NORTH COAST RESOURCE PARTNERSHIP

North Coast Resource Partnership

Policy Review Panel
& Technical Peer Review Committee Meeting

January 15, Ukiah Valley Conference Center

Item IV. NCRP Project Review & Selection Process Improvements

Ongoing Process Improvement

(Sandra Perez & Wayne Haydon, TPRC Co-chairs)

Process improvements compiled from:

- NCRP meeting, October 2014
- Project proponents
- Tribal representatives
- TPRC Drought Solicitation de-brief meeting

NCRP Project Review & Selection Process Improvements Key Points

- Requires in-person meeting for PRP project selection meeting
- Strongly encourages TPRC in-person attendance at TPRC project review meetings
- Clarifies Public Input during project review
- Eliminates TPRC requests for additional information during the project review process

NCRP Project Review Improvements: Reallocation process (Jen Jenkins Kuszmar)

- Reallocated funds must go toward projects that meet similar goals (i.e. benefit DAC communities, water conservation, etc)
- Added language as follows: "In the event that a grant term is extended beyond the original contract timeline as a result of project scheduling extensions and if the regional management office has used their original allocated administrative budget, grant funds may be reallocated to the regional manager to cover grant administration costs during the extended contract term."

Item V. NCRP Executive Committee

- NCRP Executive Committee Composition

  PUBLIC COMMENT & DECISION

- NCRP Executive Committee Member Nominations and Election

  PUBLIC COMMENT & DECISION

Item VI. SGC Sustainable Communities Planning Grant Discussion

- schedule: incremental products – aligned with PRP mtgs
- interview process: PRP, TPRC, Tribes, agencies, stakeholders
- experts: renewable energy, biomass/forestry, climate adaptation, local planning, economics & financing
- ad hoc committee: detailed input/sub-grant evaluation
- public and partner agency review
- digital work product
    - paper use
    - adaptive
    - downloadable by chapter or entire document
    - integration among chapters & with NCIRWMP and other NCRP documents

Item VII. Proposition 1 California Water Bond

Presentation:

Tracie Billington, Chief

Financial Assistance Branch

California Department of Water Resources

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Authorize the Executive Committee to take action related to implementing legislation for Proposition 1 in keeping with previous Policy Review Panel direction and criteria

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Item VIII. North Coast Marijuana Issue

1. Review key presentation points and comments from the NCRP October meeting panel discussion
2. Provide pending legislation update
3. Roundtable discussion and solicit PRP direction

NCRP Meeting Key Presentation Points

- **Operation Yurok.** The Yurok Tribe has a zero tolerance policy on Tribal lands. Objective: to stop illegal water diversions and storage before a major fish kill occurred
- **State Water Resources Control Board Regulatory Program.** A pilot water permitting program for growers
- **North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board, Discharge Permitting Program.** A regulatory pilot program which includes: coordination with agencies, outreach/education, regulation, and enforcement
- **California Marijuana Legalization Initiative, 2016.** Nearly two-thirds of Californians support legalizing, regulating and taxing recreational marijuana

NCRP Meeting Key Commentary

- California Department of Food and Agriculture/County Agricultural Commissioner's Office should be involved in crafting solutions
- Standardizing enforceable county codes
- Need for solutions to mediate for clean up after trespass grows
- "Boots on the ground enforcement" historically has not worked
- Agencies should regulate practices not the product
- Permitting process lead & oversight: State or County?

Pending Legislation & Initiative Update

- *Policy Statement Regarding Marijuana Issues in Indian Country*, U.S. Justice Department memorandum, October 28, 2014: federal marijuana laws will not be enforced on federally recognized Tribal land for Tribes that choose to allow its cultivation, use & sale.
- California Cannabis Hemp Initiative 2016: gathering signatures to qualify for 2016 ballot
- California bills: AB 26, AB 34 & SB 1262
- US Congress: various bills primarily referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations

North Coast Marijuana Issue: Roundtable Discussion & PRP Direction

- Staff Direction (PRP consideration):
  - research/analysis:
    - environmental
    - social
    - economic
    - policy & legislative tracking
  - discussion in NCRP planning documents
  - potential Strategic Growth Council grant sub-grants related to this issue
- NCRP role: policy input and development

Item IX. Presentations: Planning Grants to Counties and Tribes

- Mendocino County Water Emergency Preparedness for Underserved Districts, Mendocino Resource Conservation District
- Trinity County Water Resources Planning, Five Counties Salmonid Conservation Program

Item X. Updates

- Legislative news

  (Tim Anderson, Sonoma County Water Agency)
- North Coast Tribal Engagement Update

  (Sherri Norris, California Indian Environmental Alliance & Javier Silva, Sherwood Valley Rancheria)
- Regional Administrator Update

  (Jen Jenkins Kuszmar, Humboldt County)
- Executive Committee, PRP direction and staff action (see meeting materials)

Item XI. Next NCRP Meeting Date

Next meeting date scheduled:

April 16, 2015 - Yreka

NCRP standing quarterly meetings in 2015:

July 16, 2015 - Weaverville

October 15, 2015 – Eureka area