



NORTH COAST RESOURCE PARTNERSHIP

Establishing Tribal Representation with the North Coast Resource Partnership

(formerly North Coast Integrated Regional Water Management Plan)

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California Tribal Lands & Impaired Water Bodies and Streams (2006 data)



Proposal for Tribal Representation

January 2010

- Initiated Contract for Environmental Justice Coalition for Water. Goals: To secure Tribal representation within, and Tribal funding through, the NCIRWMP
- Compiled list of all North Coast Tribes. Used lists from:
 - Bureau of Indian Affairs
 - California Native American Heritage Commission
 - U.S. EPA
- Contracted all Tribes in region, focusing on the following departments: Tribal EPA, Natural Resources, Fisheries, & Utility Departments
- Pitched campaign goals
- Built database with contact info for all interested Tribal employees

NCIRWMP & Tribal Governments

- At a June 24, 2010 meeting, the PRP considered a proposal brought forth by a coalition of Tribal governments & voted to include 6 Tribal representative seats:
 - 3 Policy Review Panel
 - 3 Technical Peer Review Committee
- This inclusion made the North Coast the region in California with the most formal Tribal involvement in governance & technical review.
- Changes to the governance structure were approved by all North Coast counties through a revised Memorandum of Mutual Understanding (MoMU).

NCRP MoMU Tribal Representation Process

- In response to a proposal endorsed by 20 North Coast Tribes, the PRP voted to establish 3 Tribal representative seats on both the PRP and TPRC committees
- Tribes developed a Tribal Representative Process to select representatives and approve the NCIRWM Plan
- Tribal Representative Process included as an amendment to MoMU and was approved and adopted by 7 NCRP county Board of Supervisors
- Process can be modified with unanimous vote of 3 Tribal PRP members
- Each PRP & TPRC Tribal representative will be selected from Northern, Central and Southern districts in the region
- Each representative may have one alternate

North			
Tribe	County(ies)	Watershed(s)	
Quartz Valley Rancheria	Siskiyou County	Klamath	
Karuk Tribe	Siskiyou and Humboldt Counties	Klamath	
Smith River Rancheria	Del Norte County	North Coast	
Elk Valley Rancheria	Del Norte County	North Coast	
Resighuni Rancheria	Del Norte County	North Coast	
Yurok Tribe	Del Norte and Humboldt Counties	Klamath	
Pit River Tribe	Modoc County	Shasta	
Shasta Nation	Siskiyou County	Shasta	
Shasta Indian Nation	Siskiyou County	Shasta	
Central			
Tribe	County(ies)	Watershed(s)	
Hoopla Valley Tribe	Humboldt County	Trinity	
Big Lagoon Rancheria	Humboldt County	Humboldt	
Trinidad Rancheria	Humboldt County	Humboldt	
Blue Lake Rancheria	Humboldt County	Humboldt	
Table Bluff Rancheria (Wiyot)	Humboldt County	Eel	
Bear River Tribe of Rohnerville Rancheria	Humboldt County	Eel	
Nor Rel Muk	Trinity County	Trinity	
Round Valley Reservation	Mendocino County- North	Eel	
Laytonville Rancheria	Mendocino County-North	Eel	
Sherwood Valley Rancheria	Mendocino County-North	Eel, North Coast, & Russian	
South			
Tribe	County(ies)	Watershed(s)	
Potter Valley Tribe	Mendocino County- South	Russian	
Coyote Valley Rancheria	Mendocino County- South	Russian	
Redwood Valley Rancheria	Mendocino County- South	Russian	
Pinoleville Pomo Nation	Mendocino County- South	Russian	
Gudiville Rancheria	Mendocino County- South	Russian	
Hopland Rancheria	Mendocino County- South	Russian	
Manchester Point Arena Rancheria	Mendocino County- South	North Coast	
Cloverdale Rancheria	Sonoma County	Russian	
Dry Creek Rancheria	Sonoma County	Russian	
Lytton Rancheria	Sonoma County	Russian	
Graton Rancheria	Sonoma County	Russian	
Stewarts Point Rancheria (Kashia)	Sonoma County	North Coast	
Mishewal Wappo Tribe of Alexander Valley	Sonoma County	Russian	
Yokayo	Mendocino County – South	Russian	

Tribal Representation Process

- Prior to approval of the 6 seats, the Tribal coalition worked tirelessly to develop representation for the 30 tribes in the North Coast.
- This work involved coordination of:
 - Outreach and education
 - The creation of 3 districts based on counties and watersheds
 - Developing a nomination process & Tribal Council Support
 - MoMU signatory – participating Tribes are required to sign

NCRP Tribal Representation

- Policy Review Panel members:
 - Carol Cook, Sherwood Valley Rancheria (Central Tribal Rep)
 - Alternate: Javier Silva, Sherwood Valley Rancheria (Central Tribal Rep)
 - Leaf Hillman, Karuk Tribe (Northern Tribal Rep)
 - Vacant (Southern Tribal Rep)
- Technical Peer Review members:
 - Javier Silva, Sherwood Valley Rancheria (Central Tribal Rep)
 - Toz Soto, Karuk Tribe (Northern Tribal Rep)
 - Alternate: Sarah Beesley, Yurok Tribe (Northern Tribal Rep)
 - Vacant (Southern Tribal Rep)

NCIRWMP Planning Grant

- Three objectives were developed to engage North Coast Tribes in the NCIRWMP planning and implementation process, which involved the development of a Joint Tribal Planning Proposal:
 1. Update the IRWM Plan to reflect Tribal lands, water-related concerns, and Tribal expertise.
 2. Produce specific project proposals to address water related needs on Tribal lands.
 3. Support Tribal representation on the PRP & TPRC and facilitate general engagement of Tribes in the NCIRWMP stakeholder process.

NCIRWMP Implementation Grant

- Tribes were encouraged to develop and submit implementation proposals for Round 1 and 2 of Prop 84 funding.
- The following Tribal proposals were submitted and approved to receive funding:
 - Karuk Tribe
 - Hopland Band of Pomo Indians
 - Pinoleville Pomo Nation
- Approximately \$2 million dollars was allocated to the above Tribal projects.

NCRP Tribal Projects		
Organization Name, Project Name	Award	Benefit Type
Hopland Band of Pomo Indians, Nissa-kah Creek Fish Passage at Hwy 175	\$803,000	salmonid habitat
Karuk Tribe, Camp Creek Habitat Protection - Road Decommissioning Implementation Project	\$300,000	water quality; salmonid habitat
Karuk Tribe, Lower Mid-Klamath Habitat Protection — Road Decommissioning Implementation (recommended for funding)	\$300,000	water quality; salmonid habitat
Pinoleville Pomo Nation, Ackerman Creek Habitat Restoration	\$46,950	water quality; salmonid habitat
Yurok Tribe, Restoration of Lower Klamath River Habitats — Yurok Tribal Fisheries Program (recommended for funding)	\$421,354	water quality; salmonid habitat
	\$1,871,304	

September 1 & 2: First North Coast Tribal Meeting

- Attended by 24 representatives from 18 Tribes
- Tribal NCIRWMP representatives selected using new nomination and voting process

September 23, 2010

- The North Coast IRWMP submitted their planning grant application to DWR that includes request for “joint” Tribal planning funds

Tribal Representation

- In January 2013, Tribal PRP/TPRC representatives selected Red Deer Consulting to facilitate Tribal participation and representation on within the NCRP
- By August 2013, Tribal PRP/TPRC representatives evaluated the effectiveness of Red Deer and felt Red Deer was not accomplishing the tasks required for Tribes to participate and remain engaged with NCRP
- The Tribal representatives decided not to continue with the Red Deer Consulting contract

Tribal Representation

- Due to funding timing requirements, the Tribal representatives decided to refine their approach because the term of the Tribal Engagement contract ends December 2014
- Changes made to the scope of work and budget included reordering and bundling of closely related tasks and budget changes
- It was decided to split the contract into smaller \$25,000 contracts among five separate entities to accomplish

Tribal Representation

- Southern, Central and Northern District Tribal Engagement Consultants: to provide effective outreach, collect data and share information within the Southern, Central and Northern districts of the North Coast region as defined by the NCRP Memorandum of Mutual Understandings, Tribal Representation Process
- Southern, Central and Northern District Consultants shall meet with Tribal leaders, secure their participation, and document their specific water related issues and priorities while respecting the sovereignty of their nations.

Tribal Representation

- NCRP Tribal Engagement Coordinator: to provide regional coordination of Southern, Central and Northern district outreach, communicate with NCRP staff and facilitate the NCRP Tribal representation process
- Technical Consultants: to provide grant writing support and technical assistance that is relevant to the needs of the Southern, Central and Northern district Tribes and aligns with the goals and objectives of the NCRP and North Coast IRWM Plan.

Tribal Representation

- Southern District Tribal Engagement Consultant: Kashia Band of Pomo Indians
- Central District Tribal Engagement Consultant: Sherwood Valley Band of Pomo
- Northern District Tribal Engagement Consultant: Karuk Tribe
- NCRP Tribal Engagement Coordinator: California Indian Environmental Alliance
- Technical Consultants: TBD by June/July

Tribal Representation

- NCRP Tribal Engagement scope of work will be overseen and directed by Tribal PRP and TPRC members
- West Coast Watershed will actively participate in and facilitate all meetings and communication among Tribal PRP/TPRC members and NCRP Tribal Engagement Consultants
- Any work directed by the Tribal PRP and TPRC members will be subject to review and approval by West Coast Watershed to ensure compliance with the terms of the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) planning grant and the Sonoma County Water Agency contract.

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