



August 1, 2022

Announcement: The Summer 2022 Nomination & Voting Process is now open!

To: Tribal Council, and Natural Resource or EPA and 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 region until 5pm August 24, 2022 in order to fill up to six (6) vacant positions in the governance structure of the NCRP.

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

There are new opportunities for North Coast Tribes through the NCRP. Together, with other Tribes in the North Coast and the regional counties, we will approve the North Coast Regional Forest and Fire Plan, inclusive of Tribal management for forest and fire resiliency. In Winter 2022 Tribal Representatives will choose the second round of water management Proposition 1 IRWM Implementation grant awards. Tribal Representatives will also continue to guide the Tribal capacity-building and technical assistance program of the NCRP.

Together twelve (12) Tribal North Coast Representatives represent over 34 North Coast Tribes in collaboration with other Tribes, counties, cities, state agencies, non-profits and other regional stakeholders.

The following six (6) seats are currently available for new Tribal Representatives:

- North District: Alternate seat of the Leadership Council
 Alternate seat of the Technical Peer Review Committee (TPRC)

- Central District: Seat of the of the Leadership Council
 Alternate seat of the Technical Peer Review Committee (TPRC)

- South District: Alternate seat of the Leadership Council
 Alternate seat of the Technical Peer Review Committee (TPRC)

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

I. **Complete a ‘Nomination Form’** *See attached.* Using this form you can:

- 1) Appoint a **Voting Delegate** to assist in choosing from those nominated
- 2) Nominate a **Tribal Representative** and/or **Alternate**

II. **Complete a Tribal Resolution** to confirm your Voting Delegate and your nominee(s).

In order to be eligible for consideration by the Tribes in your voting District for the open position **these two documents are due by August 24 at 5pm** by email to:

sherri@cieaweb.org. For the Tribal Resolution, if your Tribal Council meetings is outside of this nomination and voting schedule, please contact us to make arrangements before the due date; an interim letter may be able to be accepted.

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 “Fall 2022 Tribal Selection & Representation Process for Tribal Representation within the NCRP”

III. **Your Voting Delegate will need to be able to attend the online NCRP Tribal Representative Meeting on August 25, 2022 from 10am – Noon** and by consensus choose from those nominated to fill the vacant seats.

IV. **Tribal Representatives will then coordinate with other District Representatives** to be sure there is Tribal coverage at upcoming quarterly meetings – the first of which is on August 26, 2022, and attend monthly Tribal Representatives’ coordination meetings held on the on the first Monday of each month.

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 on August 25, 2022.**

Nomination Forms & Resolutions must be received by August 24, 2022 by 5pm

NCRP Tribal Representative Commitment

Serving on the Leadership Council or TPRC requires a commitment of travel expenses and time. At this time because of Covid-19, most meetings are held online or by phone. For a full list of Leadership Council & 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. We have secured some financial support for those Tribes who require travel support in order to participate. Please contact us to inquire about this support or to express other capacity needs that may be limit your ability to nominate and support a participating Representative.

Additional Requirements

The NCRP also requires that all Leadership Council and TPRC members formally adopt the North Coast IRWM Plan and sign a Memorandum of Mutual Understanding (MoMU) before the being seated at the next NCRP quarterly meeting. This is also a requirement of applicants before receipt of IRWM funding. if you have received NCRP IRWM funding this is likely on file.

NCRP IRWM Plan:

https://northcoastresourcepartnership.org/site/assets/uploads/2020/02/NCRP_Plan_IV_January_2020.pdf

The MOMU is an attachment of the handbook:

https://northcoastresourcepartnership.org/site/assets/uploads/2021/11/NCRP_Handbook_2021_101121.pdf

For More Information

See the attached ‘Nomination & Voting Form’ and the ‘Tribal Representation Process’ document for more information, to identify which District you are in, and for the requirements of Leadership Council and TPRC Tribal Representatives.

The California Indian Environmental Alliance (CIEA) coordinates NCRP Tribal participation and technical assistance on behalf of Tribes in the North Coast, and seeks funding for Tribes through the IRWM Program and other funding mechanisms. For more information about Tribal Engagement in the NCRP, the benefits of participation and upcoming activities contact Sherri Norris at sherri@cieaweb.org or at (510) 334-4408.

To learn more about the NCRP visit our website: <https://northcoastresourcepartnership.org/>. It is highly recommended that you sign up to receive announcements regarding funding opportunities, regional and local events, North Coast news and to provide input into NCRP developed plans. To sign up, click on ‘Sign Up for Email Updates’ at the bottom of the home page or send an email to Katherine Gledhill at kyledhill@westcoastwatershed.com and ask her 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 to receive a presentation about the NCRP, the Proposition 1 IRWM program, the Regional Forest and Fire Plan development, and upcoming NCRP funding opportunities please contact us.

Respectfully,

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