



## MEETING SUMMARY

### NORTH COAST RESOURCE PARTNERSHIP (NCRP)

### LEADERSHIP COUNCIL (LC) & TECHNICAL PEER REVIEW COMMITTEE (TPRC) MEETING

Date/Time: Friday, July 14, 2023; 9 am – 3:00 pm

#### I WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

- Tribal Welcome:
  - Kenneth “Binks” Brink, Karuk Tribal Council Vice-Chairman
  - NCRP Co-Chair Hillman, Karuk Tribe
- NCRP Welcome: Leadership Council Co-Chairs Leaf Hillman & James Gore
- Siskiyou County Welcome: Supervisors Ogren & Criss
- Introductions:
  - Leadership Council, TPRC & Staff Team Members
  - Partner Introductions

#### II REVIEW AND APPROVE AGENDA

- *Supervisor Madrone motion*
- *Supervisor Howard Second*
- *Passed unanimously*

PUBLIC COMMENT: No public comment

#### III PUBLIC COMMENT for items not on the agenda

Dave Webb – Friends of the Shasta River: Cited need for public involvement in grants review process to be easier and timelier. In the past, applicants have come to the process too late or have had trouble finding projects on the website. NCRP should make public input easier. Not all projects are good ones so input on projects is important. There is need for improving opportunities for public input and oversight because it is helpful when the public points out things that NCRP staff are not aware of. Recommended the creation of a listserv for upcoming projects so that public input can be given more easily.

## **IV PRESENTATION: SUMMARY OF OUTCOMES & NEXT STEPS FROM NCRP STRATEGIC PLANNING**

NCRP Co-Chairs Hillman and Gore, TPRC Co-Chairs, Staff Team

Co-chair Hillman:

- Touched on fuel reduction, forest management, troublesome junipers, biomass, wildfire, capacity building, workforce development, prescribed fire, cultural fire, insurance, climate change, cannabis, wind energy, Tribes, counties, and economic development.
- Priorities are things that we have common ground on, such as fire. In order to move forward and get these things done, strong participation of new leadership council members is needed.

Co-chair Gore:

- Described that the NCRP had expanded its portfolio of projects from water-related projects to include fire prevention, forest health and other climate action projects. There is great value in the partnerships with state agencies. Other topics pertained to the internal capacity to scale and long-term sustainability and the need for succession planning. Also there was a discussion about conducting integrated strategic plans rather than program-specific separate plans. We need to continue and expand opportunities to connect and create synergies in an intentional manner.

Emeritus Chair McKenzie:

- Acknowledged that the spirit of the group and how it functions is the same as the original goals. Tribes and counties functioning as partners and leaders is inspiring. Make sure to let people outside know what we do, how we do it, and our success.

Supervisor Madrone:

- Questioned if NCRP is ready to scale up and looks forward to engaging with agency folks regarding constraints and how they can help NCRP help communities.

## **V PARTNER PRESENTATIONS**

- Karuk Tribe Initiatives & Projects
- Siskiyou Economic Development Council
- Shasta Valley Resource Conservation District
- Regional Collaborative Partnership on Juniper Management for Watershed Health (Siskiyou County, Modoc County, Modoc Nation, Ore-CAL RC&D, Klamath Water Users Association, BBW)

## **VI AGENCY PARTNER PANEL**

- Keali'i Bright, CA Department of Conservation
- Forest Schafer, CA Wildfire & Forest Resilience Task Force
- Chief Gabe Schultz & Robin Bellows, CAL FIRE
- Art Hinojosa, CA Department of Water Resources
- Valerie Minton-Quinto, North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board
- Michael Maguire, CA Governor's Office of Planning and Research
- Rachel Smith, US Forest Service

## **VII NCRP NOMINATIONS, ELECTIONS, COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS**

- VII A: Tribal Nomination and Election Process & Decisions  
 Sherri Norris, NCRP Director of Tribal Engagement  
*Two new reps nominated; still looking for additional members; voting will take place in October*
- VII B: NCRP Executive Committee, Co-Chairs, Co-Vice Chairs  
 Karen Gaffney, NCRP Director of Strategic Planning and Communication  
*Motion: Maintain current slate of representatives – Rex Bohn*  
*Second: Jake McKenzie*  
*Decision: Unanimously passed*
- VII C: NCRP Ad Hoc Committees  
 Karen Gaffney, NCRP Director of Strategic Planning and Communication  
*Staff Recommendations: Disband Prop 1 implementation Ad Hoc; Continue RFFC Ad Hoc; add new committees – Capacity Ad Hoc; Funding Ad Hoc; Cannabis Ad Hoc; staff will reach out to LC members to form those three committees based on interested parties*  
*Motion: Supervisor Howard*  
*Second: Supervisor Bohn*  
*Decision: Unanimously passed*

## **VIII JIMMY SMITH AWARD**

Co-Chair Hillman

Motion to Change name to Jimmy Smith & Leaf Hillman Award and award to James Gore

*Motion: Steve Madrone*

*Second: Supervisor Howard*

*Decision: Unanimously Passed*

## **IX SLATE OF STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING NCRP FUNDING DECISIONS**

NCRP Staff Team

- CAL FIRE Pilot
- OPR Regional Biomass/Woody Feedstock Initiative
- Humboldt Area Foundation & Wild Rivers Community Foundation

*Motion/Supervisor Gjerde: Accept Staff recommendations.  
Second: Supervisor Ogren  
Decision: Unanimously passed*

## **X DRAFT NCRP DASHBOARD**

Karen Gaffney, NCRP Director of Strategic Planning & Communication

Rick Dean: consider whether these tools can be used to help make the TPRC's job easier

Wayne Haydon: reported on projects by primary objective & secondary objectives; reminder to define things in a way that lets us understand what the numbers are based on.

## **XI 2023-24 QUARTERLY MEETING DATES & LOCATIONS (IN PERSON)**

- October 20, 2023 (Eureka area)
- January 19, 2024 (Ukiah)
- April 19, 2024 (Weaverville)
- July 19, 2024 (Yreka)
- October 18, 2024 (Eureka)

Considerations:

- Goal is to have these meetings in-person, not hybrid (Ad Hocs will still be Zoom after kick-offs)
- Consider meeting on the coast in the summertime and swap out July meeting for Crescent City, Santa Rosa instead of Ukiah
- April 19 – may be a conflict with Sac meeting

*Motion: Accept the above plan - Supervisor Howard  
Second: Supervisor Ogren  
Decision: Unanimously passed*

## **MEETING PARTICIPANTS**

### **LEADERSHIP COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Co-Chair: Leaf Hillman, Karuk Tribe, Northern District

Co-Chair: Supervisor James Gore, Sonoma County

Co-Vice-Chair: Supervisor Steve Madrone, Humboldt County

Executive Committee: Michelle Downey, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Manager, Round Valley Indian Tribe, Central District

Executive Committee: Supervisor Nancy Ogren, Siskiyou County

Supervisor Dean Wilson, Del Norte County  
Supervisor Chris Howard, Del Norte County  
Supervisor Rex Bohn, Humboldt County  
Supervisor Dan Gjerde, Mendocino County  
Supervisor Glenn McGourty, Mendocino County  
Supervisor Geri Byrne, Modoc County  
Supervisor Brandon Criss, Siskiyou County  
Alternate: Supervisor Ric Leutwyler, Trinity County  
Alternate to Susan Gorin: Jake Mackenzie, NCRP Chair Emeritus, Sonoma Water

### **TECHNICAL PEER REVIEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Co-Chair: Sandra Perez, Program Manager, Trinity County  
Co-Chair: Dale Roberts, Engineer, Sonoma County Water Agency, Sonoma County  
Joe Scriven, Interim Executive Director/Fisheries Biologist, Mendocino Resource Conservation District, Mendocino County  
Elizabeth Salomone, General Manager, Russian River Flood Control and Water Conservation, Mendocino County  
Rick Dean, Siskiyou County Director of Community Development, Siskiyou County  
Wayne Haydon, Certified Engineering Geologist, Sonoma County  
Mark Lancaster, Director, Five Counties Salmonid Conservation Program, Trinity County

### **NCRP STAFF**

Karen Gaffney, NCRP Director of Strategic Planning and Communications, West Coast Watershed  
Cybelle Immett, NCRP Director of Administration and Contracting, Humboldt County  
Susan Haydon, NCRP Director of Legislation and Policy Development, Sonoma Water Agency  
Sherrri Norris, NCRP Director of Tribal Engagement, California Indian Environmental Alliance  
Rose Roberts, NCRP Consultant  
Javier Silva, Tribal NCRP Consultant  
Steve Nevarez, Tribal NCRP Consultant  
Tanner Speas  
Chris Grabill

### **PUBLIC**

Heather Dodds, Discover Siskiyou  
Chelsea Miller, SMART Workforce Center  
Nick Caselli, Yurok Fisheries  
Erin Kangas, COS  
Lisa Horeman, Shasta College Apprenticeship  
Janis Logan, Shasta College Forest Health  
Amye Osti, 24 North

Jamie Fong, DOC  
Forest Schafer, Task Force  
Sherry Constancio, CA DWR  
Tanya Torst, USFS N2 Partnership  
Tamara Alaniz, BTCSD  
DJ Bandrowski, Yurok Tribe  
Giselle Nova, FSC SC  
Xavier "Tito" Cervanto, DWR  
Betsy Stapleton  
Niki Brown, Siskiyou EDC  
Arthur Hinojosa, DWR  
Valerie Quinto, NCRWQCB  
Mark Andre, BBW  
Ethan Brown, SVRCD  
Dan Blessing, SVRCD  
Jill Drinkwater, Pacific Power  
Robin Bellows, CALFIRE  
Angelina Cook, RWAG  
Buster Attebery, Karuk Tribe  
Rod Dowse, SVRCD  
Jessica Boyt, DWR  
Alyse Briody, DWR  
Clarke Stevenson, WRTC  
Tim Bailey, WRTC  
Michael McGill, SVRCD  
Ken Sandusky, Modoc Nation  
George Jennings, OreCAL RC&DE Council  
David Webb, Friends of Shasta River