



CLIMATE RESILIENCE

IN THE NORTH COAST OF CALIFORNIA

January 29th - 30th Meeting Agenda

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MEETING AGENDA

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Wednesday, January 29th

7:30-9:00 Registration, Continental Breakfast, Resource Fair Tabling

9:00 Tribal Invocation - Melissa Elgin, Tribal Council Secretary, Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria

9:10 Chairman's Welcome and Keynote – Greg Sarris, Council Chairman, Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria

9:40 NCRP Welcome – Leaf Hillman, NCRP Co-Chair & Karuk Tribal member

9:50 Sonoma County Welcome – James Gore, NCRP Co-Chair & Sonoma County Board of Supervisors

10:00 Opening Remarks – Federal & State Leadership on Climate Change

- **United States Congressman Jared Huffman**
- **California State Assemblymember Chris Rogers**
- **California Natural Resources Agency (CNRA) Deputy Secretary for Tribal Affairs Geneva Thompson**

10:45 North Coast Resource Partnership: Twenty Years of Collaborative Climate Action - Karen Gaffney, NCRP Director of Strategic Planning and Communications

11:00 Presentations & Panel: Tribal Leadership on Climate Resilience

- **Sherri Norris, NCRP Director of Tribal Engagement & Executive Director California, Indian Environmental Alliance (moderator)**
- **Resiliency and Co-Management: Lorelle Ross, Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria**
- **Healthy, Climate Resilient Rivers: Dam Removal and Restoration on the North Coast**
 - Leaf Hillman, Klamath Dam Removal, Karuk Tribe/NCRP Co-Chair
 - Michelle Downey, Round Valley Indian Tribes
- **Cultural Fire & Climate Resilience, Margo Robbins, Cultural Fire Council**
- **Coastal Kelp & Abalone Restoration: Javier Silva, NCRP Technical Assistance Coordinator, Sherwood Valley Band of Pomo Indians, California Indian Environmental Alliance**

12:00 LUNCH (PROVIDED) & RESOURCE FAIR

1:45 Sonoma County Climate Resilience Initiatives

- **Climate Action at Sonoma Water**
 - Dale Roberts, Principal Engineer, NCRP Technical Peer Review Committee Co-Chair (moderator)
 - Sasha Ponomareva, Climate Resilience Program Manager
- **Strategic Land Conservation for Climate Resilience, Sonoma County Ag + Open Space**
 - Allison Schichtel, Senior Conservation Planner
- **Nature Based Climate Solutions, County of Sonoma Strategic Initiatives Division, CAO**
 - Simone Albuquerque, Climate Resilience Analyst

2:45 California's Fifth Climate Assessment

- Elea Becker-Lowe, California Climate Change Assessment Program Manager, Governor's Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation
- Tiana Williams-Claussen, Yurok Tribe Wildlife Director, CA Fifth Assessment Tribal Advisory Group Member
- Michael Shaver, Water Resources Director, Potter Valley Tribe, CA Fifth Assessment Tribal Advisory Group Member
- Andrew Stubblefield, CA Fifth Assessment Co-Coordinating Lead Author, North Coast Regional Report for the Fifth California Climate Assessment (with Rosemary Sherriff)

3:30 California's Climate Future: State Agency Leadership & Strategic Initiatives

- Moderator: James Gore, NCRP Co-Chair and Sonoma County Board of Supervisors
- Paul Gosselin, Deputy Director, Department of Water Resources, Sustainable Water Management Division
- Patrick Wright, Director, Governor's Wildfire and Forest Resilience Task Force
- Abby Edwards, Acting Executive Director of Planning and Policy, Deputy Director for Climate and Planning Programs at the Governor's Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation (LCI), Chair of the Integrated Climate Adaptation and Resilience Program (ICARP) Technical Advisory Council
- Dr. Jennifer Norris, Executive Director, Wildlife Conservation Board
- Brian Newman-Lindsay, Program Manager, California Department of Conservation
- Amy Hutzler, Executive Officer, California State Coastal Conservancy
- Valerie Quinto, Executive Officer, North Coast Water Board
- Matthew Reischman, Deputy Director of Resource Management, CAL FIRE

5:00 Closing Remarks

- Lorelle Ross, Vice-Chair Emeritus, Tribal Council, Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria
- Steve Madrone, NCRP Co-Vice Chair, Humboldt County Board of Supervisors

5:15 Adjourn to Reception

5:30-6:45 No-host bar, appetizers, resource fair/poster session

Thursday, January 30th

7:30-9:00 Registration, Continental Breakfast, Resource Fair

9:00 Tribal Welcome – Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria

9:10 NCRP Welcome: Co-Chairs Leaf Hillman & James Gore

9:20 California & Sonoma County Leadership on Climate Resilience

- Wade Crowfoot, Secretary, California Natural Resources Agency
- Lynda Hopkins, Chair, Sonoma County Board of Supervisors

10:00

Collaborative Action on Climate Resilience

Joel Gerwein, Acting North Coast Regional Manager, North Coast Tribal Liaison, California State Coastal Conservancy (moderator)

Tomales Bay Climate Resilience Initiatives

- Buffy McQuillen, Tribal Historic Preservation Officer, Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria
- Bree Hardcastle, California State Parks

Tribal Marine Stewards Network

- Nina Hapner, Director of Environmental Planning, Kashia Band of Pomo Indians of the Stewarts Point Rancheria

North Coast Blue Economy

- Javier Silva, Sherwood Valley Band of Pomo Indians, California Indian Environmental Alliance, NCRP Technical Assistance Coordinator
- Sarah Million McCormick, Economic Development Manager, City of Fort Bragg

Humboldt Bay Sea Level Rise

- Hank Seemann, Public Works Deputy-Director (Environmental Services), County of Humboldt | Sea level rise adaptation: Community-centered planning, nature-based solutions, multi-benefit projects
- Matt St John, Environmental Program Manager, North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board | Building Climate Resilience Through Strong Partnerships – An Evolving Case Study of Shoreline Adaptation Planning in Humboldt Bay

Tribal Climate Resilience Network

- Luis Neuner, Karuk Tribe and Senior Program Officer, Tribal and Indigenous Partnerships, Humboldt Area Foundation + Wild Rivers Community Foundation

A Condor's Eye View: Prairie Restoration in Yurok Ancestral Territory

- Tiana Williams-Claussen, Yurok Tribe Wildlife Director

The Role of DWR's Tribal Liaison in Collaborative Climate Resilience Initiatives

- Mariko Falke, Executive Tribal Liaison, Department of Water Resources, Office of Tribal Affairs

12:30

LUNCH (PROVIDED) & RESOURCE FAIR

2:00

Siskiyou Climate Collaborative

- Nancy Ogren, Chair, Siskiyou County Board of Supervisors
- Tonya Dowse, Director, Siskiyou County Economic Development
- Kory Hayden, Advisor, Siskiyou County Economic Development
- Neva Gibbens, Deputy Director of Natural Resources, Karuk Tribe
- Rod Dowse, District Manager, Shasta Valley Resource Conservation

2:30

Interactive Breakout Session: Highest Climate Priorities for the North Coast & Commitments to Action

3:45

Moving at the Speed of Trust: North Coast Resource Partnership Tribal and County Leaders

4:00

Closing Remarks & Observations: Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria, NCRP Co-Chairs

4:15

Adjourn

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