



September 9, 2024

**Invitation to Nominate and Vote for Tribal NCRP Representatives:  
The Fall 2024 Nomination & Voting Process is now open!**

Attn: 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 Coast for decision-making positions in the NCRP governance structure. **Nominations are due by 5pm on October 15, 2024.**

**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.**

The NCRP provides capacity building, technical assistance and training for Tribes in the North Coast in forest management. Tribal Representatives help to shape NCRP programs, guide landscape and watershed management and collectively choose projects for regional funding related to forest and fire, climate resiliency, watershed restoration and to integrate tribal regional priorities into regional plans and activities with counties and agencies. This is an opportunity for Tribes to guide projects that restore traditional homelands and support growth of Tribal workforce.

To do this twelve (12) Tribal North Coast Representatives promote the interests of 34 North Coast Tribes in collaboration with regional Tribes, counties, cities, state agencies, nonprofits and other regional stakeholders.

There are seven seats and/or alternate seats currently available for new Tribal Representatives.

We hope that you will assist us in nominating and selecting the New Tribal Representatives by completing the following tasks:

**I. Complete a 'Nomination Form'** by 5pm October 15, 2024. 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).

For the Tribal Resolution, if your Tribal Council meetings are 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.

**IV. Your Voting Delegate will need to be able to attend the NCRP Tribal Representative Meeting on October 17, 2024 in Elk Valley** where Voting Delegates will choose by consensus from those nominated to fill the vacant seats. Should your delegate not be able to attend in person please contact [Sherri@cieaweb.org](mailto:Sherri@cieaweb.org) or call (510) 334-4408 before October 15, 2024 to make arrangements.

**V. 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 October 18, 2024 in Elk Valley. Representatives are also asked to attend monthly Tribal Representatives' coordination meetings held on the first Monday of each month to help guide the NCRP and the Tribal NCRP program.

**Nomination Forms & Resolutions must be received by 5pm on Oct. 15, 2024.**

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

Please contact us to find out about financial support for travel, or to express other capacity needs that may limit your ability to nominate and support a participating Representative.

## **Additional Requirements**

The NCRP requires that once an individual has been chosen to be a NCRP Representative that the Tribes that nominated the individual sign the NCRP's Memorandum of [Mutual Understanding \(MoMU\)](#) before being seated as a voting representative at the next NCRP Quarterly Meeting. This is also a requirement of applicants before receipt of NCRP funding. If you have received NCRP funding before, this is likely on file. A 2024 update to the MOMU is expected in October. If you have not signed the MOMU yet you will not be required to sign until that update is completed.

## **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.

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](mailto:kgledhill@westcoastwatershed.com) and ask her to add you.

For more information about Tribal Engagement in the NCRP, the benefits of participation and upcoming activities contact Sherri Norris at [sherri@cieaweb.org](mailto:sherri@cieaweb.org) or at (510) 334-4408. We can meet with your staff and by request, provide a formal presentation to your staff and/or council.

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

Respectfully,

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