



NORTH COAST RESOURCE PARTNERSHIP (NCRP)

POLICY REVIEW PANEL (PRP) & TECHNICAL PEER REVIEW COMMITTEE (TPRC) CONFERENCE CALL MEETING SUMMARY

Friday, January 15, 2020; 10 am – 12:30 pm

I WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

NCRP PRP Chair Judy Morris, Trinity County Board of Supervisors welcomed all and thanked everyone for joining the conference call meeting. This is Judy's last meeting. Reminder to mute if not speaking.

NCRP PRP Chair Morris asked for a roll call of PRP members who formed the meeting quorum:

- Chair: Supervisor Judy Morris, Trinity County
- Vice-Chair: Leaf Hillman, Karuk Tribe, Northern Region
- Supervisor James Gore, Sonoma County
- Nathan Rich, Water Quality Specialist, Kashia Band of Pomo, Southern Region
- Edwin Smith, Bear River Band of Rohnerville Rancheria, Central Region
- Alternate: Patricia Rabano, Round Valley Indian Tribe, Central Region
- Supervisor Gerry Hemmingsen, Del Norte County
- Supervisor Chris Howard, Del Norte County
- Supervisor Steve Madrone, Humboldt County
- Supervisor Mike Wilson, Humboldt County
- Supervisor Dan Gjerde, Mendocino County
- Supervisor Ted Williams, Mendocino County
- Supervisor Brandon Criss, Siskiyou County
- Supervisor Nancy Ogren, Siskiyou County
- Supervisor Lynda Hopkins, Sonoma County
- Alternate: Grant Davis, Sonoma County Water Agency
- Alternate: Dale Roberts, TPRC member, Sonoma County Water Agency
- Supervisor Jeremy Brown, Trinity County
- Supervisor Keith Groves, Trinity County

NCRP PRP Chair Morris asked for a roll call of TPRC members:

- Co-Chair: Sandra Perez, Program Manager, Five Counties Salmonid Conservation Program, Trinity County
- Co-Chair: Dale Roberts, Engineer, Sonoma County Water Agency, Sonoma County
- Hank Seemann, Deputy Director, Environmental Services, Public Works Department, Humboldt County
- Joe Scriven, Project Manager/Fisheries Biologist, Mendocino Resource Conservation District, Mendocino County

- Wayne Haydon, Certified Engineering Geologist, Sonoma County
- Chris Ott, Dry Creek Rancheria, Southern Region
- Mark Lancaster, Director, Five Counties Salmonid Conservation Program, Trinity County

NCRP PRP Chair Morris asked for members of the public to introduce themselves:

- Elizabeth Salomone, Russian River County Flood Control
- Jessica Clayburn, Yurok Restoration and Roads Program
- Peter Martin, City of Santa Rosa Water Department
- Nikki Caravelli, Governor's Office of Planning & Research
- Allison Jolley, The Watershed Research & Training Center
- Devin Chatoian, Sonoma County Water Agency
- Scott Crary, Mendocino County Fire Safe Council
- Will Harling, Mid Klamath Watershed Council

Vice Chair Leaf Hillman opened with a tribal prayer and welcome.

Announcement from Chair Morris: Governor Newsom introduced a proposed budget for the state for FY 21/22 that includes a \$1 billion investment that would advance key priorities as outlined in the Governor's Forest Management Task Force [Wildfire and Forest Resilience Action Plan](#). It also includes a total of \$85 M for the Regional Forest & Fire Capacity program and it is proposed that \$25 million of this amount would augment the current year budget and \$60 M in FY 21/22.

The NCRP is developing a Regional Priority Plan under the RFFC program. Our success so far is one of the reasons the funding was recommended. It is too early to say whether funds will materialize as proposed. We have an opportunity now to show our support for these funds and any other measures would increase progress on these goals. I ask staff to work with Executive Committee to draft a letter of support.

II WELCOME NEW POLICY REVIEW PANEL MEMBERS

We are pleased to welcome new members:

- Tribal Council Vice Chair, Edwin Smith of Bear River Rohnerville Rancheria and THPO, Patricia Rabano of Round Valley as his alternate for the Central Region
- Supervisor Ted Williams, Mendocino County and Supervisor Glen McGourty as his alternate
- Supervisor Keith Groves, Trinity County
- Supervisor Nancy Ogren, Siskiyou County

Have any other Boards made any changes to appointments to various committees since the last meeting? None. Karen and Katherine will be meeting with new members to orient to history, protocols, and policies in the next couple weeks.

III CONFERENCE CALL HOUSEKEEPING

Chair Morris acknowledged, for the benefit of new members, Humboldt County's work administering all the projects NCRP has sponsored over the years. Thank you again.

Chair Morris then asked for a roll call of NCRP staff:

- Sherri Norris, California Indian Environmental Alliance
- Cybelle Immitt, Humboldt County
- Denise Monday, Humboldt County
- Julia Cavalli, Humboldt County
- Susan Haydon, Sonoma County Water Agency
- Karen Gaffney, West Coast Watershed
- Katherine Gledhill, West Coast Watershed

During the COVID-19 emergency, quarterly meetings have been shortened and done via conference call to maximize accessibility and participation. Please mute unless speaking.

IV REVIEW AND APPROVE AGENDA

- **Motion to approve agenda:** Supervisor Wilson
- **Second:** Supervisor Criss
- **Public comment:** None.
- **Vote:** Unanimous

V PUBLIC COMMENT for items not on the agenda

None.

VI NCRP NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

Last meeting, the PRP moved to restructure and expand the Executive Committee to include six members: two co-chairs, two co-vice chairs, and two members at large, with each set having a tribal and a county representative. Each position will be brought before the PRP for review and confirmation every two years or as needed. Page 1 of the meeting materials shows current membership and vacancies.

i. PRP TRIBAL & COUNTY CO-CHAIRS

Tribal Co-Chair Vote:

Nomination: Supervisor Madrone nominates Leaf Hillman

Second: Supervisor Gore

Public comment: None.

Vote: Unanimous

Judy Morris thanked Leaf for his service of many years. I wish you a great and successful year.

Leaf thanked Judy for her inclusiveness over the years and expressed that it was a great honor to serve with her.

County Co-Chair Vote:

Nomination: Supervisor Brown nominates Supervisor Madrone

Second: Supervisor Wilson

Supervisor Madrone respectfully declines his nomination. Supervisor Brown withdraws his motion, and Supervisor Wilson the second.

Nomination: Supervisor Madrone nominates Supervisor Gore

Second: Leaf Hillman

Public comment: None.

Vote: Unanimous

Judy Morris congratulated Supervisor Gore, wishing him great success.

Supervisor Gore thanked Supervisor Madrone for his nomination and thanked all for approving this change in structure that will support more coordination across the region.

It was decided that Chair Emeritus Morris should continue to facilitate the meeting.

ii. PRP TRIBAL & COUNTY CO-VICE-CHAIRS

Tribal Co-Vice-Chair Vote:

Nomination: Hillman nominates Nathan Rich

Second: Edwin Smith

Public comment: None.

Vote: Unanimous

County Co-Vice-Chair Vote:

Nomination: Supervisor Gore nominates Supervisor Madrone

Second: Supervisor Brown

Public comment: None.

Vote: Unanimous

iii. TRIBAL & COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Tribal Executive Committee Member Vote:

Nomination: Leaf Hillman nominates Edwin Smith

Second: Nathan Rich

Public comment: None.

Vote: Unanimous

County Executive Committee Member Vote:

Nomination: Supervisor Gore nominates Supervisor Howard

Second: Supervisor Wilson

Public comment: None.

Vote: Unanimous

iv. TPRC CO-CHAIRS

A vote is held for the TPRC co-chairs on an as-needed basis. Dale Roberts and Sandra Perez have done an incredible job and have both expressed interest in continuing the position.

Nomination: Leaf Hillman nominates Sandra Perez and Dale Roberts

Second: Supervisor Madrone

Public comment: None.

Vote: Unanimous

Chair Emeritus Morris congratulated the new NCRP leadership and wished them all great success.

v. NCRP JIMMY SMITH LEADERSHIP AWARD

The Jimmy Smith Leadership award honors the late Jimmy Smith and the many qualities that he embodied as the founding NCRP Policy Review Panel Chair including:

- Leadership with integrity
- Committed to open governance, equity, bringing people together, respect and civic discourse

- Collaborative and inclusive
- Focus on common ground and positive outcomes

In April 2017, the first award was presented to former NCRP Chair, Jake McKenzie and the second award to Leaf in October 2019.

Nomination: Leaf Hillman nominates Judy Morris

Second: Supervisor Gore seconds enthusiastically

Public comment: None.

Vote: Unanimous

The award will be presented at the April meeting.

VII REVIEW AD HOC COMMITTEE VACANCIES

The NCRP Handbook establishes that the Policy Review Panel may form ad hoc committees from time to time. These committees are generally disbanded once the topic has been addressed and are not subject to the Brown Act. At a future meeting, the NCRP will review all the ad hoc committees. PRP will now review committees with little or no membership.

i. Funding Ad Hoc

Current members: Madrone, Morris, Hillman, Gore

Discussion: Active over the last few years, identifying new funding resources and meeting with legislature representatives about future opportunities. Current funding ad hoc membership is similar to Executive Committee. Consider collapsing this ad hoc and absorbing this responsibility into the Executive Committee.

Proposed Motion: Funding Ad Hoc Committee should be disbanded and the duties taken on by the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee may call on other PRP members for specific related tasks.

Motion: Supervisor Madrone moves to disband

Second: Supervisor Gore

Public comment: None.

Vote: Unanimous

ii. Prop 1 Disadvantaged Communities & Tribal Engagement Ad hoc

Current members: Morris

Discussion: This group hasn't been convened in some time. It was originally meant to provide oversight to the DACTI program which has been put on hold as we wait for the roll out of the next Prop 1 funding round. There is a related Tribal ad hoc made up of the tribal reps that oversees the tribal elements of the program. There is also an IRWM ad hoc that oversees the solicitation and project evaluation process. This ad hoc committee could be absorbed into those committees.

There are some decision points on the horizon. On the recommendation of staff, the PRP decided to table this for further discussion at the April meeting.

VIII REVIEW NCRP HANDBOOK, 2021

Staff developed a draft 2021 handbook for the PRP's annual review. A detailed summary of proposed changes is included with the meeting materials; the draft handbook and marked up version are included as Attachment A and B of the materials, respectively. The general idea was to make changes that are more reflective of where NCRP is today and how it operates.

- Title Change: Policies & Procedures Handbook instead of Leadership to be more inclusive of full body.

- NCRP Structure and Role: update new Executive Committee structure approved in December 2020 and add more detail on governance structure and management roles, including a section on long term consultant roles.
- New section on mission and guiding principles: replace discussion of NCRP themes with succinct mission statement and guiding principles.
- Move Useful Website Links section to appendices; removing outdated governance structure graphic Appendix; and grammatical edits throughout.

Discussion:

- The Tribal Reps discussed the proposed mission and guiding principles and the consensus was that there are a handful of things that could be added, and they need more time to develop recommendations.
- Staff will work with Tribal Reps to make those changes, will then bring to Exec Committee to refine, and bring back to PRP in April when there is more time for discussion and to walk through key changes.
- Madrone: Suggests a new policy on keeping a level playing field between various entities. Water districts, municipalities etc. often have more resources to put together more detailed proposals. Tribes, non-profits etc. usually don't have that ability and must rely on consultants volunteering on promise of work. Some agency programs are starting to require projects go out to bid even if consultants are specified in the proposal. Madrone will share example language with staff. Policy would clarify the NCRP considers inclusion in specific contractor's in proposal equivalent to open bid.

On the recommendation of staff, it was determined that staff will work with the Executive Committee to further develop the Handbook and will return with new draft in April.

NCRP LEGISLATION SPONSORSHIP

AB 9 (Wood), an act relating to prevention and reduction of wildfires, was introduced on Dec. 7, 2020 as a spot bill (placeholder). The bill would put into statute the Regional Forest and Fire Capacity (RFFC) program and dedicate investment for critical wildfire mitigation and forest health projects throughout the state. See page 4 of the meeting materials for further detail. Early language of the bill is still being drafted.

Discussion:

- NCRP has been approached and asked to co-sponsor the legislation (along with CA RCD representing 96 RCDs statewide; also, Nature Conservancy and potentially others)
 - Asked to co-sponsor because NCRP is a proud recipient of RFFC block grant, NCRP represents a successful regional partnership, and is a strong example of regional governance/leadership
 - Staff recommends co-sponsoring and seizing the opportunity to participate in the Committee Hearing and testify to the merits of the bill and effectiveness of the RFFC program. This recommendation closely aligns with the policy advocacy work that is supported by PRP policies.
 - Susan gave a brief update at November 20th Executive Committee, who expressed support
- Susan and Mark Fenstermaker, Pacific Policy Group, who is expected to join the call, can answer questions.
- Would the staff team be open to the RFFC Ad hoc providing feedback on the legislation?
 - Absolutely. Staff will add discussion of this topic to the agenda.
- Tribes and Counties may consider contributing their own letters of support (sometimes more is more).
- In addition to letter of support, staff is recommending serving as a named co-sponsor.
- One PRP member expressed hesitation for co-sponsorship given the newness of the bill and lack of draft language.

- Staff wanted to bring this opportunity to the attention of the PRP as early as possible and can certainly bring it back when draft text is available.
- Mark of Pacific Policy Group is working closely with Michael Jarred, state Assembly Natural Resources Committee consultant, who is drafting the language and working with Wood. Again, it is early days.
- Allison Jolley, for full transparency: WRTC is working closely with Mark on this but will not be a co-sponsor. Supports NCRP co-sponsoring as it will give power to “kill the bill” if it strays from NCRP’s vision.
- Since there is new membership, consider opening membership of the RFFC Ad Hoc committee, if co-chairs agree.
 - Staff will check to see if the membership is at capacity and will work with Exec Committee on next steps.
- To clarify, staff, ad hoc, and Exec Committee have permission to gather more info and work with Woods’ office but should hold off on making any decisions before draft text is brought before the full PRP.
- After discussion, it was decided that staff will bring this issue before the PRP at the April meeting or call a special meeting before then (or polling of the membership), if needed due to time sensitivity.

IX ARCCA GRANT FUNDING FOR AMPLIFICATION OF EQUITY

ARCCA submitted a grant Mosaic Movement Initiative. If awarded, NCRP would have the opportunity to access \$35k for leadership development, capacity building and to participate in a proposed statewide equity-focused project led by the ARCCA.

Discussion:

- Background: NCRP is one of a number of regional collaboratives that form the membership of the Alliance for Regional Collabs for Climate Adaptation (ARCCA). Mosaic Initiative is for strategic planning and network processes that advance key issues important to climate adaptation and resiliency.
- Within ARCCA’s grant, \$35k is allocated to each member to afford their participation in this project. The grant award is pending; if accepted, the project could start as early as March or April for an 18 month – 2 year process. Humboldt County has confirmed their ability to administer these funds (granted the agreement is approved by the Humboldt County BOS per policy). If project moves forward, NCRP would work with Tribal reps and community-based orgs within NCRP membership to ID participants in this project.
- Staff recommends accepting the funds if offered. NCRP is often asked to participate in statewide collaborative efforts and this time, funds are being offered to participate. This is also consistent with PRP direction to build leadership capacity within the membership, exemplified by the recent expansion of the Exec Committee.
 - i. Motion to accept funding, if offered and direct staff to work with ARCCA to identify next steps:
Supervisor Gore
 - ii. Second: Supervisor Brown:
 - iii. Yes: Hillman, Gore, Rich, Smith, Hemmingsen, Howard, Madrone, Gjerde, Williams, Criss, Ogren, Davis for Hopkins, Brown, Groves
 - iv. No: None.

X CALIFORNIA LANDSCAPE STEWARDSHIP NETWORK MEMBERSHIP

NCRP has been asked to participate in this fairly informal network of orgs working on forest health, restoration, etc. The Network is working with Secretary Crowfoot on his Cutting Green Tap initiative, the Governor’s 30x30 initiative, and maintains connections with Jessica Morse, Deputy Secretary for Forest Resource Management and Patrick Wright, FMTF Interim Director.

Upon review of the website by Tribal Reps, it was unclear that CA Tribes are engaged with the Network. CIEA learned in follow-up discussions that CA Tribes are working with Network partners within their programs. Therefore, the Tribal

Representatives agree that the NCRP can join with the understanding that the NCRP will assist the Network in increasing Tribal participation and outreach messaging so that it is clear that:

- 1) CA Tribes are invited to directly and individually participate as Network Members (instead of participating solely within the activities of a Network member)
- 2) That the website better reflect how Tribes are included in the Network directly, and how they are encouraged to participate within programs of Network members.
- 3) That after NCRP learns more about the Network as a member, that the Tribal Reps will provide more specific recommendations to complete the above two tasks to increase Tribal participation.

Chair Morris asked staff to confirm they have the time and resources to participate in this network. Staff confirmed adequate resources to track network activities and occasionally engage. Staff will provide occasional updates and will report to PRP if deeper involvement is requested.

Motion to approve NCRP participation: Supervisor Gore

Second: Supervisor Williams

Public comment: None.

Vote: Unanimous

XI NCRP 2021 MEETING DATES & LOCATION

Next meeting will be on April 16th, hopefully in Weaverville (depending on COVID-19 situation). Staff will orient new members in the meantime.

The meeting will include a deep dive into RFFC work products for PRP review following Ad hoc Committee meetings in the interim. FMTF and state and federal partners will be invited to provide updates. Chair Morris suggested new members would appreciate a recap of the governor's directive and connections to state and federal partner relationships (this will likely surface through review of Forestry Ad hoc recommendations).

Final comments: NCRP/Humboldt County is celebrating the execution of the long-awaited Prop 1 grant agreement with DWR for 20 projects. A brief recap may be provided at the next meeting. Info on all the new projects (and old projects) including an interactive map, are available on the NCRP website. Humboldt County staff are always available to answer questions on NCRP projects.

XII ADJOURN

Chair Morris: Thank you to all – it has been wonderful to work with all of you and I wish you much success in the next phase of the NCRP. Members of the Executive Committee also expressed their thanks.

Chair Morris adjourned the meeting at 12:10 pm.

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Note: a total of 48 callers were on the conference call.

