



NORTH COAST RESOURCE PARTNERSHIP

**NCRP 2019 PROPOSITION 1 IRWM
IMPLEMENTATION PROJECT
PROPOSAL SOLICITATION**

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Collaboration among local government, Tribes, public agencies, watershed groups, private landowners, business, and other partners

- Initiated in 2004
- Large and diverse region
- MoMU
- Contract Administration: Humboldt County

GOVERNANCE & TECHNICAL REVIEW

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Policy Review Panel

Decision-making by local elected officials & Tribal members

Technical Peer Review Committee

Advise on technical issues, recommend projects for funding, review planning documents

Guiding principles

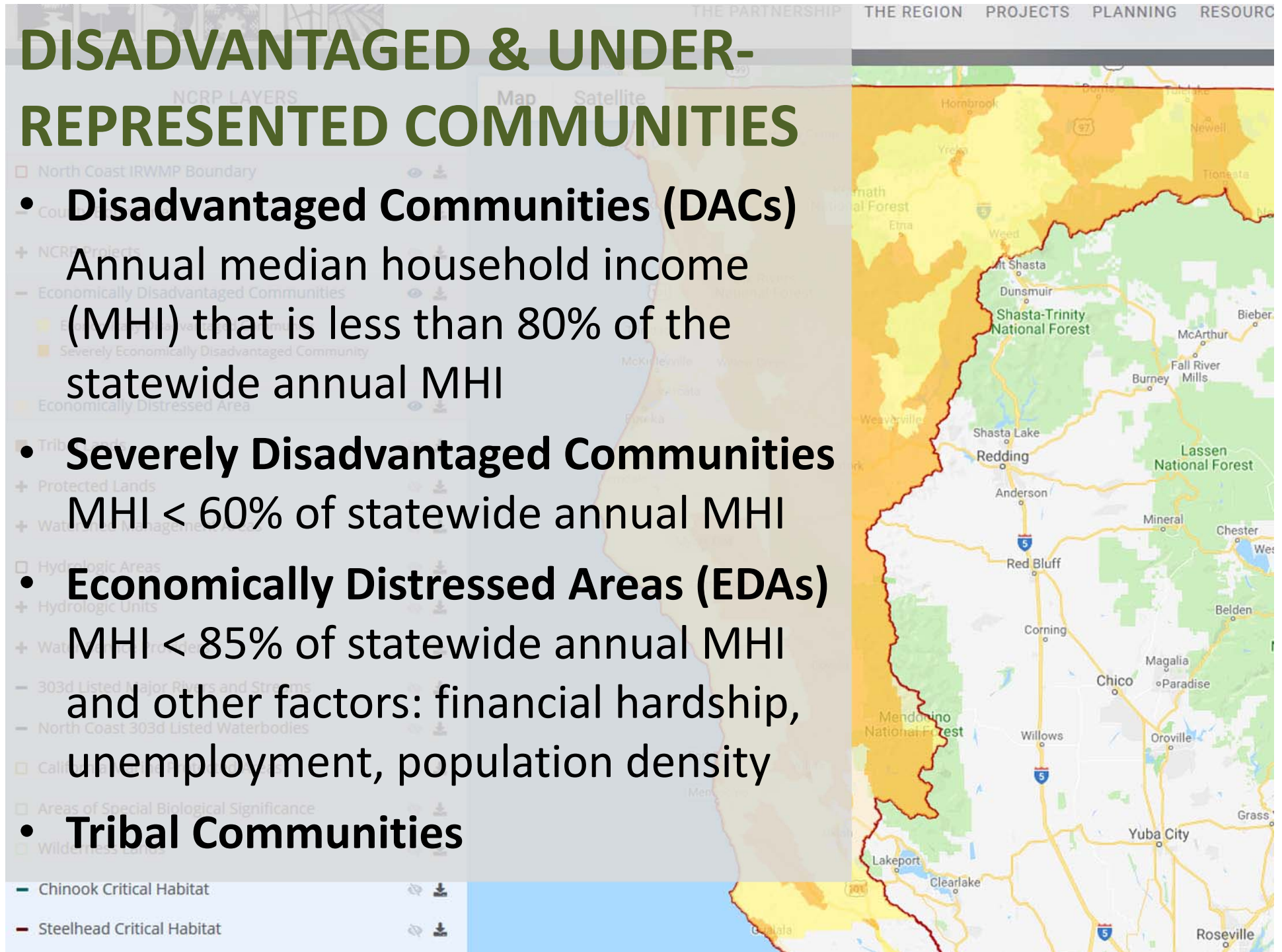
- Transparent decision-making, respect for local autonomy, regional equity, collaboration, and fairness
- Multi-benefit strategies
- Support for economically disadvantaged communities
- Focus on areas of common interest & priorities

NCRP GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

1. INTRAREGIONAL COOPERATION
 - Respect local autonomy, transparent governance & integration of Traditional Ecological Knowledge
2. ECONOMIC VITALITY
 - Support disadvantaged communities & working landscapes
3. ECOSYSTEM CONSERVATION & ENHANCEMENT
 - Improve watersheds & salmonid populations
4. BENEFICIAL USES OF WATER
 - Ensure water supply reliability and quality
 - Protect groundwater resources
5. CLIMATE ADAPTATION & ENERGY INDEPENDENCE
 - Promote local energy independence, water/ energy use efficiency, GHG emission reduction, and jobs creation
6. PUBLIC SAFETY
 - Improve flood protection and reduce flood risk

DISADVANTAGED & UNDER-REPRESENTED COMMUNITIES

- **Disadvantaged Communities (DACs)**
Annual median household income (MHI) that is less than 80% of the statewide annual MHI
- **Severely Disadvantaged Communities**
MHI < 60% of statewide annual MHI
- **Economically Distressed Areas (EDAs)**
MHI < 85% of statewide annual MHI and other factors: financial hardship, unemployment, population density
- **Tribal Communities**



PROPOSITION 1 IRWM GRANT PROGRAM

- Proposition 1 enacted in 2014
- Authorized \$510 million to DWR for Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) funding
- Provides funding for projects that help meet the long term water needs of the state:
 - Assisting water systems adapt to climate change
 - Providing incentives throughout each watershed to collaborate in managing the region's water resources and setting regional priorities for water infrastructure
 - Improving regional water self-reliance
- North Coast Prop 1 allocation is \$26.5 M (\$24.6 M)
- ~\$22 M implementation projects over 2 rounds



NCRP PROP 1 IRWM 2019 SOLICITATION

- In October DWR released the Draft 2018 IRWM Program Guidelines and Draft Proposal Solicitation Package (PSP) for first round of Prop 1 funding
- Final DWR Prop 1 Round 1 IRWM Guidelines and PSPs are expected to be released in February
- **November 29 – March 15**: NCRP 2018/19 Project Proposal Solicitation
- **April 18 & 19**: TPRC Project Review meeting, Eureka
- **April 26**: NCRP PRP & TPRC meeting
- **May 17** – 24 (exact date determined by DWR): Funding Area Pre-Application Workshop
- Regional proposal are due summer 2019

ELIGIBLE PROJECT TYPES

Multi-Benefit Projects

- Water reuse and recycling
- Water-use efficiency and water conservation
- Surface and underground water storage
- Water conveyance facilities that improve integration of separate water systems
- Watershed protection, restoration, and management: improve water supply/quality and reduce risk of wildfire
- Stormwater resource management projects
- Conjunctive use of surface and groundwater storage
- Improvement of water quality: water pollution remediation and prevention; wastewater treatment
- Decision support tools to model regional water management: multi-benefit stormwater projects or climate change response in water supply

IMPORTANT ASPECTS OF FUNDING

- Competitive application process
- Funds are for implementation projects (not planning-only)
- Significant administrative elements (e.g., Labor Compliance, CEQA, reporting/invoicing, backup documentation)
- Cost-share requirement – 50% non-state, costs after 1/2015
- CEQA & permitting completed within 6 months of funding award
- For projects serving economically disadvantaged communities:
 - Advanced payment of up to 50% of funds is possible
 - Cost-share is not mandatory
 - Waiver of requirement to finalize CEQA and obtain permits within 6 months of award (Tribes are included in this benefit)
- Turnaround time between sponsor invoice submittal and payment is typically 3 - 4 months (has ranged from 2 - 9 months)
- 5% and 10% retention withheld until project completion
- 3 years post-performance monitoring and reporting required

NCRP PROJECT ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Meets NCRP Goals and Objectives
- Project proponents: local agencies, Tribes, non-profit
- Multiple benefits and include eligible project type
- Project has a useful life of at least 15 years
- Proposition 1 legislative requirements:
 - Groundwater Management Plan self-certification and documentation of Groundwater Sustainability Agency support
 - Agricultural Water Management Compliance
 - Surface Water Diverter Compliance
 - Urban Water Management Plan
 - Stormwater Management Plan
- Project proponents required to be MoMU signatories
- Project proponents required to adopt the NCRP Plan

COMPLETE PROJECT APPLICATION

- NCRP 2018/19 Project Application Word file
- NCRP 2018/19 Project Application Excel File: Major Tasks, Schedule and Budget (required)
- Supporting documents - hyperlinks or copies of the studies, plans & designs completed for the project
- NCRP 2018/19 Project Solicitation application materials and Project Review Guidelines:
<https://northcoastresourcepartnership.org/proposition-1-irwm-round-1-implementation-funding-solicitation/>
- Applications will be accepted until 5 pm, March 15!

NCRP 2019 PROJECT APPLICATION

- Project Description: intended purpose of project; a problem statement & expected outcomes
- Describe the need for the project (water shortages, loss of habitat function, water quality problems)
- Describe the community served by project
- How will the project benefit DACs or Tribal community?
- Describe how the project:
 - contributes to regional water self-reliance
 - addresses the effects of climate change
- Technical basis of project – studies & plans
- Summarize the projected physical benefits
- Quantifying and monetizing projected benefits

PROJECT TASKS, BUDGET & SCHEDULE EXCEL

- Provide enough detail to allow the review committee to understand how the project will be implemented
- Assumed start date for project funding = March 1, 2020
Assumed end date = no later than December 31, 2025
- Project reimbursement date = DWR contract award date
- Funding match – 50% (non-state), eligible costs incurred on the project since January 1, 2015
- Project scalability - if a project is not scalable & the budget amount is greater than the available funding, a highly ranked project may not be selected for funding
- Funding match – may be waived for projects that benefit DACs
- DAC/EDA Benefit Cost Share Waiver:
 - 76% - 100% benefit to DAC: 100 percent cost share waiver
 - 51% - 75% benefit to DAC: 75 percent cost share reduction waiver
 - 25% - 50% benefit to DAC: 50 percent cost share reduction waiver
 - Less than 25% benefit to DAC: No cost share reduction waiver



NCRP PROJECT REVIEW AND SELECTION PROCESS GUIDELINES

- Approved by PRP in October 2018
- Guidelines describe and define:
 - Project Evaluation Roles
 - Public/project proponent input during the project review process
 - NCRP Conflict of Interest policy
 - PRP directed guidelines for project scoring
 - TPRC Scoring Criteria

NCRP REVIEW CRITERIA

- Project Description: project readiness; community importance & support; clear tasks, deliverables & schedule
- Reasonable budget & financial need: scalable?
- Project Benefits to Disadvantaged Communities
- Water Self-Reliance and Safety
- Addresses Climate Change: mitigation and adaptation
- Project Justification: scientific & technical basis
- Project Benefits: magnitude of benefits; cost/benefit ratio
- Statewide & Tribal Priorities
- Regional Representation in project selection
- Jurisdictional Notification

PROPOSAL DEVELOPMENT TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

The team of technical assistance providers is made up of regional experts that can provide one-on-one proposal development assistance and review based on project need.

- Project and sponsor eligibility
- Identifying whether a project area is considered a DAC
- Describing how projects contribute to regional & statewide priorities
- Strategies for gaining political support and notifying affected agencies
- Reviewing and developing project tasks and schedule
- Describing cost considerations, project budget and matching funds
- Documenting CEQA and permit acquisition plan
- Describing and quantifying project benefits in monetary terms
- Providing assistance with project justification
- Project mapping
- Contract administration considerations



THE NORTH COAST RESOURCE PARTNERSHIP

The North Coast Resource Partnership enhances the watersheds and communities of the North Coast region and the quality of life for all.

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