



June 1, 2023

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

To: Tribal Council, and Natural Resource or EPA and THPO Departments,

The North Coast Resource Partnership (NCRP) is now accepting Nominations from Tribes in the North, Central and South Districts of the North Coast region until 5pm July 26, 2023 in order to fill up to five (5) vacant positions in the governance structure of the NCRP.

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

There are new opportunities for Tribes in the North Coast Region through the NCRP. Together, with other Tribes in the North Coast and the regional counties, we will update the North Coast Resiliency Plan, choose projects for regional funding opportunities related to water, forest and fire, and climate resiliency; and to integrate tribal regional priorities into regional plans and activities with counties and agencies. This is an opportunity for Tribes to create opportunities to restore traditional homelands and support.

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

The following (5) seats or alternate seats are currently available for new Tribal Representatives:

- North District: Technical Peer Review Committee (TPRC)

- Central District: Leadership Council
 Technical Peer Review Committee (TPRC)

- South District: Leadership Council
 Technical Peer Review Committee (TPRC)

As you can see there in one or more opportunities in each region. We hope that you will assist us in nominating and selecting the New Tribal Representatives.

There are 3 steps in this process

- I. **Complete a ‘Nomination Form’** *See attached.* Using this form you can:
 - 1) Appoint a **Voting Delegate** to assist in choosing from those nominated
 - 2) Nominate a **Tribal Representative** and/or **Alternate**

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

In order to be eligible for consideration by the Tribes in your voting District for the open position **these two documents are due by June 26 5pm** by email to: sherri@cieaweb.org. For the Tribal Resolution, if your Tribal Council meetings is outside of this nomination and voting schedule, please contact us to make arrangements before the due date; an interim letter may be able to be accepted.

To confirm which voting District your Tribe is within please see the list of Tribes per District attached.

- III. **Your Voting Delegate will need to be able to attend the NCRP Tribal Representative Meeting on June 27 in Fort Bragg with an online option offered. Voting Delegates will** choose by consensus from those nominated to fill the vacant seats.

- IV. **Tribal Representatives will then coordinate with other District Representatives** to be sure there is Tribal coverage at upcoming quarterly meetings – the first of which will be coordinated with a strategic planning meeting July 13-13, 2023 in Yreka. Representatives are also asked to attend monthly Tribal Representatives’ coordination meetings held on the on the first Monday of each month to help guide the NCRP and the Tribal NCRP program.

, We hope that you will appoint a Voting Delegate to assist in selecting your regional representatives on June 27, 2023.

Nomination Forms & Resolutions must be received by June 26, 2023 by 5pm

It is not required that each Tribe nominate a Representative in order to nominate a Voting Delegate.

NCRP Tribal Representative Commitment

Serving on the Leadership Council or TPRC requires a commitment of travel expenses and time, in general on a quarterly basis. The monthly Tribal coordination meetings are by phone. Please do not be deterred by travel expenses should you wish to nominate a Representative. In our grantmaking we have secured some financial support for those Tribes who require travel support in order to participate. Please contact us to inquire about this support or to express other capacity needs that may be limit your ability to nominate and support a participating Representative.

Additional Requirements

The NCRP also requires that the Tribes that nominate selected Leadership Council and TPRC members formally adopt the North Coast IRWM Plan and sign a Memorandum of Mutual Understanding (MoMU) before the being seated at the next NCRP quarterly meeting. This is also a requirement of applicants before receipt of IRWM funding. if you have received NCRP IRWM funding before, this is likely on file. A 2023 update to the MOMU is expected.

NCRP IRWM Plan:

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

The MOMU is an attachment of the handbook:

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

For More Information

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

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

To learn more about the NCRP visit our website: <https://northcoastresourcepartnership.org/>. There you can sign up to receive announcements regarding funding opportunities, regional and local events, North Coast news and to provide input into NCRP developed plans. To sign up, click on ‘Sign Up for Email Updates’ at the bottom of the home page, or send an email to Katherine Gledhill at kgledhill@westcoastwatershed.com and ask her to add you.

On behalf of the NCRP Tribal Representatives thank you for your time and participation in this process!

If you have any questions or would like to receive a presentation about the NCRP and upcoming NCRP funding opportunities please contact us.

Respectfully,

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