NORTH COAST RESOURCE PARTNERSHIP

Policy Review Panel & Technical Peer Review Committee Meeting

October 15, 2015

Bear River Band of Rohnerville Rancheria
Tish Non Community Center, Loleta

Item I. **Welcome and Introductions**

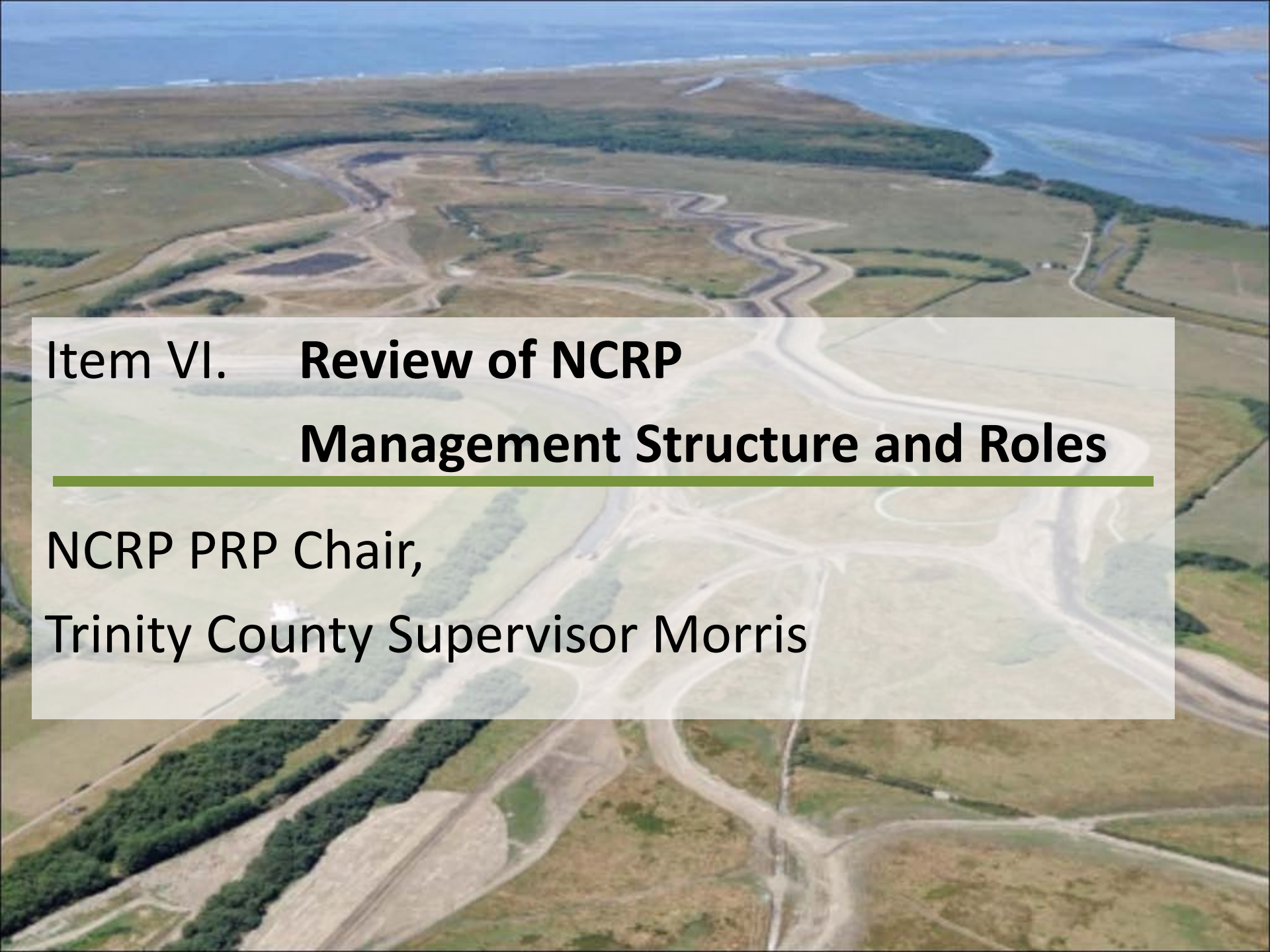
Item II. **Opening Prayer and Tribal Welcome**
Edwin Smith, Tribal Council,
Bear River Band of the Rohnerville Rancheria

Item III. **Review and Approve Agenda**

Item IV. **PUBLIC COMMENT**
for items not on the agenda

Item V. Presentation:
California Native American Governance
Roots of Sovereignty

Raquelle Myers, National Indian Justice Center Staff Attorney (Pomo)



Item VI. **Review of NCRP Management Structure and Roles**

NCRP PRP Chair,

Trinity County Supervisor Morris

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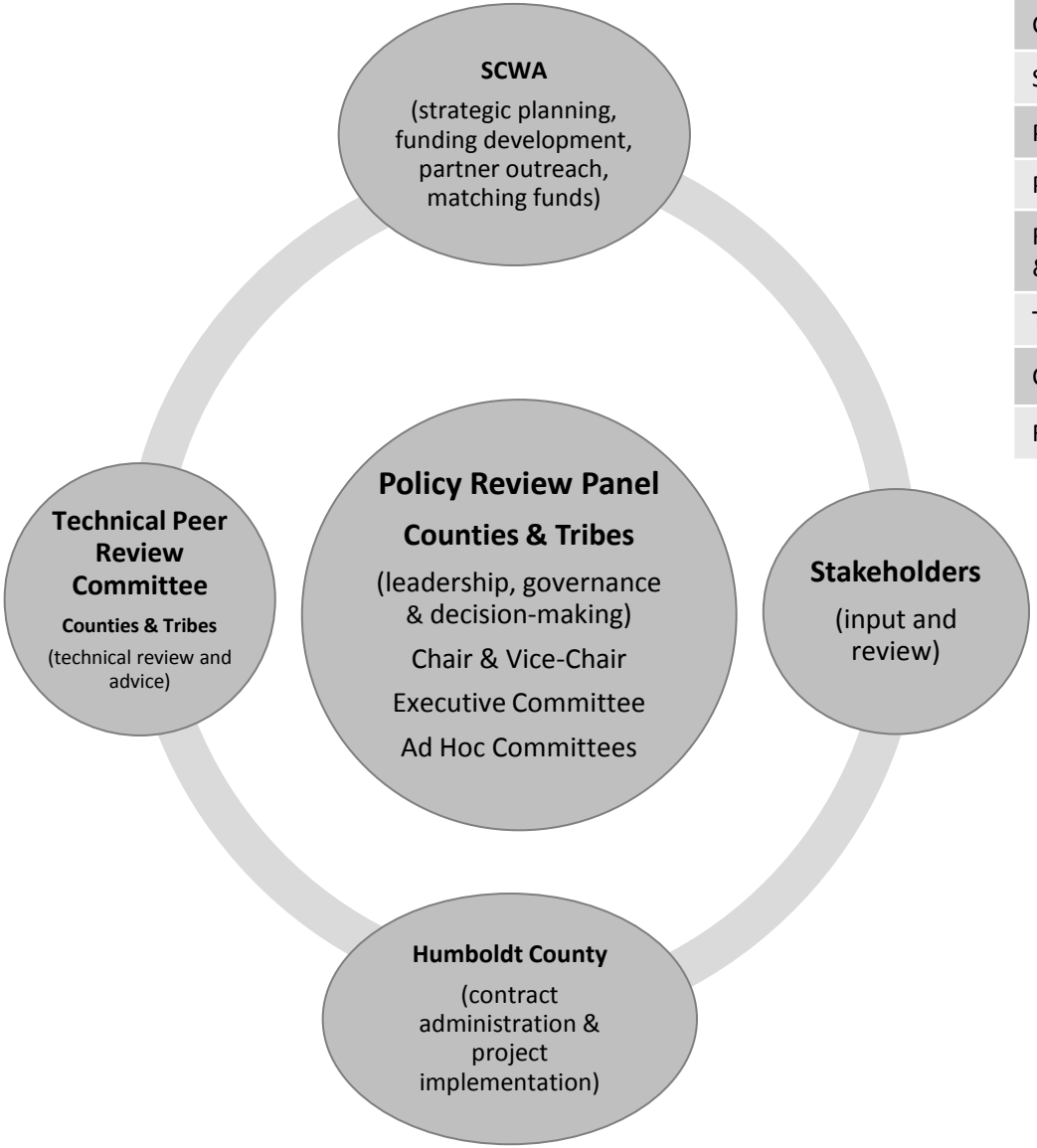
Management Structure and Roles



Core Roles & Tasks	Humboldt County	SCWA	PRP	TPRC
Strategic Vision, Direction/Planning	x	x	x	x
Implementation Project Management	**X**			
Contract Administration	**X**			
Stakeholder Outreach	x	**X**	x	x
PRP Coordination		**X**		
Public Relations	x	x	x	
Research, Planning & Technical Writing		**X**		
Technical Support & Assistance		**X**		x
Conferences/Workshops		**X**		
Funding Applications		**X**	x	x

North Coast Resource Partnership Staffing Team

Leadership & Direction
Policy Review Panel (PRP) Chair
Policy Review Panel Vice-Chair
PRP Executive Committee
Ad Hoc Committees

Humboldt County (implementation/contract administration)
- strategy, overall implementation contract mgt
- implementation contract/project mgt, sub-grantee communication

Sonoma County Water Agency (forward planning/funding)
- strategy, legislative, overall SCWA contract management
- day to day project management of SCWA tasks (forward planning, funding development, stakeholder outreach, PRP coordination, technical support)

Consultants: website, economists, engineers, tech writers, coordinators, conference assistance, strategic planning, consensus building, funding strategy

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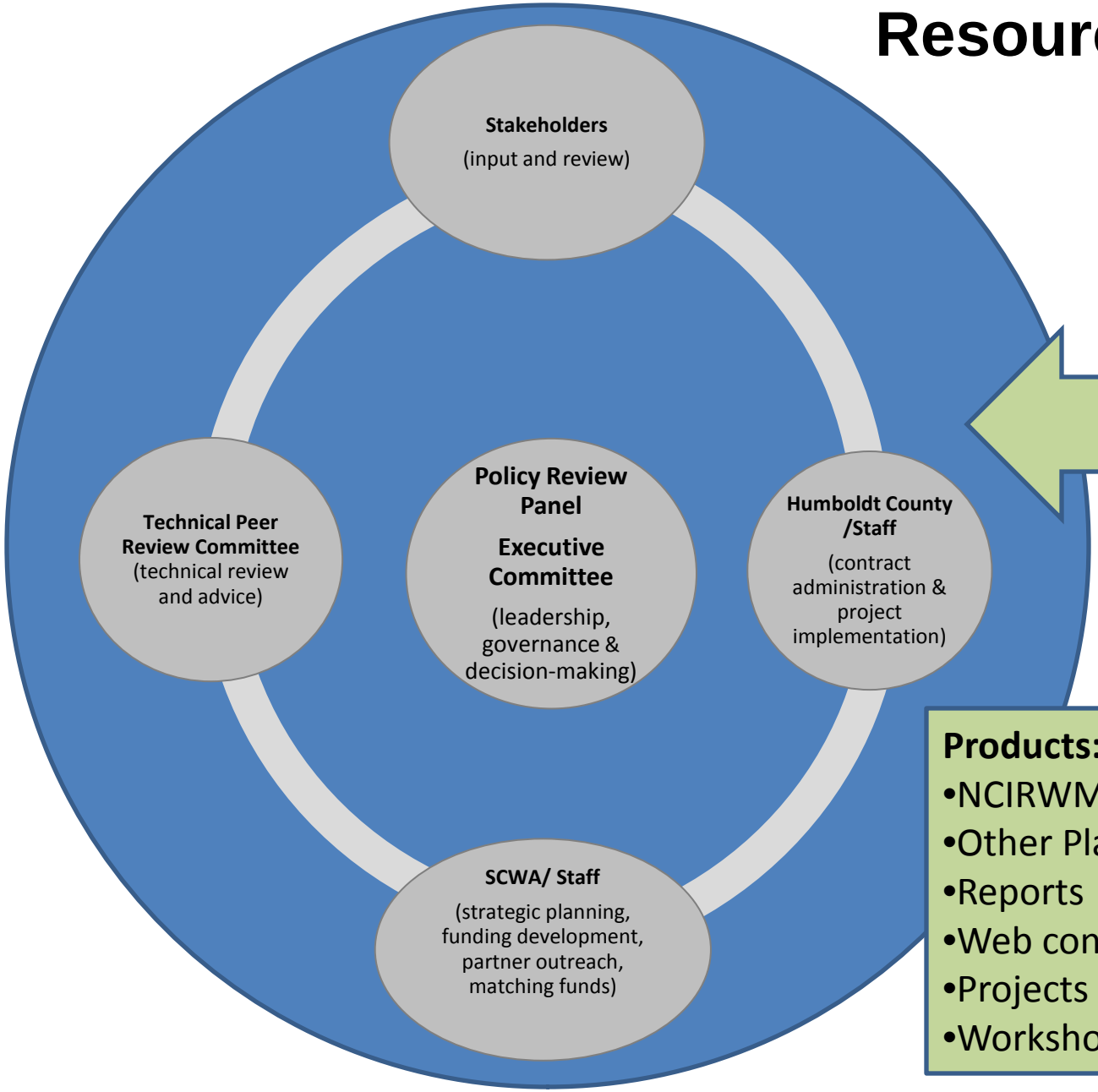


Input:
- Stakeholders
- Grantor requirements
- Fed/ State/ Local laws, priorities & knowledge
- Project identification
- Planning priorities

Products:
- NCIRWM Plan
- Other Plans (SGC)
- Reports
- Web content
- Projects
- Workshops /outreach

Item VI i.

Humboldt County Contract Administration: Process Improvements and Achievements

Hank Seemann, Public Works Deputy Director, Humboldt County

Forward Planning, Outreach and Funding

- Since 2004 Sonoma County Water Agency (SCWA) has provided substantial matching funds and allocation of staff resources
- SCWA has led the PRP coordination, planning, outreach and funding application elements of the planning process

NCRP GOVERNANCE SUPPORT & PLANNING

- NCRP has maintained a strong commitment to process transparency and stakeholder inclusion
- Over 42 PRP/TPRC meetings held throughout region to update the governance structure, processes and mechanisms that implement NCRP Planning
- PRP has deliberated and considered 116 motions, 89% have been unanimously approved
- NCIRWM Plan adopted in 2005, 2007 and 2014
- Other planning efforts: SGC, biomass, climate change vulnerability, financing, groundwater management planning, integrated strategy for economic vitality, watershed health and human community

STAKEHOLDER OUTREACH

- NCRP PRP/TPRC meetings (>1100 participants)
- 38 Workshops (>875 participants)
- 15 DAC Trainings (>245 participants)
- 2 – 3-day NCRP Conferences (>500 participants)
- >40 conference & meeting presentations
- 8 sets of stakeholder interviews (>250 interview participants)

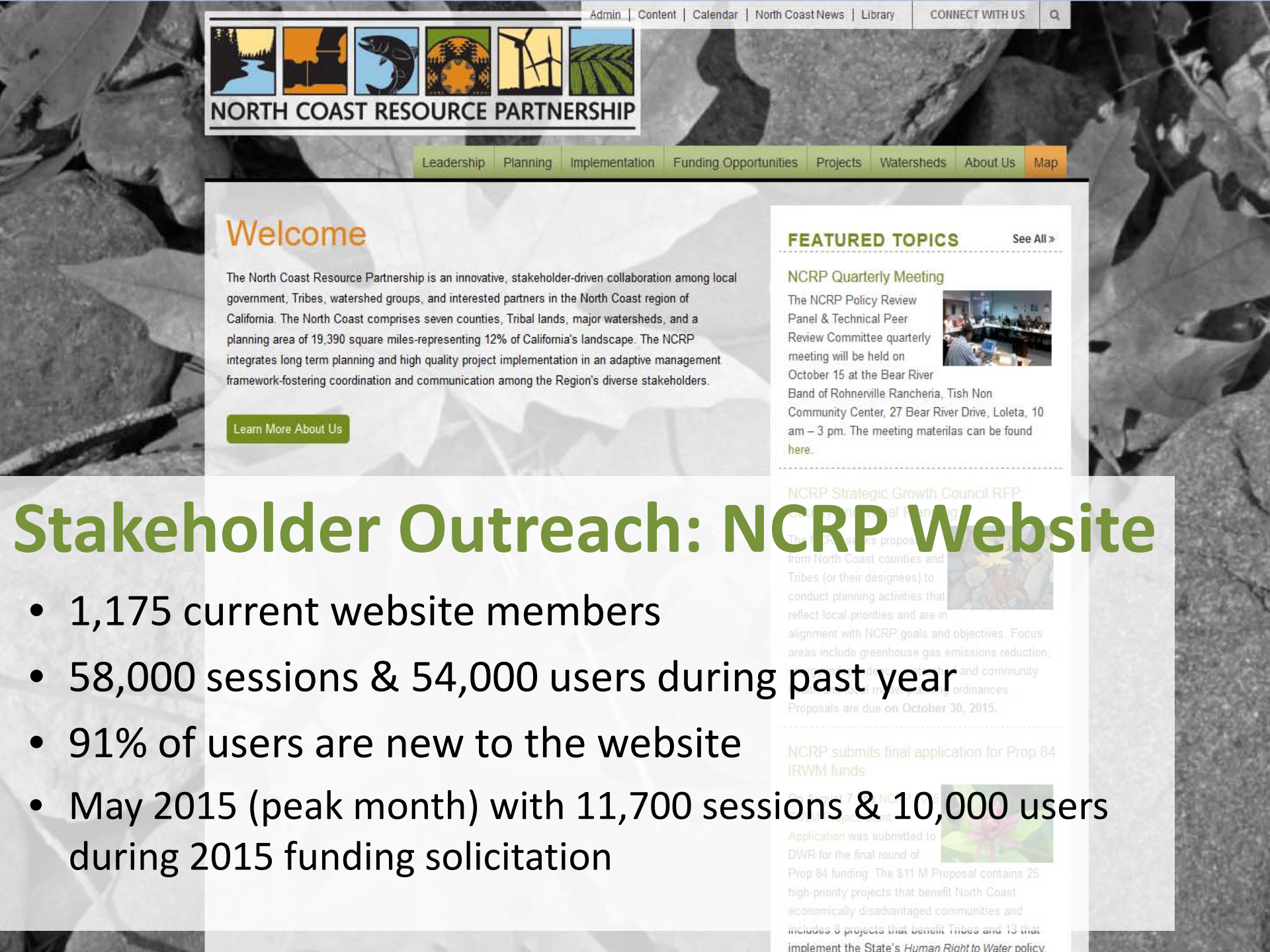
STAKEHOLDER OUTREACH: NCRP INITIATIVES

North Coast Tribal Engagement

- Tribal Coordinator and District Tribal Consultants provided outreach to 177 individuals from 37 North Coast Tribes
- Facilitated Nomination & Voting Process
- Provided technical assistance and grant writing workshops

NCRP Wastewater & Water Provider Support

- Outreach to 335 providers and 135 interviews
- 15 capacity building workshops and trainings (250 participants)
- Small Community Toolbox – one-stop resource
- 11 Demonstration Projects – to test the Toolbox & provide engineering support



Stakeholder Outreach: NCRP Website

- 1,175 current website members
- 58,000 sessions & 54,000 users during past year
- 91% of users are new to the website
- May 2015 (peak month) with 11,700 sessions & 10,000 users during 2015 funding solicitation

NCRP FUNDING AWARDS	Year	Rank	Amount
Proposition 50, NCIRWM Planning Grant	2005	2nd	$500,000
Proposition 50, Implementation Grant, Round 1	2006	1st	$25,000,000
Proposition 50, Implementation Grant, Round 2	2007	1st	$2,079,000
Proposition 50 Implementation Supplemental Funding	2010	2nd	$2,176,860
CEC Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant	2010	n/a	$959,117
Proposition 50, DWR directed funding for Water & Wastewater Service Provider Support Program	2011	n/a	$500,000
Proposition 84, NCIRWMP Planning Grant	2011	8th	$1,000,000
Proposition 84, NCIRWMP Implementation, Round 1	2011	2nd	$8,222,000
Proposition 84, NCIRWMP Implementation, Round 2	2013	6th	$5,386,000
Strategic Growth Council, Sustainable Communities Grant	2014	1st	$1,000,000
NCRP 2014 IRWM Drought Project Grant	2014	3rd	$8,700,000
NCRP 2015 IRWM Project Grant	2015	?	$11,047,939
(CEC Municipal Financing Grant, 2009, 2nd, $4.4 M – not funded)			**$66,570,916**

Item VI. iii
NCRP 2015 Handbook

Decision - Approve 2015 Handbook :

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

Public Comment

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

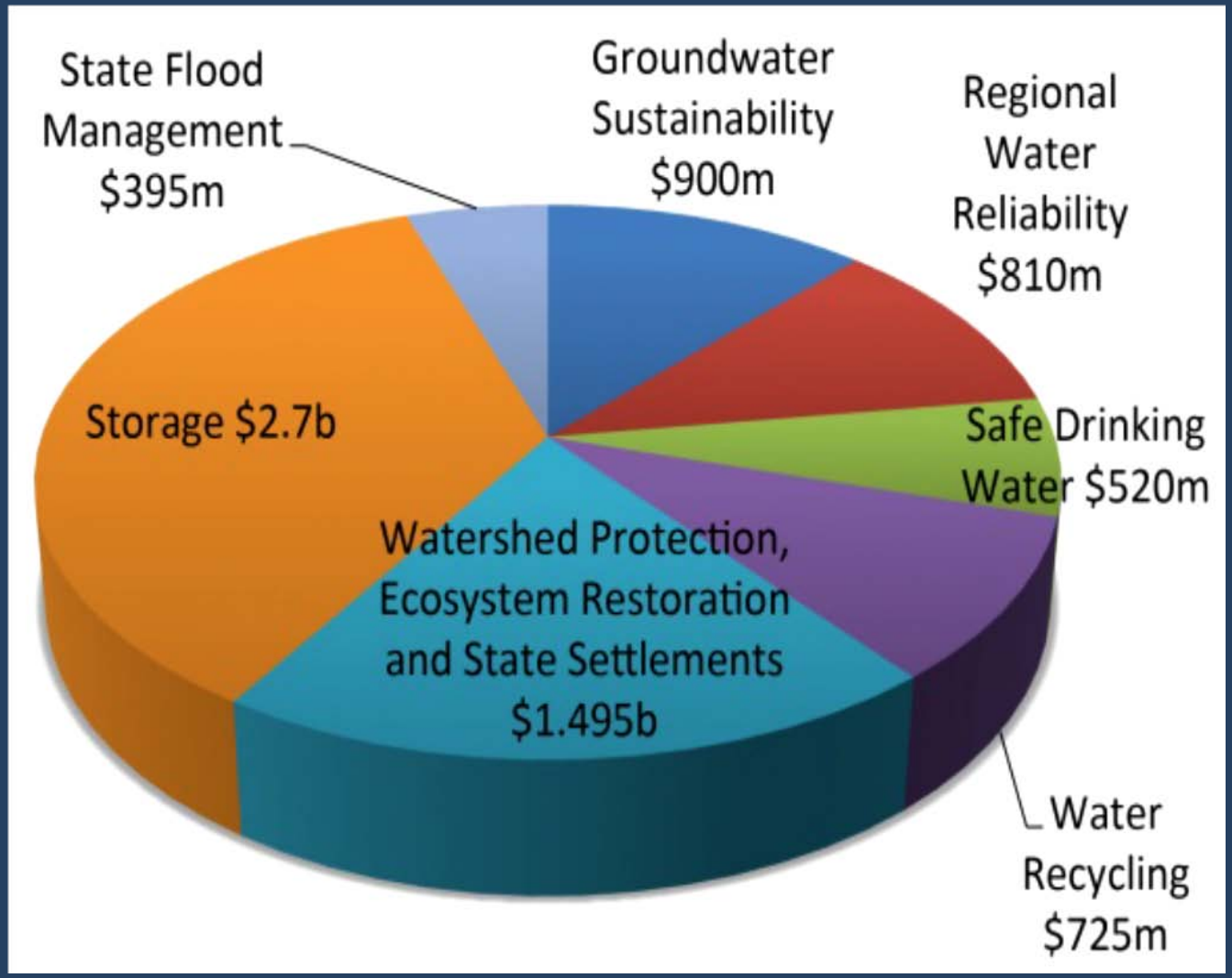
- **Proposition 1 Programs Status & Funding Opportunities**

  Sandra Perez, Five Counties Salmonid Conservation Program

Prop 1

- Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014 (11/4/2014 bond)
- $7.545 billion to fund:
  - Surface and groundwater storage (Ch. 8)*B-D
  - Ecosystems/watershed protection & restoration (Ch. 6)
  - Groundwater sustainability (Ch. 10)
  - Regional water reliability (Ch. 7)
  - Water recycling (Ch. 9)
  - Drinking water protection (Ch. 5)
  - Statewide flood management (Ch. 11)

Funding Areas



Recent and Upcoming Opportunities

Agency	Title	Begin Solicitation	Closing Date
California Department of Fish and Wildlife	Watershed Restoration	8/5/2015	9/16/2015
Wildlife Conservation Board	Stream Flow Enhancement	8/3/2015	9/30/2015
State Coastal Conservancy	State Coastal Conservancy: Ecosystem, Watershed Protection and Restoration	8/3/2015	9/30/2015
State Water Resources Control Board	State Water Pollution Control Revolving Fund - Wastewater Treatment Projects	6/1/2015	1/31/2016
State Water Resources Control Board	Water System Infrastructure Improvements - Safe Drinking Water	8/2/2015	1/31/2016
State Water Resources Control Board	Water Recycling	8/3/2015	1/31/2016

Current Prop 1 Opportunities

- **State Water Pollution Control Revolving Fund**
  Wastewater Treatment Projects. Open submission window. Project List drives what can be approved for CWSRF financing. Division of Financial Assistance staff recommend projects for inclusion on the Project List after application received. Project List is updated on a quarterly basis.
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- **State Water Resources Control Board, Safe Drinking Water: Drinking Water State Revolving Fund** - DWSRF provides financial assistance (low-interest financing and revolving principal and interest repayments) to public water systems.
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- **State Water Resources Control Board: Water Recycling Funding Program** - Grants & loans to local agencies to plan, design and construct water recycling facilities. $800 million in 1% loans from the Clean Water State Revolving Fund.

Future Prop 1 Opportunities

- **Department of Water Resources**:
  - Develop and Implement Groundwater Plans and Projects (counties with stressed basins – due November 2015)
  - Water Use and Efficiency Grants, Round 1 - Urban and Ag (final guidelines December 2015)
  - Integrated Regional Water Management Program (draft Guidelines due December 2015)
  - Water Desalination (draft guidelines & workshops in December 2015)
  - Flood Management (pending)
- **Secretary for Natural Resources**
  - **Ocean Protection Council**: Ecosystem, Watershed Protection and Restoration (final guidelines; grant solicitation November 2015)
  - Watersheds and Urban Rivers (pending)
- **State Water Resources Control Board**:
  - Stormwater (final Guidelines December 2015)
  - Groundwater Sustainability (pending)

Links

- Prop 1: http://www.water.ca.gov/irwm/grants/prop1index.cfm
- NCRP website: other funding opportunities http://www.northcoastresourcepartnership.org/app_pages/view/7980

PROPOSITION 1 IRWM PROGRAM UPDATE

- DWR currently developing IRWM Guidelines
- Draft Guidelines expected in December 2015
- Opportunities for input - IRWM program improvement & legislative interpretation:
  - Public scoping meeting and public comment periods
  - Stakeholder Engagement and Advisory Committee
  - Roundtable of Regions meetings and input solicitation
  - Tribal Consultation meetings
- NCRP Executive Committee provided input letter in May (resent in October)

KEY NEW PROP 1 PROVISIONS

- Refined DAC definitions (DAC = MHI <80%; Severely DAC = MHI <60%; Economically Distressed = MHI <85% & rural population w/financial hardship)
- Requires 50% cost share – waive or reduce for DAC or EDA
- Prioritize projects that cover greater portion of watershed
- Promotes new or innovative technology or practices
- Preserves working agricultural and forested landscapes
- Encourages use of California Conservation Corps
- Sustainable Groundwater Management Plans – eligibility
- SB 208: Provides 50% advance payment to non-profits, DACs & projects that benefit DACs; must spend within 6 months and return any unused funds

PROPOSITION 1 IRWM FUNDING

- Statewide funding = $510 M
- North Coast allocation = $26.5 M ($24,645,00 after DWR cut)
- Disadvantaged Communities Involvement to ensure involvement of DACs, EDAs, or underrepresented communities = 10% or $2.65 M (non-competitive)
- DAC or EDAC implementation projects = 10% or $2.65 M
- Implementation Grants = $19,345,000
- Small planning grants are available; preference to regions w/ inadequate or no Plans. Planning grant funding to be taken out of regional allocation.
  - SB 985 - Stormwater Resource Plan
  - AB 1249 – strategies to address impacts of contaminates (nitrate, arsenic, perchlorate, chromium)

DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- North Coast funding = 10% of allocation or $2.65 M
- Example activities:
  - Needs Assessments, Data Collection & Interviews
  - Service Provider Trainings
  - Raise Awareness of the Small Community Toolbox
  - Local Circuit Rider Technical Assistance Programs
  - Model Projects
  - Community Engagement (Education, Facilitation, Coordination, Translation/Interpretive services)
  - Community Outreach & Enhance Aspects in IRWM Plan
  - Project Planning, Environmental Documentation, or Engineering/Design

ANTICIPATED PROGRAM SCHEDULE

- December 2015 – Release for public review:
  - Draft IRWM Program Guidelines
  - Draft Planning Grant Proposal Solicitation Package (PSP)
  - Draft DAC Involvement Request for Proposals
- February 2016 – Public meetings
- March 2016 – Issue final documents; commence Planning Grant and DAC Involvement solicitations
- Implementation Project funding: FY 17/18 & 19/20

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

DECISION:

- PRP Direction
- Develop Ad Hoc Committee

PUBLIC COMMENT

Presentation: Biochar Demonstration Projects in the North Coast Region

- Dale Roberts / Susan Haydon, Sonoma County Water Agency
- Judith Harwood, Project Manager, Redwood Forest Foundation

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Item IX.

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

Item X. Updates

- Legislative news

  (Ann DuBay, Sonoma County Water Agency)
- North Coast Tribal Engagement Update

  (Sherri Norris, California Indian Environmental Alliance)
- Strategic Growth Council Sustainable Communities Planning Grant

  (Karen Gaffney, West Coast Watershed)
- Executive Committee, PRP direction and staff action (see meeting materials)

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Item XII. Next NCRP Meeting Date

Next meeting date scheduled:

January 21, 2016 – Ukiah area