



**North Coast Resource Partnership  
Policy Review Panel (PRP) & Technical Peer Review Committee (TPRC) Meeting  
MEETING MATERIALS**

**Friday, October 19, 2018; 10 am – 3:30 pm  
Weaverville Victorian Inn, 2051 Main St, Weaverville, CA**

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

*The following items correspond to the North Coast Resource Partnership (NCRP) agenda for October 19, 2018 per agenda order and item number. The items below include background information for agenda items that require additional explanation and, in some cases, include recommendations for action. The meeting agenda and other meeting materials can be found on the NCRP website at <https://northcoastresourcepartnership.org/news-item/north-coast-resource-partnership-quarterly-meeting-october-19-weaverville/>*

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**V Local Project Presentation: South Fork Trinity River — Spring Run Chinook Salmon Restoration Project**

The South Fork Trinity River is the largest un-dammed river in California, federally designated as a wild and scenic river, and is a keystone watershed within the Klamath River basin supporting one of the last remaining populations of wild spring-run Chinook (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*) which are nearing the brink of extirpation. The South Fork Trinity River watershed was listed as sediment impaired in California’s 1995 CWA 303(d) list and in subsequent updates.

The major components of this project are to increase wild spring run Chinook populations through in-stream restoration techniques targeted at improving adult and juvenile salmonid habitats, restoring reach-scale physical geomorphic processes, and improving water quality related to thermal refugia.

See the October 1, 2018 San Francisco Chronicle article and video at the link below.  
[https://m.sfgate.com/news/article/Yurok-tribe-revives-ancestral-lands-by-restoring-13270437.php?t=fbdd51e0a1&utm\\_campaign=email-mobile&utm\\_source=CMS%20Sharing%20Button&utm\\_medium=social](https://m.sfgate.com/news/article/Yurok-tribe-revives-ancestral-lands-by-restoring-13270437.php?t=fbdd51e0a1&utm_campaign=email-mobile&utm_source=CMS%20Sharing%20Button&utm_medium=social)

More information about the project can be found at

[https://northcoastresourcepartnership.org/site/assets/uploads/2017/09/NCRP\\_2015\\_Project-WatershedTrainingCenter.pdf](https://northcoastresourcepartnership.org/site/assets/uploads/2017/09/NCRP_2015_Project-WatershedTrainingCenter.pdf)

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## **X Opportunities & Priorities for the NCRP**

During the NCRP Quarterly meetings in January & April, 2018, the NCRP Partnership held discussions regarding strategies, policy and funding to support regional resiliency in the face of wildfire and other extreme events. These discussions integrated information from a project funded by the Strategic Growth Council that included local and regionwide assessments of forest carbon, renewable energy, biomass, fuel load reduction options, water and wastewater system enhancements, natural capital and ecosystem services and climate resiliency. Through a series of “round robin” conversations and interactive panels, the NCRP Policy Review Panel will continue this discussion and develop updated strategies with the input and recommendations from legislators and state agency leaders.

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## **XI PRP Direction to Staff: Strategies for Funding**

### **Background**

Over the last two years, the NCRP Chair, Vice-chair and staff have had ongoing conversations with elected officials and agency staff at the state and national level regarding the accomplishments of the NCRP and the need for funding to support planning and project implementation focused on forest and watershed health, community health and safety, and local economic vitality. In the wake of the worst fire season in California history, legislation and funding opportunities are rapidly evolving. Positioning the NCRP to receive funding for fuel load reduction and forest health requires the focused and flexible effort of the NCRP staff team. Past bond funding opportunities have had more lead time, and were well aligned with the timing of the quarterly NCRP meeting, allowing for TPRC and staff work in the intervening months and PRP decision making during the quarterly meetings. The current set of funding and legislative opportunities are on a much faster timeframe and in some cases require immediate staff and Chair/Vice-chair engagement to secure them or signal the interest of the NCRP.

### **STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

Through April 2019, authorize NCRP staff to work with the Chair, Vice-Chair and Executive Committee to pursue funding and provide legislative input that furthers the goals of the NCRP. The following assumptions apply:

1. NCRP staff would only pursue funding opportunities that align with PRP approved Goals and Objectives
2. Prior to proceeding on any funding or legislative opportunity, NCRP staff would receive approval from the Chair and Vice Chair at a minimum, and would request approval from the full Executive Committee

3. NCRP staff would send draft funding requests or legislative input to the full PRP and TPRC for comment
  4. A decision to formally submit a grant application would be voted on by the full PRP
  5. Any funding request would honor the PRP approved approach to local autonomy – allowing Tribes or counties to opt out of any element of the funding request in which they do not wish to participate.
  6. Funding requests or legislative input will predominantly focus on project implementation, but may also include stakeholder outreach and coordination, technical support for project proponents, data, analysis and planning.
  7. At the April 2019 meeting, this authorization would be revisited by the PRP
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## **XII Russian River Pilot**

### **Russian River Pilot Background Information:**

In cooperation with the Department of Water Resources and local stakeholders, California Forward and the Pacific Institute are developing a management framework for the Russian River watershed. This pilot effort is intended to contribute to the CA Water Plan Update 2018. The pilot activities will explore, and in some cases pilot, watershed-based planning, regulation, governance, and finance innovations as framed up in various DWR planning initiatives (e.g., CA Water Plan, Statewide Flood Planning, and Building Capacity for Regional Sustainability). The Russian River watershed was selected as the preferred location due to established relationships and a demonstrated willingness to partner and innovate.

Throughout the Russian River Pilot development process, concerns have been expressed about adequate Tribal and NCRP input in the plan development process. This presents an opportunity for the NCRP to establish a clear protocol for how the NCRP engages in other regional planning processes.

### **STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

- Executive Committee are approved to review a letter regarding the Russian River Pilot from the NCRP Tribal leadership, as well as to consider developing and submitting any additional letters or communication with DWR and California Forward regarding the Russian River Pilot. Note: the NCRP Executive Committee includes two members who reside in the Russian River watershed, and two Tribal members, all of whom are familiar with the Russian River Pilot process to date.
  - As per past PRP Policy, any letters submitted on this matter will be shared with the full PRP
  - The Executive Committee and staff will bring a draft policy regarding NCRP interaction with external plans to the full PRP for discussion and consideration during the next NCRP meeting in January
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## **XIII Reconfirm: NCRP Proposition 1 Round 1 Implementation Funding Solicitation Process**

### **Background:**

During the NCRP Meeting in January 2018, the PRP formed a NCRP Proposition 1 IRWM Round 1 Implementation Funding Solicitation Ad Hoc Committee comprised of TPRC Co-Chairs, other PRP & TPRC member volunteers and staff to develop NCRP Proposition 1 IRWM Round 1 Implementation process, guidelines and solicitation materials for review and consideration by the PRP. During the April NCRP meeting the PRP adopted the ad hoc committee's overarching recommendation along with five related recommendations.

The PRP approved the overarching motion to allow for the commencement of the NCRP 2018 Project Solicitation and development of a regional NCRP 2018 Grant Application. The approval also included a provision to allow staff to alter the draft solicitation materials with input from the NCRP Proposition 1 Implementation Ad Hoc Committee to comply with the Draft and Final Proposal Solicitation Package (PSP) when released by the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) in the spring and summer of 2018. The related motions passed and include:

1. Regional Application Budget Limit: up to 60% of the total amount available to the North Coast funding area for Round 1 IRWM Implementation funding; allowing 40% to be held for Round 2.
2. PRP Final Project Approval and Regional Application Timing: **January 18, 2019:** PRP consider/approve TPRC recommended suite of Priority North Coast Projects; **March/ April 2019:** regional application due to DWR
3. Economically Disadvantaged Communities: provide additional project scoring weight for projects that benefit severely disadvantaged communities
4. Climate Change Adaptation: provide additional project scoring weight for projects that assist water infrastructure systems adapt to climate change
5. Program Preferences: to provide project scoring criteria for projects that promote any or all the Program Preferences including 3 Tribal additions

Though expected to be released in the spring of 2018, DWR released the 2018 Proposition 1 Round 1 IRWM Implementation Grant Draft PSP and IRWM Grant Program Guidelines on October 5<sup>th</sup> for public review. ***This timing change requires that the PRP reconfirm the NCRP April decision with slight scheduling updates.***

### **NCRP PROPOSITION 1 IMPLEMENTATION AD HOC COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

The NCRP Proposition 1 Implementation Ad Hoc Committee recommends ***reconfirming*** the April 2018 PRP approval of the Draft 2018 NCRP Project Review and Selection Process Guidelines, Scoring Criteria and draft Application materials (see Attachments B, C & D) to allow for the commencement of the NCRP 2018/19 Project Solicitation and development of a regional NCRP 2018/19 Grant Application. The recommendation includes approval to allow changes to the NCRP Project Review and Selection Process Guidelines and NCRP 2018/19 Project Application materials to be made by staff with input from the

NCRP Proposition 1 Implementation Funding Solicitation Ad Hoc Committee to comply with the Draft PSP released by DWR on October 5th and Final PSPs to be released by DWR late 2018.

The recommendation includes **reconfirming** the April 2018 PRP approval of the related motions listed above with one exception:

## **2. PRP Final Project Approval and Regional Application Timing**

Establish the preferred timing of the for PRP Final Priority Project Approval and Regional Application submittal, with the provision that this may change based on the provisions in the Final PSP:

- **April 19, 2019:** PRP consider/approve TPRC recommended suite of Priority North Coast Projects for NCRP Proposition 1 IRWM Round 1 Implementation
- **June/ July 2019:** regional application due to DWR for the NCRP Proposition 1 IRWM Round 1 Implementation Project Grant.

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A full description of the NCRP Proposition 1 Implementation Ad Hoc Committee Recommendation and PRP April 2018 decisions can be found in Attachment A.

The updated draft solicitation materials can be found as Attachments B-D in the digital version of these meeting materials or online at <https://northcoastresourcepartnership.org/news-item/north-coast-resource-partnership-quarterly-meeting-october-19-weaverville/> Please note, the printed October 19 meeting materials will not include Attachments B-D in an effort to reduce the use of excessive paper.

- Attachment B - NCRP 2018/19 Project Review and Selection Process Guidelines
- Attachment C - NCRP 2018/19 Project Proposal Scoring Criteria
- Attachment D - NCRP Proposition 1, 2018/19 Project Application & Information Form (example application)

Staff will work with the Ad Hoc Committee to review the draft PSP and provide comments to DWR by the specified due date of November 20<sup>th</sup> along with requested information.

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## XV Updates

### ii. Regional Administrator & Project Implementation Update: Humboldt County

#### Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Implementation Projects

Prop. 84 Round	Total Projects	Grant Amount	Amount Invoiced	% Complete	Projects Complete at End of Year (estimated for 2018, 2019, 2020)				
					2017	2018	2019	2020	
<i>Round 1 (2013)</i>	18	\$8.2 million	\$6.0 million	75%	10	18	18	18	
<i>Round 2 (2014)</i>	12	\$5.4 million	\$4.0 million	75%	7	9	12	12	
<i>Drought (2015)</i>	11	\$8.7 million	\$3.5 million	40%	3	7	11	11	
<i>Final (2016)</i>	25	\$11.0 million	\$4.2 million**	38%	6	11	20	25	
			**Includes \$1.1 million advanced payment						
		66	\$33.3 million			26	45	61	66

#### Notes

- In June 2018, the Department of Water Resources (DWR) grant manager changed from Kaylee Vanni to Eric Martinez. Humboldt County staff have been working closely with Eric to continue the strong working relationship and maintain timely processing of grant deliverables.
- Within the last few months, turn-around time for reimbursement payments from DWR has returned to the normal 60 days. Timely payments are essential to avoid financial hardships for local project sponsors, and DWR's recent efforts to reduce slow-downs are greatly appreciated.
- The Karuk Tribe completed its "Camp Creek Habitat Protection-Road Decommissioning" project under the Prop. 84 Round 1 grant with substantial cost savings (\$180,000). According to NCRP guidelines, the unspent funds can be transferred to another project within the Round 1 suite of projects, with a first priority for projects situated within the same County or tribal region. The unspent funds from the Camp Creek project will be allocated to the Happy Camp Sanitary District to support their project replacing a sewer pipeline crossing on Indian Creek, tributary to the Klamath River.

## Planning Projects

<b>Title and Funding Source</b>	<b>Grant Term</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Grant Amount</b>
<i>North Coast Integrated Regional Planning: Healthy Communities, Functional Watersheds and Viable Economies</i> Dept. of Conservation (Strategic Growth Council)	June 2014 to March 2018	Project Complete	\$1 million
<i>North Coast Resource Partnership Outreach &amp; Involvement: Tribal Engagement &amp; Economic Opportunity for Disadvantaged Communities (DACTI)</i> Dept. of Water Resources, Proposition 1	April 2017 to April 2020	In progress	\$2.65 million

## Notes

- The Strategic Growth Council planning project is complete. The final project reports are available at <http://www.northcoastresourcepartnership.org/>.
- The Tribal Engagement & Economic Opportunity for Disadvantaged Communities project is well underway. Work continues with key support provided by West Coast Watershed and the California Environmental Indian Alliance. This grant supports the coordination and continued collaboration of the NCRP leadership, a regional needs assessment, a small update to the North Coast Integrated Regional Water Management Plan, technical assistance for tribes and disadvantaged communities, and much more. Administration has been smooth and the DWR IRWM grant manager has been responsive and helpful. Half of the award was received in the form of an advance payment, to be spent within 18 months of grant agreement execution between DWR and the County of Humboldt. The deadline for spending the advance payment is October 20, 2018. Spending has been slower than expected for a variety of unanticipated reasons. An extension to the Advance Payment Funding Plan of one year has been requested. A more detailed report on project progress is provided in the meeting materials for item v. in Agenda Item XIV: Informational Updates.

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### iii. Notable Legislation

Molly Oshun, Sonoma County Water Agency

#### **SB 901 (Dodd D) Wildfires.**

Status: 9/21/18 Approved by Governor. Filed with Secretary of State.

Summary: The Budget Act of 2018 appropriated \$99,376,000 to the Office of Emergency Services for purposes of local assistance. Of those funds, \$25,000,000 was made available, pursuant to a schedule, for equipment and technology that improves the mutual aid system. Current law authorizes the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CalFire) to administer various programs, including grant programs, relating to forest health and wildfire protection. This bill would revise the Budget Act of 2018 to provide that the \$25,000,000 described above shall be applied to support activities directly related to regional response and readiness.

#### **SB 1260 (Jackson D) Fire prevention and protection: prescribed burns.**

Status: 9/21/18 Approved by Governor. Filed with Secretary of State.

Summary: Current law requires a local agency to designate, by ordinance, very high fire hazard severity zones in its jurisdiction within 120 days of receiving recommendations from the Director of Forestry and Fire Protection and exempts a local agency, as defined, from that requirement if ordinances of the local agency, adopted on or before December 31, 1992, impose standards that are equivalent to, or more restrictive than, specified state standards. Current law authorizes a local agency, at its discretion, to exclude from specified requirements governing fire risk reduction an area identified as a very high fire hazard severity zone by the director within the jurisdiction of the local agency, following a specified finding supported by substantial evidence that those requirements are not necessary for effective fire protection within the area. This bill would eliminate the above-described exemption and exclusion and would require the local agency to transmit a copy of the adopted ordinance to the State Board of Forestry and Fire Protection within 30 days of adoption.

#### **AB 1956 (Limón D) Fire prevention activities: local assistance grant program.**

Status: 9/21/18 Approved by Governor. Filed with Secretary of State.

Summary: Current law requires the Director of Forestry and Fire Protection to establish a working group, consisting of specified members, to identify potential incentives for landowners to implement prefire activities, as defined, in state responsibility areas and urban wildland communities and to identify all federal, state, or local programs, private programs, and any other programs requiring a cost share that involves prefire activities. This bill would repeal this law.

**[AB 2541](#) (Salas D) Safe Drinking Water State Revolving Fund: project financing: severely disadvantaged communities.**

Status: 8/27/18 Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 217, Statutes of 2018.

Summary: Current law authorizes the State Water Resources Control Board, to the extent permitted by federal law, to provide grant funding, and principal forgiveness and 0% financing on loans, from the Safe Drinking Water State Revolving Fund to a project for a water system with a service area that qualifies as a severely disadvantaged community if the water system demonstrates that repaying a Safe Drinking Water State Revolving Fund loan with interest would result in unaffordable water rates, as defined. This bill would instead authorize the board, to the extent permitted by federal law, to provide up to 100% grant funding, and principal forgiveness and 0% financing on loans, from the Safe Drinking Water State Revolving Fund to a project for a water system that serves a severely disadvantaged community.

**[AB 2551](#) (Wood D) Forestry and fire prevention: joint prescribed burning operations: watersheds.**

Status: 9/21/18 Approved by Governor. Filed with Secretary of State.

Summary: Current law authorizes the director of the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection to enter into an agreement with an eligible landowner pursuant to which the landowner will undertake forest resource improvement work in return for an agreement by the director to share the cost of carrying out that work. Current law authorizes the director to make various types of loans, including loans to cover all or part of the landowner's cost for the work. Current law requires these loans to be made for a term not exceeding 20 years and bearing interest at the prevailing rate. This bill would instead authorize the director to enter into those agreements with small nonindustrial landowners, as defined.

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**iii. NCRP Disadvantaged Community and Tribal Outreach & Involvement Program**

PROGRAM VISION: In keeping with North Coast Resource Partnership (NCRP) Goals & Objectives and building on past initiatives, this Program aims to continue, expand and improve Tribal and disadvantaged community<sup>1</sup> engagement with the NCRP and the Integrated Regional Water Management program.

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<sup>1</sup> *Disadvantaged Communities Definitions:*

- *Disadvantaged Community (DAC): Census tract, block or place with an annual median household income (MHI) that is less than 80% of the statewide MHI (North Coast – 89%)*
- *Severely Disadvantaged Community (SDAC): Census tract, block, place w/annual MHI <60% of state MHI (NC – 57%)*

## **PROGRAM STATUS UPDATE**

### **NCRP Quarterly Meeting Planning**

- Meetings with NCRP staff and leadership to develop agenda approach and topics
- Draft and refine agenda; draft meeting materials
- Outreach to meeting presenters and participants; follow up communication and panel coordination

### **Watershed Based – Holistic Needs Assessment**

- Humboldt Bay Watershed Management Area selected as the pilot watershed to develop and test the process to identify green and grey infrastructure needs and priorities as well as to encourage integrated solutions, projects and partnerships through data gathering, interviews and workshops.
- Tribal and Disadvantaged Community pilot interview process, interview questions, data compilation and outreach materials were developed
- Humboldt Bay area Interviews conducted spring/summer 2018
- interviews in other areas summer – summer/fall 2018 & spring 2019

### **Water and Wastewater Services Needs Assessment Survey**

- Completed 2018 Needs Assessment collecting information from 54% of the 207 water and wastewater service providers serving disadvantaged communities in the North Coast region
- Developed a survey summary
- Tribal Water and Wastewater Services Needs Assessment ongoing

### **Technical Assistance**

- Analysis of the NCRP 2014, 2018 needs assessment data along with the state compliance data based on the NCRP Disadvantaged Community Technical Assistance Selection Process approved by the NCRP Policy Review Panel (PRP) in January 2018.
- Meetings held with State representatives to discuss the process and get input regarding regional need. This process will direct the selection of entities to receive technical assistance in the first of several rounds of technical assistance to be provided by the NCRP.
- Data analysis also identifying capacity building and training needs for assistance in 2019

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- *Economically Distressed Area: a rural county or municipality w/ population of < 20,000 with an annual MHI <85% of statewide MHI, & one of following:*
    - *Financial hardship*
    - *Unemployment rate 2% higher than the statewide average*
    - *Low population density*
  - *Under-represented Community: Tribes have been historically under-represented in local and State water management and planning efforts*

- Tribal selection process may include other factors
- Ad Hoc committees to meet in October/November to finalize Round 1 Technical Assistance list
- Enter into contracts with engineering firms that submitted RFQs in summer of 2017 and were approved by the Ad Hoc committee

### **Prepare for the NCRP Proposition 1, Round 1 IRWM Project Solicitation**

- Proposition 1 Implementation Ad Hoc Committee developed draft process and solicitation materials; these will be updated based the Proposition 1 IRWM Proposal Solicitation Package released on October 5th
- Conducting a survey of project sponsors to gather information about past solicitation processes, contract administration and NCRP processes, outreach and governance with the intent of process improvement where possible
- Developing a Grants Compliance manual including FAQs and Tribal specific approaches
- Developing monitoring guidelines
- Forming a team of technical assistance providers for phone-in help with application development and minor project development assistance. Team comprised of retired engineers, TPRC members, and CSD staff with local experience.

### **NCRP OUTREACH**

- Updated NCRP web content including regional and local news items, calendar events, and funding opportunities.
- Made the NCRP library of spatial data available for download as ESRI map packages organized by content themes
- Worked with the TPRC to review a Shasta Valley RCD groundwater planning project into the NCRP IRWM Plan; once reviewed and approved, posted the project to the NCRP website
- Worked with subcontractors on locally important outreach efforts: regarding the highly contentious water quality threat of failing septic systems in the economically disadvantaged communities of the lower Russian River; and to provide information to legal cannabis producers regarding water conservation, beneficial rural road maintenance practices and proper use and disposal of toxic materials
- Working to improve the NCRP Community Tool Box with the intent of converting the toolbox to a web-friendly tool
- Tribal community outreach ongoing

### **NCRP PLAN UPDATE & DEVELOPMENT**

- Updated the NCRP GIS data catalog and develop NCRP Plan maps
- Updated and developed NCRP/NCIRWM Plan sections pertaining to built and natural resource conditions in the North Coast & performed contaminants research/ analysis and text development

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#### **iv. Executive Committee, PRP direction and staff action**

##### **NCRP Executive Committee Comment Letters**

NCRP Executive Committee submitted a comment letter to the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) regarding proposed changes to the Proposition 1 Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) implementation project solicitation process on June 1, 2018

On August 20<sup>th</sup>, the NCRP Executive Committee submitted a letter of support at the request of the Alliance of Regional Climate Change Collaboratives who are applying for funding from the Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB) to develop some demonstration project ideas and shared planning across multiple geographic areas.

##### **Conference and Meeting Participation**

- [California Water Plan Update Plenary 2018](#)  
Brandi Brown, NCRP Executive Committee member, Redwood Valley Rancheria and Karen Gaffney were panelists for the *Priorities for Sustaining, Broadening, and Strengthening Regional Water Management*, session during the third California Water Plan Update 2018 Plenary held on October 9 & 10, 2018 at the Civic Center Galleria in West Sacramento.
- Round Table of Regions and DWR Meetings on May 4 & 24, June 20, August 16 & 20, October 1, 8 and 10
- Alliance of Regional Collaboratives for Climate Adaptation (ARCCA) meetings on June 11 and August 20
- NCRP Executive committee, met on May 28 and June 4
- Forestry Task Force meeting materials June 11 (for Dale Roberts) and attendance on October 4

##### **Incorporation of Storm Water Resource Plans into the NCRP Plan**

During the North Coast Resource Partnership (NCRP) meeting in April, the Policy Review Panel (PRP) unanimously approved the NCRP Plan & Storm Water Resource Plan (SWRP) Integration Process which is included in the [2018 NCRP Leadership Handbook](#) under Appendix D, NCRP Policies (see [https://northcoastresourcepartnership.org/site/assets/uploads/2018/06/NCRP\\_Handbook\\_2018.pdf](https://northcoastresourcepartnership.org/site/assets/uploads/2018/06/NCRP_Handbook_2018.pdf)). The approved policy was provided to the SWRP planning projects in the region. The policy includes provisions for review of draft SWRP plans by the PRP and Technical Peer Review Committee (TPRC) and states that in accordance with the SWRP Guidelines, the submittal of the SWRP to the IRWM group (for further incorporation into the NCRP IRWM Plan, expected in 2019) fulfils the requirement for “incorporation”.

- **Final Russian River Storm Water Resource Plan**

The Draft Russian River Resource Plan was provided to the NCRP TPRC and PRP for review on March 30, 2018. The Russian River Watershed Association provided a presentation to the NCRP leadership during its April 2018 quarterly meeting. The Russian River SWRP was finalized in July 2018. <http://www.rwatershed.org/project/stormwater-resource-plan/>

- **Final Mendocino Coast Storm Water Resources Plan**

The Draft Mendocino Coast SWRP was sent to the NCRP TPRC and PRP for review on May 10, 2018. Notice of the finalized version was sent on July 9, 2018 along with a letter in response to NCRP comments. <https://www.mendocinocounty.org/government/executive-office/mendocino-county-water-agency/storm-water-resource-plan>.

- **Draft Eureka Area Watershed Storm Water Resources Plan**

The Draft Eureka Area Watershed Stormwater Resources Plan was sent to the NCRP TPRC and PRP for review on July 9, 2018. The final plan is expected to be completed late 2018. <http://northcoaststormwatercoalition.org/index.php/stormwaterresourceplan/>

**On-Going Project Inclusion Process into the NCRP IRWM Plan**

In August, the Shasta Valley Resource Conservation District (SVRCD) provided a project submittal request for inclusion into the NCRP IRWM Plan as a requirement of a Department of Water Resources 2017 Groundwater Sustainability Planning Grant funding award. Per the NCRP protocol, the TPRC reviewed the Preliminary Project Information and approved the project for inclusion in the NCRP Plan. [https://northcoastresourcepartnership.org/site/assets/uploads/2018/09/NCRP\\_Project\\_SVRCD\\_Groundwater\\_0918.pdf](https://northcoastresourcepartnership.org/site/assets/uploads/2018/09/NCRP_Project_SVRCD_Groundwater_0918.pdf)



**ATTACHMENT A**

**NCRP PROPOSITION 1 IMPLEMENTATION AD HOC COMMITTEE  
RECOMMENDATION AND PRP APPROVAL, APRIL 20, 2018**

# **NCRP PROPOSITION 1 IMPLEMENTATION AD HOC COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION AND PRP APPROVAL, APRIL 20, 2018**

## **NCRP Proposition 1 Round 1 Implementation Funding Solicitation Process, Project Review Guidelines and Project Application Materials**

TPRC Co-Chair: Sandra Perez, Program Manager, Five Counties Salmonid Conservation Program provided a presentation about the NCRP Proposition 1 Implementation Funding Solicitation Ad Hoc Committee efforts to develop NCRP Proposition 1 IRWM Round 1 Implementation process, guidelines and solicitation materials which are subject to change based on new information and the Draft and Final PSP for the Proposition 1 IRWM Round 1 Implementation Project Grant regional application expected to be released by California Department of Water Resources (DWR) in June and August respectively.

She also presented the recommendation from the NCRP Proposition 1 Implementation Ad Hoc Committee including some items that the committee requested PRP review, consideration and direction. NCRP PRP Chair, Trinity County Supervisor Judy Morris suggested that each item be considered separately.

### **NCRP PROPOSITION 1 IMPLEMENTATION AD HOC COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

The NCRP Proposition 1 Implementation Funding Solicitation Ad Hoc Committee recommends approval of the Draft 2018 NCRP Project Review and Selection Process Guidelines, NCRP 2018 Project Proposal Scoring Criteria and the NCRP 2018 Project Application materials (see Attachments B, C & D) to allow for the commencement of the NCRP 2018 Project Solicitation and development of a regional NCRP 2018 Grant Application. The recommendation includes approval to allow changes to the NCRP Project Review and Selection Process Guidelines and NCRP 2018 Project Application materials to be made by staff with input from the NCRP Proposition 1 Implementation Funding Solicitation Ad Hoc Committee to comply with the Draft and Final PSPs to be released by DWR in the spring and summer of 2018.

**Overarching Motion:** Supervisor Carre Brown, Mendocino County

**Second:** Supervisor Chris Howard, Del Norte County

**Unanimous**

### **3. Regional Application Budget Limit**

Establish the budget limit for the Round 1 Proposition 1 IRWM Implementation grant to allow for the maximum funding amount provided in the Draft Round 1 Proposition 1 IRWM PSP up to 60% of the total amount available to the North Coast funding area for IRWM Implementation funding; allowing 40% to be held for Round 2.

**Motion:** Supervisor Carre Brown, Mendocino County

**Second:** Supervisor Chris Howard, Del Norte County

**Yes:**

- Chair: Supervisor Judy Morris, Trinity County
- Vice-Chair: Leaf Hillman, Director of Natural Resources, Karuk Tribe, Northern District

- Alternate: Buzz Ward, Pit River Tribe, Northern District
- Supervisor Chris Howard, Del Norte County
- Supervisor Ryan Sundberg, Humboldt County
- Supervisor Carre Brown, Mendocino County
- Supervisor Ray Haupt, Siskiyou County
- Supervisor Brandon Criss, Siskiyou County
- Alternate: Dale Roberts, TPRC member, Sonoma County

**Oppose:**

- Brandi Brown, Redwood Valley Little River Band of Pomo, Southern District
- Supervisor Mike Wilson, Humboldt County

**Motion Passed**

**4. PRP Final Project Approval and Regional Application Timing**

Establish the preferred timing of the for PRP Final Priority Project Approval and Regional Application submittal:

- **January 18, 2019:** PRP consider/approve TPRC recommended suite of Priority North Coast Projects for NCRP Proposition 1 IRWM Round 1 Implementation; **March/ April 2019:** regional application due to DWR for the NCRP Proposition 1 IRWM Round 1 Implementation Project Grant. This option allows project proponents 5 months to prepare project applications for submittal to NCRP; 5 weeks for TPRC review (given the holidays).

**Motion:** Supervisor Mike Wilson, Humboldt County

**Second:** Supervisor Ryan Sundberg, Humboldt County

**Unanimous**

**5. Economically Disadvantaged Communities**

The North Coast region is predominantly economically disadvantaged with nearly 90% of the region, geographically considered economically disadvantaged or economically distressed and nearly 60% severely economically disadvantaged. <sup>2</sup> The ad hoc committee was directed that the PRP project scoring guidelines should include screening criteria that will confer additional weight to projects that, in addition

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<sup>2</sup> *Economically Disadvantaged Community (DAC): A community with an annual median household income (MHI) that is less than 80% of the statewide annual median household income.*

*Severely Economically Disadvantaged Community (SDAC): A community with an annual household income that is less than 60% of the statewide MHI.*

*Economically Distressed Area: A community with a population of 20,000 persons or less, a rural county, or a reasonably isolated and divisible segment of a larger area where the segment of the population is 20,000 persons or less, with an MHI that is less than 85 percent of the statewide median household income, and with one or more of the following conditions: (1) Financial hardship; (2) Unemployment rate at least 2 percent higher than the statewide average; (3) Low population density.*

to meeting other NCRP criteria, will benefit North Coast disadvantaged communities and will provide additional weight for projects that benefit severely disadvantaged communities.

**Motion:** Supervisor Chris Howard, Del Norte County

**Second:** Supervisor Brandon Criss, Siskiyou County

**Unanimous**

## **6. Climate Change Adaptation**

The PRP directed the ad hoc committee to provide additional weight for projects that assist water infrastructure systems adapt to climate change.

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

**Second:** Supervisor Carre Brown, Mendocino County

**Unanimous**

## **7. Program Preferences**

The PRP directed the ad hoc committee to provide scoring criteria for projects that promote any or all the Program Preferences including Tribal additions for a total of 10 Program Preferences for a maximum amount of 7 points.

- To support Tribal self-determination and cultural resources
- Utilize Traditional Ecological Knowledge in coordination with Tribe(s)
- Ensure that there is a sustainability aspect to the project

**Motion:** Supervisor Mike Wilson, Humboldt County

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

**Unanimous**

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None



## **ATTACHMENT B**

### **NCRP 2018/19 PROJECT REVIEW AND SELECTION PROCESS GUIDELINES**

[excerpted background and schedule for NCRP Meeting, October 19 printed materials]



## **NCRP 2018/19 PROJECT REVIEW AND SELECTION PROCESS GUIDELINES**

### **1. Background**

The Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014 (Proposition 1), approved by California voters on Nov. 4, 2014, authorizes \$7.545 billion in general obligation bonds to fund ecosystems and watershed protection and restoration, water supply infrastructure projects, including surface and groundwater storage, and drinking water protection. Proposition 1 authorized the appropriation of \$510 million in Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) funding for Implementation and Planning efforts throughout the state. The North Coast funding area allocation is \$26.5 M and has approximately \$22 M (\$21,995,000) available for implementation projects. The Proposition 1 IRWM Grant Program provides funding for projects that help meet the long-term water needs of the state, including:

- Assisting water infrastructure 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; and
- Improving regional water self-reliance.

### **PROPOSITION 1 IRWM GRANT PROGRAM SCHEDULE**

- **Summer 2016.** DWR releases the following Proposition 1 IRWM program documents:
  - 2016 IRWM Program Guidelines
  - Planning Grant Proposal Solicitation Package
  - Disadvantaged Community Involvement Request for Proposals and Proposal Solicitation Package
- **April 2017.** Agreement between DWR and Humboldt County finalized for the NCRP Disadvantaged Community and Tribal Outreach & Involvement Program.
- **April 2018.** DWR release of Concept Proposal Solicitation Package (PSP) for the Proposition 1 IRWM Round 1 Implementation Grant for review and comment.
- **October 2018.** DWR release of for the Draft Proposition 1 IRWM Round 1 Implementation PSP
- **November 2018.** DWR hosts three Public Meetings to received comments on the Draft PSP
- **Late 2018.** Anticipated release of Final Proposition 1 IRWM Round 1 Implementation PSP

- **July 2019** for the regional application of the Proposition 1 IRWM Round 1 Implementation Project Grant.
- **2020.** Anticipated roll out of Proposition 1 IRWM Round 2 Implementation funding solicitation.

More information can be found at <https://water.ca.gov/Work-With-Us/Grants-And-Loans/IRWM-Grant-Programs/Proposition-1/Implementation-Grants>

The North Coast Resource Partnership (NCRP) is committed to transparency, stakeholder inclusion and process improvement. At the January 19, 2018 NCRP meeting, the Policy Review Panel (PRP) directed the formation of an NCRP Proposition 1 IRWM Round 1 Implementation Funding Solicitation Ad Hoc Committee comprised of Policy Review Panel (PRP) and Technical Peer Review Committee (TPRC) members to develop the NCRP Proposition 1 IRWM Round 1 Implementation process, guidelines and solicitation materials for review and consideration by the PRP during the NCRP April meeting.

## **2. Schedule for the NCRP 2018/19 Project Solicitation, Project Proposal Review and Selection Process**

This schedule is subject to change based on new information and the Draft and Final PSP for the Proposition 1 IRWM Round 1 Implementation Project Grant regional application expected to be released by California Department of Water Resources (DWR) in October and December of 2018 respectively.

- **October 2018:** The NCRP Proposition 1 IRWM Round 1 Implementation Funding Solicitation Ad Hoc Committee (NCRP Prop 1 Implementation Ad Hoc) develop the draft NCRP Project Review and Selection Process based on the IRWM 2016 Guidelines and the Concept Proposition 1 IRWM Round 1 Implementation Project Grant released by Department of Water Resources (DWR) on October 5, 2018.
- **October 19, 2018 NCRP Quarterly Meeting:** PRP review, consider, provide direction, edit and approve the draft NCRP Project Review and Selection Process Guidelines, 2018 and draft NCRP 2018 Project Application with provision for changes to the materials based on the draft and final PSPs
- **October 2018:** The NCRP Prop 1 Implementation Ad Hoc refines the NCRP 2018 Project Application materials and NCRP Project Review and Selection Process Guidelines based on PRP direction and Draft PSP for the Proposition 1 IRWM Round 1 Implementation Project Grant
- **November 2018:** NCRP Proposition 1 IRWM Round 1 Implementation Project Grant Solicitation. NCRP staff and sub-contractors provide project application support and project technical assistance is provided to eligible disadvantaged communities and Tribes through the NCRP Disadvantaged Community Technical Assistance Selection process.
- **December 2018 or early January 2019:** Informational & Assistance Workshops held throughout the North Coast Region. Project proponents are invited to bring project concepts and preliminary proposals to the meeting for review and discussion by TPRC members and NCRP staff.
- **March 8, 2019:** NCRP Proposition 1 IRWM Round 1 Implementation Project applications due

- March 12 – April 8, 2019: TPRC project review period; a TPRC project evaluation conference call meeting will be held prior to the TPRC project review period.
- April 10 & 11, 2019 (or thereabout): TPRC Project Review meeting to select a portfolio of priority projects as a TPRC recommendation to be presented to the PRP for final approval. As a public meeting, project proponents and the public are welcome to attend the TPRC Project Review Meetings and provide public comment where noted on the published agenda.
- April 19, 2019: PRP consider/approve TPRC recommended suite of Priority North Coast Projects for NCRP Proposition 1 IRWM Round 1 Implementation Project Regional Grant at an in-person meeting held within the North Coast boundary
- May 6 – 10, 2019: Funding Area Pre-Application Workshop to allow for early interaction of all interested parties with DWR and other State funding agencies
- May 2019: Priority North Coast Project sponsors work with NCRP staff to develop materials for the NCRP Proposition 1 IRWM Round 1 Implementation Regional Grant based on DWR feedback
- July 2019 (tentative): regional application due to DWR for the NCRP Proposition 1 IRWM Round 1 Implementation Project Grant