Establishing Tribal Representation with the North Coast Resource Partnership

(Formerly North Coast Integrated Regional Water Management Plan)

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A Retrospective: NCIRWM Process

- Initiated in 2004
- Regional boundary
- Policy Review Panel and Technical Peer Review Committee Convened
- Memorandum of Mutual Understandings (MoMU)
- Regional Contract Administration
- Stakeholder Engagement
- Plan Development and Adoption
Governance & Technical Review

Policy Review Panel

Decision-making by local elected officials & Tribal members

Technical Peer Review Committee

- Advise on technical issues, recommend projects for funding, review planning documents
- All meetings are open and welcoming to the public and invite stakeholder input
- Emphasis on transparent decision-making, regional equity, collaboration, and fairness
Stakeholder Involvement

- Emphasis on stakeholder outreach and participation by all: agencies, municipalities, NGOs, RCDs, Tribal governments and groups, private businesses, landowner organizations

- NCRP website - a tool for information exchange

- Workshops and meetings throughout region

- Technical support for project proponents
Funding Awards

Planning Grants

- Proposition 50 - $500,000 (completed)
- Proposition 84 - $1 M awarded (2 yr contract)
- Directed DWR funding - $500,000 : capacity building support & technical assistance to small water and wastewater service providers in disadvantaged communities (2 yr contract)
- Strategic Growth Council, Sustainable Communities - $1 M (3 yr contract)

Project Implementation Grants

- Proposition 50 - >$30 M (Rounds 1, 2, & Supplemental)
- Proposition 84, Round 1 - $8.2 M
- Proposition 84, Round 2 - $5.3 M (recommended for funding)
- California Energy Commission - <$1 M (municipal energy efficiency projects)
NCRP Goals & Objectives (draft)

- INTRAREGIONAL COOPERATION & ADAPTIVE MANAGEMENT
  - Respect local autonomy and local knowledge
  - Provide an ongoing framework for project implementation

- ECONOMIC VITALITY
  - Ensure that project implementation enhances the economic vitality of disadvantaged communities.
  - Conserve and improve the economic benefits of working landscapes and natural areas
  - Assess economic relationships among failing or functional built infrastructure and healthy or compromised natural infrastructure

- ECOSYSTEM CONSERVATION AND ENHANCEMENT
  - Conserve, enhance and restore watersheds and ecosystems
  - Enhance salmonid populations
NCRP Goals & Objectives (draft)

- **BENEFICIAL USES OF WATER**
  - Ensure water supply reliability and quality for *cultural*, municipal, domestic, agricultural and recreational uses while minimizing impacts
  - Improve drinking water quality & water related infrastructure with a focus on economically disadvantaged communities
  - Protect groundwater resources from over-drafting & contamination

- **CLIMATE ADAPTATION & ENERGY INDEPENDENCE**
  - Assess climate change effects, impacts, vulnerabilities, and strategies for local and regional sectors
  - Promote local energy independence, water/energy use efficiency, GHG emission reduction, and jobs creation

- **PUBLIC SAFETY**
  - Improve flood protection and reduce flood risk
January 2010:

- Initiated Contract for Environmental Justice Coalition for Water. Goals: To secure Tribal representation within, and Tribal funding through, the NCIRWMP

- Complied list of all North Coast Tribes. Used lists from:
  - Bureau of Indian Affairs
  - California Native American Heritage Commission
  - U.S. EPA

- Contracted all Tribes in region, focusing on the following departments: Tribal EPA, Natural Resources, Fisheries, & Utility Departments

- Pitched campaign goals

- Built database with contact info for all interested Tribal employees
NCIRWMP & Tribal Governments

- At a June 24, 2010 meeting, the PRP considered a proposal brought forth by a coalition of Tribal governments & voted to include 6 Tribal representative seats:
  - 3 Policy Review Panel
  - 3 Technical Peer Review Committee
- This inclusion made the North Coast the region in California with the most formal Tribal involvement in governance & technical review.
- Changes to the governance structure were approved by all North Coast counties through a revised Memorandum of Mutual Understanding (MoMU).
NCRP MoMU Tribal Representation Process

- In response to a proposal endorsed by 20 North Coast Tribes, the PRP voted to establish 3 Tribal representative seats on both the PRP and TPRC committees.
- Tribes developed a Tribal Representative Process to select representatives and approve the NCIRWM Plan.
- Tribal Representative Process included as an amendment to MoMU and was approved and adopted by 7 NCRP county Board of Supervisors.
- Process can be modified with unanimous vote of 3 Tribal PRP members.
- Each PRP & TPRC Tribal representative will be selected from Northern, Central and Southern districts in the region.
- Each representative may have one alternate.
## NCIRWMP TRIBAL SEAT DISTRICTS

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Tribal Representation Process

- Prior to approval of the 6 seats, the Tribal coalition worked tirelessly to develop representation for the 30 tribes in the North Coast.

- This work involved coordination of:
  - Outreach and education
  - The creation of 3 districts based on counties and watersheds
  - Developing a nomination process & Tribal Council Support
  - MoMU signatory – participating Tribes are required to sign
NCRP Tribal Representation

- Policy Review Panel members:
  - Carol Cook, Sherwood Valley Rancheria (Central Tribal Rep)
  - Alternate: Javier Silva, Sherwood Valley Rancheria (Central Tribal Rep)
  - Leaf Hillman, Karuk Tribe (Northern Tribal Rep)
  - Vacant (Southern Tribal Rep)

- Technical Peer Review members:
  - Javier Silva, Sherwood Valley Rancheria (Central Tribal Rep)
  - Toz Soto, Karuk Tribe (Northern Tribal Rep)
    - Alternate: Sarah Beesley, Yurok Tribe (Northern Tribal Rep)
  - Vacant (Southern Tribal Rep)
Three objectives were developed to engage North Coast Tribes in the NCIRWMP planning and implementation process, which involved the development of a Joint Tribal Planning Proposal:

1. Update the IRWM Plan to reflect Tribal lands, water-related concerns, and Tribal expertise.
2. Produce specific project proposals to address water related needs on Tribal lands.
3. Support Tribal representation on the PRP & TPRC and facilitate general engagement of Tribes in the NCIRWMP stakeholder process.
NCIRWMP Implementation Grant

- Tribes were encouraged to develop and submit implementation proposals for Round 1 of Prop 84 funding, which totaled $8 million dollars.

- The following Tribal proposals were submitted and approved to receive funding:
  - Karuk Tribe
  - Hopland Band of Pomo Indians
  - Pinoleville Pomo Nation

- Approximately $2 million dollars was allocated to the above Tribal projects.
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September 1 & 2: First North Coast Tribal Meeting

- Attended by 24 representatives from 18 Tribes
- Tribal NCIRWMP representatives selected using new nomination and voting process

September 23, 2010

- The North Coast IRWMP submitted their planning grant application to DWR that includes request for “joint” Tribal planning funds
Tribal Representation Next Steps

- Continue Outreach to increase Tribal involvement in the North Coast Resource Partnership and technical assistance for Tribal projects
- Enhancing collaboration within the NCRP by addressing Tribal issues to other agencies/organizations involved
- Continue Tribal collaboration by coordinating regional meetings
Why Tribal Involvement?

- Ensures that Tribes in the North Coast will be a part of the NCIRWMP process.
- Ensures that Tribes will have access to State water funding allocations.
- Potential collaboration on future Tribal and non-Tribal projects.
Participation in the NCRP provides:

- A legacy of success - obtaining, implementing & managing over $43 M for projects throughout the North Coast
- A response to State/Federal agency requests for regional, collaborative proposals
- A commitment to transparency and inclusion
- Technical assistance support to small economically disadvantaged communities
- Opportunities to leverage funding
- Regional contracting efficiencies
- Opportunities to share data and pool resources
- A framework for addressing uncertainties posed by climate change and energy independence
NCIRWMP Next Steps

- NCIRWMP, Phase III Plan Development
- Technical Assistance and Project Solicitation
- Prop 84, Round 3 Call for Projects ($19.7 M) – Spring 2014
- Interviews/Data Gathering
- Regional Stakeholder Workshops/Trainings
- Future Bond Measures
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