NORTH COAST RESOURCE PARTNERSHIP

North Coast Resource Partnership (NCRP)

Policy Review Panel (PRP) & Technical Peer Review Committee (TPRC) Meeting SUMMARY

October 15, 2015; 10 am – 3 pm
Bear River Band of Rohnerville Rancheria, Tish Non Community Center
266 Keisner Road, Loleta

I Welcome and Introductions

PRP Chair Supervisor Morris convened the meeting at 10:05 am, welcomed all participants and thanked

Edwin Smith of the Bear River Tribal Council and Bear River Tribe Environmental Director for generously making the Tish Non Community Center available for the NCRP meeting.

PRP Chair Supervisor Morris welcomed new PRP members: Brandi Brown, Redwood Valley Little River Band of Pomo, representing Southern District Tribes and her alternate: Martina Morgan, Kashia Band of Pomo. PRP Chair Supervisor Morris also welcomed new TPRC members: Nathan Rich, Kashia Band of Pomo and alternate: Emily Luscombe, Coyote Valley Band of Pomo representing Southern District Tribes as well as Paul Helliker, General Manager, Humboldt Bay Municipal Water District. She also welcomed Margie Graham, Senior Environmental Scientist, California Department of Water Resources (DWR), Northern District office. Meeting participant introductions were made (see attendee list below).

The following PRP members formed the quorum: Trinity County Supervisor Morris, Sonoma County Supervisor Carrillo, Siskiyou County Supervisor Bennett, Bear River Band of the Rohnerville Rancheria Tribal Council Member, Edwin Smith, Del Norte County Supervisor Hemmingsen, Del Norte County Supervisor Chris Howard, Humboldt County Supervisor Sundberg, Humboldt County Supervisor Lovelace, Mendocino County Supervisor McCowen, Mendocino County Supervisor Gjerde, Sonoma County Supervisor James Gore, Vernon Ward, Pit River Tribe and Brandi Brown, Redwood Valley Little River Band of Pomo.

II Opening Prayer and Tribal Welcome

Bear River Tribal Council member and PRP member Edwin Smith introduced Barry Brenard, Member-at-Large, Tribal Council Member of Bear River Band of the Rohnerville Rancheria who performed the Opening Prayer.

III Review and Approve Agenda

Motion: Carrillo – approve agenda; second: Lovelace; unanimous

Public comment: none

IV PUBLIC COMMENT for items not on the agenda

Margie Graham, DWR distributed Sustainable Groundwater Management Act materials that included contact information for DWR district offices. The materials can be found at http://www.water.ca.gov/groundwater/sgm/

TPRC Co-chair Wayne Haydon announced on behalf of the California Geological Society that the Great American ShakeOut earthquake preparedness event would occur at 10:15 am. Wayne provided tips about what to do during earthquakes and how to improve preparedness.

V Presentation: California Native American Governance – Roots of Sovereignty, Raquelle Myers, National Indian Justice Center, Staff Attorney (Pomo)

PRP Chair Supervisor Morris introduced the presentation by stating that at a previous NCRP meeting Sherri Norris and Javier Silva provided a brief introduction to the structure of Tribal government and environmental departments, which was well recieved. NCRP participants indicated that they wanted to know more on the topic. Supervisor Morris provided the following introduction for Raquelle Myers a member of the Pinoleville Band of Pomo Indians.

> Raquelle Myers received her Bachelor of Arts Degree from University of California at Berkeley and her Juris Doctorate from the University of Utah. She serves as Staff Attorney for the National Indian Justice Center and as the Chief Judge/Administrator for the Intertribal Court of California, a court of limited jurisdiction currently being developed in Northern California. She has served as a member of the National Task Force on Fetal Alcohol Syndrome and Fetal Alcohol Effect and also served on the CDSS Tribal Government Advisory Committee. She also served as a member of the California Judicial Council's Committee on Racial and Ethnic Bias. Ms. Myers serves as a trainer for National Indian Justice Center and on - site training sessions developed for tribal government personnel. She also teaches undergraduate courses on Federal Indian Law, California Indian History, and Tribal Government at the University of California at Berkeley.

Raquelle Myer's presentation and a paper titled *Early California Laws and Policies Related to California Indians* by Kimberly Johnston-Dodds, 2002 can be found at http://www.northcoastresourcepartnership.org/app_folders/view/9119

VI Review of NCRP Management Structure and Roles

NCRP PRP Chair Supervisor Morris introduced the topic by stating that prior to the July NCRP meeting she met with Humboldt County and Sonoma County staff to review the long-standing NCRP management structure and roles to re-confirm and commit interest in moving forward with those roles. She indicated that these roles were last reviewed by the PRP in 2012.

VI i. Presentation: Humboldt County Contract Administration: Process Improvements and Achievements

Humboldt County Public Works Deputy Director and TPRC member, Hank Seemann provided a presentation outlining the NCRP contract administration role performed by Humboldt County. The presentation can be found at http://www.northcoastresourcepartnership.org/app_folders/view/9119

VI ii. Presentation: Forward Planning, Outreach and Funding: Sonoma County Water Agency and West Coast Watershed

NCRP staff member Karen Gaffney of West Coast Watershed provided a presentation regarding the PRP coordination, outreach and funding application elements of the NCRP planning process. The NCRP staff presentation can be found at http://www.northcoastresourcepartnership.org/app_folders/view/9119

VI iii. NCRP 2015 Handbook

NCRP PRP Chair Supervisor Morris introduced the decision to approve 2015 NCRP Handbook that has been updated throughout including:

- Updated urls, new PRP/TPRC members, updated motions
- PRP requirements – MoMU signatory & Plan adoption
- Goal & Objectives to incorporate SGC goals
- Graphic to describe NCRP management structure

Discussion:

Supervisor Bennett suggested adding a brief section to page 7 on the impacts of forest fire on air quality and community health.

Supervisor Lovelace suggested adding the following statement where appropriate "PRP and their member agencies"

TPRC member Marissa Fierro suggested adding an objective regarding Tribal Ecological Knowledge under Goal 3. Staff was directed to work with Sherri Norris to develop a Tribal Ecological Knowledge objective for the NCRP.

Corrections to the list of PRP members were identified including the need to replace Chris Howard for Michael Sullivan and to include Virginia Bass as the Humboldt County PRP alternate.

Supervisor McCowen suggested that the motion include the statement that the NCRP Handbook *Appendix A: PRP and TPRC members* and *Appendix B: NCRP PRP Motions and Direction* may be updated by staff on an ongoing basis.

Motion: Supervisor Carrillo moved to approve the NCRP Handbook with the inclusion of the suggested improvements and edits discussed by the PRP and listed above.

Second: Supervisor McCowen

Unanimous

PUBLIC COMMENT
No public comment.

VII Proposition 1: Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014

NCRP PRP Chair Supervisor Morris introduced the topic by stating that during the July NCRP meeting staff was directed to include updates and information regarding Proposition 1 funding to a future NCRP meeting agenda.

VII i. Presentation: Proposition 1 Programs Status & Funding Opportunities

TPRC Co-Chair Sandra Perez of the Five Counties Salmonid Conservation Program provided a presentation about the Proposition 1 recent and upcoming funding opportunities. The NCRP staff presentation can be found at http://www.northcoastresourcepartnership.org/app_folders/view/9119

VII ii. Presentation: Proposition 1 IRWM Program Update

NCRP staff member Katherine Gledhill of West Coast Watershed provided a presentation about the IRWM Proposition 1 program including key provisions, funding allocations, disadvantaged community involvement and the anticipated program schedule. The NCRP staff presentation can be found at http://www.northcoastresourcepartnership.org/app_folders/view/9119

VII iii. PRP Discussion, Direction and Ad Hoc Committee Development

NCRP PRP Chair, Supervisor Morris introduced the decision to develop a Proposition 1 Ad Hoc Committee to develop an approach for the NCRP disadvantaged community involvement program. Volunteers include Supervisor Lovelace, Supervisor Bennett, Supervisor Morris and Sherri Norris

Staff direction: Send out an announcement to the TPRC and PRP to request additional volunteers.

Motion: Supervisor Carrillo moved to develop a Proposition 1 Ad Hoc Committee to direct staff in development of NCRP Proposition 1 IRWM Disadvantaged Community outreach and involvement program per the IRWM Guidelines.

Second: Supervisor McCowen

Unanimous

PUBLIC COMMENT
No public comment.

VIII Presentations: Biochar Demonstration Projects in the North Coast Region

TPRC member Dale Roberts and Susan Haydon of the Sonoma County Water Agency provided a presentation about the benefits of biochar and described the Sonoma County demonstration biochar project to:

- Demonstrate small scale local production
- Conduct field trials on varying soil types
- Evaluate water conservation and soil health properties
- Study renewable energy possibilities

- Explore adaptation strategies for farmers and land managers

Judith Harwood, Project Manager of the Redwood Forest Foundation provided a presentation about the biochar demonstration project that was funded through NCRP Proposition 84 IRWM funding. The presentations can be found at http://www.northcoastresourcepartnership.org/app_folders/view/9119

IX NCRP 10 Year Celebration and Funding Meeting, April 21, 2016

NCRP PRP Chair Supervisor Morris stated that the original plan had been to provide a NCRP Funding and 10 year Celebration in April 2016. She described that the Funding Ad Hoc Committee met the night before and it was determined that attempting to have both an effective funding dialog and celebration at one meeting might not be a good fit. It was decided that the NCRP 10-year celebration would be located in Yreka on April 21, 2016 with a reception the evening before and that the Funding discussions would occur over time in different settings.

Celebration Discussion:

Supervisor Bennett stated that the NCRP Celebration needs to include a good representation of local project sponsors and information about the projects and their benefits. Supervisor Morris suggested that the format for the NCRP Celebration could be similar to the NCRP 2013 Conference highlighting the implementation projects. Emily Luscombe, suggested that project sponsors could provide tables during the reception the night before. Supervisor Lovelace suggested organizing the project information and presentations into thematic areas to allow funders to review their interest area. Supervisor McCowen suggested inviting state and congressional representatives, PRP & TPRC alumni and agency staff and funders. Supervisor Gore noted that the Celebration is a venue for bringing in a number of agency and funders to see the NCRP story.

Funding Discussion:

Supervisor Bennett expressed appreciation for the deep knowledge and resources provided by the ad hoc committee and the larger PRP.

Supervisor Carrillo stated that it would be helpful to have a significant discussion regarding funding strategies with the whole group during the next meeting and suggested adding the discussion to the January 2016 NCRP meeting agenda.

Karen Gaffney described the next steps in the process: reaching out to key funders including DWR; continue to convene Funding ad hoc committee meetings; develop a straw man document for presentation and discussion at the next NCRP meeting; create a plan to execute over the long term.

Supervisor Sundberg requested that PRP input be framed as a strawman for PRP members to weigh in with preferences on presented options as opposed to an open-ended discussion.

Supervisor Gore stated that the NCRP has a long history with a strong governance structure. One of the group's strengths is that it has a Proposition 1 funding allocation which can leverage other funds via philanthropic, state, and federal partnerships. He suggested that the NCRP needs to partner with an

organization that will fund-raise to develop base operating costs while ensuring that the NCRP has local control of the process.

Javier Silva stated that Tribes should be considered a potential funding source and partner. The NCRP Tribal representatives will discuss the various options for identifying good-fitting Tribal partners.

TPRC members Javier Silva and Marissa Fierro expressed interest in joining the Funding Ad Hoc committee. Supervisor Carrillo invited TPRC Co-Chair Wayne Haydon to join the committee and subsequently agreed to join the committee. Chair Morris added these members to the committee.

X Updates

X i. Legislative News

Ann DuBay, Public Information Officer, Sonoma County Water Agency distributed a handout developed by the Conservation Strategy group regarding current water legislation, water conservation bills, groundwater bills, disadvantaged communities low rate subsistence programs, and the new 2016 Water Bond. The handout can be found at
http://www.northcoastresourcepartnership.org/app_folders/view/9119

X ii. North Coast Tribal Engagement Update

Sherri Norris, Executive Director, California Indian Environmental Alliance provided a presentation about NCRP Tribal outreach, coordination and representation process. The presentations can be found at
http://www.northcoastresourcepartnership.org/app_folders/view/9119

X iii. Strategic Growth Council Sustainable Communities Planning Grant

Karen Gaffney, West Coast Watershed

Due to time constraints, Chair Morris moved this presentation to an update in the meeting summary, below.

NCRP staff met with the SGC grant Ad Hoc Committee, comprised of County Supervisors and Tribal appointees to provide guidance to the SGC grant. The committee met once between the July and October PRP meeting to review the plan outline, and develop criteria for RFPs for technical input and meeting reports. NCRP staff conducted phone and in-person conversations with various state, federal, local and non-profit agencies tp gain insights into strategies for the SGC grant, including the United States Geological Survey, Regional Water Quality Control Board, US Department of Agriculture, Climate Action Reserve, United States Environmental Protection Agency, Pepperwood Foundation, United State Forest Service, CA Department of Fish and Wildlife, Department of Food and Agriculture, County of Sonoma, Mendocino County RCD, Sonoma RCD, Trinity County, Santa Clara County

Technical service providers under contract to WCW began work to support the development of reports and plans focused on strategies to enhance the economic, environmental and community vitality of the North Coast region in the following areas:

- Renewable energy and climate change (mitigation and adaptation)

- GHG accounting frameworks
- Forest ecology and watershed hydrology
- Forest based carbon sequestration
- Local land use, transportation, energy, waste management planning and policy
- Economic valuation of natural capital and regional economic analysis
- Engineering and infrastructure for small water and wastewater systems
- Research and technical writing

A future RFP is expected to request technical service providers in the areas of agricultural analysis, land use policies, and biomass energy.

WCW developed and issued a RFP to solicit North Coast counties and tribes – or their designees - to perform local planning in support of integrated strategic planning for the North Coast Region. These sub-grants are expected to provide local knowledge and data that are relevant to the entire region and fill gaps in NCRP baseline data in the above categories, and/or recommendations for enhancing the environmental and economic sustainability of the region. The proposals are due in late October.

WCW refined the draft outline for the SGC plan, led discussions on the topic for the NCRP quarterly meeting in July 2015, and integrated research and input from the above meetings into the draft outline.

X iv. Executive Committee, PRP direction and staff action

During the July 2, 2015 NCRP meeting, the PRP directed the Executive Committee to submit a letter of support regarding SB 208. The Executive Committee developed and sent a support letter regarding SB 208 to Senator Jimmy Gomez, Chair of the Assembly Appropriations Committee, Senator Ted Gaines, Assembly Member Brian Dahle, and Assembly Member Jim Wood. This bill would require a regional water management group, within 90 days of notice that a Proposition 1 IRWM grant has been awarded, to provide the Department of Water Resources with a list of projects to be funded by the grant funds where the project proponent is a nonprofit organization or a disadvantaged community or the project benefits a disadvantaged community. This bill would require DWR, within 60 days of receiving the project information, to provide advanced payment of 50% of the grant award for those projects that satisfy specified criteria to be spent within 6 months. This bill would authorize DWR to adopt additional requirements for the recipient regarding the use of the advanced payment to ensure that the funds are used properly.

Executive Committee Action documents and materials can be found at:
http://www.northcoastresourcepartnership.org/app_folders/view/6947

Xl PUBLIC COMMENT

Andy Rodgers, Executive Director of the Russian River Watershed Association (RRWA) introduced the RRWA as a coalition of eleven cities, counties and special districts in the Russian River Watershed that came together in 2003 to coordinate regional programs for clean water, fisheries restoration and watershed enhancement. Andy would welcome an opportunity to provide a presentation about RRWA's integrated approach to stormwater management.

Xll Next NCRP meeting date: January 21, 2016, Ukiah area

XIlll ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 3:06 pm.

MEETING PARTICIPANTS

Policy Review Panel Members

Chair: Supervisor Judy Morris, Trinity County

Vice-Chair: Supervisor Efren Carrillo, Sonoma County

Edwin Smith, Bear River Band of the Rohnerville Rancheria, Central District

Supervisor Gerry Hemmingsen, Del Norte County

Supervisor Chris Howard, Del Norte County

Supervisor Ryan Sundberg, Humboldt County

Supervisor Mark Lovelace, Humboldt County

Alternate: Supervisor Virginia Bass, Humboldt County

Supervisor John McCowen, Mendocino County

Supervisor Dan Gjerde, Mendocino County

Alternate: Vernon Ward, Pit River Tribe, Northern District

Supervisor Grace Bennett, Siskiyou County

Supervisor James Gore, Sonoma County

Brandi Brown, Redwood Valley Little River Band of Pomo, Southern District

Technical Peer Review Committee Members

Co-Chair: Wayne Haydon, Certified Engineering Geologist, Sonoma County

Co-Chair: Sandra Perez, Five Counties Salmonid Conservation Program, Trinity County

Javier Silva, Sherwood Valley Rancheria, Central District

Paul Helliker, General Manager, Humboldt Bay Municipal Water District, Humboldt County

Hank Seemann, Deputy Director, Environmental Services, Public Works Department, Humboldt County

Alternate: Marissa Fierro, Pit River Tribe, Northern District

Dale Roberts, Engineer, Sonoma County Water Agency, Sonoma County

Alternate: Emily Luscombe, Coyote Valley Band of Pomo, Southern District

Other Participants

Ann DuBay, Sonoma County Water Agency

Susan Haydon, Sonoma County Water Agency

Barry Brenard, Bear River Band of the Rohnerville Rancheria

Earle Crosby, Karuk Tribe

Raquelle Myers, National Indian Justice Center

Sherri Norris, Executive Director, California Indian Environmental Alliance

Cybelle Immitt, Humboldt County

Devin Theobold, Humboldt County

Lauran Rowan, Humboldt County

Nick Garcia, Redwood Valley Rancheria

Rebecca Crow, GHD

Denise Monday, GHD

Andy Rodgers, RRWA

Judith Harwood, Redwood Forest Foundation

Orrin Plockett, Freshwater Environmental

Michelle Fuller, Blue Lake Rancheria

Jonas Savage, Trinidad Rancheria

Jason Soto, Trinidad Rancheria