



## **Summer 2023 Tribal Selection & Representation Process for Tribal Representation within the NCRP**

**The attached 'Tribal Voting Delegate & Nomination Form' is Due June 26, 2023 by 5pm.**

**Selection by Voting Delegates is on June 27, 2023 at the Tribal NCRP Quarterly Meeting at 10am in Fort Bragg. A digital option will be available.**

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

### **Summer 2022 TIMELINE**

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| June 6, 2023       | <b>Nomination Form &amp; Invitations sent to Tribes in North Coast</b>                                |
| June 26, 2023      | <b>Voting Delegates &amp; Nomination Forms Due from Tribes in each District</b>                       |
| June 27, 2023 10am | <b>New Representative Selection Meeting at the Tribal NCRP Meeting online with a phone in option.</b> |

**This 2023 Nomination and Voting round is to fill the following vacant seats, or alternate seats:**

**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)

### **DISTRICT DIVISION OF TRIBES IN THE NORTH COAST REGION**

Together there are twelve (12) seats available for North Coast Tribes to regional management of the NCRP. There are six (6) Tribal Representative Seats within the full decision-making bodies of the North Coast Resource Partnership, as well as an Alternate for each. These include three (3) Leadership Council seats, three (3) for the Technical Peer Review Committee (TPRC) and an Alternate for each of these six (6) positions.

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

## **IDENTIFYING YOUR VOTING DELEGATE & NOMINATING A REPRESENTATIVE**

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

To do this Tribes are required to submit these two items by June 26, 2023 by 5pm:

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

## **VOTING DELEGATES**

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

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

## **VOTING IN NRP REPRESENTATIVES**

**Voting takes place at quarterly Tribal NCRP Meetings.**

- On June 27, 2023 each Tribes’ Voting Delegate will vote for their respected representative(s) from the persons nominated by Tribal Councils in their Voting District.

## **CONSIDERATIONS IN NOMINATING REPRESENTATIVES**

- After a Tribe’s nominated representatives has been chosen, and before a new Representative is seated to vote at a quarterly NCRP Meeting, the NCRP MoMU will need to be signed and the North Coast IWRM Plan will need to be adopted by the Tribe of the newly elected Representative. This is also required of project applicants to receive awarded IRWM funding.
- Serving on the Leadership or TPRC requires a commitment of time and travel expenses. The Tribes from which the Representatives are selected are generally required to provide financial support for travel to meetings including any lodging, mileage, and *per diem*. The Tribal Engagement Director of NCRP does secure a limited amount of travel funds for Tribal Representatives so that all Tribes have an equal opportunity to participate in NCRP governance and leadership. Please see ‘NCRP Program Support’ below for additional information.

## **Representative Roles & Responsibilities**

All elected Representatives and Alternates must be accountable for their participation at NCRP meetings. Upon accepting the seat they acknowledge the roles and responsibilities of the position and that are accountable to the Tribes within the North Coast. Each will communicate regularly with their fellow Tribal Representatives, Alternates and the Tribal Engagement Director.

When making nominations, it is recommended that Tribes consider the following:

- All nominees will be taken into consideration regardless of their educational background and will be respected as put forward by Tribal Councils.
- For the Leadership Council, it is preferred to select a person(s) who is an elected Tribal official, or in in a Tribal management or leadership position with a policy background, but it is not required.
- For the TPRC, it is preferred to select a person(s) with a technical, environmental science or Traditional Ecological Knowledge background, but is not required.
- Nominees if voted in, are expected to be able to make major NCRP-related decisions at NCRP meetings and will represent multiple Tribes within the North Coast region.

## **ATTENDANCE & VACANCIES**

- Each Representative selected for the Leadership Council or TPRC will typically serve a 4-year term with rolling renewal. Removal before the end of their term requires a Tribal Resolution from the Tribe that nominated them.
- Decision-making requires a quorum is present; therefore Representatives or their Alternates are responsible to attend each quarterly meeting and work with the Tribal Director to coordinate attendance by District prior to each meeting.
- **Leadership Council and TPRC Representatives** To guide NCRP programs and to reach consensus are asked to attend a brief monthly NCRP Tribal Representatives' coordination phone meeting generally held at 3pm on the first Monday of each month, or the second Monday by previous agreement. Tribal Representatives unable to attend can contact the Tribal Engagement Director within two days of the meeting to weigh in on decisions before the group. These meetings are held the first Monday of each month or following week if the day falls on holiday or other significant date.
- **Leadership Council Representatives** or their Alternate, by prior agreement, are required to attend quarterly full **NCRP Meetings**. These meetings require a Leadership Council quorum is present; therefore planned attendance is required to be confirmed at least two weeks prior to these meetings. It is estimated that Representatives will spend 2-4 hours reading in preparation for each of these meetings. Discussions to arrive at consensus on agenda items will be discussed during a Tribal NCRP Meetings prior to the full NCRP meetings.
- **Tribal NCRP Meetings** are generally scheduled one or two days prior to the quarterly full **Leadership Council/TPRC NCRP Meetings** and assist voting Tribal Representatives to discuss topics on the NCRP meeting agenda, arrive at consensus where possible with other Tribes in the North Coast, and to discuss regional needs, activities and policies.
- **TPRC Representatives** or their Alternates are required to attend **Project Selection Meetings** when NCRP funded proposals are due (typical not more than one a year or every other year). To prepare for the Project Selection Meeting, each TPRC Representative must read a substantial amount of project proposal documents. In 2022 Representatives spent approximately 20 hours reviewing IRWM proposals during a one month time period to prepare to rank, and prioritize 50-

60 funding proposals at the two-day project ranking and scoring meeting. Representatives can coordinate with their Alternates to review proposals.

- If any Representative misses two (2) required meetings in a year without a good faith effort to coordinate attendance of their Alternate and to inform the Tribal Director she/he will automatically step down. A seat vacated for this reason or otherwise (i.e. resignation) will then be filled at or before the next meeting by a selected representative in their District, or if none are identified, by a subsequent Nomination and Voting round.

### **REPRESENTATIVES MUST BE CAPABLE AND WILLING TO**

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

### **NCRP PROGRAM SUPPORT**

All participating Tribes within the North Coast Region will be requested to contribute to a pool of funds that will support Tribal Representative Expenses, and/or to provide letters of support for the Tribal Outreach Director to secure grant funds for the program.

Should travel be a deterrent to nominating a Representative or participating in NCRP program activities Please contact Sherri Norris [sherri@cieaweb.org](mailto:sherri@cieaweb.org).

Wherever possible, we will provide financial support for travel to enable Tribal engagement for those that require it to participate. This support will be available through emerging NCRP funding sources or through general assistance funds of the California Indian Environmental Alliance.

# NCRP TRIBAL SEAT DISTRICTS

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