



Summer 2022 Tribal Selection & Representation Process for Tribal Representation within the NCRP

The attached 'Tribal Voting Delegate & Nomination Form'

is Due August 24, 2022 by 5pm.

Selection by Voting Delegates is on August 25, 2022 at the Tribal NCRP Quarterly Meeting from 10am - Noon.

This is a living document and serves as the policy for the Tribal selection process for NCRP Tribal Representatives. All dates have been revised for this nomination and voting round.

Summer 2022 TIMELINE

August 3, 2022	Nomination Form & Invitations sent to Tribes in North Coast
August 24, 2022 5pm	Voting Delegates & Nomination Forms Due from Tribes in each District
August 25, 2022 10am	New Representative Selection Meeting at the Tribal NCRP Meeting online with a phone in option.

This 2022 Nomination and Voting round is to fill the following vacant seats:

North District

Leadership Council Alternate
 Technical Peer Review Committee (TPRC) Alternate

Central District

Leadership Council
 Technical Peer Review Committee (TPRC) Alternate

South District

Leadership Council Alternate
 Technical Peer Review Committee (TPRC) Alternate

DISTRICT DIVISION OF TRIBES IN THE NORTH COAST REGION

There are six (6) Tribal Representative Seats within the decision-making bodies of the North Coast Resource Partnership, as well as an Alternate for each. Together there are twelve (12) seats available for North Coast Tribes to regional management of the NCRP.

These include three (3) Leadership Council seats, three (3) for the Technical Peer Review Committee (TPRC) and an Alternate for each of these six (6) positions.

The division of Tribes within each Voting District is on the last page of this document

IDENTIFYING YOUR VOTING DELEGATE & NOMINATING A REPRESENTATIVE

Tribes in each Voting District are given the opportunity to nominate a person that they feel is qualified for each vacant Leadership Council and/or TPRC seat in their District, and to select from those nominated to fill those positions through selection by their Voting Delegate.

To do this Tribes are required to submit these two items by August 24, 2022 by 5pm:

- 1) A completed 'Nomination & Voting Form' (*see attached*)
- 2) A Tribal Council Resolution supporting the Voting Delegate and Nominee

VOTING DELEGATES

As part of the 'Nomination & Voting Form,' each Tribe is requested to select a Voting Delegate who will, on behalf of your Tribe, vote for your District's regional Tribal Representative(s) during the next Tribal Quarterly Meeting from those nominated by Tribes in your District. Tribes can put forward a Voting Delegate even if they are not putting forward a Representative nomination.

This portion of the 'Nomination & Voting Form' is mandatory if Tribes wish to cast a vote to choose from nominated individuals.

These Delegates may vote in subsequent Representative Selection meetings until the Voting Delegate is removed or replaced by the Tribe who identified that Voting Delegate.

VOTING IN PRP/TPRC REPRESENTATIVES -

Voting takes place at the quarterly Tribal NCRP Meetings. Given the current Covid-19 pandemic the Tribal NCRP meetings have been held online until in person meetings can safely resume.

New Tribal Representatives will be chosen by Voting Delegates from Nominees submitted by 5pm on August 24, 2022. See 'Nominating PRP/TPRC Representatives & Voting Delegate' above.

- On August 25, 2022 each Tribes' Voting Delegate will vote for their respected representative(s) from the persons nominated by Tribal Councils in their Voting District.

This voting process will take place by Voting District through breakout rooms (North, Central and South) and each Tribe within their Voting District will be given an opportunity to vote through the Voting Delegate they designated to vote on behalf of the Tribe as stated in their Nomination Form.

CONSIDERATIONS IN NOMINATING REPRESENTATIVES

When making nominations, it is recommended that Tribes consider the following associated with the roles and responsibilities of their Representative:

- All nominees will be taken into consideration regardless of their educational background and will be respected as put forward by Tribal Councils.
- For the Leadership Council, it is preferred to select a person(s) who is an elected Tribal official, or in in a Tribal management or leadership position with a policy background, but it is not required.
- For the TPRC, it is preferred to select a person(s) with a technical, environmental science or Traditional Ecological Knowledge background, but is not required.
- Nominees if voted in, are expected to be able to make major NCRP-related decisions at NCRP meetings and will represent multiple Tribes within the North Coast region.
- During NCRP Leadership Council and TPRC Meetings decision-making requires a quorum is present; therefore Representatives or their Alternates are responsible to attend each quarterly Meeting and work with the Tribal Director to coordinate attendance by District prior to each meeting.
- To guide NCRP programs and to reach consensus among Tribal Representatives, Leadership Council and TPRC Representatives are asked to also attend a brief monthly NCRP Tribal Representatives' coordination phone meeting generally held at 3pm on the first Monday of each month, or the second Monday by previous agreement.
- After a Tribe's nominated representatives has been chosen, and before a new Representative is seated at a quarterly NCRP PRP/TRPRC Meeting, the NCRP MoMU will need to be signed and the North Coast IWRM Plan will need to be adopted by the Tribe of the newly elected Representative. This is also required of project applicants to receive awarded IRWM funding.

CURRENT NCRP FOCUS AREAS

At this time, we are coordinating the Proposition 1 Funded 'Disadvantaged Communities and Tribal Involvement' (DACTI) Program to provide Technical Assistance, Capacity Building and increasing meaning Tribal engagement in regional Integrated Water Management We are also coordinating a new North Coast Regional Forest and Fire Capacity (RFFC) Program to integrate Tribal expertise into regional forest and fire management through the development of a North Coast forest and fire plan. Lastly, we are preparing to select projects for funding through Round 2 Proposition 1 IRWM. New Representatives will assist in these efforts in 2022 and 2023.

Representative Roles & Responsibilities

All elected Representatives and Alternates must be accountable for their participation at NCRP meetings. Upon accepting the seat as a Leadership Council or Technical Peer Review Committee (TPRC) as a Representative or Alternate; they acknowledge the roles and responsibilities of the position and that are accountable to the Tribes within the North Coast. Each will communicate regularly with their fellow Tribal Representatives, Alternates and the Tribal Engagement Director.

ATTENDANCE & VACANCIES

- Each Representative selected for the Leadership Council or TPRC will typically serve a 4-year term with rolling renewal. Removal before the end of their term requires a Tribal Resolution from the Tribe that nominated them, or for the person to be absent from two consecutive meetings without notification or coordination with the Tribal Engagement Director.
- **Leadership Council and TPRC Representatives** are asked to also attend a brief **Monthly NCRP Tribal Representatives' Coordination Meeting** online or by phone to guide the NCRP programs. Representatives unable to attend can contact the Tribal Engagement Director within two days of the meeting to weigh in on decisions before the group. These meetings are held the first Monday of each month or following week if the day falls on holiday or other significant date.
- **Leadership Council Representatives** or their Alternate are required to attend quarterly full **NCRP Leadership Council/TPRC Meetings**. These meetings require a Leadership Council quorum is present; therefore planned attendance is required to be confirmed at least two weeks prior to these meetings. It is estimated that Representatives will spend 2-4 hours reading in preparation for each of these meetings. Discussions to arrive at consensus on agenda items will be discussed during the Tribal NCRP Meetings held the day before the full NCRP meetings.
- **Leadership Council & TPRC Representatives and Alternates** are required to participate in quarterly **Tribal NCRP Meetings**. These are generally scheduled one or two days prior to the quarterly full **Leadership Council/TPRC NCRP Meetings** and assist voting Representatives to discuss topics on the NCRP meeting agenda, arrive at consensus where possible with other Tribes in the North Coast, and to discuss regional needs, activities and policies.
- **TPRC Representatives** or their Alternates are required to attend two day **Project Selection Meetings** when NCRP funded proposals are due (typical not more than twice a year or every other year). To prepare for the Project Selection Meeting, each TPRC Representative must read a substantial amount of project proposal documents. In 2019 Representatives spent approximately 30 hours reviewing proposals during a one month time period to prepare to rank, and prioritize 50-60 funding proposals at the two-day project ranking and scoring meeting. Representatives can coordinate with their Alternates to review proposals.
- If any Representative misses two (2) required meetings within a year without a good faith effort to coordinate attendance of their Alternate and to inform the Tribal Director she/he will automatically step down. A seat vacated for this reason or otherwise (i.e. resignation) will then be filled at or before the next meeting by the next top ranking selected representative in their District, or if none are identified, by a subsequent Nomination and Voting round.

DESCRIPTION OF DUTIES

- Serving on the PRP or TPRC requires a commitment of time and travel expenses. The Tribes from which the Representatives are selected are generally required to provide financial support for travel to meetings including any lodging, mileage, and *per diem*. The Tribal Engagement Director of NCRP does secure a limited amount of travel funds for Tribal Representatives so that all Tribes have an equal opportunity to participate in NCRP governance and leadership. Please see ‘NCRP Program Support’ below for additional information.
- All participating Tribes within the North Coast Region will be requested to contribute to a pool of funds that will support Tribal Representative Expenses, and/or to provide letters of support for the Tribal Outreach Director to secure grant funds for the program.

REPRESENTATIVES MUST BE CAPABLE AND WILLING TO

- **Represent and clearly convey fundamental interests** (as opposed to **fixed** interests) of all Federally and non-recognized Tribes in their District - not just their own Tribe
- **Provide first-hand knowledge and multiple perspectives** on water resources, and fire resiliency as well as other related issues within the North Coast region as it pertains to Tribes, other stakeholders and understand how these pertain to the primary NCRP objectives
- **Work collaboratively** and seek to integrate the interests of the full range of their District’s Tribal constituents
- **Balance a North Coast regional perspective** with localized traditional knowledge and technical capability
- **Share relevant information on a regular basis** to Tribes in their District with support of the Tribal Engagement Director and other NCRP Tribal Representatives. Tribal Representatives must be able to access and use effective communication to network and conduct outreach to North Coast Tribes who are not attending the NCRP public meetings and events.

NCRP PROGRAM SUPPORT

Should travel be a deterrent to nominating a Representative or participating in NCRP program activities Please contact Sherri Norris sherri@cieaweb.org.

We can provide financial support for travel to enable Tribal engagement for those that require it to participate. These funds are currently available through the Proposition 1 funded Disadvantaged Communities and Tribal Involvement Program (DACTI) through December 2022, and will be available through emerging NCRP funding sources or through general assistance funds of the California Indian Environmental Alliance.

NCRP TRIBAL SEAT DISTRICTS

North		
Tribe	County(ies)	Watershed(s)
Quartz Valley Rancheria	Siskiyou County	Klamath
Karuk Tribe	Siskiyou and Humboldt Counties	Klamath
Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation	Del Norte County	North Coast
Elk Valley Rancheria	Del Norte County	North Coast
Resighini Rancheria	Del Norte County	North Coast
Yurok Tribe	Del Norte and Humboldt Counties	Klamath
Pit River Tribe	Modoc County	Shasta
Shasta Nation	Siskiyou County	Shasta
Shasta Indian Nation	Siskiyou County	Shasta
Central		
Tribe	County(ies)	Watershed(s)
Hoopa Valley Tribe	Humboldt County	Trinity
Big Lagoon Rancheria	Humboldt County	Humboldt
Trinidad Rancheria	Humboldt County	Humboldt
Blue Lake Rancheria	Humboldt County	Humboldt
Table Bluff Rancheria (Wiyot)	Humboldt County	Eel
Bear River Tribe of Rohnerville Rancheria	Humboldt County	Eel
Nor Rel Muk	Trinity County	Trinity
Round Valley Reservation	Mendocino County- North	Eel
Cahto Indian Tribe of the Laytonville Rancheria	Mendocino County-North	Eel
Sherwood Valley Rancheria	Mendocino County-North	Eel, North Coast, & Russian
South		
Tribe	County(ies)	Watershed(s)
Potter Valley Tribe	Mendocino County- South	Russian
Coyote Valley Rancheria	Mendocino County- South	Russian
Redwood Valley Rancheria	Mendocino County- South	Russian
Pinoleville Pomo Nation	Mendocino County- South	Russian
Guidiville Rancheria	Mendocino County- South	Russian
Hopland Rancheria	Mendocino County- South	Russian
Manchester/Point Arena Rancheria	Mendocino County- South	North Coast
Cloverdale Rancheria	Sonoma County	Russian
Dry Creek Rancheria	Sonoma County	Russian
Lytton Rancheria	Sonoma County	Russian
Graton Rancheria	Sonoma County	Russian
Stewarts Point Rancheria (Kashia)	Sonoma County	North Coast
Mishewal Wappo Tribe of Alexander Valley	Sonoma County	Russian
Yokayo Tribe of Indians	Mendocino County – South	Russian