



**North Coast Resource Partnership (NCRP)
Leadership Council (LC) & Technical Peer Review Committee (TPRC) Meeting
MEETING MATERIALS**

Friday, December 9, 2022; 10 am – 12:30 pm

ZOOM MEETING: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86488477834?pwd=V2tLaGI0UDBiTDkvbEdMMWNDOWF1QT09>

BACKGROUND INFORMATION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The following items correspond to the NCRP Quarterly Meeting agenda for December 9, 2022 per agenda order and item number. The items below include background information for agenda items that require additional explanation and, in some cases, include recommendations for action. The meeting agenda and other meeting materials can be found on the NCRP website at <https://northcoastresourcepartnership.org/north-coast-resource-partnership-quarterly-meetings/>

VI NCRP REGIONAL FOREST AND FIRE CAPACITY DRAFT PLAN

With direction from the NCRP Leadership Council, and guidance from the NCRP RFFC Ad Hoc Committee, Department of Conservation, the CA Wildfire and Forest Resilience Task Force and many agency partners, NCRP staff and consultants have completed the draft regional priority plan funded by the Department of Conservation Regional Forest and Fire Capacity Program entitled [A VISION FOR NORTH COAST RESILIENCE - Priorities For Enhancing Watershed, Fireshed, Forest, and Community Resilience in the North Coast Region](#). This plan is intended to be implemented immediately upon completion.

This draft plan reflects significant local and regional research, data gathering, assessments, spatial analysis and includes input and review from hundreds of groups and individuals from throughout the North Coast Region and beyond – including Tribes, NGOs, agencies, RCDs, local governments, landowner groups, universities, and expert consultants including Tribal consultants, RPFs, ecologists, planners, spatial analysis experts and others. This input was gathered via workshops, polls, interviews, small group meetings, and evaluation of hundreds of local, state and federal documents, as well as detailed and iterative review of draft plan sections. The draft plan intentionally aligns with and integrates the goals, objectives and initiatives of NCRP agency partners, including

the Governor's office, Resources Agency, Department of Conservation, Wildfire and Forest Resilience Task Force director and staff, Regional Water Quality Control Board, CAL FIRE, California State Coastal Conservancy, US Forest Service, UC Agriculture and Natural Resources, Governors Office of Planning and Research, CA Department of Water Resources, State Water Resources Control Board, Strategic Growth Council, Natural Resources Conservation Service, United States Geologic Survey, NASA, University of California, as well as many others.

Staff will provide a presentation of the planning process to date, next steps and staff recommendation. The Leadership Council will hear perspectives and agency updates from three key partners in this planning effort: Keali'i Bright, Director, Division of Land Resource Protection, California Department of Conservation, Wildfire and Forest Resilience Task Force Director Patrick Wright, and Matt St John Executive Officer of the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board.

Following is a summary of the plan development process, proposed next steps and NCRP staff recommendation:

Plan Development Process

The NCRP engaged in the following processes to prepare for and execute plan development:

- NCRP staff met with the Leadership Council to discuss the underlying principles and approach to the planning process, and the following guidance was provided:
 - achieve the grant requirements and goals of the DOC RFFC program and the objectives of the Wildfire and Forest Resilience Task Force in an effective, innovative and collaborative manner
 - go big or go home – blue sky vision, no self-editing limitations on what is possible
 - do not avoid controversy – engage everyone in solutions to conflicting priorities, find common ground while respecting local autonomy
 - include and meaningfully engage everyone – develop a shared regional vision
 - full engagement and reflection of Tribes and Tribal perspectives; integration of Tribal perspectives and priorities in all aspects of plan – not limited to a Tribal section
 - digital/adaptive to ensure flexible updating as new information is available
 - tier from and align with federal and state guidance
 - reflect, integrate, amplify and advocate for local and regional priorities, knowledge, expertise
 - multi-benefit, multi-objective focus: reflecting the mission, principles, goals and objectives of the NCRP, with a special emphasis on fire and forest health
- All day retreat with members of the NCRP Leadership Council, Technical Peer Review Committee and key partners to identify regional resilience priorities, barriers, challenges and opportunities
- Identify clear roles for project team
- Confirm iterative plan development process
- Clarify intentions with DOC, and align plan development strategy with RFFC guidelines
- Evaluate state and federal guidance documents and agency objectives
- Evaluate relevant objectives from Wildfire and Forest Management Task Force plans and documents
- Compile relevant research and integrate relevant sections into planning process
- Formation of NCRP RFFC Ad Hoc committee
- Leadership Council approval of plan outline

- Core team selects multiple consultants/experts (competitive RFP and some sole sourcing)
- Orient core team and consultants to the assumptions (blue sky vision), outcomes, process, outline
- Outline community and partner engagement process
- iterative content process:
 - Outline developed by core team per RFFC program guidance and NCRP mission/goals/objectives
 - Integrate key federal, state and local objectives and guidance into draft outline
 - Outline reviewed by key consultants and partners, NCRP Ad Hoc Committee, revised based on input
 - Content development assigned to technical consultants
 - Draft content reviewed by core team, added to outline, resulting in annotated outline
 - Annotated outline reviewed for gaps or inaccuracies – partners, consultants, Ad Hoc Committee, NCRP Leadership Council
 - Plan draft developed, reviewed by partners, consultants, Ad Hoc Committee, NCRP Leadership Council
 - Core development team created a guiding structure, in the form of the Outcome/Solution/Actions structure, and a template for Solutions. The content developed by subject area experts was then adapted into the template format. Both the overall structure, and the template format helped the team and reviewers to begin to see the big picture and identify missing elements. These identified content areas were then developed by the appropriate core team member or consultant.
 - Workshops, meetings, polls to augment content. An example: all day meeting with breakout sessions held at Bear River Tribe community center - focused on identifying North Coast region priorities and criteria for prioritizing investments, and opportunities to align Tribal, federal, state, regional and local priorities. 150 people in attendance – input integrated into draft plan.
 - Review and approve draft plan iterations with NCRP RFFC Ad Hoc Committee (11 meetings) and Leadership Council meetings 2020-2022
 - Tribal content development and review meeting attendees:
 - Bear River Band of Rohnerville Rancheria
 - Blue Lake Rancheria
 - Cahto Tribe of Laytonville Rancheria
 - Coyote Valley Tribe
 - Dry Creek Rancheria of Pomo Indians of California
 - Elk Valley Rancheria
 - Hopland Band of Pomo Indians
 - Karuk Tribe
 - Kashia Band of Pomo Indians of the Stewart’s Point Rancheria
 - Lytton Band of Pomo Indians
 - Potter Valley Tribe
 - Quartz Valley Indian Tribe
 - Round Valley Indian Tribe
 - Tolowa Dee-ni’ Nation
 - Wiyot Tribe
 - Yurok Tribe
- Tribal reviews - Tribal review team held 5 focused topical meetings in 2021-2022:

- Orientation, capacity, year-round solutions
- Fire resilient forests, Ecosystem conservation and restoration, reintroduction of Tribal strategies
- Biomass, climate action, intentional prescriptions of pace and scale (alignment with Tribes)
- Community health & safety, community infrastructure
- Identifying capacity-building needs: trainings, infrastructure, equipment & navigating agency programs for Tribal co-management, protection of cultural and subsistence resources

- Technical Experts and Consultants (under direction of NCRP staff team, responsible for content development, review, and revision)
 - BBW: Mark Andre, Jared Gerstein, Mark Lancaster
 - Caldwell Consulting: Marie Caldwell
 - California Indian Environmental Alliance: Marissa Fierro, Joel Fontaine, Helen Ryan
 - CLERE Inc: Christiana Darlington
 - Conservation Innovations Group: Gary Knoblock
 - Environmental Science Associates/Sitka Technologies (Project Tracker)
 - ForEverGreen Forestry: Tracy Katelman
 - Indigenous Stewardship Network: Don Hankins
 - Karuk Tribe: Bill Tripp
 - Oregon State University: Chris Dunn
 - Planwest Partners: John Miller, Colette Santsche
 - Reza Environmental: Kate Reza
 - TPoint 550: Kirk Girard
 - Tukman Geospatial: Ella Griffith, Mark Tukman
 - VR Conservation Collective: Vance Russell
 - Water Solutions Network: Debbie Franco

- Digital Plan Design:
 - Eclipse Media Solutions: Matt Hensley
 - Idea Cooperative: Tyler Young
 - Topo Collective: Alex Roa

- Agency and partner focused review of draft digital plan: Department of Conservation, Wildfire and Forest Resilience Task Force director and staff, Regional Water Quality Control Board, CAL FIRE, California State Coastal Conservancy, US Forest Service, UC Agriculture and Natural Resources, RCDs, NGOs, private landowner groups, local agencies, and an array of other consultants and partners - including all who had participated in previous reviews, Tribal workshops and targeted agency workshops
- Public review (over 800 reviewers opened the document from the NCRP website and listserv)
- Develop draft website and review with Ad Hoc, consultants, partners
- Develop draft Project Tracker
- Develop story maps, data portals
- Develop bibliographic database
- Develop Plan guidance sheet: highlights of purpose and talking points, navigation guidance of plan
- Tie all of the above into a comprehensive, integrated digital plan

Tools

- Airtable (aligned with Task Force airtable where relevant)
- Zotero – bibliographic database, all references included and shared via website
- Project Tracker – documents all projects identified in the region, used for uploading projects into the project pipeline
- ArcGIS Online – sharing data
- ESRI story maps – sharing information and assessments
- Google docs – drafting content with core team, consultants, partners
- WordPress – flexible, adaptive website for digital plan

NCRP staff provide printed copies of the plan upon request by those individuals that do not have access to internet or for whom the digital version of the plan is a barrier to access. Because the plan is digital and adaptive in nature, NCRP staff will develop standards for ensuring the printed copies are clearly date stamped, with information about ongoing updating and will maintain a list of those who have requested printed copies and inform them of updates. NCRP staff will consider adding guidance to the NCRP Policies and Procedures Handbook related to digital vs print media.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

- Approve the North Coast Regional Resilience Plan: *A Vision for North Coast Resilience – Priorities for Enhancing Watershed, Fireshed, Forest and Community Resilience in the North Coast Region.*
- Adaptively update the North Coast Regional Resilience Plan to reflect new information and priorities, as well as additional refinements to the current plan based on partner input. Review proposed updates with the RFFC Ad Hoc Committee and bring to the Leadership Council for approval during their regular meetings.
- NCRP staff to begin implementation of priority plan elements that have been approved by the Leadership Council, develop a detailed implementation plan for the North Coast Regional Resilience Plan, review and refine with the NCRP RFFC Ad Hoc, and discuss with the NCRP Leadership Council at its next meeting.
- RFFC Ad Hoc Committee to focus on continued RFFC plan development and updating, plan implementation, including the development of prioritization, evaluation and selection criteria for all plan elements, including current initiatives (e.g., technical assistance to underrepresented, economically disadvantaged and/or vulnerable communities, the OPR woody feedstock contract, CAL FIRE Forest Health Pilot, Humboldt Area Foundation/Wild Rivers Community Foundation capacity investments). Updated criteria for prioritization, evaluation and selection will be reviewed at the next Leadership Council meeting.

VII NCRP PROPOSITION 1 IRWM ROUND TWO: PROJECT SELECTION

Background:

The [Department of Water Resources Proposition 1 Integrated Regional Water Management \(IRWM\) Grant Program](#) provides funding for projects that help meet the long-term water needs of the state, including:

- Assisting water infrastructure 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; and
- Improving regional water self-reliance.

The North Coast funding area allocation is \$26.5 million, with approximately \$22 million available for implementation projects over the course of two rounds of funding. The North Coast was awarded \$12,720,000 in Round 1 of funding, allocated to 20 projects in 2020. The remaining \$8,480,000 will be made available via Round 2 of Prop 1 IRWM Implementation Grant Funding and a minimum of \$1,060,000 will need to fund projects that benefit economically disadvantaged and underserved communities.

Solicitation Schedule

- January 21, 2022: Draft 2022 NCRP Project Review and Selection Process Guidelines approved by the NCRP Leadership Council
- June: RFP was announced for Project Development Technical Assistance to offer project development technical assistance to Tribes and economically disadvantaged communities to support grant applications for the NCRP Proposition 1 IRWM Round 2 Implementation grant
- July 15: NCRP Proposition 1 Ad Hoc Committee meet to review Final [2022 Project Review & Selection Guidelines](#) and application materials
- August 15: NCRP Proposition 1 IRWM Round 2 Project Proposal Solicitation announced and [webpage](#) launched
- September/October: Informational & Assistance Webinars held
- September/October: Proposal & Technical Support Office Hours held
- November 4: NCRP Proposition 1 IRWM Round 2 Project Proposals due
- November 8: TPRC Pre-Review Meeting to go over the guidelines and review process
- November 7- 30: TPRC Project Implementation Proposal review period
- December 1 & 2: TPRC Project Review meeting
- December 9: NCRP LC & TPRC meeting for final project selection
- December/January 2023: Priority North Coast Project sponsors work with NCRP staff to develop materials for the NCRP Proposition 1 IRWM Round 2 Implementation Regional Grant
- February 1, 2023: NCRP Regional Project Application due to DWR

On November 4, the NCRP received 24 project proposals for a total grant request of over \$24.6 M, with funding match of over \$17.3 M and total cost of nearly \$42 M. The NCRP TPRC individually reviewed and scored the proposals during the month of November according to the [2022 Project Review & Selection Guidelines](#). The TPRC met on December 1 & 2, to review, discuss and score the project application materials as a group and to

develop a draft portfolio of priority projects for inclusion into the regional proposal. Both meetings were held via zoom and were open to the public and included multiple public comment periods.

TPRC RECOMMENDATION

To approve the following draft suite of projects and recommended budget amounts for inclusion in the NCRP Proposition 1 IRWM Round 2 Implementation Regional Grant.

To approve the following contingency list of budget augmentations to the priority projects, (listed in order of priority) should a project drop out of the suite of projects or additional funding becomes available for any reason. See **Attachment A** for a brief description of all submitted projects.

Draft NCRP 2022 Proposition 1 IRWM Priority Projects

Final Score	Organization, Project Name	Area Served	Project Cost	Funding Request	Recommend Budget
119.55	Yurok Tribe, McKinney Fire Restoration Project	Tribal Northern	\$1,218,891	\$1,218,891	\$1,218,891
118.15	Scott River Watershed Council, East Fork Scott River Green Infrastructure Mountain Meadows Project	Siskiyou	\$631,331	\$488,980	\$488,980
108.86	Humboldt Bay Municipal Water District, Ranney Collector 2 Rehabilitation Project - Round 2	Humboldt	\$3,810,000	\$950,000	\$712,500
108.30	Weaverville Sanitary District, Sewer Lining Project	Trinity	\$1,529,988	\$1,529,988	\$764,994
107.26	City of Weed, Mill Fire Water System Recovery Project	Siskiyou	\$997,500	\$997,500	\$748,125
106.57	Orick Community Services District, Water Meter Replacement Project	Humboldt	\$237,950	\$237,950	\$237,950
106.03	Covelo Community Services District, Collection System and WWTP Improvements, Phase 2	Mendocino	\$1,632,100	\$869,383	\$652,037
103.57	Mendocino County Resource Conservation District, Rural Tank Program for Water Security and Fire Preparedness in Mendocino County Disadvantaged Communities	Mendocino	\$563,855	\$499,955	\$374,967
103.43	Shasta Valley Resource Conservation District, Irrigation Ditch Pipeline and Water Efficiency Improvement Project	Siskiyou	\$2,741,965	\$2,540,430	\$760,009
103.35	McKinleyville Community Services District, 4.5MG Water Storage Tank Construction	Humboldt	\$13,346,941	\$2,524,272	\$879,209
103.09	Willow County Water District, Water Main Replacement Project	Mendocino	\$1,244,780	\$1,244,780	\$503,039

Final Score	Organization, Project Name	Area Served	Project Cost	Funding Request	Recommend Budget
102.91	Westhaven Community Services District, Water System Resilience and Watershed Enhancement Project	Humboldt	\$688,440	\$685,940	\$0
101.90	Salmonid Restoration Federation, Redwood and Sproul Creek, South Fork Eel River Storage and Forbearance Program	Humboldt	\$1,187,450	\$867,450	\$0
101.84	Blue Lake Rancheria, Smart Water Grid 2.0	Tribal Central	\$570,000	\$570,000	\$130,500
101.78	Lewiston Community Services District, Water System Resiliency Project	Trinity	\$233,990	\$233,990	\$0
100.76	City of Crescent City, Area Regional Water Supply Augmentation	Del Norte	\$1,331,443	\$1,331,443	\$500,000
100.18	Big Lagoon Community Services District, Water Storage Improvements	Humboldt	\$947,950	\$947,950	\$0
98.79	City of Willits, Centennial Reservoir Inflatable Spillway Project	Mendocino	\$695,000	\$641,000	\$0
98.19	Del Norte County Service Area No. 1, Onsite Emergency Power Supply for Sanitary Sewer Lift Stations Phase 2	Del Norte	\$1,453,323	\$645,682	\$0
97.25	City of Montague, Water Supply Reliability and Lead Abatement Project	Siskiyou	\$2,728,975	\$2,728,975	\$0
95.88	Gold Ridge Resource Conservation District, Rainwater Catchment Rebate and Streamflow Enhancement Project - II	Sonoma	\$1,199,616	\$599,650	\$0
93.03	Junction City Elementary School District, Potable Water Filtration System Replacement	Trinity	\$922,483	\$915,593	\$0
75.86	Water Climate Trust, Water Accounting & Funding Decision Support Tools	Region	\$555,000	\$350,000	\$0
75.07	Shelterwood Collective, Water Infrastructure Renovations	Sonoma	\$1,458,650	\$1,021,650	\$0
	Humboldt County Admin - 6%	Region			\$508,800
	TOTALS		\$41,927,622	\$24,641,452	\$8,480,000

Draft NCRP 2022 Proposition 1 IRWM Round 2 Priority Projects – Contingency Budget Augmentations

Final Score	Organization, Project Name	Project Cost	Funding Request	TPRC Recommend Budget	Recommend Contingency Funding
108.30	Weaverville Sanitary District, Sewer Lining Project	\$1,529,988	\$1,529,988	\$764,994	\$382,497
103.09	Willow County Water District, Water Main Replacement Project	\$1,244,780	\$1,244,780	\$503,039	\$430,546
101.84	Blue Lake Rancheria, Smart Water Grid 2.0	\$570,000	\$570,000	\$130,500	\$297,000
100.76	City of Crescent City, Area Regional Water Supply Augmentation	\$1,331,443	\$1,331,443	\$500,000	\$498,582
	TOTALS				\$1,608,625

NCRP Proposition 1 IRWM Priority Project Location and Funding Distribution

Location / Area Served	Round 2 Budget	%	Round 1 Budget	%	Combined Budget	%
Del Norte	\$500,000	6%	\$1,130,086	9%	\$1,630,086	8%
Humboldt	\$1,829,659	22%	\$3,532,785	28%	\$5,362,444	25%
Mendocino	\$1,530,042	18%	\$1,863,507	15%	\$3,393,549	16%
Modoc	0%	0%	\$461,607	4%	\$461,607	2%
Region	\$0	0%	\$0	0%	\$0	0%
Siskiyou	\$1,997,114	24%	\$632,370	5%	\$2,629,484	12%
Sonoma	\$0	0%	\$420,324	3%	\$420,324	2%
Tribal Central	\$130,500	2%	\$382,085	3%	\$512,585	2%
Tribal Northern	\$1,218,891	14%	\$937,268	7%	\$2,156,159	10%
Trinity	\$764,994	9%	\$2,596,767	20%	\$3,361,761	16%
Admin - 6%	\$508,800	6%	\$763,200	6%	\$1,272,000	6%
TOTALS	\$8,480,000	100%	\$12,719,999	100%	\$21,199,999	100%

VIII NCRP MEMORANDUM OF MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING (REVISION)

The NCRP MOMU was developed in 2005 in response to requirements of the DWR IRWM program. The intention of the MOMU was to be a non-binding, voluntary document to acknowledge partner and grantee support for and understanding of the requirements of the IRWM program and NCRP principles, goals and objectives. Any entity participating in and/or receiving funding from the NCRP has been required to become a signatory to the NCRP MOMU, via adoption of the MOMU by resolution of its decision-making body. Since the initial creation of the MOMU, the NCRP has diversified its goals and objectives, refined its principles, roles and governance structure, modified the name of the NCRP and the Leadership Council, and developed a detailed Policies and Procedures Handbook that has been adopted and regularly updated by the NCRP Leadership Council.

Additional elements added to updated versions of NCRP guidance documents include principles related to Tribal sovereignty, Tribal consultation, Tribal leadership related to data and land stewardship, as well as updates to procedures related to the prioritization, evaluation and selection of projects and actions, and staff roles in an array of processes. Although the Policies and Procedures Handbook is regularly updated, the MOMU is significantly out of date and no longer in alignment with the Policies and Procedures Handbook. At the direction of the Leadership Council, NCRP staff have updated both documents for accuracy, adherence to the refinements suggested above, and to clarify the relationship between the two documents. The updated MOMU was reviewed during the August 26, 2022 Leadership Council meeting, and direction was provided to staff regarding additional updating of the MOMU. The NCRP Policies and Procedures Handbook was approved at the August 26, 2022 Leadership Council meeting, and is included herein as Attachment B. NCRP staff have implemented NCRP Leadership Council direction from the August 26, 2022 meeting including the following:

- a. NCRP Tribal Engagement Director Sherri Norris coordinated discussions with NCRP Tribal representatives for the December 2022 update to the Handbook.
- b. Review and approve additional refinements to the MOMU based on staff and Executive Committee review (we were unable to schedule an Executive Committee meeting)
- c. Staff to develop a proposed process for Leadership Council consideration that would integrate the Handbook into all grant agreements and contracts, including for demo projects, consulting, technical assistance and sub-grant awards for planning or implementation
- d. Discuss whether Leadership Council and TPRC Representatives should receive an orientation to the NCRP and formally sign onto the Handbook and MOMU when appointed

Staff Recommendation – MOMU

- a) Approve the updated MOMU (Attachment B)
- b) Direct staff to perform outreach to counties and Tribal councils that have representatives on the NCRP Leadership Council, provide them the updated MOMU and draft resolution language, and request that they adopt the NCRP MOMU by July 1, 2023

- c) Include language in all contracts and sub-grants issued by the NCRP and its representatives that requires the grantee or contractor to acknowledge that they understand and will adhere to the information in the NCRP MOMU and the NCRP Policies and Procedures Handbook (linked via the NCRP website to reflect ongoing updates)
- d) Require or strongly encourage new Leadership Council and Technical Peer Review Committee members to receive an orientation from NCRP staff (and Executive Committee members, TPRC Co-Chairs as available) that includes an overview of the MOMU and the Policies and Procedures Handbook

IX NCRP BOUNDARY EXPANSION: SONOMA COUNTY

The regional boundary of the NCRP is identical to the boundary of Regional Water Quality Control Board Region 1, which is focused on hydrologic features, including watersheds that drain to the Pacific. As a result, Tribal lands and counties may be fully or only partially included in the NCRP geographic boundary. Of those counties that actively participate in the NCRP, Del Norte, Humboldt, Trinity, and Mendocino are included in their entirety, while those parts of Siskiyou and Modoc that drain to the Central Valley are not included in the NCRP boundary, nor are those areas of Sonoma County that drain to San Francisco Bay. The NCRP regional boundary also includes small slivers of land in counties that do not participate in the NCRP, including Marin, Lake and Glenn counties. Tribal lands are a complex blend of land designation and land ownership status with boundaries that may include historical territories, overlapping traditional use territories, land held-in-trust by the federal government, tribally owned restricted fee lands, allotted lands, land-into-trust lands. As a result, Tribal lands span county, state and federal jurisdictional boundaries in a variety of ways. Each Tribe maintains unique jurisdictional and historical stewardship responsibilities.

The NCRP has been requested to consider expanding its regional boundary to include all of Sonoma County. This issue has been discussed with the California Department of Conservation, the Director of the Governor's Wildfire and Forest Resilience Task Force and other agency partners. The NCRP has been asked a similar question in the past regarding expansion to all of Siskiyou, Modoc counties, and to consider parts of Lake and Marin in its regional boundary.

There is an interest in revisiting the boundary due to the expanded work on wildfire resiliency, climate adaptation and biodiversity enhancement, all of which are affected by watershed boundaries, yet require consideration of other factors that go beyond watersheds. Additionally, there is an opportunity to better align with boundaries established by the Governor's Wildfire and Forest Resilience Task Force and the Regional Forest and Fire Capacity program that is administered by the Department of Conservation, as well as the programs of other agency partners.

The NCRP MOMU allows for the NCRP to work collaboratively beyond its boundaries on a case-by-case basis, with approval from the Leadership Council. This type of work outside the NCRP boundary has been approved a few times in the last 17 years. Following are some challenges related to changing the NCRP boundary:

- Planning and capacity investments have significant momentum over 17 years for a particular geography – it would be very resource intensive to expand the geographic scope of the planning and capacity building that has taken place to date, and could detract from other priorities

- Enhanced access to funding from those parts of the Region that would fall into multiple funding areas
- Parts of Sonoma, Siskiyou and Modoc fall within other funding area boundaries, allowing for expanded funding opportunities for those areas that are not available to the geographic areas in the current NCRP boundary (e.g., SF Bay Restoration Authority, Bay Area IRWM or other IRWM regions, Sierra Nevada Conservancy)
- There is very substantial unmet need in the existing boundary of the North Coast Region. The areas in Sonoma County that are being considered for inclusion (e.g., Petaluma and Sonoma Creek watersheds) are not economically disadvantaged nor underrepresented. With a few small exceptions, these areas have very high Mean Household incomes (MHI) and other census tract indicators of economic health, and have access to an array of funding sources – several of which are not available to the North Coast Region (e.g., SF Bay Restoration Authority, Bay Area IRWM)
- Existing funding is largely set for the next 3-5 years, and in many cases allocated by geography
- NCRP was founded on watershed boundaries – this continues to be an objective boundary to use for the types of multi-benefit planning and capacity building undertaken by NCRP
- NCRP has a long history of cross boundary, inter-regional collaboration and sharing of resources (e.g., through collaborations with Tribes, Sierra Nevada Conservancy, the RFFC program, Alliance of Regional Collaboratives for Climate Adaptation, IRWM Roundtable of Regions, etc).
- Many agencies and partners are managing multiple watersheds in the counties and are participating in more than one regional collaborative
- NCRP works with partners (contractually and via grant awards) outside the existing regional boundary, including those parts of counties that are outside the North Coast Region, yet inside the county boundary of Sonoma. Sonoma Ecology Center is an example of this – NCRP is funding them for a RFFC demo project, and they have been added to the preferred consultant pool after being selected via a formal NCRP RFQ process.
- Requirements of particular funding agencies (e.g., DWR or IRWM funding may only be allocated inside the regional boundary established by the current adopted NCRP IRWM Plan and IRWM Regional Acceptance Process)
- Dilution of the amount of funding allocated to the Region – more applicants, yet the same funding amounts (this could be mitigated by increasing agency funding due to expanded regional footprint)

Per the Department of Conservation RFFC program area designations, the part of Sonoma County that is not in the NCRP is currently “orphaned” and DOC and Task Force would prefer that it be within a regional collaborative within the RFFC Northern Region. If the NCRP does not bring Sonoma County under the NCRP boundary, DOC is likely to ask the Napa Resource Conservation District or another regional collaborative to do so.

During the August 2022 Leadership Council meeting, staff were directed as follows:

- A. Tribal Engagement Director Sherri Norris to outreach to Tribes in the NCRP region and in Sonoma County to determine their perspectives and recommendations on this change

- B. Strategic Planning and Communication Director Karen Gaffney to outreach to RCDs, NGOs and local agencies/governments in the NCRP region and in Sonoma County to determine their perspectives and recommendations on this change
- C. NCRP staff discuss with DOC and other agency partners criteria for expanding funding investments in the NCRP region to cover the expanded geographic footprint for assessment and planning, the increased number of partners needing TA and funding, as well as the criteria for ensuring equity for economically disadvantaged and underserved communities, and mechanisms to ensure an even playing field and avoid “double dipping” by those entities that fall into multiple funding areas.
- D. NCRP staff will evaluate how the expansion of the NCRP boundary affects the overall regional designations related to economic status or other factors that may affect existing NCRP economically disadvantaged communities.
- E. Based on the due diligence and information gathering above, NCRP staff will return to the Leadership Council at the December 2022 meeting with an updated recommendation to finalize this boundary decision. If the decision to include Sonoma County in its entirety is approved, then:
 - a. Update the NCRP Policies and Procedures Handbook with the revised guidance approved by the Leadership Council
 - b. Revisit this issue in three years (or sooner as conditions change)
 - c. Continue to uphold the MOMU guidance that allows NCRP to work outside its boundary on a case-by-case basis (i.e., projects, program, initiative or funding area) approved by the Leadership Council.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Based on the above outreach and evaluation, NCRP staff recommends that:

- a) The Leadership Council refrain from changing the NCRP boundary at this time, and revisit the NCRP boundary for all county and Tribal areas at a future meeting as needed.
 - b) The Leadership Council consider future opportunities brought forward by NCRP staff to collaboratively work across boundaries where it furthers the mission and goals of the NCRP
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UPDATES

A. REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR & PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION UPDATE

IMPLEMENTATION PROJECTS					
Grant Round	Total Projects	Grant Amount	Amount Invoiced	% Complete ¹	Total Number of Projects Complete to Date
DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES (DWR) INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT (IRWM)					
Prop. 84 Final (2015)	25	\$11.0 million	\$10.3 million	~93%	23 ²
Prop. 1 Round 1	20	\$12.7 million	\$4.2 million	~34%	1
IRWM Subtotal	45	\$23.7 million			24
DWR URBAN AND MULTIBENEFIT DROUGHT RELIEF (UMDR)					
UMDR Implementation	17	\$8.5 million ³	\$342,743	~2%	0
Grand Total	62	\$32.4 million			24

Overview: The Humboldt County Regional Administrator Team (Admin Team) continues to collaborate with funders, NCRP consultants, and local project sponsors (LPS) to ensure quality grant deliverables and timely reimbursement payments. Members of the Admin Team are available to discuss suggestions or concerns regarding their work on behalf of the North Coast Resource Partnership (NCRP); see contact list below.

Prop. 84 Final Round: This grant agreement ended on December 31, 2021. During this quarter, the Admin Team continued to work with the last few LPS to finish project completion reports, collect final deliverables, and prepare final retention invoices. The Grant Completion Report was submitted to and subsequently approved by DWR and retention has now been released for all projects. Unfortunately, two projects were not completed: one, due to the finding of asbestos at the project site and the other, due to wildfire and COVID 19 related issues. These implementation challenges and restrictions on the relocation of funds to other projects resulted in approximately \$711,000 of unspent grant funds. The Admin Team will continue to obtain, review, and submit post-performance monitoring reports from the LPS, which will be ongoing per the agreed upon duration and schedule.

Prop. 1 Round 1: The Humboldt Admin Team has been working with LPS to obtain CEQA clearance on thirteen projects, which are now ready for construction activities. Ten project proponents have initiated construction this summer, with two of the projects expected to complete this winter. The rising cost of fuel and materials are straining the budgets of a few projects. This is creating a need to rebid or seek additional funding to cover the increased costs, resulting in slight delays. However, there is still ample time to complete the projects before the term of the agreement ends. Six projects continue to provide accountability reports to document spending and project progress on advance payment funds and approximately \$775,000 of the advance payment funds have been spent to date. The Admin Team continues to provide grant agreement administration support and

¹ These figures represent the percent of the grant funds invoiced

² One of the 25 projects was withdrawn by the LPS for reasons of hardship, and another encountered an obstacle that made project completion infeasible

³ Combined Phase 2 and Phase 3 DWR UMDR grant awards

coordinate with the LPS and DWR to secure approval for construction activities, invoice payments, and advance payment accountability reporting.

Urban & Multibenefit Drought Relief Grant: On August 17, 2022, the “Rebate and Planning” Urban and Multibenefit Drought Relief (UMDR) grant agreement, containing two projects, was executed between DWR and the County of Humboldt (on behalf of the NCRP). Subsequently, the “Implementation” UMDR grant agreement was executed on September 30, 2022, containing 15 implementation projects. Out of the total 17 UMDR projects, 11 sub-grant agreements have been executed. The County has submitted a request for a 50% advance payment of the grant funds for the two “Rebate and Planning” projects, totaling \$342,743. The advance payment request for the implementation projects will be submitted in December 2022. Currently two projects are ready for implementation and should be completed by Spring 2023. The Admin Team is working with the LPS to obtain all required documents to execute the remaining sub-grant agreements, provide orientations, and gear up to invoice for grant reimbursement.

PLANNING PROJECTS			
Title and Funding Source	Grant Term	Status	Grant Amount
<i>North Coast Resource Partnership Outreach & Involvement: Tribal Engagement & Economic Opportunity for Disadvantaged Communities (DACTI)</i> Dept. of Water Resources, Proposition 1	April 2017 to April 2023	In progress	\$2.65 million
<i>Regional Forest and Fire Capacity (RFFC) Program (“Round 1”)</i> CA Natural Resources Agency, administered by the CA Dept. of Conservation	May 2019 to March 2023	In progress	\$4 million
<i>RFFC Program, Early Action Funding (“Round 2”)</i> CA Dept. of Conservation	November 2021 to March 2025	In progress	\$2.9 million
<i>Fire Response Capacity Project</i> Humboldt Area Foundation and Wild Rivers Community Foundation	November 2021 to June 2023	In progress	\$400 thousand
<i>Woody Feedstock Aggregation Pilot Project</i> Governor’s Office of Planning and Research	February 2022 to March 2025	In progress	\$500 thousand
<i>Riparian Corridor Regional Work Plan</i> Resources Legacy Fund; Land-Sea Connection (LSC) program	August 2022 to July 2023	In progress	\$45 thousand

Tribal Engagement & Economic Opportunity for Disadvantaged Communities or “DACTI”

The Humboldt Admin Team continues to work toward the goals of this project in close coordination with NCRP consultants, West Coast Watershed (WCW) and the California Indian Environmental Alliance (CIEA). Technical assistance continues to be provided to disadvantaged communities (DACs) and Tribes to help them identify needs and potential solutions and prepare to take advantage of the next round of support and funding opportunities. Admin Team members, as their knowledge and experience are applicable, have been helping WCW, CIEA, the NCRP Technical Peer Review Committee, and potential LPS to developing the best possible regional Prop 1, Round 2 application package. As the DACTI project nears its end, a spenddown plan and final reconciliation are underway.

Regional Forest and Fire Capacity (RFFC) Block Grants

The Humboldt Admin Team continues to work toward the goals of the RFFC program in close coordination with WCW and CIEA, with County staff providing grant agreement administration and project management support. The California Department of Conservation (DOC) and the Natural Resources Agency (NRA) continue to provide program guidance to staff as the RFFC program unfolds. DOC staff have also been supportive of streamlining progress reporting on the two RFFC grant agreements, agreeing to meet briefly, each month in lieu of lengthy written reports provided quarterly. This refined process has improved communication and provided opportunity for other NCRP or DOC staff to join the conversation as needed.

All demonstration projects under the RFFC Round 1 Agreement have been completed and the subgrants have been closed out. State representatives have been supportive of NCRP processes related to development of a Regional Priority Plan (RPP)—a primary deliverable of the RFFC program. A draft RPP entitled “A Vision for North Coast Resilience: Priorities for Enhancing Watershed, Forest and Community Resilience in the North Coast Region” has been produced and publicly reviewed. Other program deliverables continue to be developed, reviewed, and finalized.

CAL FIRE’s Forest Health Program recently developed the Landscape Grant Pilot with DOC under the leadership of California’s Wildfire and Forest Resilience Task Force, and the NCRP was selected for a Direct Award to model the regional approach to project selection and implementation. CAL FIRE is offering the NCRP an award of \$10,000,000 to implement the “Integrating Regional Planning and Forest Health Implementation Pilot Project”. The Admin Team is in the process of executing a grant agreement to initiate implementation of this Pilot which will test the prioritization framework of the RFFC RPP.

The NCRP core staff team is working with DOC staff to amend the scope and budget of the RFFC Round 2 Agreement to add \$4,100,000 to the program. The amended agreement will provide baseline funding needed to sustain regional programs through 2028; expand programs to meet the requirements of the [2022 Regional Forest and Fire Capacity Program Grant Guidelines](#); and support new projects, programs, critical capacity investments, and other opportunities above and beyond baseline funding. The NCRP will use these funds for continued collaboration with partners in the North Coast region to develop the strategies necessary to increase forest and community wildfire resilience and develop the pipeline of shovel ready projects to achieve them.

Fire Response Capacity Project

The Admin Team continues to administer a grant, on behalf of the NCRP, from the Humboldt Area Foundation and Wild Rivers Community Foundation to support a pilot project intended to help strengthen the long-term sustainability of the fire response programs of Tribes and very rural fire departments and protection districts, through capacity building. The geographic area covered by this pilot project encompasses Humboldt (including Karuk Tribal territory that overlaps with Siskiyou County), Del Norte, and Trinity Counties. This pilot project is being integrated into the larger regionwide RFFC program.

Woody Feedstock Aggregation Pilot Project

The County of Humboldt, on behalf of the NCRP, was selected as one of five public agencies to lead pilot projects to develop and provide regional strategies to improve feedstock supply chain logistics in order to produce community fire resilience benefits. Work is ongoing and the first scope refinement is underway, based on lessons learned to date.

Riparian Corridor Regional Work Plan

This funding, provided by the Resources Legacy Fund, is supporting the development of a detailed scope of work to share with funders for the creation of an aquatic ecosystem and working lands conservation plan for the North Coast Region. A grant agreement has been executed and project work is ongoing.

Actionable Lidar-Based Data for Wildfire Prevention Planning, Response, and Rehabilitation on California's North Coast

The NCRP worked with regional and state partners to secure funding for the "Filling the gaps in lidar data for Northern California" project which is supporting the acquisition and processing of lidar data by the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS). Subsequently, the NCRP was selected to receive funds (\$149,466) from the National Aeronautics and Space Administration or "NASA" to support the "Actionable Lidar-Based Data for Wildfire Prevention Planning, Response, and Rehabilitation on California's North Coast Project". The Project will process the lidar data collected by the USGS to create a unified point cloud and derived products to support wildfire planning, response and recovery for the twelve (12) million acres of California's North Coast Region. The Admin Team is in the process of executing the grant agreement with NASA and the associated professional services agreements with implementing consultants.

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B. PROJECT DEVELOPMENT AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

In early November the NCRP announced a [Request for Proposals for Technical Assistance](#) for project development for Tribes and economically disadvantaged communities to support grant applications to the following funding programs:

- NCRP Regional Forest & Fire Capacity (RFFC) program
- Other funding programs for projects that improve forest health, increase wildfire resilience, and help communities and ecosystems address and adapt to climate change

Selected applicants will receive technical assistance directly from NCRP-approved technical assistance providers and may include site assessments, grant development, mapping and GIS analysis, greenhouse gas calculations,

cost estimates, help with permitting, project benefits quantification, and preliminary project design/planning. All proposals, including supporting documents, must be submitted via the [NCRP Project Tracker](#).

Technical Assistance was provided to the following forest health and watershed resilience projects:

- **Humboldt Bay Municipal Water District, Ruth Lake Headwaters Restoration**
The draft FMP continues to be refined slightly based upon information developed by BBWA and archeological consultant Dimitra Chase of DMZ Archeology. The FMP will be much better document once the Initial Study Information is added as an appendix.
- **Shasta Valley Resource Conservation District, Siskiyou Prescribed Burn Association Planning Project**
BBW is assisting with will assist the SVCS D PBA with a time sensitive CEQA TA for the Mid-Klamath Watershed Councils Fall TREX burn Units that the SVCS D is lead agency for. BBWA staff toured the Slater Fire site on 9-12-2022. M. Andre conducted a CNDDDB check for Yreka Ridge Fuel Break project. Yreka Ridge Initial Study and Bogus Creek CEQA Initial Study in progress. Obtained Bogus Creek watershed past THP biological info. M. Andre meet with Dan Blessing to discuss another project that they need BBW assistance with. Wrapped up Initial Studies for two PBA projects. M. Andre has been working with SVRCD staff on the Yreka Ridge Fuel Break project and Initial Study. M. Andre is reviewing and editing pertinent VTP PEIR related documents related to the West Mt. Shasta Forest resilience project (part of Shasta River/Klamath river watershed. BBWA brought Pacific Watershed Associates Geologist to the Slater Fire site to review potential to remove an earth fill dam from a tributary to Indian Creek.
- **Scott River Watershed Council, Klamath Wet Meadow Planning Project**
The WCB asked the SRWC for a full proposal for the East Scott River Mountain Meadow planning project. BBWA staff person Mark Andre is working closely with the SRWC on this full proposal. A field trip was conducted on 10-21-22. BBW also worked with the SRWC to help develop a n IRWM Prop 1 grant proposal for implantation work for the East Fork Scott River mountain meadow project. BBWA sub contracted additional geomorphological expertise to Stillwater Sciences for the grant assistance.
- **Redwood Community Action Agency, Redway Forest Health Project**
RCAA was furnished with a Botanical Survey Report and Archeological Records Check information from Sonoma State. BBWA paid Trans Terra Consulting for the late season botanical survey work and the Arch records. BBW prepared the NWIC Archeological Records check and map to be submitted in August for project.
- **City of Fortuna, City of Fortuna Community Forest**
BBW staff met onsite with California Geological Services (CGS) geologist John Oswald who concurred with the area suitability for timber management. BBWA staff may assist the City of Fortuna with another State Coastal Conservancy grant application this fall. A small connector easement will require valuation. Fortuna did not get the CNRA grant for this acquisition so BBWA is assisting with looking at WCB and SCC. BBWA attended a recent SCC
- **Westhaven Community Services District, Westhaven Two Creeks Watershed Conceptual Area Protection Plan**
BBW working on the Conceptual Area protection plan. An onsite meeting has been set with land appraiser Dave Tidewell. BBW outreached to County of Humboldt regarding potential rights of way vacation. Several phone meetings with Westhaven CSD GM. BBWA managed subcontractor Pacific

Watershed Associates for assistance. BBWA also assisted the CSD with a Lake and Streambed Alteration CDFW application for renewal.

- **Willow Creek Fire Safe Council**

BBWA conducted a kick off Zoom meeting with representatives from the Willow Creek FSC and conducted background research. A field meeting and tour was held on 11-11-22 and included community members, FSC officials and residents of the Willow Creek neighborhood in the Bloody Nose watershed. The locals bring a lot of expertise to the table. BBWA researching the best permitting for the first phase project. The riparian zone will be a limitation on some desired forest fuel work.

- **Mattole Restoration Council Mattole TREX Oak Woodland Prescribed Burn**

This is a new project and BBWA staff met with representatives from the Mattole Restoration Council to discuss the project support needs and approach. Additional Background research was conducted.

- **Jacoby Creek Land Trust 80 Acre Conservation Parcel**

BBWA initiated field work forest inventory for this project. BBWA is developing the appraisal report, reviewing the title report and access easements and escorted the land appraiser to the site.

WCW continued coordinating technical assistance for communities in the North Coast region in preparation for the Proposition 1 Round 2 implementation funding. Weekly technical assistance team meetings occurred with GHD and Planwest Partners to discuss ongoing technical needs for Prop 1 IRWM Round 2 projects via DACTI funding. Technical assistance and proposal development support for Proposition 1 Round 2 implementation funding was provided to the following projects based on the project need and contract budget constraints.

Organization, Project Name: [Big Lagoon CSD, Water Storage Improvements](#)

- **Project Abstract:** Big Lagoon CSD was formed in 1999 to purchase and operate what had been a privately owned water system. At the time total water storage capacity was 23K gallons. The original aged and leaking tanks were replaced by the district in 2010 with two 5K poly tanks. These 10K gallons support the drinking and fire flow needs of 42 customers, one of which is Big Lagoon Elementary School. Big Lagoon CSD has little backup resiliency should the well fail and need repair or require that a new well be drilled. This happened recently due to suctioning sand into and destroying the pump, plus the time it took to purge sand from the well casing and install a new pump. Customers were instructed to greatly reduce water use during that period. CalFire and the local Fire Marshall have asked that our storage capacity be increased to better meet school fire flow requirements.
- **Technical Assistance Summary:** GHD reviewed existing background information and set up a meeting with the District and its project team to confirm current vulnerabilities and approaches to increase water system resiliency. GHD prepared a brief written description of the existing conditions and background information and a summary of feasible approaches to addressing system vulnerabilities. A client scoping meeting was conducted to review the background summary and obtain concurrence on the priority project to develop further. The proposed project involved studying and determining what size storage tank, and of what material, the District needs in order to meet potable water resiliency and to better meet fire flow needs. GHD developed the preferred project concept, including conceptual layouts, permitting requirements, Class IV cost estimates based on the concept layout including

estimates of infrastructure materials and equipment costs. GHD produced a Final Technical Memorandum and Prop 1 Round 1 Application Materials.

Organization, Project Name: [City of Crescent City, Additional Groundwater Well Feasibility Study for the City of Crescent City](#)

- Project Abstract: Crescent City supplies water to an economically disadvantaged region from a single well near the Smith River. The shallow nature and proximity to the River make it vulnerable to surface water impacts (including hazardous materials spills) and drawdown during drought conditions. Crescent City is requesting funding for planning, design and installation of 2 new 12" municipal well(s) in the Smith River Groundwater Basin on property owned by the City adjacent to the main transmission line.
- Technical Assistance Summary: GHD reviewed existing background information and set up a meeting with the City and its project team to summarize current vulnerabilities and approaches to increase water system resiliency. Background information review included available information on local groundwater conditions from the Department of Water Resources, USGS, and State Board. GHD prepared a brief written description of the existing conditions, general geologic background of the groundwater in the area and the most feasible approaches to addressing system vulnerabilities. A client scoping meeting was conducted to review the background summary and obtain concurrence on the priority project to develop further. Based on the results of Task 1, GHD developed the preferred project concept, including conceptual design layouts in the project area, permitting requirements, Class IV cost estimates based on the concept designs including estimates of infrastructure materials and equipment costs. GHD produced a Final Technical Memorandum and support the development of Prop 1 Round 1 Application Materials.

Organization, Project Name: [Dry Creek Rancheria, Alexander Valley Flood-MAR Initiative](#)

- Project Abstract: The Dry Creek Rancheria of Pomo Indians, in partnership with local landowners – Jackson Family Wines, Constellation, Foley Family Wines, Rodney Strong, Vino Farms, Silverado, Robert Young; with support from the North Bay Water District, National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), Sonoma Alliance for Viticulture and the Environment, Sonoma County Farm Bureau, Trout Unlimited, North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board, and Sonoma County and Sonoma Water – will undertake the Alexander Valley FloodMAR Initiative Project (FloodMAR Initiative) to create sustainable water resources with benefits to local fisheries, agriculture, and communities. The FloodMAR Initiative’s primary goal is to replenish the local groundwater system by annually diverting 5,000 acre-feet of high winter flows from the Russian River (RR) through a network of underflow wells and applying those waters to agricultural land when the commercial crops are dormant. Replenishing both shallow and deeper aquifer systems will 1) improve local and downstream late-season RR baseflows beneficial to salmonids; 2) reduce RR losses along the Alexander Valley during drier years; and 3) reduce deeper groundwater pumping.
- Technical Assistance Summary: GHD will develop a groundwater baseline study for the area in early 2023.

Organization, Project Name: [City of Montague, Water Tank](#)

- **Project Abstract:** The proposed mitigation project, the City of Montague Water Supply Reliability and Lead Abatement Project will remove and replace the current red lead-linseed oil coated 500,000-gallon water tank, and remove the current red lead-linseed oil coated 30,000-gallon water storage tank and two pressure tanks formerly used in the sand filtration process. The project will address insufficient water storage and the lack of redundancy in the storage system.
- **Technical Assistance Summary:** GHD reviewed existing background information regarding current vulnerabilities and approaches to increase water system resiliency. A meeting was set up with the City and its project team to confirm data used for the previous NCRP application and cost estimate. Background information review will include available information on the project site, hazardous materials testing, and other relevant information. GHD prepared a brief written description of the proposed project, key design and cost factors, and alternatives that were considered. GHD developed the preferred project concept, replacing two old tanks with one new 500,000 gallon tank with aeration and two new pressure tanks for the sand filtration process, including permitting requirements, hazardous materials management, and a Class IV cost estimate. GHD developed a draft Prop 1 Round 1 Application materials including Cover Page, Application Cover Page, and Project Budget Schedule Form based on the technical report. GHD developed back up cost materials to explain the high costs associated with hazardous materials abatement, rural conditions, and rising infrastructure costs.

Organization, Project Name: [Scott River Watershed Council, East Fork Scott River Green Infrastructure Mountain Meadows Project](#)

- **Project Abstract:** The Project will implement innovative mountain meadow restoration methodologies in order to improve groundwater water storage and habitat value in the biodiverse East Fork Scott River headwater systems. The Project will offer watershed protection, restoration, and management including reduction of wildfire risk, carbon storage and improved water supply reliability and water quality. The Project is integrated into larger efforts and will accelerate upper watershed restoration across the region.
- **Technical Assistance Summary:** Technical assistance provided grant application project development support including: cost estimates, site assessments, project benefits quantification, permitting support biological impact assessment, CEQA Initial Studies, integration of federal NEPA analysis with state CEQA analysis.

Organization, Project Name: [Westhaven Community Services District, Water System Resilience and Watershed Enhancement Project](#)

- **Project Abstract:** WCSD has identified (3) large legacy road "Humboldt" crossings on watercourses that pose a significant risk to natural resources and water system infrastructure. Humboldt crossing means a stream crossing constructed with logs set parallel to the stream channel and covered with fill. The project will provide multiple benefits including improved water quality, better flood management, restored and enhanced ecosystems, and more reliable surface and groundwater supplies. The project builds resilience for this rural water systems to ensure avoidance of service disruption.

- Technical Assistance Summary: Technical assistance provided project development support including watershed/forestry planning, permitting and environmental compliance as well as budgetary and grant application support.

Organization, Project Name: [Yurok Tribe, Weaver Basin Improvement Planning Project](#)

- Project Abstract: The McKinney Fire Restoration Project intends to identify short- and long-term remedial measures to reduce impacts to water quality, salmonid and other aquatic species' habitat, water supply reliability, public safety and infrastructure affected by the fire through a process of data acquisition, assessment of the data to initiate an effective, collaborative restoration strategy, and implementation at a series of sites utilizing numerous restoration techniques within damaged or threatened areas.
 - Technical Assistance Summary: GHD provided recommendations on project scope and implementation options and general proposal support.
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C. LEGISLATION UPDATE

The 2023-24 legislative session is set to commence on Monday, December 5, 2022 at which time all newly elected legislators will be sworn in and officially take office. Both the California Senate and Assembly of Representatives are experiencing significant turnover with 22 new Assemblymembers elected (and one race still too close to call with votes being counted) and 8 new Senators (with one seat recently vacated prompting a forthcoming special election).

There are many immediate tasks facing the Legislature including seating of committee chairs and members, filling vacant committee consultant and staff positions, and introducing legislation. Two significant priorities have already emerged:

- 1) a projected \$25 billion budget deficit that will prompt a combination of program cuts and tapping into the state's reserves, and
- 2) Governor Newsom's call for a special session to investigate potential gasoline price gouging and develop policy proposals to assess fees on oil companies' record profits.

The Legislature will recess over the winter holidays and then reconvene on January 4, 2023 when session will really get underway. A date to remember is January 10, 2023, the day the Governor will release his proposed FY 23-24 budget.

D. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, LEADERSHIP COUNCIL DIRECTION AND STAFF ACTION

NONE



ATTACHMENT A

NCRP PROPOSITION 1 IRWM ROUND 2 PROPOSALS SUMMARY

NCRP PROPOSITION 1 IRWM ROUND 2 PROPOSALS

[Big Lagoon Community Services District, Water Storage Improvements](#)

Location: Humboldt
Benefit: Tribe = N DAC = Y Severely DAC = Y
Total Project Budget: \$947,950 **NCRP Budget Request:** \$947,950

Project Abstract: The proposed water storage improvements project will replace the two 5,000-gallon HDPE water tanks with a new steel 60,000-gallon water tank to improve water self-reliance and community health by ensuring the District has enough water to cover the maximum daily water usage, extended water outages due to a short-term or extended well failure, natural disasters, and/or other emergencies.

[Blue Lake Rancheria, Smart Water Grid 2.0](#)

Location: Tribal, Humboldt
Benefit: Tribe = Y DAC = Y Severely DAC = Y
Total Project Budget: \$570,000 **NCRP Budget Request:** \$570,000

Project Abstract: BLR desires to expand it's ability to provide access to stored water and supports for it's Tribal Members along with supporting regional emergency response efforts in the event of a large-scale disaster. BLR's facilities have been deemed ideal due to it's location, air visibility and size to support local agencies such as the CHP, Cal Fire, OES, Humboldt County Sheriff's Dept., United State's Cost Guard (USCG), Blue Lake School, PG&E, American Red Cross and more.

[City of Crescent City, Area Regional Water Supply Augmentation](#)

Location: Del Norte
Benefit: Tribe = P DAC = Y Severely DAC = P
Total Project Budget: \$1,331,443.30 **NCRP Budget Request:** \$1,331,443.30

Project Abstract: Crescent City supplies water to an economically disadvantaged region from a single well near the Smith River. The shallow nature and proximity to the River make it vulnerable to surface water impacts (including hazardous materials spills) and drawdown during drought conditions. Crescent City is requesting funding for planning, design and installation of 2 new 12" municipal well(s) in the Smith River Groundwater Basin on property owned by the City adjacent to the main transmission line.

[City of Montague, Water Supply Reliability and Lead Abatement Project](#)

Location: Siskiyou
Benefit: Tribe = N DAC = Y Severely DAC = P
Total Project Budget: \$2,728,975 **NCRP Budget Request:** \$2,728,975

Project Abstract: The proposed mitigation project, the City of Montague Water Supply Reliability and Lead Abatement Project (Project) will remove and replace the current red lead-linseed oil coated 500,000-gallon water tank, and remove the current red lead-linseed oil coated 30,000-gallon water storage tank and two

pressure tanks formerly used in the sand filtration process. The project will address insufficient water storage and the lack of redundancy in the storage system.

[City of Weed, Mill Fire Water System Recovery Project](#)

Location: Siskiyou
Benefit: Tribe = N DAC = Y Severely DAC = Y
Total Project Budget: \$997,500 **NCRP Budget Request:** \$997,500

Project Abstract: Replacement of existing water mains with new and larger water main, along with new services and water meters. The project will install 1,100 feet of 6-inch PVC pipe, 19 water services and water meters, a fire hydrant, 950 feet of curb and gutter, and a storm drain drop inlet. The proposed project will replace the existing 2- and 4-inch steel water lines that have reached the end of their useful life, have a history of leaking, and run underneath homes on private property. The fire burned hot enough to melt the City's recently installed composite water meters, some of them melting over the adjacent valves inhibiting the City's ability to shut the water services. These meters and water services will have to be replaced prior to reconstruction of the homes.

[City of Willits, Centennial Reservoir Inflatable Spillway Project](#)

Location: Mendocino
Benefit: Tribe = P DAC = Y Severely DAC = P
Total Project Budget: \$695,000 **NCRP Budget Request:** \$641,000

Project Abstract: The Willits Centennial Dam currently uses seasonal, fixed flashboards to prevent overtopping and impound additional water during the dry season. These flashboards require manual removal when storms are forecast and significant water releases for annual installation. The proposed project seeks to build resiliency to climate change by improving water supply resilience and providing a safer, quicker response to floods through installing inflatable, mechanized flashboards.

[Covelo Community Services District, Collection System and WWTP Improvements, Phase 2](#)

Location: Mendocino
Benefit: Tribe = N DAC = Y Severely DAC = Y
Total Project Budget: \$1,632,100 **NCRP Budget Request:** \$869,383

Project Abstract: Reducing I&I into the collection system will ease the burden of extremely high flows through the WWTP during winter/rainy periods. When flows are high, not only is the treatment often insufficient, but the plant may be forced to surface water discharge effluent into the nearby Grist Creek, as happened in 2017 (failed toxicity test), reducing water quality. Another part of this project is to add power resiliency through a new PV power source and Ozone equipment protection to improve operations.

[Del Norte County Service Area No. 1, Onsite Emergency Power Supply for Sanitary Sewer Lift Stations Phase 2](#)

Location: Del Norte
Benefit: Tribe = P DAC = Y Severely DAC = P
Total Project Budget: \$1,453,323 **NCRP Budget Request:** \$645,682

Project Abstract: The proposed Phase 2 project will provide onsite emergency power at 4 lift station locations throughout the CSA protecting public health and safety, and avoiding impacts to water quality and sensitive habitat by substantially decreasing the potential for sanitary sewer overflows (SSOs). The project also includes upgrades to the CSA's storage building, which will house the mobile generator.

[Gold Ridge Resource Conservation District, Rainwater Catchment Rebate and Streamflow Enhancement Project – Phase II](#)

Location: Sonoma
Benefit: Tribe = N DAC = P Severely DAC = P
Total Project Budget: \$1,199,615.95 **NCRP Budget Request:** \$599,649.50

Project Abstract: Building on their Phase I pilot project grant, the partnership seeks to continue its successful rainwater catchment rebate program to promote water security, foster water use awareness, and protect summer streamflow, while restructuring the program to pull in more economically disadvantaged households, expand adoption in community spaces, and include other water management practices.

[Humboldt Bay Municipal Water District, Ranney Collector 2 Rehabilitation Project – Round 2](#)

Location: Humboldt
Benefit: Tribe = P DAC = P Severely DAC = P
Total Project Budget: \$3,810,000 **NCRP Budget Request:** \$950,000

Project Abstract: Ranney Collector rehabilitation consists of replacing laterals that project out into the aquifer. Once the new flow rates are determined, then new energy-efficient pumps and motors are sized to efficiently and cost-effectively pump the water. Once the pump and motors are sized, then new electrical controls, circuitry, and station 12kV transformer are installed to efficiently operate the new system. Original pumps, motors, electrical circuitry and transformer were install in 1960.

[Junction City Elementary School District, Potable Water Filtration System Replacement](#)

Location: Trinity
Benefit: Tribe = N DAC = Y Severely DAC = Y
Total Project Budget: \$922,483 **NCRP Budget Request:** \$915,593

Project Abstract: JCESD's approx 80 students and staff are served by a 1994 era water filtration system that is at the end of its useful service life and overdue for replacement. Water is supplied by a well and treated using a filtration and disinfection process. Treated water is stored in a clearwell and booster pumped to maintain pressure. DDW's 2019 inspection report recommended installation of an emergency generator, which supports JCESD's role as an emergency shelter in disasters and power outages.

[Lewiston Community Services District, Water System Resiliency Project](#)

Location: Trinity
Benefit: Tribe = N DAC = Y Severely DAC = Y
Total Project Budget: \$233,990 **NCRP Budget Request:** \$233,990

Project Abstract: To improve water supply reliability, water-use efficiency, water self-reliance, and promote water conservation within the LCSD, the Proposed Project includes:

- Installation of automatic transfer switches (ATS) at the Raw Water Pump Station (RWPS) and at the Water Treatment Plant (WTP).
- Upgrade siding and roofing on three existing well buildings to a fire-resistant material.
- Installation of approximately 70 advanced metering infrastructure (AMI) water meters and/or registers

[McKinleyville Community Services District, 4.5MG Water Storage Tank Construction](#)

Location: Humboldt

Benefit: Tribe = N DAC = Y Severely DAC = P

Total Project Budget: \$13,346,941 **NCRP Budget Request:** \$2,524,272

Project Abstract: Project is construction of 4.5MG water tank to help ensure continued water service to the communities of McKinleyville & Arcata. The watermain from HBMWD to MCSD passes under the Mad River, is over 50-years old, & is vulnerable to an earthquake or flood. A grant from the NCRP would leverage \$7,748,857 in Hazard Mitigation Grant funding & \$3,073,812 in MCSD matching funding, to cover the est. \$2.5M in increased costs associated with inflation, and allow for completion of this critical Project.

[Mendocino County Resource Conservation District, Rural Tank Program for Water Security and Fire Preparedness in Mendocino County Disadvantaged Communities](#)

Location: Mendocino

Benefit: Tribe = N DAC = Y Severely DAC = Y

Total Project Budget: \$563,855.43 **NCRP Budget Request:** \$499,955.43

Project Abstract: The Rural Tank Program for Underserved Communities in Mendocino County will install rainwater harvest tanks at fire stations and residences to conserve streamflow in the summer, increase water self-reliance, reduce the risk of catastrophic fires, and protect endangered salmonids. The project aligns with Prop 1 priorities to assist with water infrastructure to adapt to climate change and improve regional water self-reliance, as well as encouraging collaborative water use.

[Orick Community Services District, Water Meter Replacement Project](#)

Location: Humboldt

Benefit: Tribe = P DAC = Y Severely DAC = Y

Total Project Budget: \$237,950 **NCRP Budget Request:** \$237,950

Project Abstract: The Orick CSD will replace all its 142 water meters, meter boxes, and curb stops in the district with smart water meters, new boxes, and new curb stops. Major components of the project will include planning and design, community outreach and notification, bidding and implementation, and evaluation. The goals of the project are to reduce water use and water loss due to leaks or breaks.

[Salmonid Restoration Federation, Redwood and Sproul Creek, South Fork Eel River Storage and Forbearance Program](#)

Location: Humboldt
Benefit: Tribe = N DAC = Y Severely DAC = N
Total Project Budget: \$1,187,450 **NCRP Budget Request:** \$867,450

Project Abstract: SRF will design, permit and construct three storage and forbearance projects along Lower Mainstem Sproul Creek with ~150,000 gallons of total storage for domestic use and wildfire suppression and to maintain flows for salmonids. Additionally, this project provides cost share to the existing Redwood Creek project covering half of construction cost for 250,000 gallons of storage. Finally, SRF will administer/monitor the storage and forbearance projects during the first several years of operations.

[Scott River Watershed Council, East Fork Scott River Green Infrastructure Mountain Meadows Project](#)

Location: Siskiyou
Benefit: Tribe = P DAC = P Severely DAC = P
Total Project Budget: \$631,331 **NCRP Budget Request:** \$488,980

Project Abstract: The Project will implement innovative mountain meadow restoration methodologies in order to improve groundwater water storage and habitat value in the biodiverse East Fork Scott River headwater systems. The Project will offer watershed protection, restoration, and management including reduction of wildfire risk, carbon storage and improved water supply reliability and water quality. The Project is integrated into larger efforts and will accelerate upper watershed restoration across the region.

[Shasta Valley Resource Conservation District, Irrigation Ditch Pipeline and Water Efficiency Improvement Project](#)

Location: Siskiyou
Benefit: Tribe = P DAC = P Severely DAC = P
Total Project Budget: \$2,741,965 **NCRP Budget Request:** \$2,540,430

Project Abstract: This project aims to increase the water efficiency for agricultural production, provide environmental benefits to threatened species, and strengthen the economic viability for landowners. This is achieved through 14,600 feet of pipe, irrigation valves, and soil moisture sensors. The result is a reduction in the diversion time and an increase in time a full water right of 11.9 cfs can be left instream. Resulting, in roughly 1,480 acre-feet a year of conserved water.

[Shelterwood Collective, Water Infrastructure Renovations](#)

Location: Sonoma
Benefit: Tribe = N DAC = P Severely DAC = N
Total Project Budget: \$1,458,650 **NCRP Budget Request:** \$1,021,650

Project Abstract: The proposed project will create a resilient water system at Shelterwood, which will enable the restoration of endangered species habitat, strengthen community wildfire resilience, and improve watershed health. The project includes repairing an antiquated water distribution network, bringing a newly built well online, retiring use of a surface water collection system, expanding storage capacity, and establishing a fire protection system.

[Water Climate Trust, Water Accounting & Funding Decision Support Tools](#)

Location: Region
Benefit: Tribe = P DAC = P Severely DAC = P
Total Project Budget: \$555,000 **NCRP Budget Request:** \$350,000

Project Abstract: We will provide decision support tools to ensure that water related funding does not harm, and preferably benefits, environmental flows for ecosystems & river-dependent communities. With these tools, funding agencies can:

1. Measure project impacts on environmental flows
2. Maximize environmental flow benefits from earmarked funding
3. Avoid or minimize harm to environmental flows from public water investments

Deliverables include environmental water:

1. Accounting Webinar & Video
2. Accounting Survey
3. Accounting Methodologies
4. Funding Tools
5. Transaction Case Studies

[Weaverville Sanitary District, Sewer Lining Project](#)

Location: Trinity
Benefit: Tribe = N DAC = Y Severely DAC = Y
Total Project Budget: \$1,529,988 **NCRP Budget Request:** \$1,529,988

Project Abstract: The District has identified 24,300 linear feet of existing sewer collection system that are the most problematic and require significant effort to maintain. These areas of concern increase the difficulty of treatment due to infiltration and inflow (I&I) and may decrease the groundwater quality by introducing raw sewage into the surrounding groundwater.

[Westhaven Community Services District, Water System Resilience and Watershed Enhancement Project](#)

Location: Humboldt
Benefit: Tribe = P DAC = Y Severely DAC = N
Total Project Budget: \$688,440 **NCRP Budget Request:** \$685,940

Project Abstract: WCSD has identified (3) large legacy road "Humboldt" crossings on watercourses that pose a significant risk to natural resources and water system infrastructure. Humboldt crossing means a stream crossing constructed with logs set parallel to the stream channel and covered with fill. The project will provide multiple benefits including improved water quality, better flood management, restored and enhanced ecosystems, and more reliable surface and groundwater supplies. The project builds resilience for this rural water systems to ensure avoidance of service disruption.

[Willow County Water District, Water Main Replacement Project](#)

Location: Mendocino
Benefit: Tribe = N DAC = Y Severely DAC = Y
Total Project Budget: \$1,244,780 **NCRP Budget Request:** \$1,244,780

Project Abstract: This project supports the design and implementation of water main replacements in the Willow County Water District in Ukiah. Existing steel water mains proposed for replacement have reached end of life and pose consistent system maintenance issues. The project will replace approximately 1,000 linear feet of 8-inch steel water main on Laws Ave, approximately 1,000 linear feet of 4-inch steel water main on nearby Canyon Dr, and approximately 550 linear feet of 4-inch steel water main on Pomo Ln.

[Yurok Tribe, McKinney Fire Restoration Project](#)

Location: Tribal, Humboldt
Benefit: Tribe = Y DAC = P Severely DAC = P
Total Project Budget: \$1,218,890.87 **NCRP Budget Request:** \$1,218,890.87

Project Abstract: The McKinney Fire Restoration Project intends to identify short- and long-term remedial measures to reduce impacts to water quality, salmonid and other aquatic species' habitat, water supply reliability, public safety and infrastructure affected by the fire through a process of data acquisition, assessment of the data to initiate an effective, collaborative restoration strategy, and implementation at a series of sites utilizing numerous restoration techniques within damaged or threatened areas.



ATTACHMENT B

**North Coast Resource Partnership
Memorandum of Mutual Understanding (MOMU)
Proposed Update**



MEMORANDUM OF MUTUAL UNDERSTANDINGS

A document adopted by partners collaborating to create the North Coast Resource Partnership to confirm shared agreements for actions to enhance the quality of life in North Coast landscapes and communities.

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1. PURPOSE OF THIS DOCUMENT

The purpose of this Memorandum of Mutual Understandings (MOMU) is to establish a set of mutual understandings between North Coast Tribes, counties, agencies, non-governmental organizations (NGOs), resource conservation districts (RCDs,) local governments, and other partners and stakeholders with respect to collaboration on planning and project implementation to enhance the quality of life in North Coast communities and enhance the stewardship of natural landscapes. This collaborative coalition is known as the North Coast Resource Partnership (NCRP). This MOMU is intended to document long term understandings of the principles and goals of the NCRP. The NCRP requires partners requesting or receiving funding or support from the NCRP to sign onto to this MOMU to confirm their understanding of and commitment to the NCRP principles, goals and processes outlined herein.

2. BACKGROUND: NORTH COAST REGION & NORTH COAST RESOURCE PARTNERSHIP

NORTH COAST REGION

- 2.1. The North Coast Region of California, as defined by this MOMU, comprises the Tribal and county lands contained within the North Coast counties of Siskiyou, Modoc, Del Norte, Humboldt, Trinity, Mendocino and Sonoma, as well as including the watersheds that comprise the North Coast Hydrologic Region per the State Water Resources Control Board.
- 2.2. Jurisdictional areas of Tribes, counties and individual agencies may lay outside the boundary of the North Coast Resource Partnership Region/North Coast hydrologic region. Where it demonstrably supports the purpose of the NCRP, as determined by the NCRP Leadership Council, collaborations may extend beyond the NCRP regional boundary into full counties, other counties and/or states and Tribal territories. In the case of energy independence endeavors, boundaries may encompass full counties.

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- 2.3. The North Coast Region is 19,000 square miles, is 12% of California's geographic area, is a source region for water, biodiversity and forest-based carbon, all of which provide substantial benefits within and beyond the Region.
- 2.4. The North Coast Region is the homeland of over thirty federally recognized Tribes, which are sovereign nations, and have stewarded North Coast lands for millennia.
- 2.5. The North Coast Region is home to diverse socio-political perspectives, and is a rural region with a low population relative to many areas in California.
- 2.6. The North Coast Region is severely economically challenged, with over 50% of the population living under the US poverty line, and more than 90% of the North Coast area considered a disadvantaged community, as defined by a number of state granting programs.
- 2.7. The North Coast Region and its communities have experienced significant impacts from fire, floods, drought and public health and safety challenges, with those impacts falling disproportionately on vulnerable and economically disadvantaged people.

NORTH COAST RESOURCE PARTNERSHIP

- 2.8. The North Coast Resource Partnership is a coalition of over a thousand stakeholders from the Region's Tribes, counties, NGOs, RCDs, agencies, local governments, business groups – all focused on enhancing the quality of life for North Coast landscapes and people.
- 2.9. First formed in 2004 as the North Coast Integrated Regional Water Management Plan, to develop an integrated regional water management plan and a planning process to increase regional coordination and collaboration to obtain funding for water-related projects.
- 2.10. The first MOMU was created in August 2004, and adopted by resolution by seven North Coast counties, the Sonoma and Mendocino County Water Agencies, and hundreds of signatories including Tribes, NGOs, RCDs, cities and other organizations in the North Coast Region
- 2.11. An updated MOMU was created on November 11, 2010 to reflect Tribal leadership on the NCRP Policy Review Panel and Technical Peer Review Committee, as well as documentation of the Tribal Representation Process
- 2.12. On October 18, 2012 the North Coast Integrated Regional Water Management Plan became known as the North Coast Resource Partnership to better reflect the multi-objective nature of its ongoing work.
- 2.13. On July 16, 2021, the name of the NCRP Policy Review Panel was changed to the NCRP Leadership Council
- 2.14. In strong collaboration with an array of entities, the North Coast Resource Partnership is a regional planning and coordination group that:
 - a) Furthers a broad array of integrated, multi-objective goals that are intended to enhance the quality of life in North Coast landscapes and communities and achieve multiple benefits in a cost-effective manner

- b) Performs regional assessments and planning to determine needs in the region
- c) Develops an adaptive regional vision and actionable plans in collaboration with partners and experts
- d) Aligns and integrates the priorities of Tribal, state, federal, regional and local agencies and partners
- e) Identifies, evaluates, prioritizes and funds implementation projects
- f) Advocates for funding and policies that invest in the region
- g) Focuses on common ground and local autonomy
- h) Prioritizes equity, transparency and the use of the best available data and information at the regional and local scale, including indigenous science and Traditional Ecological Knowledge
- i) Supports partners in the region to access funding via technical assistance and capacity building
- j) Coordinates funding via block grants and other mechanisms that reflects the goals of the partner funding agency, and benefits partners in the North Coast region
- k) Convenes partners to provide opportunity for shared learning, networking and collaboration.

2.15. The North Coast Resource Partnership recognizes Tribal sovereignty and the need for meaningful Tribal consultation by all NCRP partners that collaborate with the NCRP.

LEADERSHIP COUNCIL AND THE TECHNICAL PEER REVIEW COMMITTEE

2.16. The North Coast Resource Partnership is governed by a Leadership Council that is comprised of appointees from the Region’s Tribes and counties, thereby ensuring representation of the people in the North Coast Region via Tribal Councils and county Boards of Supervisors. The Leadership Council makes all decisions related to North Coast Resource Partnership approved plans, projects and resource allocation – with advice and information provided by NCRP staff and the Technical Peer Review Committee.

2.17. The NCRP Policies and Procedures Handbook follows the principles and goals of this MOMU, outlines the processes used by NCRP Leadership Council, TPRC and staff, and is updated and approved by the Leadership Council on a regular basis.

2.18. The NCRP Leadership Council consists of two representatives from each of the seven Counties (Modoc, Del Norte, Siskiyou, Humboldt, Trinity, Mendocino, and Sonoma) plus three Tribal representatives selected by the North Coast Tribes according to the “Tribal Representation Process” attached to the NCRP Policies and Procedures Handbook. NCRP Leadership Council county representatives shall be designees of the Board of Supervisors of the County. Each county shall also designate two alternates who have expertise in water, wastewater, land-use, or energy planning, and are familiar with the NCRP process, and who may be members of the Technical Peer Review Committee. Tribal alternates are outlined in the “Tribal Representation Process” attached to the NCRP Policies and Procedures Handbook.

In the event that the elected or Tribal representatives are unavailable for a particular meeting, the alternates may participate on their behalf.

- 2.19. All meetings of the Leadership Council and the Technical Peer Review Committee are subject to and carried out in accordance with the provisions of the Ralph M. Brown Act. All NCRP business shall be conducted in accordance with any and all applicable conflict of interest laws, regulations and standards.
- 2.20. The North Coast Resource Partnership Leadership Council and staff are advised by a Technical Peer Review Committee (TPRC) comprised of appointees from the Region’s Tribes and counties, and having expertise in a wide array of technical, scientific, and planning areas, ranging from water resources, fisheries, policy development, engineering, habitat restoration, regional planning, and related issues. The appointment process for TPRC members is outlined in the North Coast Resource Partnership Policies and Procedures Handbook.
- 2.21. The North Coast Resource Partnership staff is comprised of a core team approved by the Leadership Council, with explicit roles outlined in the North Coast Resource Partnership Policies and Procedures Handbook.
- 2.22. Decision-making is conducted by the NCRP Leadership Council. The Leadership Council seeks to arrive at a consensus if the need for a decision arises. If the Leadership Council cannot reach consensus, decisions shall be made as follows:
 - 2.22.1. Quorum. Representatives or alternates constituting one-half or more of the total number of representatives on the Leadership Council shall constitute a quorum for purposes of transacting business or arriving at a decision.
 - 2.22.2. One vote per representative. Each representative (or alternate, if one has been assigned and if a representative is not present) shall have one vote.
 - 2.22.3. Majority vote. If a quorum is present, the affirmative vote of a majority of members of the Leadership Council present at a meeting is required to, and is sufficient to, approve any item of business or make any necessary decision.
 - 2.22.4. Approval of the NCRP. Review and approval of plans, allocation of funding resources, letters of support and staff direction to pursue grant funding will be considered and approved by the NCRP Leadership Council at a regularly scheduled NCRP meeting, with input from the NCRP Technical Peer Review Committee, NCRP staff, and North Coast Region partners and stakeholders.
 - 2.22.5. Major updates to NCRP plans will be brought before each North Coast County’s Board of Supervisors for consideration and adoption. North Coast Tribes will approve the NCRP regional plans according to the Tribal Representation Process outlined in the “Tribal Representation Process” attached to the NCRP Policies and Procedures Handbook.

3. NON-BINDING NATURE; TERMINATION AND WITHDRAWAL.

Execution of this MOMU and participation in the NCRP are legally nonbinding, non-exclusive and in no way limit or impair any participating Tribe, County, organization, or agency from continuing any of its own activities, obligations, or legal or regulatory functions, including any planning or securing of project funding from any source. Any Tribe, County, organization, or agency may withdraw from this MOMU and participation in the NCRP at any time by notifying the NCRP contracting entity in writing. Nothing in this MOMU is intended to create a legal partnership or give the NCRP or its Leadership Council any decision-making authority over any participating entity or any matter within the jurisdiction of any signatory county, agency, organization, or Tribe.

4. PERSONNEL AND FINANCIAL RESOURCES

It is expected that participating agencies, Tribes, and organizations will contribute the personnel and financial resources necessary to actively collaborate with the NCRP, and/or will seek assistance from the NCRP to ensure active collaboration.

5. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

NCRP staff, Leadership Council and Technical Peer Review Committee will regularly report on their progress to partners, agencies, Tribes, and stakeholders participating in the NCRP process and the associations or organizations to which they belong that are involved in the NCRP.

6. ENTIRETY OF MEMORANDUM OF MUTUAL UNDERSTANDINGS

This MOMU shall constitute the entire understanding between the parties relating to the NCRP and shall supersede all prior agreements concerning the same subject matter.

7. SIGNATORIES

The undersigned representative of each signatory agency, entity, or Tribe, acknowledge and understand the above as the NCRP goals, objectives, principles, functions and operations.

Signature

Date

Printed Name

Organization