



# **NORTH COAST RESOURCE PARTNERSHIP QUARTERLY MEETING**

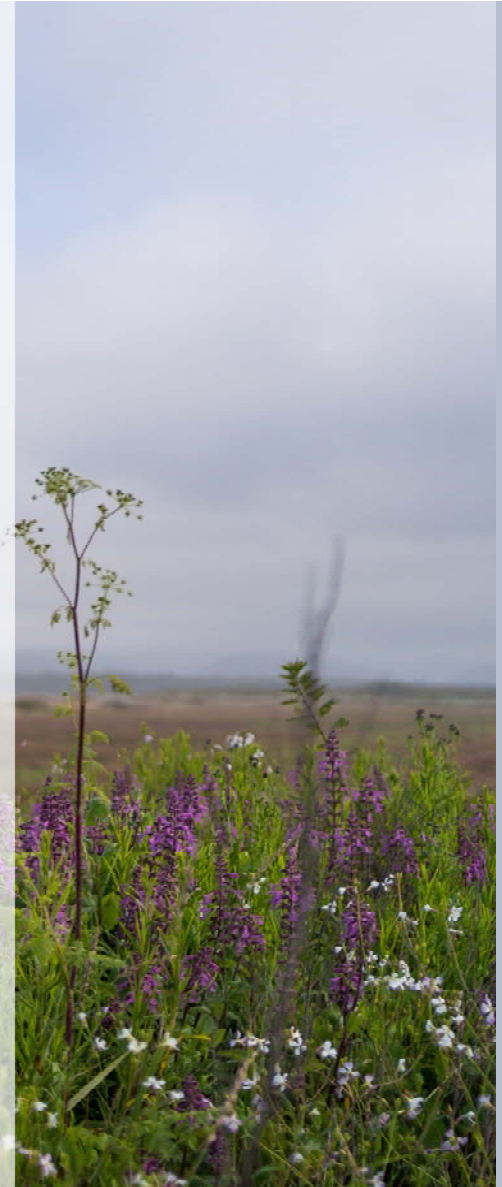
**JANUARY 19, 2024**





## WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

- Yokayo Tribal Welcome
- NCRP Welcome: Leadership Council Co-Chairs  
Leaf Hillman & James Gore
- Mendocino County Welcome: Supervisors  
Glenn McGourty & Dan Gjerde
- Introductions:
  - Leadership Council, TPRC & Staff Team
  - Partners



- II. REVIEW AND APPROVE AGENDA/PUBLIC COMMENT/DECISION
  - III. PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA
  - IV. NCRP LEADERSHIP COUNCIL & TECHNICAL PEER REVIEW COMMITTEE UPDATES
- Sherry Norris






## V. PARTNER PRESENTATIONS

- Tribal Presentation
- Geof Syphers, CEO, Sonoma Clean Power
- Frank Aebly, District Ranger, Mendocino National Forest



## VI. CAL FIRE FOREST HEALTH PILOT

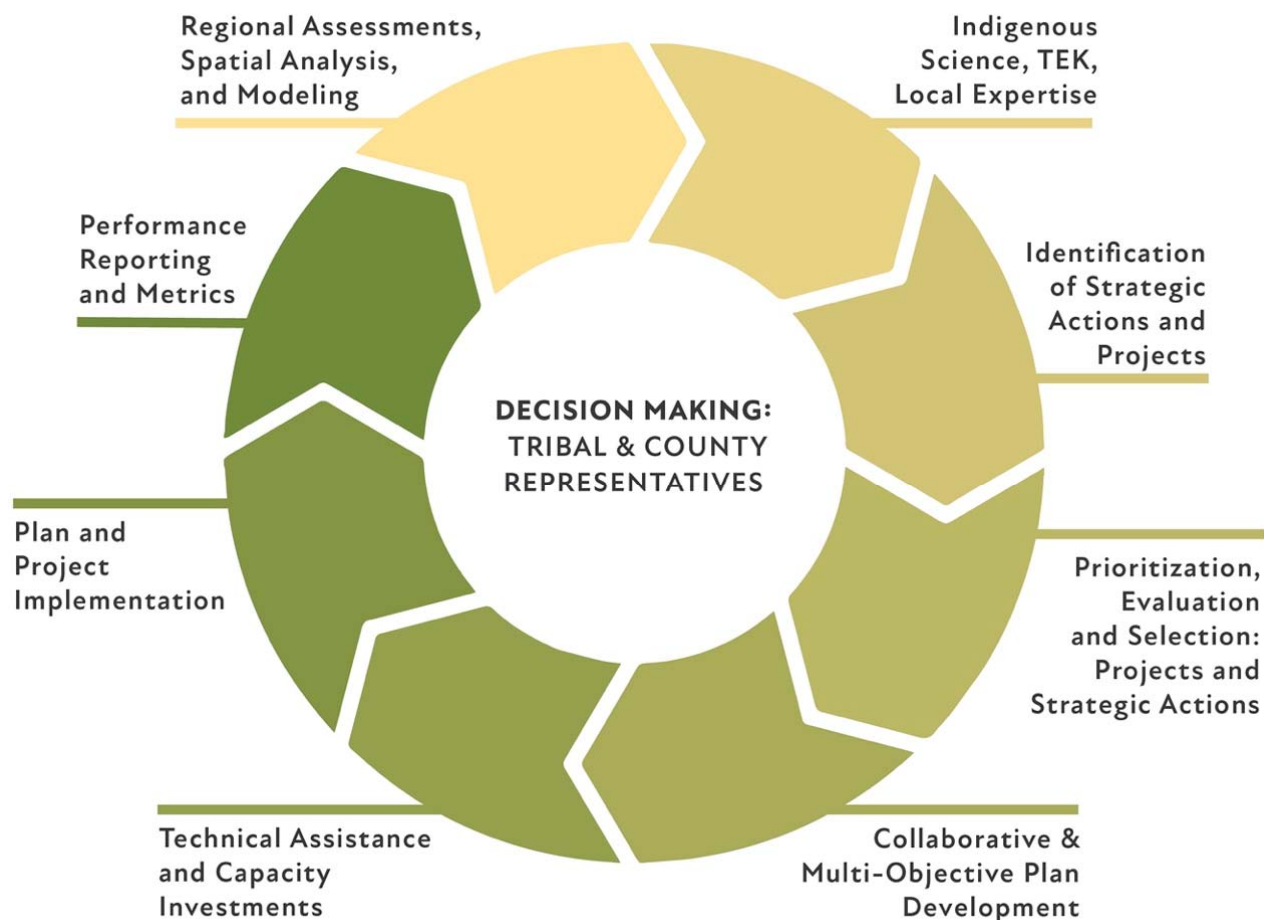
- \$10 million grant - CAL FIRE Forest Health Pilot Program
  - Pilot a regional grant model to prioritize and implement a landscape scale portfolio of projects
  - Implement Forest Health priorities outlined in the Vision for North Coast Resilience (DOC RFFC Program)
  - CAL FIRE Forest Health Categories:
    - Forest fuels reduction
    - Prescribed fire
    - Pest management
    - Reforestation & Ecological Restoration
    - Biomass utilization
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# ADAPTIVE PLANNING, PRIORITIZATION & IMPLEMENTATION

NCRP's prioritization and selection of projects relies on an [Adaptive Planning and Prioritization Framework](#)

which integrates regional assessments with:

- Local knowledge & expertise
- Rigorous, equitable and transparent evaluation and selection processes
- Performance reporting





# REGIONAL ASSESSMENT & STORY MAP DEVELOPMENT

- Evaluation of CAL FIRE Forest Health Criteria
- Regional Data & Assessments
- Meetings with CAL FIRE & other partners
- Review by the NCRP RFFC Ad Hoc committee, CAL FIRE, CA Department of Conservation, Wildfire & Forest Resilience Task Force
- Additional review planned by Tribal, federal/state/local agency, academic, NGO partners and local project sponsors
- Story Map:  
<https://ncrp.maps.arcgis.com/home/item.html?id=71fa804c5ac246d399b30cd25f20d227>

# NCRP CAL FIRE FOREST HEALTH PILOT IMPLEMENTATION PROJECT REVIEW & SELECTION PROCESS GUIDELINES & APPLICATION

- DRAFT Guidelines and application materials found in Appendices A, B, and C.
- ELIGIBLE PROJECT SPONSORS: Tribes, local/state/federal public agencies, universities, special districts, industrial and nonindustrial private forest landowners, non-profit organizations
- FUNDING LIMITS: \$500,000 - \$1,500,000 (projects may be scaled)
- PROJECT SIZE: Projects must be large, landscape-scale projects with multiple, integrated benefits, but may be smaller than 800 acre required by CAL FIRE Forest Health grant
- PROJECT END DATE: December 31, 2029
- Applicants must complete all needed environmental compliance work within 1 year of award; preference to projects that are already complete



# NCRP CAL FIRE FOREST HEALTH PILOT SCHEDULE

- **Sept 2023:** The NCRP Technical Assistance solicitation for CAL FIRE Forest Health Pilot Projects is announced; TA provided throughout solicitation
- **Sept 2023:** Draft North Coast Regional Forest Health Assessment released
- **Jan 2024:** LC review, consider, draft NCRP Project Review Guidelines
- **Late March/April** (after CAL FIRE Forest Health grant awards have been announced): NCRP CAL FIRE Forest Health Pilot Grant Solicitation is announced
- **April – June:** Informational webinars & weekly office hours
- **June 2024:** NCRP CAL FIRE Pilot Forest Health Project applications due
- **June – July:** TPRC project review period
- **Early August:** TPRC project review & selection meeting: TPRC project suite recommendation
- **August – Sept:** Schedule presentation with CAL FIRE; CAL FIRE review & input
- **Sept – Oct:** staff work with project sponsors to address CAL FIRE input & CAL FIRE approval
- **Oct NCRP Quarterly Meeting:** LC consider/approve TPRC recommended suite of Priority North Coast Projects for NCRP CAL FIRE Pilot Forest Health Project Regional Grant
- **Nov 2024:** NCRP CAL FIRE Forest Health Pilot Regional Portfolio of Implementation Projects (and required documentation) provided to CAL FIRE and CAL MAPPER

# NCRP RFFC AD HOC & TPRC CO-CHAIR REVIEW COMMENTS

- CAL FIRE Forest Health Programmatic indirect rate allowance
  - Staff have discussed the concerns shared by RFFC Ad Hoc, TPRC Co-Chairs and staff with CAL FIRE staff
  - CAL FIRE staff looking into solutions and/or clearer guidelines
- Adaptation and use of CAL FIRE Forest Health Guidelines to use as an appendix in the NCRP Forest Health Pilot Guidelines for sub-agreement requirements and definitions
  - Staff will work with CAL FIRE to adapt Guidelines
- Road-side fuel load reduction treatment
  - CAL FIRE will provide clear definitions for when road-side treatments are eligible under the Forest Health Program
- Improved approach and clear definitions for how criteria is scored by TPRC

## STAFF RECOMMENDATION (page 2, meeting materials)

- a) Review and provide direction for the draft NCRP CAL FIRE Forest Health Pilot Implementation Project Review & Selection Process Guidelines and application materials found in Appendices A, B, and C.
- b) Direct the RFFC Ad Hoc Committee, TPRC Co-Chairs and Executive Committee to continue to advise NCRP staff on review and refinement of the NCRP CAL FIRE Forest Health Pilot Implementation Project Review & Selection Process Guidelines and application materials.
- c) Authorize staff to continue to work with CAL FIRE to make refinements to these materials, based on CAL FIRE program requirements and input.

**DECISION/PUBLIC COMMENT**



## VII. REGIONAL FOREST AND FIRE CAPACITY PROGRAM UPDATE

- Department of Conservation summary
- Retrospective on RFFC accomplishments to date
- Admin Update: grant agreements & scope
- North Coast Regional Capacity Enhancement Strategy
- Round Robin: Leadership Council and Technical Peer Review Committee Perspective on Regional Capacity Needs

## VIII. ILLEGAL CANNABIS AD HOC COMMITTEE UPDATE

- Supervisor Criss, Councilmember Downey, Supervisor Carpenter-Harris, Supervisor Gogan
- NCRP Staff Team





## ITEM IX. REALLOCATION OF NCRP URBAN & MULTI-BENEFIT DROUGHT RELIEF FUNDS - BACKGROUND

- 2021, DWR provided grant funding through the Urban and Multibenefit Drought Relief (UMDR) Grant Program with the following goals:
  - to address immediate drought impacts on human health and safety and on fish and wildlife resources
  - to provide water to persons or communities that lost or were threatened with the loss or contamination of water supplies
- 2022 NCRP LC & DWR approved funding awards for 17 Priority Projects
- Total funding award: \$8,592,756
- Meeting materials include [link](#) to the webpage that lists all submitted projects, solicitation materials, Guidelines and TPRC review summaries



# HANDBOOK GUIDANCE ON RE-ALLOCATION

- Bear River Band of Rohnerville Rancheria (BRBRR) not able to use their full awarded funds for the *BRBRR Reclaimed Water Fire & Drought* project
- Staff worked with BRBRR to evaluate solutions to BRBRR's capacity barriers
- BRBRR determined that they can use only \$200,000 of \$1,278,558 award
- Leaving **\$1,078,558** to be reallocated
- NCRP Leadership Council approved a policy in 2021 that covers budget reallocation situations
- NCRP has never needed to exercise the protocol to its fullest extent
- RFFC Ad Hoc & TPRC Co-chairs recommend that the RFFC Ad Hoc consider the lessons learned from the current process to refine the policy for LC review during April NCRP Quarterly meeting

# OVERVIEW OF POLICY & PROCESS TO DATE

1. For amounts less than \$50,000, NCRP staff will use discretion to reallocate the funds to an eligible project [N/A – budget >\$50,000]
2. For amounts greater than \$50,000, project funding reallocation will occur, within the County or Tribal region where the original project is located, and to a project that is within the **existing suite of projects**  
[N/A - BRBRR is only UMDR Tribal sponsor located in Central Region; see NCRP Tribal Representation Process; <https://northcoastresourcepartnership.org/2022-ncrp-tribal-nomination-voting/>]
3. If the County or Tribal region of origin option is not available:
  - a. Staff will announce the availability of funds to **project sponsors within suite of projects**
  - b. Staff will determine eligible projects.
  - c. TPRC ad hoc committee will be formed via email or at NCRP meeting if timing allows.
  - d. Ad hoc committee will develop criteria for project reallocation selection.
  - e. Ad hoc committee will develop project reallocation option recommendations.
  - f. LC will review and approve recommendations at the next LC meeting.
  - g. TPRC ad hoc committee will be disbanded.

# PROJECT SPONSOR REQUESTS FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDING

- On December 15th, the Humboldt County team reached out to the UMDR project sponsors to request information about budget augmentation for their existing approved project
- Responses were due January 1
- Six UMDR project sponsors indicated that they could use additional funds for their projects
- All other projects indicated that they did not need additional funding or had completed their project (or were near completion)
- These materials can be found in the meeting materials as **Appendix E**, including brief summaries of the current project agreements



# TPRC AD HOC REVIEW & RECOMMENDATION

- TPRC Ad Hoc was convened and met on January 5, 2024
- TPRC reviewed the project sponsor responses and discussed various methods for reallocating the funds
- It was determined that using the original proposal TPRC scores was the fairest way to evaluate the reallocation of funds
- Original proposal TPRC scores reflect the proposal criteria approved by the LC and are listed in the NCRP UMDR Project Review Guidelines, 2022
- **TPRC AD HOC RECOMMENDATION:**
  - Authorization to continue the Ad Hoc Committee to evaluate the reallocation process and make recommendations for process and policy improvements to be reviewed by the LC during the April NCRP Quarterly Meeting
  - LC review and consideration of the following reallocation recommendation:

Organization, Project Name	Location / Area Served	Current UMDR Grant Fund Amount	Funding Request: Existing Scope Minimum Budget	Funding Request: Existing Scope Max Budget	TPRC Ad Hoc Recommended Budget
Resighini Tribe, Conservation Measures to Address Drought for the Resighini Rancheria	Northern Tribal	\$283,264.00	\$600,000.00	\$1,500,000.00	<b>\$843,983.78</b>
Watershed Research and Training Center, Browns and Tule Creeks Drought Resiliency Storage & Forbearance Project	Trinity	\$500,000.00	\$12,074.22	\$13,574.22	<b>\$13,574.22</b>
Salmonid Restoration Federation, Redwood Creek, South Fork Eel Storage and Forbearance Program	Humboldt	\$342,000.00	\$100,000.00	\$200,000.00	<b>\$100,000.00</b>
Weott CSD, Improvements - Storage Tanks Construction	Humboldt	\$548,000.00	\$54,000.00	\$59,000.00	<b>\$59,000.00</b>
Briceland Community Services District Water Supply Enhancement	Humboldt	\$303,400.00	\$7,000.00	\$83,000.00	<b>\$62,000.00</b>
Fieldbrook Glendale Community Services District, Water Tank Retrofit Project	Humboldt	\$1,218,745.00	\$858,453.00	\$1,107,714.00	<b>\$0.00</b>

# X. NCRP HANDBOOK

## HISTORY, CURRENT STATE, POTENTIAL UPDATES

Staff Overview: History, Current State, Potential Updates

- Karen Gaffney, NCRP Director of Strategic Planning and Communication
- Sherri Norris, NCRP Director of Tribal Engagement
- Javier Silva, Tribal Engagement Team and former TPRC member

Round Robin: Observations & Discussion by Leadership Council



# XI. SLATE OF STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS - CONSENT

## Ad Hoc Committees

- a. Form Illegal Cannabis Committee: confirm Supervisors Criss, Carpenter-Harris, Gogan, and add others as requested;
- b. Funding: integrate into the NCRP Executive Committee, schedule targeted meetings with other Leadership Council and Technical Peer Review Committee members that express interest in this topic;
- c. Capacity: integrate into the NCRP RFFC Ad Hoc Committee
- d. Approve the RFFC Ad Hoc Committee to:
  - i. advise the staff team on the development of the NCRP Regional Capacity Enhancement Strategy, and
  - ii. approve interim protocols for capacity investments that will be updated for full Leadership Council approval in January, 2024

## Wildfire Listening and Learning Sessions

- Direct NCRP RFFC Ad Hoc to work with NCRP staff to develop 3-4 workshops around the North Coast Region, and integrate information from the workshops into NCRP strategy documents, including the updated *Vision for North Coast Resilience*.

## DECISION/PUBLIC COMMENT

## XII. 2024 QUARTERLY MEETING DATES & LOCATIONS (IN PERSON)

- January 19, 2024 (Ukiah)
- April 25-26 (Weaverville)
- July 19, 2024 (Yreka)
- October 18, 2024 (Del Norte)





**ITEM XIII. INFORMATIONAL UPDATES  
SEE MEETING MATERIALS (pp 11-33)**

