Welcome, Opening Tribal Prayer, Flag Salute and Introductions
PRP Chair Supervisor Morris convened the meeting at 10:08 am and welcomed all participants. She announced that Supervisor Carre Brown had been appointed by the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors as a PRP member again and thanked Supervisor Gjerde for staying on as PRP alternate. She also stated that PRP & Executive Committee member Leaf Hillman’s health was improving everyday and is expected to attend the next meeting.

PRP Chair Morris welcomed Tracie Billington, from the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) and also welcomed State Resources Control Board and North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board staff: David Kuszmar, Colleen Hunt, Diana Messina, Sean Maguire, and Rebecca Fitzgerald. She also welcomed Margie Graham, DWR, Northern District office and other DWR staff including Anecita Augustinez, and Kelsey Vella. Meeting participant introductions were made (see attendee list below). PRP Chair Morris led the participants in a Flag Salute.

The following PRP members formed the quorum: Trinity County Supervisor Morris, Sonoma County Supervisor Carrillo, Siskiyou County Supervisor Bennett, Del Norte County Supervisor Chris Howard, Humboldt County Supervisor Lovelace, Mendocino County Supervisor McCowen, Mendocino County Supervisor Gjerde (alternate), Brandi Brown, Redwood Valley Little River Band of Pomo, Martina Morgan, Tribal Council Vice-Chair, Kashia Band of Pomo, and Trinity County Supervisor Karl Fisher.

PRP member Brandi Brown, Redwood Valley Little River Band of Pomo introduced Nick Garcia who performed the Opening Tribal Prayer.

II Review and Approve Agenda
Motion: Supervisor Carrillo – approve agenda; second: Supervisor Bennett; unanimous

Public comment: none
III  PUBLIC COMMENT for items not on the agenda
None

IV  Presentation: Proposition 1 IRWM Program Guidelines
PRP Chair Morris introduced Tracie Billington, Chief, IRWM Financial Assistance Branch, California Department of Water Resources. Tracie provided a presentation regarding the Proposition 1 IRWM Program which authorized the appropriation of $510 million in funding for Implementation and Planning efforts throughout the state. The North Coast funding area allocation is $26.5 M ($24.6 M after DWR’s administrative cut). The Proposition 1 IRWM Grant Anticipated Program Schedule is as follows:

- Early 2016. Release the following DRAFT documents for public review and comment. IRWM Program Guidelines, and DAC Involvement Request for Proposals
- February/March 2016. Public meetings to receive input
- March/April 2016. Issue FINAL documents and commence planning grant and DAC involvement solicitations.
- FY 17/18 and 19/20. Anticipated roll out of implementation project funding solicitations

The presentation can be found at http://www.northcoastresourcepartnership.org/app_folders/view/9119

Discussion: PRP Chair Morris expressed gratitude for the IRWM program and stated that the program worked in the North Coast, an area that is 90% economically disadvantaged. Supervisor Carrillo described the positive impacts found when ‘rolling-up’ the project benefits. Tracie stated that there are differences in how IRWM regions approach the program; some are participating for the funding and others like the North Coast see the program as more about the ethos. There was a discussion about the need to do a better job telling the story about the integration and success of the North Coast. Tracie suggested that it was important to let legislators know that the IRWM program works for the North Coast. Anecita thanked the group for its Tribal involvement. She had been asked to put together a Prop 1 senate review and will be requesting that North Coast Tribal representatives be involved.

V  NCRP Disadvantaged Community Outreach & Proposal Application
Katherine Gledhill, West Coast Watershed provided a brief description about the NCRP Proposition 1 Ad Hoc Committee activities. She explained that during the October NCRP meeting, staff presented a draft approach for the NCRP DAC Outreach program. During the meeting a Proposition 1 Ad Hoc Committee was formed and is comprised of Supervisor Morris, Bennett and Lovelace. The NCRP Proposition 1 Ad Hoc Committee met on January 11 and developed the following recommendations for PRP consideration.

NCRP Comments to draft Proposition 1 IRWM Grant Documents Recommendation. Direct staff to work with the Prop 1 Ad Hoc Committee and Executive Committee to develop comments and input to the draft Proposition 1 IRWM Program Guidelines, Grant Proposal Solicitation Packages, and Request for Proposals.

NCRP DAC Outreach & Involvement Program Recommendation. Direct staff to work with the Prop 1 Ad Hoc Committee to develop a NCRP DAC Outreach & Involvement Program proposal based on the
Request for Proposal and in keeping with the NCRP Goals/Objectives and building on past initiatives. Potential activities and outcomes include:

- **NCRP Leadership support and coordination**: increased DAC participation and representation in NCRP planning activities
- **Support NCRP Outreach & Support Initiatives for Tribes and DAC Water & Wastewater Service Providers**
- **Community Engagement**: education, facilitation, coordination, translation/interpretive services
- **Community Outreach & Website enhancement**: increased information sharing, identification of priorities for the region and DAC participation in project development
- **Enhance aspects in North Coast IRWM Plan**: DAC requirements compliant plan
- **Needs Assessments, Data Collection & Interviews**: stakeholder input and analysis on water-related needs and future projects
- **Technical Assistance for economically disadvantaged & distressed communities**: competitive project proposals that are responsive to funding criteria and requirements
- **Local Circuit Rider Technical Assistance Programs**: feasibility studies for future projects
- **Project Planning, Environmental Documentation, or Engineering/Design**: pre-construction, “shovel-ready” projects to benefit DAC communities
- **Model Projects**: innovative and demonstration projects/programs to benefit DAC communities

**NCRP Proposition 1 IRWM Planning Grant Recommendation.** Direct staff to develop a planning grant for review and input by the Proposition 1 Ad Hoc Committee to ensure that the North Coast IRWM Plan (adopted in 2014) is compliant with the Proposition 1 IRWM Program Guidelines, if necessary.

Brandi Brown requested that a Tribal member be added to the ad hoc committee and suggested that Emily Luscombe, of the Coyote Valley Band of Pomo be added to the committee. PRP Chair approved adding the new member to the committee.

**Motion:** Supervisor Carrillo moved to approve the NCRP Proposition 1 Ad Hoc Committee recommendations.

**Second:** Supervisor Bennett

**Unanimous**

No Public Comment

**VI  Panel Presentations & Discussion: Storm Water Resource Planning**

PRP Chair Morris introduced the Panel Chair David Kuszmar, Engineer, North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (NCRWQCB), who provided an overview of the panel and made introductions of the panel members.

- Colleen Hunt, Environmental Scientist, NCRWQCB
- Andy Rodgers, Executive Director, Russian River Watershed Association
The presentations can be found at
http://www.northcoastresourcepartnership.org/app_folders/view/9119

VII NCRP Quarterly Meeting Locations
NCRP PRP Chair Supervisor Morris described that in 2011 the PRP established standing NCRP quarterly meetings held on the third Thursday of the following months: January, April, July, and October. Meeting locations were rotated between Mendocino, Siskiyou, Trinity and Humboldt counties. In recent months, Judy has been approached about switching the July and October meeting locations due to heat and potential for catastrophic fire concerns in July and she recommended that the meeting location rotation change to the following.

- January – Mendocino County (Ukiah area)
- April – Siskiyou County (Yreka area)
- July – Humboldt County (Eureka area)
- October – Trinity County (Weaverville)

Motion: Supervisor Gjerde moved to approve NCRP Chair Morris’ recommendation.

Second: Supervisor McCowen

Additionally, Chair Morris suggested that the PRP consider changing the days of the meeting from the third Thursday to the third Friday of the quarterly month.

Motion: Brandi Brown moved to approve NCRP Chair Morris’ recommendation.

Second: Supervisor Fisher

Unanimous

No Public Comment

VIII NCRP Long-term Funding Strategies
NCRP Funding Ad Hoc Committee Supervisor Carrillo described that during the July 2015 NCRP meeting, Supervisor Morris convened a NCRP Funding Ad Hoc Committee to explore other funding mechanisms to support the NCRP and to plan for the NCRP 10-year celebration event. The Funding Ad Hoc Committee met in October and then again in December to review the NCRP Funding Strategy, which can be found as Appendix A of the Meeting Materials at
http://www.northcoastresourcepartnership.org/app_folders/view/9119
Discussion: PRP Chair Morris suggested that the committee also explore legislation action (state and Federal) that could include additional funding for the NCRP. She recommended that approach be added to the Funding Strategy document. The goal of the NCRP Funding Strategy is to consider the long-term sustainability of the NCRP while also understanding the opportunities and constraints that each funding approach presents. TPRC member Patty Madigan stated that it was important to focus on the partnership aspect of the NCRP and not inadvertently compete with entities within the region. It was pointed out that under the section titled Criteria for New Funding Sources and Strategies, Criteria C addresses that concern (see page 4) as:

**Criteria C: Complements and Collaborates**

The NCRP has a long history of pursuing funding to act as a regional clearinghouse/block grant organization that attracts funding to the region while supporting stakeholders and project proponents in the north coast. The NCRP intends to collaborate with and support Tribes, local governments, NGOs, RCDs, public agencies, and others in achieving regional goals for healthy watersheds, communities and economies. The NCRP will seek funding opportunities where a regional approach is effective and a benefit while actively avoiding competing with North Coast stakeholder groups for funding. Where appropriate, the NCRP will collaborate in joint funding applications with regional stakeholders to achieve the NCRP’s goals and objectives.

IX NCRP 10 Year Celebration

NCRP PRP Chair, Supervisor Morris explained that the Funding Ad Hoc Committee recommends that the NCRP 10-year celebration span several months, occurring in two locations: Yreka in April and Sonoma County in October to engage diverse types of funders and partners. In addition to key partners, participants will include local project sponsors, local elected representatives, PRP & TPRC alumni, agency staff and other interested stakeholders. The format for the NCRP Celebration is proposed to be similar to the NCRP 2013 Conference.

X NCRP Goals and Objectives

NCRP PRP Chair, Supervisor Morris introduced the item by describing that during the October 2015 NCRP meeting staff was directed to work with Sherri Norris and the Tribal representatives to develop a Tribal Ecological Knowledge objective for the NCRP. The updated NCRP Goals and Objectives were provided in the meeting materials for consideration by the NCRP PRP. A new objective was developed and approved by the NCRP Tribal representatives at the North Coast Tribal Annual Meeting on December 11th at Redwood Valley Rancheria Band of Pomo Indians. The proposed NCRP Goals and Objectives were provided in the Meeting Materials; see http://www.northcoastresourcepartnership.org/app_folders/view/9119.

Discussion: Supervisor Bennett expressed concern about not understanding what Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK) and practices were. It was suggested that a presentation on the topic be provided during one of the upcoming NCRP meetings. The PRP conferred about the intent of the objective and agreed that it was meant to integrate TEK into projects as an aim but not a requirement for each project. The PRP discussed the wording of Objective 3 with a number of versions being considered. The
Tribal representatives explained that the objective and its wording was developed with input from a number of Tribal members and representatives and those Tribal representatives could only accept minor changes to the wording. TPRC member, Nathan Rich also suggested adding Tribal, to the beneficial uses list in Objective 8. Following was the agreed upon language for the NCRP Goals and Objectives.

**Goal 1: Intraregional Cooperation & Adaptive Management**
- Objective 1 - Respect local autonomy and local knowledge in Plan and project development and implementation
- Objective 2 - Provide an ongoing framework for inclusive, efficient intraregional cooperation and effective, accountable NCIRWMP project implementation
- Objective 3 - Integrate Traditional Ecological Knowledge in collaboration with Tribes to incorporate these practices into North Coast Projects and Plans

**Goal 2: Economic Vitality**
- Objective 4 - Ensure that economically disadvantaged communities are supported and that project implementation enhances the economic vitality of disadvantaged communities by improving built and natural infrastructure systems and promoting adequate housing
- Objective 5 - Conserve and improve the economic benefits of North Coast Region working landscapes and natural areas

**Goal 3: Ecosystem Conservation and Enhancement**
- Objective 6 - Conserve, enhance, and restore watersheds and aquatic ecosystems, including functions, habitats, and elements that support biological diversity
- Objective 7 - Enhance salmonid populations by conserving, enhancing, and restoring required habitats and watershed processes

**Goal 4: Beneficial Uses of Water**
- Objective 8 - Ensure water supply reliability and quality for municipal, domestic, agricultural, Tribal, cultural, and recreational uses while minimizing impacts to sensitive resources
- Objective 9 - Improve drinking water quality and water related infrastructure to protect public health, with a focus on economically disadvantaged communities
- Objective 10 - Protect groundwater resources from over-drafting and contamination

**Goal 5: Climate Adaptation & Energy Independence**
- Objective 11 - Address climate change effects, impacts, vulnerabilities, and strategies for local and regional sectors to improve air and water quality and promote public health
- Objective 12 - Promote local energy independence, water/ energy use efficiency, GHG emission reduction, and jobs creation
**Goal 6: Public Safety**

- Objective 13 - Improve flood protection and reduce flood risk in support of public safety

**Motion:** Brandi Brown moved to approve language for the NCRP Goals and Objectives.

**Second:** Supervisor McCowen

**Aye Votes:** Supervisor Morris, Supervisor Carrillo, Supervisor Howard, Supervisor Lovelace, Supervisor McCowen, Supervisor Gjerde, Brandi Brown, Martina Morgan and Supervisor Karl Fisher.

**Abstain:** Siskiyou County Supervisor Bennett

**Approved by majority**

**Staff Direction:** Staff was directed to agendize an informational presentation on the topic of Traditional Ecological Knowledge to an upcoming meeting.

No Public Comment

**XI Updates**

i. **Legislative News**

Ann DuBay, Public Information Officer, Sonoma County Water Agency provided an update regarding current water legislation, funding programs, and the proposed 2016 Water Bond.

- Governor’s Budget Summary - California State Budget includes $5 million general fund funding for technical assistance; to help with climate change. [http://www.ebudget.ca.gov/FullBudgetSummary.pdf](http://www.ebudget.ca.gov/FullBudgetSummary.pdf)


- Water Bond Coalition is determining whether to promote a bond initiative ranging from $4.9 - $6 billion. In early February, the Water Bond Coalition decided to defer the water bond initiative to the November, 2018 ballot.

- Water markets are in development as the result of Groundwater Sustainable Act for those basins that will need additional water. [http://www.downeybrand.com/portalresource/lookup/wosid/cp-base-4-26658/media.name=/NRE_v30n02_feat06_AladjemSunding.pdf](http://www.downeybrand.com/portalresource/lookup/wosid/cp-base-4-26658/media.name=/NRE_v30n02_feat06_AladjemSunding.pdf)

ii. **North Coast Tribal Engagement Update**
Sherri Norris, Executive Director, California Indian Environmental Alliance provided a presentation about NCRP Tribal outreach, coordination and representation process. She welcomed the newest PRP member Martina Morgan, Tribal Council Vice-Chair, Kashia Band of Pomo who will be acting as Brandi Brown’s alternate. Sherri also noted that the North Coast Tribal Annual Meeting was held on December 11th at Redwood Valley Rancheria Band of Pomo. The NCRP Tribal Representatives will be working with Anecita Augustinez of DWR to develop talking points and presentations for meetings and hearings in February.

Emily Luscombe announced that on March 4th the NCRP Tribal Representatives providing a presentation regarding native American beneficial uses and incorporation into IRWM Goals and Objectives. She requests that PRP/TPRC participants show support and confirm that there has been no ill effect.

iii. Regional Contract Administrator Update
Hank Seemann, Deputy Director, Public Works Dept, Humboldt County provided some highlights about the regional contract administrator activities.

**Proposition 84 Implementation Projects – Current Status**

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**Recent Turnaround Time between Project Sponsor Invoice Submittal and Payment**
- Round 1 projects – Delays due to resolving an issue with the regional invoice template; issue has been resolved and staff are working to catch up.
- Round 2 and Drought projects – Normal 60 to 90 day turnaround.

**Other Notes**
Final invoices are being processed to close out the Prop. 50 grant agreements

iv. Strategic Growth Council (SGC) Sustainable Communities Planning Grant
NCRP SGC Ad Hoc Committee Chair, Supervisor Lovelace provided an update about the SGC planning activities including:
refine and add content to the draft SGC plan
finalized the majority of technical contracts
receiving draft work products from technical contractors

On October 30th the NCRP received 8 proposals in response to the NCRP SGC Request for Proposals (RFP) for County and Tribal Planning for a total request of $290,972; a total of $250,000 is available. The proposers are listed below and proposals can be downloaded from the following: http://www.northcoastresourcepartnership.org/app_folders/view/9115

Humboldt County RCD: North Coast Irrigation Water and Fertigation Management Plan
Hoopa Valley Tribe: Decentralized Wastewater Treatment System Planning
Redwood Coast Energy Authority: Humboldt County Critical Essential Services
Shelter Cove Resort Improvement District: Feasibility Study and Design Implementation Pathway for Renewable Power Generation
Northwest CA RC&D Five Counties Program: Trinity County Forest ecology and watershed hydrology & Economic valuation of natural capital and economic analysis.

Staff met with SGC Ad Hoc Committee Chair Supervisor Lovelace and moved forward with contracts for all of the above entities. Some entities were requested to accept reductions in funding, and Shelter Cove was requested to collaborate with RCEA and consolidate their work under the RCEA contract.

v. Cannabis Ad Hoc Committee Update
NCRP PRP Chair, Supervisor Morris provided a brief updated on the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board adoption of California’s first regional water quality regulatory order to protect the environment from discharges of waste associated with cannabis cultivation. The order establishes water resource protection requirements, provides a mechanism for water quality compliance, and enables the North Coast Regional Water Board to better focus its enforcement resources. By February 15, 2016 cultivators with more than 2000 square feet of cultivated area are required to enroll in a new water quality regulatory program. Enrollment Clinics are scheduled to be held throughout the region to answer questions and assist cannabis growers with enrollment. Kason Grady, Water Resource Control Engineer, Cannabis Cultivation Waste Discharge Regulatory Program provided more information about the content of the enrollment clinics. He can be reached at Kason.Grady@waterboards.ca.gov More information about the Cannabis Program and the Enrollment Clinics can be found at http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/northcoast/water_issues/programs/cannabis/

vi. Executive Committee, PRP direction and staff action
Executive Committee Action documents and materials can be found at: http://www.northcoastresourcepartnership.org/app_folders/view/6947
During the October 15, 2015 NCRP meeting, the PRP directed staff to work with Sherri Norris and the Tribal representatives to develop a Tribal Ecological Knowledge objective for the NCRP. See Agenda Item X.

During the October 15, 2015 NCRP meeting, the PRP directed staff to send out an announcement to the TPRC and PRP to request additional volunteers to the Proposition 1 Ad Hoc Committee. Staff sent out an invitation via email on November 11, 2015 and no new volunteers responded.

Chair Morris signed a letter on behalf of the NCRP to support an application from Sonoma County for the USDA Regional Conservation Partnership Program; the Venture Conservation program is focused on stream corridor health, climate change, agricultural viability and new innovations in conservation.

XII PUBLIC COMMENT
none

XIII Next NCRP meeting date: April 21 & 22, 2016

NCRP 10 YEAR CELEBRATION EVENT:

- Friday, April 22, 2016 – Historic Yreka Elks Lodge, 332 W Miner St, Yreka
- Evening Reception (before the April 22 Meeting): Thursday, April 21, 2016 – Yreka Elks Lodge

Please mark your calendars as this will be an important meeting to attend.

XIV ADJOURN
The meeting was adjourned at 2:40 pm.

MEETING PARTICIPANTS

Policy Review Panel Members
Chair: Supervisor Judy Morris, Trinity County
Vice-Chair: Supervisor Efren Carrillo, Sonoma County
Supervisor Chris Howard, Del Norte County
Supervisor Mark Lovelace, Humboldt County
Supervisor John McCowen, Mendocino County
Alternate: Supervisor Dan Gjerde, Mendocino County
Supervisor Grace Bennett, Siskiyou County
Brandi Brown, Redwood Valley Little River Band of Pomo, Southern District
Alternate: Martina Morgan, Tribal Council Vice-Chair, Kashia Band of Pomo, Southern District
Supervisor Karl Fisher, Trinity County
Technical Peer Review Committee Members
Co-Chair: Wayne Haydon, Certified Engineering Geologist, Sonoma County
Javier Silva, Environmental Director, Sherwood Valley Rancheria, Central District
Paul Helliker, General Manager, Humboldt Bay Municipal Water District, Humboldt County
Hank Seemann, Deputy Director, Environmental Services, Public Works Department, Humboldt County
Patty Madigan, Mendocino County RCD, Mendocino County
Sean White, Director of Water and Sewer, City of Ukiah, Mendocino Co
Toz Soto, Senior Fisheries Biologist, Karuk Tribe, Northern District
Richard Tinsman, Deputy Director, Planning Division, Siskiyou County
Dale Roberts, Engineer, Sonoma County Water Agency, Sonoma County
Nathan Rich, Kashia Band of Pomo, Southern District
Alternate: Emily Luscombe, Environmental Director, Coyote Valley Band of Pomo, Southern District

Other Participants
Grant Davis, Sonoma County Water Agency
Ann DuBay, Sonoma County Water Agency
Sherry Barbic, Sonoma County Water Agency
Susan Haydon, Sonoma County Water Agency
Tracie Billington, DWR
Margie Graham, DWR
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Andy Rodgers, Russian River Watershed Association
Jeannette Hook, City of Yreka
Adrianne Garayalde, Shasta Valley RCD; Ore Cal RC & D
George Reinhardt, NHUDG
Jan McFarland
Noelle Johnson, Gold Ridge RCD
Rick Seanor, City of Ukiah
Tim Bettaga, Potter Valley Tribe
Deborah Edelman, Mendocino County RCD
Patricia Hickey, Mendocino County RCD
Chuck Striplen, SFEI
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