



May 18, 2020

**Announcement: The 2020 Nomination & Voting Process is now open to fill vacant seats within all three North Coast Resource Partnership (NCRP) Districts.**

To: Tribal Council, and Natural Resource / EPA / THPO Departments -

The North Coast Resource Partnership (NCRP) is now accepting Nominations from Tribes in the North, Central and South Districts of the North Coast until May 18, 2020 in order to fill six (6) vacant positions in the governance structure of the North Coast Integrated Regional Water Management group.

**You are invited to identify one Voting Delegate & to provide Nominations for Tribal Representatives & Alternates for vacant seats to guide decision-making within the North Coast Resource Partnership.**

The following are the open positions:

North District: One (1) Alternate seat of the Policy Review Panel (PRP)

Central District: One (1) Representative seat of the Policy Review Panel (PRP)  
One (1) Alternate seat of the Policy Review Panel (PRP)  
One (1) Alternate seat of the Technical Peer Review Committee (TPRC)

South District: One (1) Alternate seat of the Policy Review Panel (PRP)  
One (1) Alternate seat of the Technical Peer Review Committee (TPRC)

There are new opportunities for new Tribal Representatives to guide exiting programs and the new Regional Forest and Fire Capacity (RFFC) Program. We will be developing a North Coast Regional Forest and Fire Plan to integrate Tribal perspectives for forest and fire resiliency, choosing the second round of Proposition 1 IRWM Implementation grants, and continuing to coordinate the last year of the Tribal capacity-building and technical assistance program. New Representatives will help choose which projects will be funded in the region to shape watershed and forest management, and guide our work to increase Tribal participation in the Region.

Of the six (6) seats and six (6) alternate seats allocated for Tribes on the NCRP governing body within the North Coast IRWMP region, three (3) are currently available. Together the twelve (12) North Coast Representatives will represent over 34 North Coast Tribes in collaborative regional water management with other Tribes, counties, cities, state agencies, non-profits and other regional stakeholders.

We hope that you will assist us in nominating and selecting the New Tribal Representatives in a 3 part process:

- I. To appoint a **Voting Delegate, and if you choose to Nominate a Representative provide:**
  - 1) **A completed ‘Nomination Form’** to nominate a Tribal Representative and/or Alternate, and to appoint your Voting Delegate. *See attached.*
  - 2) **A Tribal Resolution** supporting your nominee(s) and confirm your Voting Delegate.

**These must be received by June 15, 2020 at 5pm** by the Tribal Engagement Coordinator by mail or email at: [sherri@cieaweb.org](mailto:sherri@cieaweb.org) in order to be eligible for consideration by the perspective Tribes in your voting District.

To confirm which voting District your Tribe is within please see the list of Tribes per District on the last page of the attached document titled “**2019 Tribal Selection & Representation Process for Tribal Representation within the NCRP**”

- II. To prepare for Representative selection, **your Voting Delegate will be contacted by noon on June 16, 2020 with the list of Representative Nominees** for the vacant Alternate PRP and TPRC seats in your particular District (North, Central or South).
- III. **Your Voting Delegate will attend the June 18, 2020 NCRP Tribal Representative Meeting** either by phone, or should it be safe given the current Covid-19 shelter in place, in person and by consensus choose from those nominated to fill the vacant seats.

While it is not required that each Tribe nominate a Representative,  
**we do recommend that you appoint a Voting Delegate to assist in selecting your regional representatives** at the June 18, 2020 meeting location or online meeting TBD.  
**Nomination Forms & Tribal Resolutions must be received by 5pm on June 15,2020**

### **NCRP Tribal Representative Commitment**

Serving on the PRP or TPRC requires a commitment of travel expenses and time. For a full list of PRP & TPRC Representative Roles and Responsibilities please see the attached ‘Tribal Representation Process’ document.

Please do not be deterred by travel expenses should you wish to nominate a representative for PRP or TPRC positions. We have secured some financial support for those Tribes who require travel in order to participate. Please contact us to inquire about this support or to express capacity-building needs that would support your ability to nominate a Representative.

## **Additional Requirements**

A Memorandum of Mutual Understanding (MoMU) needs to be signed by the Tribes that nominated the selected PRP and TPRC members by end June 2020. The MoMU can be found here [http://northcoast.habitatseven.work/site/assets/uploads/2018/04/Final-NCIRWMP-Revised-MOMU\\_att-2.pdf](http://northcoast.habitatseven.work/site/assets/uploads/2018/04/Final-NCIRWMP-Revised-MOMU_att-2.pdf), it is a non-binding agreement that governs participation in the North Coast IRWMP.

The NCRP also requires that all PRP and TPRC members formally adopt the North Coast IRWM Plan by end June 2020. This is also a requirement of applicants to receive IRWM funding. The IRWM Plan can be found on the NCRP website at: [https://northcoastresourcepartnership.org/site/assets/uploads/2020/02/NCRP\\_Plan\\_IV\\_January\\_2020.pdf](https://northcoastresourcepartnership.org/site/assets/uploads/2020/02/NCRP_Plan_IV_January_2020.pdf).

## **For More Information**

See the attached ‘Nomination & Voting Form’ and the ‘Tribal Representation Process’ document for more details on the Nominating and Voting Process, to identify which District you are in, and the requirements of PRP and TPRC Tribal Representatives. The California Indian Environmental Alliance (CIEA) is the NCRP Tribal Engagement Coordinator, assisting the Tribal Representatives to coordinate Tribal participation in the NCRP, increase Tribal engagement and support through the DACI Program, and seek funding through the IRWM Program and other upcoming funding mechanisms. For more information about Tribal Engagement in the NCRP, the benefits of participation and upcoming activities contact Sherri Norris at CIEA by email [sherri@cieaweb.org](mailto:sherri@cieaweb.org) or phone at 510 848-2043.

To learn more about the North Coast Resource Partnership visit the NCRP website: <http://www.northcoastresourcepartnership.org/>. It is highly recommended that you sign up on the website, (unless you already are) to receive announcements regarding funding opportunities, regional/local events, North Coast News and providing input into the North Coast IRWM Plan. To sign up, click on ‘Sign Up for Email Updates’ at the bottom of the home page or send us an email to ask us to add you.

On behalf of the NCRP Tribal Representatives thank you for your time and participation in this process!

If you have any questions or would like us to provide a presentation about the NCRP or Proposition 1 IRWM funded program and upcoming funding opportunities please contact us.

Respectfully,

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