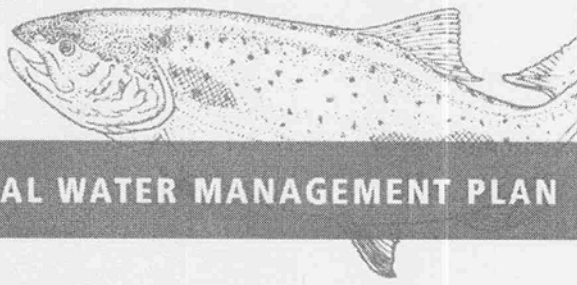
Next meeting date confirmation: October 18th, Eureka

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Meeting Attendees

Chair: Mayor Jake Mackenzie, City of Rohnert Park, Sonoma County
Supervisor Gerry Hemmingsen, Del Norte County
Supervisor Ryan Sundberg, Humboldt County
Alternate: Supervisor Mark Lovelace, Humboldt County
Supervisor John McCowen, Mendocino County
Supervisor Kendall Smith, Mendocino County
Supervisor Geri Byrne, Modoc County
Supervisor Marcia Armstrong, Siskiyou County
Supervisor Grace Bennett, Siskiyou County

Supervisor Efren Carrillo, Sonoma County
Supervisor Judy Morris, Trinity County
Supervisor Debra Chapman, Trinity County
Hank Seemann, Deputy Director, Environmental Services, Public Works Department, Humboldt County
Kimberly Hunter, Modoc County
Marilyn Seward, City of Etna, Siskiyou County
Wayne Haydon, California Geologic Survey, Sonoma County
Dale Roberts, Sonoma County Water Agency, Sonoma County
Mark Lancaster, Five Counties Salmonid Conservation Program, Trinity County
Sandra Perez, Five Counties Salmonid Conservation Program, Trinity County
Toz Soto, Karuk Tribe
Javier Silva, Sherwood Valley Rancheria
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Jay Sarina
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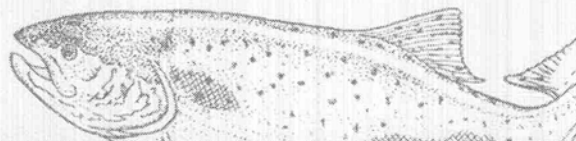
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