



# 2022 Proposition 1 IRWM Project Proposal Solicitation

September 30, 2022





The North Coast Resource Partnership (NCRP) is a long term, innovative and successful collaboration among Northern California Tribes, counties, and diverse partners.

The NCRP region covers over 19,000 square miles – 12% of the California landscape – and includes the Tribal lands and the counties of Del Norte, Humboldt, Trinity, Siskiyou, Modoc, Mendocino and Sonoma.





# PROPOSITION 1 IRWM GRANT PROGRAM

- Provides funding for projects that help meet the long-term water needs of the state & region:
  - Assisting water 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
  - Improving regional water self-reliance
- North Coast Prop 1 allocation is \$26.5 M (~\$22 M for implementation projects)
  - ~\$12.7 M awarded in Round 1
  - **~\$8.4 M available in Round 2**



# NCRP PROP 1 IRWM 2022 SOLICITATION

- **May 2022:** Prop 1 Round 2 IRWM Program Guidelines and Proposal Solicitation Package released by DWR
- **August 15, 2022:** NCRP Prop 1 IRWM Round 2 Project Proposal Solicitation announced
- **November 4, 2022:** NCRP Prop 1 IRWM Round 2 Project Proposals due
- **December 1 & 2, 2022:** Technical Peer Review Committee (TPRC) Project Review meeting
- **December 9, 2022:** NCRP Leadership Council & TPRC Quarterly Meeting; Project Selection
- **February 1, 2023:** Regional Application due to DWR
- **Spring, 2023:** Expected Awards



# ELIGIBLE PROJECT TYPES

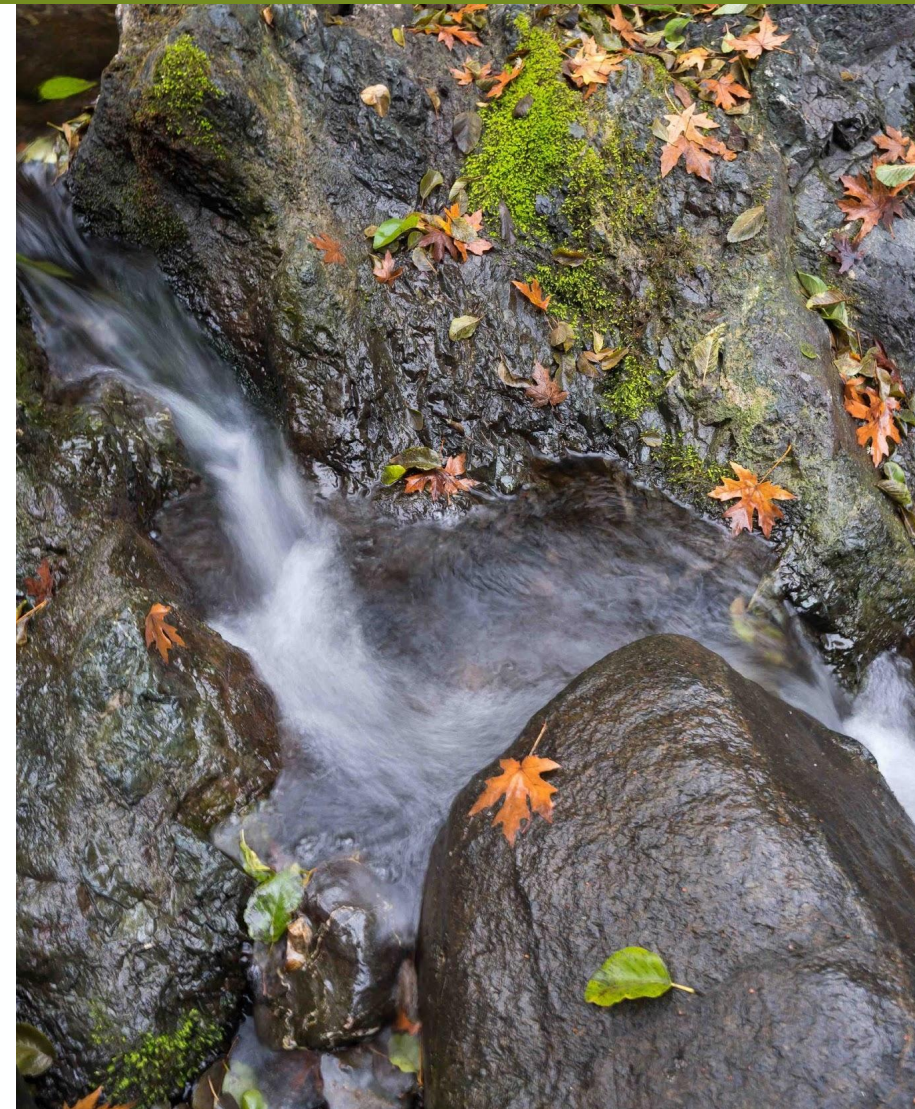
Projects must yield **multiple benefits** & include one or more of the following elements:

- Water recycling
- Water conservation
- Surface and underground water storage
- Water conveyance facilities that improve integration of separate water systems
- Watershed enhancement, restoration, and management: improve water supply reliability and/or reduce risk of wildfire
- Stormwater resource management projects
- Conjunctive use of surface and groundwater storage (e.g., groundwater recharge basins)
- Improvement of water quality: drinking water treatment and distribution; water pollution remediation and prevention; wastewater treatment; urban or ag runoff management
- Decision support tools to model or evaluate regional water management (e.g., multi-benefit stormwater projects or climate change response in water supply)



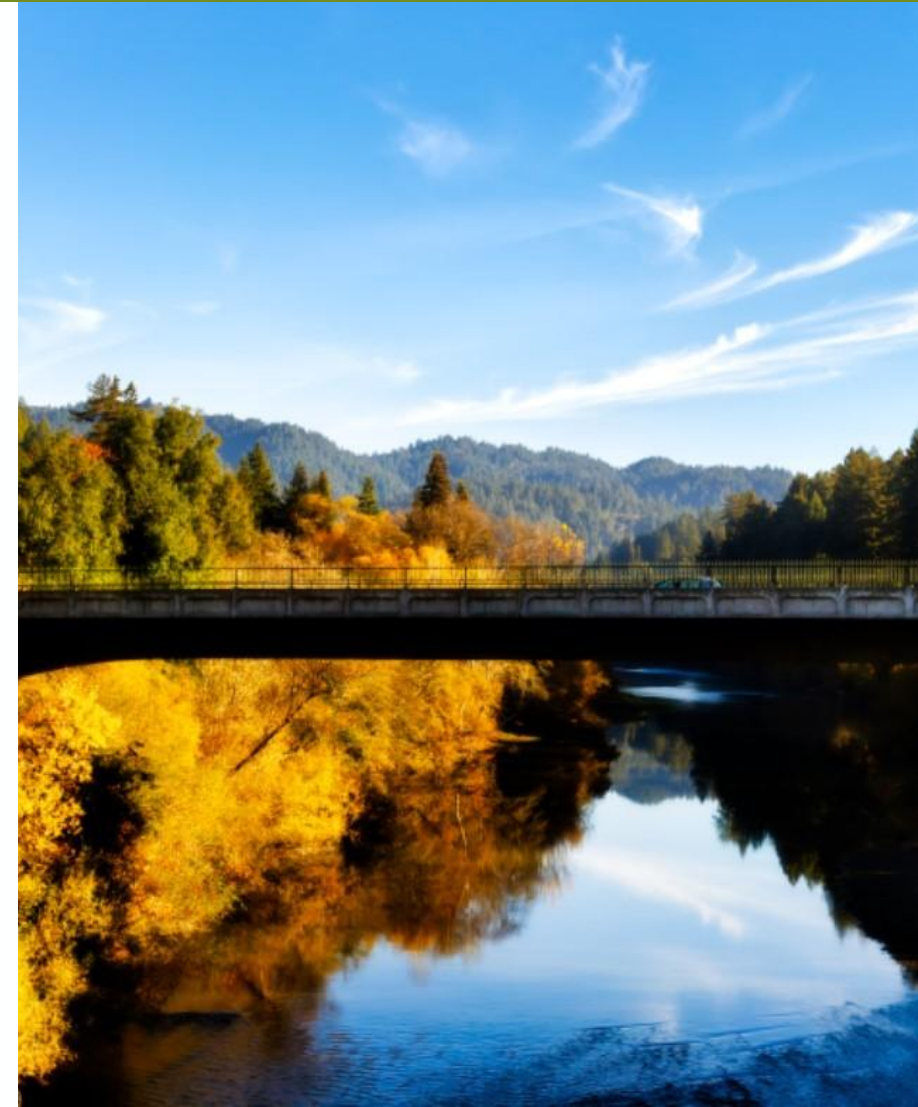
# NCRP PROJECT ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Addresses NCRP Goals and Objectives
- Project sponsors: local agencies, Tribes, non-profit
- Multiple benefits and include eligible project type
- Project has a useful life of at least 15 years
- Document of support: projects that claim Tribal benefits
- Proposition 1 legislative requirements:
  - Groundwater Management Plan self-certification and documentation of Groundwater Sustainability Agency support
  - Agricultural Water Management Compliance
  - Surface Water Diverter Compliance
  - Urban Water Management Plan
  - Stormwater Management Plan
- Project sponsors required to be MoMU signatories
- Project sponsors required to adopt NCRP IRWM Plan



# COMPLETE PROJECT APPLICATION

- A complete application includes:
  - Cover Page: Organization Information, Eligibility & Authorized Signature
  - NCRP 2022 Project Application (Word file)
  - NCRP 2022 Project Application: Major Tasks, Task Descriptions, Schedule and Budget (Excel file)
  - Supporting documents - hyperlinks or copies of the studies, plans & designs completed for the project (50 pages, only the most important info)
- NCRP 2022 Project Solicitation application materials and Project Review Guidelines can be found at:  
<https://northcoastresourcepartnership.org/ncrp-proposition-1-irwm-round-2-solicitation/>
- **Applications due November 4th!**





# NCRP 2022 PROJECT APPLICATION

- Project Description: intended purpose of project; a problem statement & expected outcomes
- Describe the need for the project (e.g. water shortages, loss of habitat function, water quality problems)
- Describe the community served by project
- How will the project benefit economically disadvantaged or Tribal community?
- Describe how the project:
  - contributes to regional water self-reliance
  - addresses the effects of climate change
- Summarize and quantify the projected benefits
- Technical basis of project – studies & plans





# PROJECT TASKS, BUDGET & SCHEDULE EXCEL

- An important element of the overall proposal
- Provide enough detail to show the review committee how the project will be implemented
  - Detailed budgets not required but strongly encouraged
- Assumed start date for project funding (award date): July 1, 2023
- Assumed end date: no later than December 31, 2027
- Project reimbursement date = DWR contract award date
- Project scalability – if a project is not scalable & the budget amount is greater than the available funding, a highly ranked project may not be selected for funding
- Funding match – 50% (non-state)
- Funding match – may be waived/reduced for projects that benefit disadvantaged communities
- Disadvantaged Community (DAC)/Economically Distressed Area (EDA) Cost Share Waiver:

75% - 100% benefit to DAC/EDA:	0% cost share required
50% - 74% benefit to DAC/EDA:	12.5% cost share required
25% - 49% benefit to DAC/EDA:	25% cost share required
Less than 25% benefit to DAC/EDA:	50% cost share required

# NCRP PROJECT REVIEW AND SELECTION PROCESS GUIDELINES

- Approved by Leadership Council on January 21, 2022
- Guidelines describe and define:
  - NCRP Project Evaluation Roles: Leadership Council (LC), TPRC, & staff
  - Public and project proponent input during the project review process
  - NCRP Conflict of Interest policy
  - LC directed guidelines for project scoring
  - TPRC Scoring Criteria





# NCRP REVIEW CRITERIA

- Project Description: project readiness; community importance; clear tasks, deliverables & schedule
- Reasonable budget & financial need
- Leveraged funds
- Project budget scalability
- Magnitude of project benefits
- Project Benefits to Disadvantaged Communities
- Addresses Water Self-Reliance and Safety
- Addresses Climate Change: mitigation /adaptation
- Project Justification: scientific & technical basis
- Regional Representation in project selection
- Fit for funding opportunity



# PROPOSAL DEVELOPMENT TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

A team of technical advisors made up of regional experts will be available to provide one-on-one assistance to those interested in submitting applications. Types of support may include help with:

- CEQA compliance and permitting requirements
- disadvantaged community determination
- cost estimates for planning, design and engineering
- tasks, schedule and budget worksheet review
- project scalability
- project benefits
- general proposal review

**WEEKLY OFFICE HOURS:** Mondays at 12 – 1 pm via Zoom (through October 31)

- See eblasts or solicitation webpage for Zoom link and calendar appointment

**REQUEST PEER-TO-PEER ASSISTANCE:** send a brief description of the assistance needed to [kgledhill@northcoastresourcepartnership.org](mailto:kgledhill@northcoastresourcepartnership.org) to set up a date/time for a meeting with technical advisors



# NCRP IRWM PROPOSITION 1 ROUND 2 WEBINARS

- September 30, 1 – 2:30 pm: NCRP Proposition 1 IRWM Solicitation Overview
  - Solicitation Process, Materials and Requirements
  - NCRP Contract Administration for Implementation Projects
  - Tribal Projects and Lessons Learned: Q & A Session
- October 4, 1 pm: NCRP Small Community Toolbox
- October 11, 1 pm: NEPA/CEQA and Permitting Basics
- October 18, 1 – 2:30 pm: What makes a Strong NCRP Proposition 1 IRWM proposal?
  - Meet with NCRP Technical Peer Review Committee members
  - Tribal Projects and Lessons Learned: Q & A Session

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# NCRP CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION FOR IMPLEMENTATION PROJECTS

- Funds are for implementation projects only
- Significant administrative elements (e.g., Labor Compliance, CEQA, reporting/invoicing, backup documentation)
- Cost-share requirement – 50% non-state, eligible costs incurred since January 1, 2015
- CEQA documentation, permits and designs must be reviewed by DWR prior to beginning construction
- For projects serving economically disadvantaged communities:
  - Optional advanced payment of up to 50% of funds for grant awards less than \$1 M
  - Cost-share requirement may be waived or reduced
- Turnaround time between sponsor invoice submittal and payment is typically 3 - 4 months
- 10% retention withheld until project completion
- 3 years post-performance monitoring and reporting required
- To enter into a Subgrant agreement with the County of Humboldt:
  - General Liability Insurance for \$2 M and endorsements will be required
  - Tribal projects will need to submit a Limited Waiver of Sovereign Immunity Resolution specifically limited by the scope and term of the contract





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