



NORTH COAST RESOURCE PARTNERSHIP QUARTERLY MEETING

OCTOBER 18, 2024





WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

- Elk Valley Tribal Welcome
- NCRP Welcome: Leadership Council Co-Chairs
Leaf Hillman & James Gore
- Del Norte County Welcome:
Supervisors Chris Howard & Dean Wilson
- Introductions:
 - Leadership Council, TPRC & Staff Team
 - Partners

VI. REVIEW AND APPROVE AGENDA/PUBLIC COMMENT/DECISION

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA



VIII. TOLOWA DEE-NI' PRESENTATION

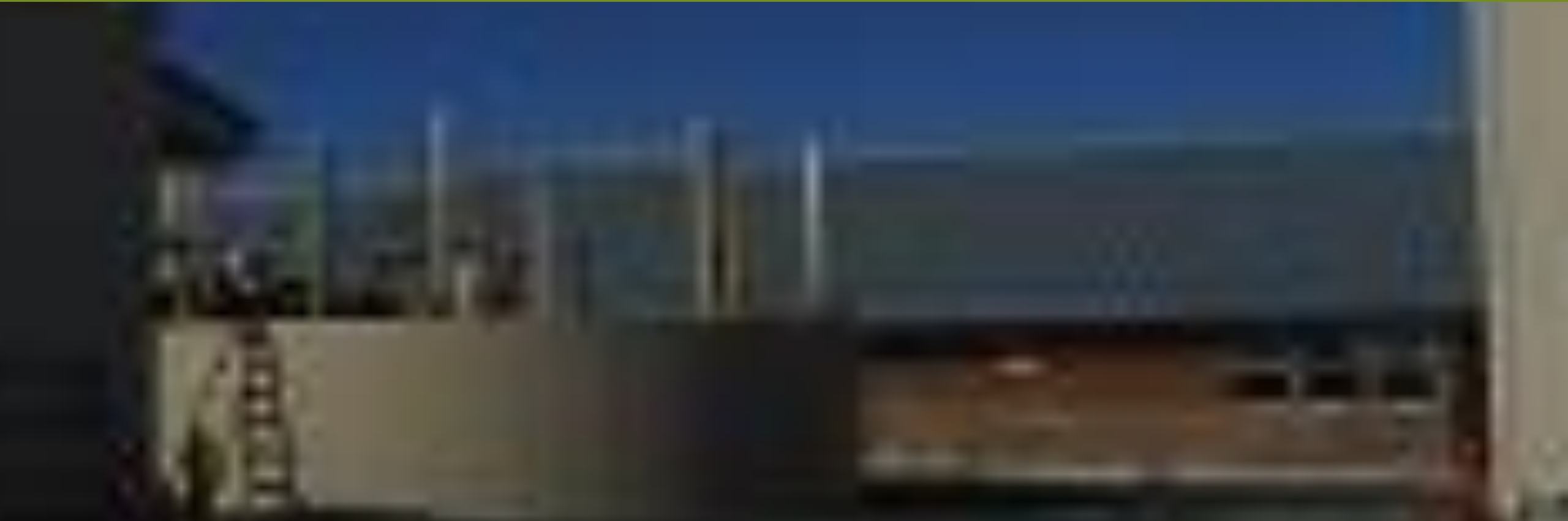
Tribal Community Wildfire Protection Plan

Rachel McCain, Natural Resources Department Director



IX. DEL NORTE COUNTY PRESENTATION

Partnership: City/County Sewer System Improvements with NCRP grants
Jon Olsen, PE, County Engineer, Del Norte County TPRC Member



X. NCRP Regional CAL FIRE Forest Health Pilot Grant Project Proposal Suite Review & Approval (meeting materials, pp 1-4 1 & Appendix A, B, C)

- Walter Mackelburg, CALFIRE Forest Health Area Forester
- Dale Roberts, NCRP Technical Peer Review Committee Co-chair,
Sonoma County Water Agency, Sonoma County



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CAL FIRE'S REGIONAL LANDSCAPE PILOTS

In 2023, the NCRP was awarded a \$10 M CAL FIRE Forest Health Grant as a pilot project to demonstrate an integrated approach to achieving the mutual objectives of the Regional Forest & Fire Capacity Program (RFFC) and CAL FIRE's Forest Health Program

Goals:

- Align with goals of Task Force & DOC's Regional Forest & Fire Capacity Program
- Accelerate the development & implementation of a portfolio of forest health projects across a region
- Accomplish high-priority projects that might not otherwise have access to funding
- Foster regional capacity building and partnerships
- Further the goals of the California Forest Carbon Plan, California's Natural and Working Lands Implementation Plan, AB 32 Climate Change Scoping Plan, & California's Wildfire and Forest Resilience Action Plan

NCRP CAL FIRE REGIONAL PILOT GRANT IMPLEMENTS KEY FOREST HEALTH STRATEGIES IN THE VISION FOR NORTH COAST RESILIENCE



OVERVIEW

PRIORITIZATION

STRATEGIES

DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS

PLAN IMPLEMENTATION



A VISION FOR NORTH COAST RESILIENCE

PRIORITIES FOR ENHANCING WATERSHED,
FIRESHED, FOREST, AND COMMUNITY RESILIENCE
IN THE NORTH COAST REGION

NCRP CAL FIRE FOREST HEALTH PILOT SCHEDULE

- **Sept 2023:** NCRP Technical Assistance request for proposals for project development
- **May 4:** NCRP CAL FIRE Forest Health Pilot Grant Solicitation announced
- **May – July:** Informational webinars & weekly office hours
- **August 4:** NCRP CAL FIRE Pilot Forest Health Project applications due
- **August 28 & 29:** NCRP TPRC project review & selection meeting to identify project portfolio recommendation; open to the public
- **September 4:** Proposed project presentation to CAL FIRE; CAL FIRE review & input
- **Sept – Oct:** staff worked with project sponsors to address CAL FIRE input
- **Oct 18, NCRP Quarterly Meeting:** Leadership Council consider/approve TPRC recommended suite of Priority Projects for NCRP CAL FIRE Pilot Regional Grant
- **Dec 2024:** NCRP CAL FIRE Forest Health Pilot Regional Portfolio of Implementation Projects (and required documentation) provided to CAL FIRE and CAL MAPPER
- **Early 2025:** NCRP Regional CAL FIRE agreement amended; project sub-agreements

PROJECT PROPOSAL SUPPORT

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE: PROJECT DEVELOPMENT

- Direct technical assistance for project development from consultant via contract

PROPOSAL & APPLICATION SUPPORT

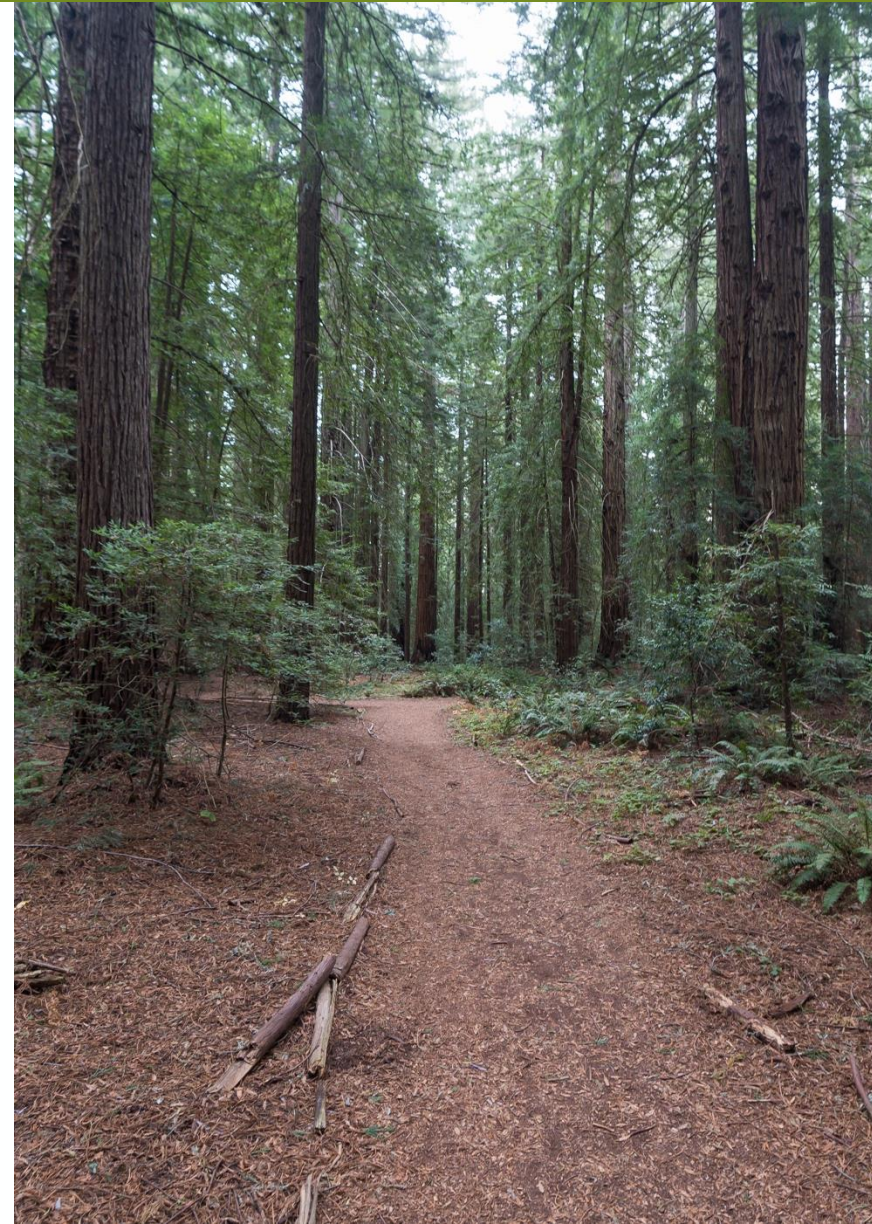
- peer-to-peer meetings with regional experts (2-8+ hours based on need)

SPATIAL DATA SUPPORT

- Help with GIS polygons representing proposed project areas and activities

WEBINARS & WEEKLY OFFICE HOURS

- Held via Zoom (NCRP Staff & Technical Experts)
- Discussions & opportunity to ask questions



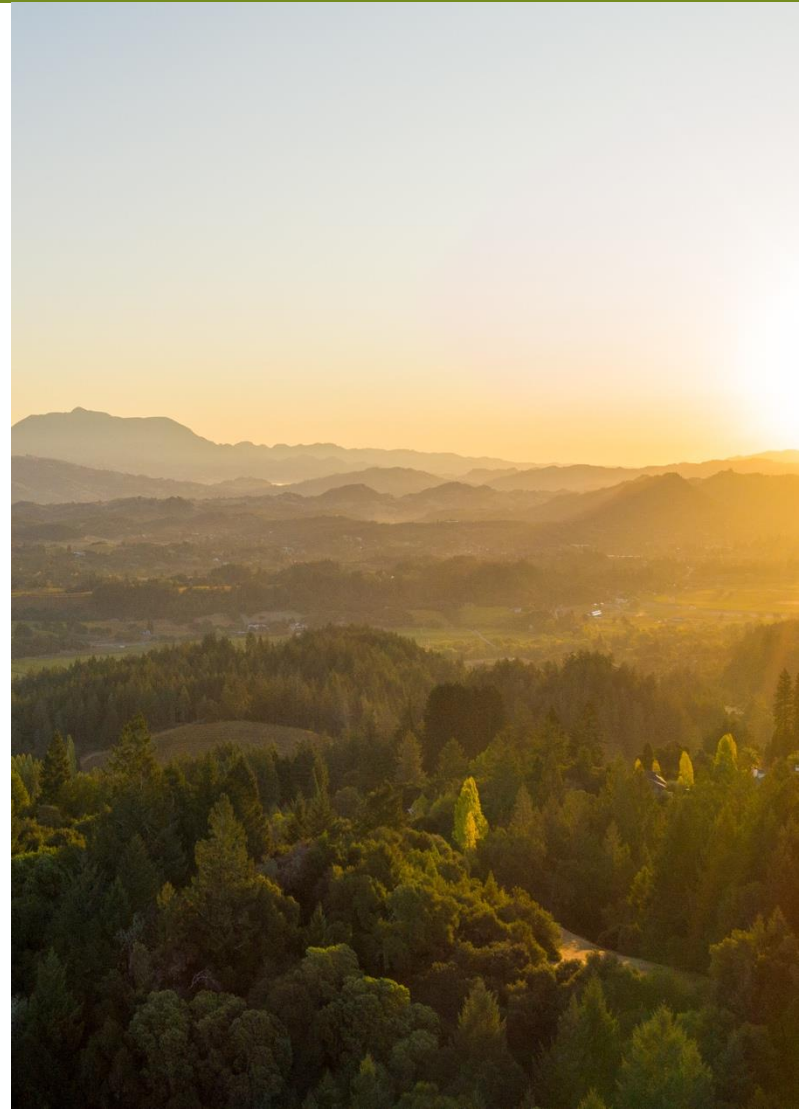
NCRP CAL FIRE FOREST HEALTH PROPOSAL REVIEW

- August 4, the NCRP received 11 project proposals
- Total grant request > \$15.5 M; total project cost > \$18.3 M
- Proposals publicly posted to the NCRP Project Tracker website
- NCRP Technical Peer Review Committee (TPRC) conducted review according to the NCRP CAL FIRE Forest Health Pilot Project Review Process Guidelines
- Met in person on August 28 & 29, to discuss the project proposals, finalize scores and select a draft suite of Priority Projects with funding reallocation contingency
- The meeting was open to the public with opportunities for public comment
- September 4, CAL FIRE Priority Project presentation and review
- Clarifying information was developed and provided to CAL FIRE for 2 proposed projects, per CAL FIRE request
- October 2, CAL FIRE approved the proposed slate of 8 projects

NCRP TECHNICAL PEER REVIEW COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION					
SCORE	ORGANIZATION NAME, PROJECT NAME	LOCATION / AREA SERVED	PROJECT ACRES	FUNDING REQUEST	TPRC RECOMMENDED BUDGET
81.83	<u>Yurok Tribe, Stoo-Wen Ridge Healthy Forest Fuels Reduction Project</u>	Northern Tribal Region	231	\$1,615,227	\$1,615,227
80.16	<u>Mendocino County Resource Conservation District, Leggett Area Forest Health Project</u>	Mendocino; Severe DAC	445	\$1,998,805	\$1,989,355
80.08	<u>Humboldt County Resource Conservation District, Mail Ridge Wildfire Resilience Project, Phase 1</u>	Humboldt; Severe DAC	281	\$833,880	\$833,880
78.75	<u>Shasta Valley Resource Conservation District, Siskiyou Juniper Treatment and Landscape Restoration</u>	Siskiyou; DAC	1154	\$1,905,492	\$1,429,119
77.64	<u>Scott River Watershed Council, East Fork Scott River Forest Health Implementation Project</u>	Siskiyou; DAC	350	\$1,293,493	\$970,119
77.50	<u>Yurok Tribe, McKinney Post-Fire Initial Reforestation & Recovery Implementation</u>	Northern Tribal Region	2000	\$1,528,281	\$1,137,074
76.52	<u>Shasta Valley Resource Conservation District, Forest Health and Resilience - Broadcast Burning - Siskiyou Prescribed Burn Assoc</u>	Siskiyou; DAC	1000	\$542,835	\$542,835
72.75	<u>Redwood Valley Rancheria Little River Band of Pomo Indians, Redwood Valley Rancheria Fuel Reduction Project</u>	Southern Tribal Region	118	\$1,364,782	\$682,391
TOTALS		All Tribal/DAC	5579	\$9.2 M	

NCRP CAL FIRE FOREST HEALTH PILOT GRANT PROJECT RECOMMENDATION

- Total project implementation amount = \$9.2 M
- Humboldt Admin & enhanced support = \$0.8 M
- Half of the 8 projects include reduced budgets
- Total acreage proposed = 5579 (actual acreage TBD, due to scaled budgets)
- All projects benefit Tribal and/or disadvantaged communities
- 3 Tribal projects (Northern & Southern districts)
- 3 Siskiyou, 1 Mendocino, 1 Humboldt counties
- Budget reallocation per Handbook Policies



NEXT STEPS: REGIONAL GRANT PREP

- Selected a team (via RFQ/RFP) for technical support for Environmental Compliance; through first year
- Obtained legal counsel to inform project budgets re: updates to prevailing wage law
- Project sponsors & technical experts to update workbook materials and complete:
 - Priority Population Table
 - GHG Emissions Workbook
 - CARB-CCI Job Co-Benefit
- GIS team in place to prepare spatial data per CAL FIRE/CALMAPPER requirements
- Ongoing staff meetings with CAL FIRE team to prepare for streamlined regional reporting
- Debrief meetings planned to develop process improvements for all aspects of the Pilot project



FINAL RECOMMENDATION

- Approve the TPRC Project Recommendation and recommended budget amounts for inclusion in the NCRP CAL FIRE Regional Pilot Grant
- Direct staff to work with CAL FIRE to refine project materials and develop the final packet of materials for submittal to CAL FIRE
- Direct Humboldt County staff to work with and support project sponsors to implement and complete the 8 Pilot projects by December 2028
- Funding reallocations will adhere to the Project Budget Under-Runs & Funding Reallocation Process Policy as described in the NCRP Handbook





DISCUSSION / QUESTIONS ?

PUBLIC COMMENT

DECISION

XI. NCRP CANNABIS AD HOC COMMITTEE UPDATE & REQUEST FOR INPUT (meeting materials, pp 4-5 & Appendix D)

- Update on meetings and committee work to date (Staff Team)
- Draft *NCRP Illegal Cannabis Strategy* overview (Appendix D, pp 43-50)
- Ad Hoc Committee:
 - Perspectives on Committee work to date
 - Lead round robin discussion/input on Draft
 - Request for input on NCRP Focus Areas listed on pages 46-48
- Any new Ad Hoc Committee members?
- Thank you and farewell to Supervisor Criss

XII. CHALLENGES & COMMON GROUND: ROUND ROBIN (meeting materials, page 5 and Appendix E, pp 51-53)

- . NCRP Executive Committee & NCRP Staff Team
- . NCRP principles and past approved plans and processes
- . Identify areas of potential controversy
- . Establish positive common ground, shared vision, policy direction for staff & TPRC
- . Survey
- . Continuing discussion/Handbook updates
- . Next steps



XIII. CAPACITY ASSESSMENT & REGIONAL CAPACITY ENHANCEMENT STRATEGY

(meeting materials, pp 5-6 & Appendix F, pp 54-60)

- Long History of Capacity Investments
- Draft Capacity Enhancement Strategy Outline
- RFFC Ad Hoc Committee role
- Survey
 - Builds on past surveys and assessments/informs strategy
 - Interviewee list and criteria (All Tribes/SDAC)
 - ArcGIS Survey 123 – consistent, quantitative information
 - CIEA interview 35 Tribes & WCW 135 entities (agencies, NGOs, etc)
 - Eventually open up to entire NCRP listserve
- Testing now/expect to have outputs in January 2025

XIV. WILDFIRE RESILIENCE LISTENING SESSIONS

(meeting materials, page 6)

- . First Session: Observations from Co-Chair Hillman and other NCRP attendees
- . Video recording on NCRP website
- . Next steps



XV. NCRP HANDBOOK UPDATE

(meeting materials, page 7 & Appendix G)



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XVI. LETTERS OF SUPPORT (meeting materials, page 7)





XVII. INFORMATIONAL UPDATES (meeting materials pp 7-15)



XVIII. 2025 QUARTERLY MEETING DATES & LOCATIONS (IN PERSON)

- January 29-30, 2025
- Sonoma County
- Two Day Meeting
- Climate Change Focus

