

MEETING SUMMARY

**North Coast Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (NCIRWMP)
Policy Review Panel (PRP) & Technical Peer Review Committee (TPRC) Meeting
October 18, 10 am – 3 pm, Humboldt Bay Aquatic Center, 921 Waterfront Drive, Eureka**

Welcome and Introductions

Chair Mackenzie convened the meeting at 10, and introductions were made (see sign in list for attendees)

Chair Mackenzie and several PRP members acknowledged Supervisor Kendall Smith for her leadership and contributions to the PRP and the North Coast IRWMP.

Motion: Chair Mackenzie; Second Armstrong – Chair Mackenzie to Sign Appreciation Letter for Mendocino County Supervisor and PRP Member Kendall Smith – Unanimous.

Review and Approve Agenda

The agenda was reviewed and approved with the following minor change: the TPRC updates were moved to 10:20.

Public Comment for items not on the agenda

There were no public comments.

Supervisor Sundberg led the group in the “Great Shakeout” drill at 10:18.

Review of Chair, Vice-chair and Executive Committee Election Process (DECISION)

The PRP reviewed the staff background materials and recommendation:

Jake described the proposed process including subject to the Brown Act

- PRP will nominate and elect a Chair, Vice-chair & Executive Committee members on as needed basis
- Chair, Vice-chair & Executive Committee member will be re-appointed by the PRP every two years
- Executive Committee is a standing committee comprised of Chair, Vice-chair and a third member and is subject to the Brown Act
- TPRC will nominate Co-chairs and the PRP will select the TPRC Co-chairs from the group of nominees
- Ad hoc committees will be formed by the PRP on an as needed basis to address short duration topics

There was discussion about the nature of actions by the Executive Committee. Supervisor Armstrong suggested that the actions that can be taken by the Executive Committee needed to be clarified. Staff was directed to send an e-mail to the PRP when the Executive Committee is considering taking an action

Motion: Supervisor Efren Carrillo: Support staff recommendation for Election Process; Second: Supervisor Kendall Smith.

Discussion:

Supervisor Ryan Sundberg noted that it is vitally important to make sure everyone is informed. Supervisor Hemmingsen noted that the Brown Act is suspended. Supervisors Lovelace and McCowen noted that adherence to Brown Act is not mandated, but NCIRWMP is complying with the intent. Supervisor Morris stated that future Executive Committee meetings will be posted. Unanimous.

Public Comment: Norman Shopay suggested that Brown Act adherence would require that any public comment should take place before the decision is made by the PRP. He also suggested that governance is a really important process and that the PRP needs to include dispute resolution in the process. Supervisor Armstrong stated that dispute resolution will not take away sovereignty of counties and tribes.

NCIRWMP Elections (DECISION)

Motion: Chair Mackenzie: Nominate Supervisor Judy Morris as Vice Chair; Second Supervisor Kendall Smith; Discussion Kendall Smith: Regional diversity is important and stated that having Supervisor Morris from the north provide geographic fairness. No Public Comment. Unanimous.

Motion: Supervisor Judy Morris nominated Supervisor McCowen as the third member of the Executive Committee. Second: Supervisor Lovelace

Motion: Supervisor McCowen nominated Supervisor Marcia Armstrong; SECOND: Supervisor Grace Bennett.

Supervisors Morris and Lovelace withdrew their motion for nomination of Supervisor Armstrong. No Public Comment. Unanimous.

Staff direction: to place the issues of alternates to the Executive Committee on a future agenda, along with a proposed process for PRP and TPRC alternates to represent their county or tribe, make motions and vote when the primary appointee is not present.

TPRC member Mark Lancaster nominated Sandra Perez and Wayne Haydon as Co-Chairs of the Technical Peer Review Committee (TPRC). Public Comment – None.

Discussion: Dale Roberts - Mark Lancaster has done a great job and shown outstanding leadership.

Motion: Chair Mackenzie recommends Sandra Perez and Wayne Haydon as Co-Chairs of the TPRC.

Second: Mark Lovelace. No Public Comment. Unanimous.

Trinity will be finalizing its appointments as soon as possible. Siskiyou should have a new appointment by January. Supervisor Armstrong thanked TPRC member Marilyn Seward for her commitment and great work. Supervisor Sundberg noted that Humboldt County is actively searching for a second TPRC member and should have an appointment by January.

Staff direction: to approach DWR and SGC again regarding the option of providing compensation of a stipend for travel costs and other investments by TPRC members and to work with Grant Davis on a strategy to bring back to the January 2013 PRP meeting.

NCIRWMP Planning Sub-contracts

- **Proposition 84 Planning Grant & Strategic Growth Council Grant Overview**
- **Tribal Outreach Coordinator RFP (Supervisor Grace Bennett)**
- **Proposed Process and Criteria for Sub-contracts to counties and Tribes (DECISION)**
- **Formation of ad-hoc committees (DECISION)**

Karen Gaffney provided an overview of the Proposition 84 Planning Grants and Strategic Growth Council grants and outlined the need for specialized sub-contracts under each grant. Chair Mackenzie noted that Supervisor Bennett requested an opportunity to discuss the Tribal RFP and that Supervisor Smith had requested an opportunity to discuss the proposed process and criteria for awarding sub-grants to counties and Tribes. Chair Mackenzie requested that Javier Silva pass out his proposal from Tribal PRP and TPRC members (attached) for review and discussion by the PRP. Supervisor Bennett stated that the Tribal Outreach Coordinator was not needed and should be merged with other outreach efforts, as it represents special treatment and is not reflective of the NCIRWMP equitable approach. Supervisor Armstrong stated that there is a need for clarity on County and Tribal jurisdictional boundaries. Javier Silva, Leaf Hillman and Konrad Fisher provided a history of Tribal engagement in the NCIRWMP, and stated that Tribes provided benefits to the NCIRWMP and were committed partners. Javier Silva stated that different tribes viewed jurisdictional boundaries differently. Leaf Hillman stated that the jurisdictional boundary issue was not likely to be a factor in the NCIRWMP.

The PRP discussed the meeting materials and recommendations provided by staff regarding the proposed process and criteria for sub-contracts to counties and Tribes.

Motion: Supervisor Judy Morris – form an ad hoc committee comprised of Tribal PRP and TPRC members, and potentially other PRP and TPRC members up to Brown Act membership limits; extend the Tribal RFP deadline by 3 weeks; integrate tribal priorities outlined in PRP and TPRC Tribal proposal to the degree that it is consistent with the DWR contract.

Second: Supervisor Kendall Smith.

Public Comment: Norm Shopay suggested that the Tribal Coordinator and DAC Coordination tasks be combined.

In Favor: Jake Mackenzie, Supervisors Ryan Sundberg, Mark Lovelace, John McCowen, Kendall Smith, Efren Carrillo, Judy Morris, Debra Chapman, Leaf Hillman (9); Opposed: Supervisors Hemmingsen, Bennett and Armstrong (3).

Chair Mackenzie requested additional members for tribal Ad Hoc Committee. Supervisor Sundberg volunteered, and was approved as the final member of the ad hoc committee.

Supervisor Sundberg noted that the Tribal Chairmen's Association meets once a month, and that he would help staff to get on their agenda and to distribute the RFP.

NCIRWM Plan – Version 3

The PRP and TPRC review the draft plan outline and suggested that future discussions should include the new goals and a process for opting out of certain elements of the plan.

North Coast IRWMP Logo and Name (DECISION)

Karen Gaffney provided an overview of the criteria for new North Coast logos and names. PRP provided some suggestions for the logo elements.

Staff direction: to send out logos via e-mail for additional input.

Motion: Supervisor Kendall Smith: New name for NCIRWMP is NORTH COAST RESOURCE PARTNERSHIP; Second Supervisor McCowen. No Public Comment. Unanimous.

North Coast IRWMP Conference

- Review draft agenda
- Confirm date and conference name (DECISION)
- Review sponsorship strategy

The PRP reviewed the draft agenda and agreed to discuss further at a future meeting.

Motion: Chairman Mackenzie - Conference to be held on October 2, 3, 4, 2012 (Technical Sessions on 2nd). Second: Supervisor Morris; No Public Comment. Unanimous.

NCIRWMP Project Application, Review and Selection Process (DECISION) NCIRWMP Proposition 84, Round 2 Project Implementation Grant Application Development (DECISION)

PRP reviewed the staff and ad hoc committee request for direction and recommendation for the project application, review and selection process. Chair Mackenzie thanked the committee for their quality work. Chair Mackenzie recused himself from the discussion of the Russian River Watershed Association recommendation to include population as a criterion in scoring projects.

Mark Lancaster noted that we would lose applicants if we have too rigorous of a review process. Supervisor Armstrong requested that the criteria be revised to reflect the following: a) add in-stream flow timing to benefits table b) add irrigated agriculture to benefits table, and c) climate change amelioration – add fuel reduction and removal elements that cause carbon emissions.

Motion: Supervisor Kendall Smith: PRP will not support the addition of population as a criterion as suggested by RRWA. Second: Supervisor McCowen. No Public Comment. Unanimous.

Motion: Supervisor Judy Morris - Accept staff recommendation on Project Application, Review and Selection Process, revised to include Supervisor Armstrong's recommended additions, and revisit

potential economic units for further discussion at a future meeting Second: Supervisor Lovelace; No Public Comment. Unanimous.

Updates

- Katherine Gledhill provided an update on Executive Committee actions and PRP direction and resulting staff actions (slideshow posted to NCIRWMP website <http://www.northcoastirwmp.net/docs.php?ogid=1000002275>).
- Paul Kelley provided an update on his presentations and meetings with North Coast Boards of Supervisors, Tribes, and agency staff (handout posted to NCIRWMP website <http://www.northcoastirwmp.net/docs.php?ogid=1000002275>).
- Jen Jenkins provided an update on North Coast contracts (slideshow posted to NCIRWMP website <http://www.northcoastirwmp.net/docs.php?ogid=1000002275>).
- Tim Anderson provided an update regarding legislative news affecting the North Coast, noting that the water bond in progress by legislature may be downsized. The current allocation is \$1.4 billion for IRWMs, which may be reduced or removed. AB 1532 passed – ARB will auction \$61 million carbon allowances - \$600 million in revenue will come to Air Board. The AB 1532 investment plan includes funding for energy efficiency, generation, distributed, transmission and storage, and funding for investments and programs by local governments and local agencies. SCWA legislative staff are working with ARB and others to keep IRWM objectives alive.
- Margie Graham was unable to attend the meeting.

Martin Slough Project Presentation (Kurt Gierlich, City Engineer, Eureka)

Tabled for future meeting

Public Comment

No public comment

Next meeting date confirmation: January 17, 2013, Ukiah

NCIRWMP 2013 Meetings:

- January 17 – Ukiah
- April 18 – Yreka
- July 18 – Weaverville
- October 17 – Eureka

Meeting Adjourned

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00

Meeting Attendees

Policy Review Panel Members

Mayor Jake Mackenzie, City of Rohnert Park, Sonoma County
Supervisor Gerry Hemmingsen, Del Norte County
Supervisor Ryan Sundberg, Humboldt County
Supervisor Mark Lovelace, Humboldt County
Supervisor John McCowen, Mendocino County
Supervisor Kendall Smith, Mendocino 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
Leaf Hillman, Karuk Tribe

Technical Peer Review Committee Members

Patty Madigan, Mendocino County RCD, Mendocino County
Kimberly Hunter, Modoc County
Marilyn Seward, City of Etna, Siskiyou County
Dale Roberts, Sonoma County Water Agency, Sonoma County
Wayne Haydon, California Geologic Survey, Sonoma County
Mark Lancaster, Five Counties Salmonid Conservation Program, Trinity County
Toz Soto, Karuk Tribe
Javier Silva, Sherwood Valley Rancheria

Others

Eric Wier, Crescent City
Konrad Fisher
Mathew Marshall, Redwood Coast Energy Authority
Frank Bikner, LACO
Kirk Cohune, Greenway
Darren Mierow, Caltrout
Rebecca Crow, GHD
Normay Shopay
Sarah Caldwell, Streamline Planning Consulting
Ron Sundberg, RCAC
Earl Crosby, Karuk Tribe
Grant Davis, Sonoma County Water Agency
Tim Anderson, Sonoma County Water Agency
Paul Kelley
Karen Gaffney, West Coast Watershed
Katherine Gledhill, West Coast Watershed
Jen Jenkins, County of Humboldt
Devin Theibold, County of Humboldt
Lauren Rowan, County of Humboldt
Tom Mattson, County of Humboldt

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