



Fall 2024 Tribal Selection & Process for NCRP Tribal Representation

The attached 'Tribal Voting Delegate & Nomination Form' is Due 5pm October 15, 2025

Selection by Voting Delegates will take place October 17, 2024 at 10am at the Tribal NCRP Quarterly Meeting in Elk Valley. If you need a remote option please contact us.

This is a living document and serves as the policy for the Tribal selection process for NCRP Tribal Representatives.

Fall 2024 TIMELINE

Sept. 9, 2024 **Nomination Form & Invitations sent** to Tribes in North Coast region.
Presentations to staff and/or Tribal Council is available by request.

Oct. 15 2024 ~ 5pm **Voting Delegates & Nomination Forms Due**

Oct. 17, 2024 ~ 10am **New Representative Selection Meeting at Tribal NCRP Meeting**
In person, or with advance coordination, online or phone in

This 2024 Nomination and Voting round is to fill the following Vacant or Alternate seats:

North District

Leadership Council
Technical Peer Review Committee (TPRC)

Central District

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) Tribal seats available in the North Coast for regional decision-making and management of the NCRP. Of these, three (3) are Leadership Council, three (3) are Technical Peer Review Committee (TPRC) and six (6) are Alternates.

The division of eligible Tribes within each Voting District is included on page 6.

NCRP does not differentiate between federally recognized Tribes and non-recognized Tribes for regional Tribal representation. Regional Tribes recognize the Tribes in their own region for selection of NCRP representative purposes.

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 Oct. 15, 2024 by 5pm:

- 1) A completed '**Nomination & Voting Form**' (see attached)
- 2) A **Tribal Council Resolution** supporting the Voting Delegate and Nominee.
Note: If your next Council meeting is outside of this schedule and such a meeting is required to complete your Resolution, please contact us to make arrangements before the due date.

VOTING DELEGATES

- As part of the 'Nomination & Voting Form', each Tribe is requested to select a Voting Delegate who will, on behalf of the Tribe, vote for the 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.
- Voting 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 NCRP REPRESENTATIVES

Voting takes place at quarterly Tribal NCRP Meetings.

- Each Tribes' Voting Delegate will vote for their respected representative(s) from the persons nominated by Tribal Councils in their Voting District.
- If your Voting Delegate cannot attend the Oct. 17, 2024 meeting, please contact sherri@cieaweb.org or call (510) 334-4408 to make arrangements.

CONSIDERATIONS IN NOMINATING REPRESENTATIVES

- After a Tribe's nominated Representative 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 by the Tribe of the newly elected Representative. This is also required of project applicants to receive awarded 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.
- 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 consider the needs of all Tribes within the North Coast region when making decisions.

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.
- If Representatives are unable to attend a meeting, they must inform their Alternate and the Tribal Engagement Coordinator at least two (2) weeks prior to the meeting to make arrangements for Alternate participation. This will ensure that Tribal Representatives are at the table for decision-making.

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 or a Letter from the Tribe's designated staff.
- 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, if the day falls on a holiday or other significant date. 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.
- **Leadership Council Representatives** or their Alternate, by prior agreement, are required to attend full Quarterly 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 full NCRP meetings.
- **Tribal NCRP Quarterly Meetings** are generally scheduled one or two days prior to the quarterly full Quarterly 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 by prior arrangement, 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. It takes approximately 2 hours to read each proposal submitted in order to rank, and will then meet to discuss and prioritize proposals at a two-day TPRC 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 will then be filled before the next Quarterly NCRP meeting by another 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** 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.

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.

Should travel be a deterrent to nominating a Representative or participating in NCRP program activities Please contact Sherri Norris sherri@cieaweb.org.

NCRP TRIBAL SEAT DISTRICTS

North		
Tribe	County (ies)	Watershed(s)
Elk Valley Rancheria	Del Norte	North Coast
Karuk Tribe	Siskiyou and Humboldt	Klamath
Pit River Tribe	Modoc	Shasta
Quartz Valley Rancheria	Siskiyou	Klamath
Resighini Rancheria	Del Norte	North Coast
Shasta Nation	Siskiyou	Shasta
Shasta Indian Nation	Siskiyou	Shasta
Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation	Del Norte	North Coast
Tsnungwe Tribe	Trinity	Klamath
Winnemem Wintu Tribe	Shasta	Shasta
Yurok Tribe	Del Norte and Humboldt	Klamath

Central		
Tribe	County (ies)	Watershed(s)
Bear River Tribe of Rohnerville Rancheria	Humboldt County	Eel
Big Lagoon Rancheria	Humboldt County	Humboldt
Blue Lake Rancheria	Humboldt County	Humboldt
Cahto Indian Tribe of the Laytonville Rancheria	Mendocino County-North	Eel
Hoopa Valley Tribe	Humboldt County	Trinity
Nor Rel Muk Wintu Nation	Trinity County	Trinity
Potter Valley Tribe	Mendocino County- South	Russian
Round Valley Reservation	Mendocino County- North	Eel
Sherwood Valley Band of Pomo Indians	Mendocino County-North	Eel, North Coast, & Russian
Table Bluff Rancheria (Wiyot)	Humboldt County	Eel
Trinidad Rancheria, Cher-Ae Heights Indian Community	Humboldt County	Humboldt

South		
Tribe	County (ies)	Watershed(s)
Coyote Valley Rancheria	Mendocino County- South	Russian
Cloverdale Rancheria	Sonoma County	Russian
Coyote Valley Rancheria	Mendocino County- South	Russian
Dry Creek Rancheria	Sonoma County	Russian
Guidiville Rancheria	Mendocino County- South	Russian
Graton Rancheria	Sonoma County	Russian
Hopland Rancheria	Mendocino County- South	Russian
Lytton Rancheria	Sonoma County	Russian
Manchester-Point Arena Band of Pomo Indians	Mendocino County- South	North Coast
Mishewal Wappo Tribe of Alexander Valley	Sonoma County	Russian
Pinoleville Pomo Nation	Mendocino County- South	Russian
Redwood Valley Rancheria	Mendocino County- South	Russian
Stewarts Point Rancheria of Kashia Band of Pomo Indians	Sonoma County	North Coast
Yokayo Tribe of Indians	Mendocino County – South	Russian