North Coast Resource Partnership (NCRP)

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

July 2, 2015; 10 am – 3 pm

Trinity County Library/Board of Supervisors Chambers, 351 Main Street, Weaverville

I Welcome, Introductions and Flag Salute

PRP Chair Supervisor Morris convened the meeting at 10:00 am and welcomed all participants and performed the flag salute. Meeting participant introductions were made (see attendee list below).

The following PRP members formed the quorum: Trinity County Supervisor Morris, Siskiyou County Supervisor Bennett, Bear River Band of the Rohnerville Rancheria Tribal Council Member, Edwin Smith, Del Norte County Supervisor Hemmingsen, Humboldt County Supervisor Sundberg, Humboldt County Supervisor Lovelace, Mendocino County Supervisor McCowen, Mendocino County Supervisor Gjerde, Sonoma County Supervisor Carrillo, Sonoma County Supervisor James Gore, and Supervisor Karl Fisher, Trinity County

Supervisor Morris announced that Leaf Hillman, Tribal PRP representative from the Karuk Tribe had a recent health emergency and indicated that he was home and recovering. A card was passed around for signatures.

II Review and Approve Agenda

Motion: Supervisor Gore

Second: Supervisor Bennett

Unanimous

III Public Comment for items not on the agenda

Susan Haydon announced an upcoming workshop on biochar and soil management, with valuable information for ranchers, land managers, and anyone interested in soil health. The workshop will be held at Swallow Valley Farm, 1100 Freestone Valley Ford Road, Valley Ford on July 25, 10 am – 2 pm.

IV NCRP Vice-Chair Nominations and Election

During the April 2015 NCRP meeting Supervisor Judy Morris was unanimously elected as the NCRP PRP Chair leaving a Vice-chair vacancy. Chair Morris called for nominations for election for the position of NCRP Vice-chair in accordance to the NCRP handbook and processes approved by the Policy Review Panel (see item IV in the meeting materials).

Supervisor Bennett presented the Executive Committee recommendation of Efren Carrillo for nomination. No other nominations came from the floor.

Supervisor Carrillo stated that based on his experience serving of board and committees, he finds the NCRP coalition as one of the most collaborative and forward thinking planning groups in the state.

Unanimous

PUBLIC COMMENT
No comment

V NCRP Proposition 84 IRWM 2015 Project Solicitation & TPRC Review; Draft 2015 NCRP Priority Projects

Chair Morris thanked TPRC Co-chairs, Sandra Perez and Wayne Haydon for their leadership in assuring a professional, objective, fair and transparent process. This process relies on the significant technical resources of the TPRC and noted that the NCRP is fortunate to have people of their caliber supporting its decision making process. The NCRP updates the criteria for project selection on a regular basis – taking input from stakeholders, project proponents, TPRC members and PRP members after and prior to each funding round to ensure that the criteria reflects the NCRP commitment to regional equity and results in the highest quality, most impactful projects.

Wayne Haydon described the diversity of expertise and local knowledge of the TPRC which includes engineers, natural resource specialists, local planners, indigenous and cultural experts from throughout the region. He explained that many worked as volunteers and spent an average of 30 hours reviewing 57 proposals submitted to the NCRP. He provided a presentation about the NCRP 2015 Project Solicitation and described the makeup of the proposals submitted to the NCRP. He noted that the submission was comprised of high quality of proposals with a total funding request of $44.5 M. The meeting presentation can be found on the NCRP website at
http://www.northcoastresourcepartnership.org/app_folders/view/8993

Sandra Perez provided a presentation about the TPRC project review process and outlined the technical and PRP directed criteria that the TPRC used in their review process. She reviewed the PRP direction reconfirmed during the April NCRP meeting instructing the TPRC to take into account the location of the NCRP 2014 Drought Projects when selecting the 2015 Priority Projects to ensure regional representation. Sandra discussed the many factors that the TPRC considered when selecting their

project recommendation including the project's scalability. She described how the TPRC performed their technical review while also looking at the distribution of project funding throughout the region to achieve representation. Sandra introduced the NCRP TPRC 2015 Priority Project recommendation (see item V in the meeting materials and the table below). The meeting presentation can be found on the NCRP website at http://www.northcoastresourcepartnership.org/app_folders/view/8993

PUBLIC COMMENT

The PRP discussed the TPRC recommendation and review process. It was noted that each project was reviewed and scored by the TPRC team during the two day meeting unless a TPRC member recused themselves from review of a particular project proposal due to a potential conflict of interest. Supervisor Bennett stated that she appreciated how closely the project review scores were to each other and reflected that it appears that North Coast communities are developing capacity for grant proposal development. There was some discussion about the review process for those projects that scored near the funding line. TPRC members indicated that the TPRC selection was based on a number of factors including: technical project scores; project scalability; remaining funds; and the overall balance of projects in terms of location representation and project type. Supervisor Fisher commented that he was impressed with the process and a number of PRP members expressed gratitude for the TPRC and their thorough and thoughtful review.

Motion: Supervisor Carrillo moved to accept the TPRC recommendation for the 2015 NCRP Priority Projects

Second: Supervisor McCowen

Unanimous

North Coast Resource Partnership Technical Peer Review Committee
2015 Priority Project Recommendation

ID	Final Score	Organization Name, Project Name	County / Tribal Region	DAC	Project Cost	Non-State Match	IRWM Request	TPRC Recommendation
20	60.70	Hoopa Valley Tribe, Hoopa Valley Public Utility District Conservation Project	Tribal - Central	y	$131,253	$0	$131,253	$131,253
22	59.91	Hopland Band of Pomo Indians, Community Test Wells and Water Security Study	Tribal - Southern	y	$149,670	$500	$149,170	$149,170
29	58.88	Lewiston Park Mutual Water Company, Lewiston Valley Drinking Water Intertie Pipeline	Trinity	y	$558,000	$0	$558,000	$558,000
47	58.76	Sonoma County Water Agency, Northern Sonoma County Water Conservation Program	Sonoma	p	$1,374,564	$751,189	$633,375	$475,031
57	58.47	Yurok Tribe, Yurok Watershed Restoration and Drinking Water Security	Tribal - Northern	y	$1,020,368	$244,915	$702,463	$702,463
36	58.30	Montague Water Conservation District, Instream Flow Enhancement through Water Conservation	Siskiyou	y	$2,890,295	$1,114,375	$1,775,920	$887,960
54	57.85	Westhaven Community Services District, Water Storage Tank and Roof Replacement Project	Humboldt	y	$154,000	$2,500	$151,500	$151,500
2	57.83	Bear River Band of the Rohnerville Rancheria, Reclaimed Water Project	Tribal - Central	y	$744,750	$0	$744,750	$558,562
44	57.59	Sanctuary Forest Inc., Mattole Flow Program: Mainstem & Tributary Storage and Forbearance	Humboldt	y	$511,000	$150,000	$361,000	$270,750
19	57.48	Happy Camp Community Services District, Happy Camp Water System Upgrades - Phase 1	Siskiyou	y	$290,000	$73,000	$217,000	$217,000
12	57.22	City of Weed, Boles Fire Water System Rehabilitation/Water System Restoration	Siskiyou	y	$2,598,000	$0	$2,598,000	$1,299,000
33	57.21	Mendocino County Resource Conservation District, Water Conservation Technical Assistance to Mendocino County Tribes	Mendocino	y	$130,878	$16,018	$114,860	$114,860
27	56.03	Humboldt County Resource Conservation District, Restoring Stream Flow and Fish Passage on the Eel River Delta	Humboldt	y	$320,248	$0	$187,869	$187,869
21	55.58	Hoopa Valley Tribe, Lower Supply Flood Risk Reduction and Fisheries Habitat Improvement Project	Tribal - Central	y	$3,343,374	$2,032,423	$1,310,951	$655,475
32	55.42	Mendocino County Resource Conservation District, Implementing On-Farm Water	Mendocino	p	$250,125	$62,645	$187,480	$187,480

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		Conservation Projects in the Navarro to Address Critical Low Flows						
45	55.21	Shasta Valley Resource Conservation District, Shasta River Drought Response and Irrigation Efficiency Project	Siskiyou	y	$694,184	$0	$694,184	$347,092
53	54.85	Weott Community Services District, Additional Water Storage	Humboldt	y	$75,000	$0	$75,000	$75,000
17	54.79	Gold Ridge Resource Conservation District, Working Landscapes Drought Resiliency Project	Sonoma	p	$593,280	$150,000	$443,280	$332,460
46	54.52	Resort Improvement District No.1, Shelter Cove Water Recycling Project	Humboldt	y	$103,500	$8,500	$95,000	$95,000
30	54.20	Mattole Restoration Council, Lower Mattole River and Estuary Enhancement and Drought Resiliency Project	Humboldt	y	$2,124,900	$323,900	$982,200	$491,100
38	53.38	Northwest CA Resource Conservation & Development Council, Trinity River Water Reliability and Drought Resiliency Project	Trinity	y	$585,479	$139,050	$446,429	$334,822
48	53.26	Sonoma Resource Conservation District, Russian River Coho Drought Resiliency Planning and Implementation Program	Sonoma	p	$913,600	$255,000	$687,600	$343,800
18	53.10	Gualala River Watershed Council, Flow Bank Program - Phase II	Sonoma / Mendocino	p	$887,919	$230,246	$657,673	$493,254
51	51.96	Watershed Research and Training Center, South Fork Trinity River - Spring Run Chinook Salmon Restoration Project	Trinity	y	$1,585,295	$342,403	$1,242,892	$621,446
15	51.73	Del Norte County, County Service Area # 1 and Crescent City Lift Station Rehabilitation	Del Norte	y	$1,651,000	$68,000	$1,584,000	$815,195
		Subtotal			$23,680,682	$5,964,664	$16,731,849	**$10,495,542**
		Humboldt County Contract Administration						**$552,397**
		Total Requests:			$23,680,682	$5,964,664	$16,731,849	**$11,047,939**

VI Presentation: Aquatic Habitat Impacts from Marijuana Cultivation: Trends and Cumulative Effects

DeWayne Little, Lieutenant, Watershed Enforcement Team, California Department of Fish and Wildlife provided a presentation about the impacts of cannabis cultivation in northwestern California. The presentation can be found at http://www.northcoastresourcepartnership.org/app_folders/view/8993.

Lieutenant Little described how the CDFW prioritizes their enforcement efforts by identifying watersheds where there are major issues related to fish. In these watersheds they reach out to the growers and attempt to attain compliance agreement. When that does not work, CDFW works with the local sheriff's office to seek civil action. He explained that another approach would be for counties to determine the carrying capacity for each watershed and limit permits based on that determination.

Sungnome Madrone indicated that he applauded the efforts of the CDFW, however stated that enforcement will never have an impact. He suggested that the state institute a sustainable carrot-and-stick approach to use approach by developing stewardship zones and allowing tax write-offs for implementing best-management practices.

Javier Silva stated that Tribes often do not have permitting or enforcement capacity.

John Woolley provided a summary of legislative bills that were being considered including California A.B. 243 by Assembly Member Jim Wood entitled the Marijuana Watershed Protection Act. This bill would ensure that medical marijuana farms are using best practices while cultivating and would minimize their impact on natural resources by requiring the Regional Water Quality Control Board to develop environmental protection regulations to address environmental and water impacts of indoor and outdoor medical marijuana growing operations.

VII Strategic Growth Council Sustainable Communities Planning Grant

Karen Gaffney, West Coast Watershed explained that the Strategic Growth Council Sustainable Communities planning grant (SGC) provides an opportunity to develop strategies and a planning approach that is a model for including a diversity of input and perspectives. Karen provided a status update that included the following activities:

- working closely with the Humboldt County team
- researching related plans, trends, legislative information, and compiling technical and scientific data
- conducting interviews with state agencies and will be setting up individual interviews with PRP and TPRC members and other stakeholders in the region
- created a draft outline
- developing a draft Request for Proposals for planning efforts by counties and Tribes to act as local demonstration projects
- announced a Request for Proposals for technical experts; contracts are being developed for the following entities:
    - Schatz Energy Lab, Humboldt State University
    - Climate Action Reserve
    - Pepperwood Preserve, USGS, Berkeley University

- Earth Economics
- Watershed Center
- ECONorthwest
- Trinity County RC & D
- GHD
- Local Government Commission

The SGC Ad Hoc Committee is comprised of Supervisor Gjerde, Supervisor Lovelace and Toz Soto. Supervisor Lovelace provided a report from the SGC Ad Hoc Committee and stated the committee met to discuss items related to the planning effort including the goals and objectives, plan outline, RFP for counties and Tribes and the Plan name.

Goals and Objectives

The committee discussed the goals and objectives listed in the SGC grant application and asked staff to cross-walk the SGC plan goals and objectives with the NCRP goals and objectives to reflect this integration. Most of the SGC objectives fit well under the NCRP goals and staff will note when they diverge. The updated goals and objectives cross-walk will be brought back to the full PRP in the fall for formal review and adoption.

SGC Plan Outline

The committee reviewed the plan outline and concurred with:

- the content included in the preliminary draft
- the proposal to develop a web-based plan
- the proposed approach to developing the plan (outline, annotated outline, draft content, draft plan), with input from PRP, TPRC and stakeholders as the plan develops

RFP for sub-grant to Counties and Tribes

Supervisor Lovelace stated that it was important that counties/Tribes do not use the funding for ongoing planning activities. The RFP must describe how the project is relevant to other parts of the region.

The committee asked staff to refine the language in the RFP to:

- Better reflect that the RFP is seeking proposals which address key local planning needs while clearly demonstrating relevance and applicability to the entire NCRP
- Clarify that proposers must demonstrate – via a support letter from the particular county Board or Tribal Council – that they are an eligible applicant
- Make the criteria clearer so that applicants can understand how their project is scored.

SGC Plan Name

The PRP reviewed and discussed some name options and staff was directed to work with the Ad Hoc Committee to refine the list of potential names to bring before the PRP for review and consideration during the next NCRP meeting.

Chair Morris invited others to join the ad hoc committee and suggested that a committee chair be selected. Supervisor Lovelace volunteered for the role.

VIII Updates

i. Legislative News

Tim Anderson, Community & Governmental Affairs Manager, Sonoma County Water Agency provided an update on the following topics:

Proposition 1 Guidelines. Currently, the Proposition 1 IRWM Implementation requires a 50% non-state match but allows SWRCB State Revolving Funds as match as it is originally sourced as federal funding. The Water Bond Coalition and others including the NCRP have developed comment letters that include the following recommendations: to allow fewer grant rounds and more funding in each round; DWR should allow federal funds distributed by state agency to be used as matching funds; 5% retention for each project instead of larger retentions.

Pending Bills:

SB 208 - 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, as defined, or a disadvantaged community, as defined, 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 and would require the advanced funds to be handled, as prescribed. 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.

Staff was directed to draft a letter from the Executive Committee in support of SB 208

Staff was directed to include updates regarding Proposition 1 funding and information to the next NCRP meeting agenda.

Grant Davis thanked Supervisor Carrillo for his participation in the Water Bond Coalition and helped to ensure that $5 M was added to the North Coast Proposition 1 regional allocation.

ii. North Coast Tribal Engagement Update

Sherri Norris, Executive Director, California Indian Environmental Alliance (CEIA) provided an update regarding the Tribal engagement in the North Coast and noted that the funding that allowed for this work ended in February.

Recently CEIA was awarded four grants to continue this work including:

- Christensen Fund ($20 K for work with the southern Tribal district and Bay Area Tribes)
- California EPA ($15 K)
- SF Foundation ($20 K to work with DWR and other state agencies on Beneficial Uses language)
- Humboldt Foundation ($20 K to work with northern Tribal district)

One of the primary goals of this funding is to bring southern district representatives into the NCRP process. Javier Silva offered gratitude to Sherri and CEIA for their work and stated that they have been instrumental getting Tribal involvement in the NCRP process.

iii. Regional Administrator Update

Hank Seemann, Public Works Director, Humboldt County reported that currently Humboldt County is overseeing 67 Proposition 84 projects and recently received the final agreement between DWR and Humboldt County for the 2014 IRWM Drought projects. They are working with DWR to streamline contracting process to reduce the timing that it takes to get contracts in place with project sponsors.

iv. Executive Committee, PRP direction and staff action

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

The NCRP Executive Committee met on June 22, 2015 to review the NCRP Quarterly Meeting Agenda and Materials for April 16, 2015.

During the January 15, 2015 NCRP meeting, the PRP authorized the Executive Committee to take necessary actions to provide input on behalf of the NCRP as implementing legislation is developed to promote NCRP goals and objectives.

The Executive Committee developed and sent an input and comment letter to DWR regarding proposed definitions of Proposition 1 Bond language, timing of funding and contract administration improvements to be considered during the Proposition 1 IRWM program guideline development.

IX PUBLIC COMMENT

none

X Next NCRP meeting date: October 15, 2015

Chair Morris suggested that a future NCRP meeting may be a good time to provide an overview/history of the NCRP, including an overview of the major milestones, decisions made by the PRP, operating principles, and roles. It would provide an opportunity to strategize other funding resources to maintain the NCRP implementation and planning efforts.

Chair Morris suggested that an ad-hoc committee be formed to explore other funding mechanisms to support the NCRP and to plan for this celebration event. Supervisors Bennett, Gore, Carrillo and McCowen expressed interest in joining the committee.

Staff was directed to send out a poll to gauge interest from other PRP and TPRC members for participation in this ad hoc committee.

Carol Rische introduced Paul Helliker who will be replacing Carol who is retiring as General Manager of the Humboldt Bay Municipal Water District. Mr. Helliker served as the Deputy Director for Delta and Statewide Water Management at the California Department of Water Resources and is well versed in the IRWM program. Prior to DWR, Mr. Helliker was the General Manager for eight years at the Marin

Municipal Water District where he worked closely with the Bay Area IRWM and was instrumental in securing approval of the Marin Clean Energy renewable energy program by Marin County.

XI ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 2:17 pm.

Policy Review Panel Members
Chair: Supervisor Judy Morris, Trinity County
Edwin Smith, Bear River Band of the Rohnerville Rancheria, Central District
Supervisor Gerry Hemmingsen, Del Norte County
Supervisor Ryan Sundberg, Humboldt County
Supervisor Mark Lovelace, Humboldt County
Supervisor John McCowen, Mendocino County
Supervisor Dan Gjerde, Mendocino County
Supervisor Grace Bennett, Siskiyou County
Supervisor Efren Carrillo, Sonoma County
Supervisor James Gore, Sonoma County
Supervisor Karl Fisher, Trinity County

Technical Peer Review Committee Members
Co-Chair: Sandra Perez, Five Counties Salmonid Conservation Program, Trinity County
Co-Chair: Wayne Haydon, Certified Engineering Geologist, Sonoma County
Javier Silva, Sherwood Valley Rancheria, Central District
Carol Rische, General Manager, Humboldt Bay Municipal Water District, Humboldt County
Hank Seemann, Deputy Director, Environmental Services, Public Works Department, Humboldt County
Wes Scribner, Weaverville Community Services District, Trinity County

Others
Grant Davis, Sonoma County Water Agency
Tim Anderson, Sonoma County Water Agency
Susan Haydon, Sonoma County Water Agency
Paul Hellliker, Humboldt Bay Municipal Water District
Peggy O'Neil, Yurok Tribe
Nicole Sager, Yurok Tribe
Earl Crosby, Karuk Tribe
Sherri Norris, California Indian Environmental Alliance
John Hamilton, Trinity County Chamber of Commerce
Diane Sheen, public
Mary Nixon, Lewiston Park Municipal Water District
Sungnome Madrone, Santuary Forest
John Woolley and Field Representative to Assemblymember Jim Wood
Dewayne Little, Lieutenant, Watershed Enforcement Team, California Department of Fish and Wildlife
Devin Theobold, County of Humboldt
Karen Gaffney, West Coast Watershed
Katherine Gledhill, West Coast Watershed