



# NORTH COAST CONFERENCE

October 10-12, 2007  
Fortuna, California

## PRELIMINARY AGENDA - NORTH COAST INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE October 10-12, 2007 River Lodge Conference Center, Fortuna, CA

### Wednesday, October 10th

8:00-9:30 Registration, Light Breakfast Buffet

9:30-10:45 **Plenary Session**

- Supervisor Jimmy Smith, Humboldt County  
Chairman, North Coast Policy Review Panel
- Vice-Mayor Jake Mackenzie, City of Rohnert Park  
Vice-Chairman, North Coast Policy Review Panel
- Lester Snow, Director, Department of Water Resources
- Dr. Gary Wolff, Board Member, State Water Resources Control Board

10:45-11:15 **BREAK**

11:15-12:00 **Local Update: North Coast Integrated Regional Water Management Plan**

- Karen Gaffney, West Coast Watershed, Staff to the North Coast IRWMP
- David Lewis, UC Cooperative Extension  
Chairman, North Coast Technical Peer Review Committee

12:00-1:30 **Lunchtime Presentation: New Environmental & Economic Opportunities for Rural Regions in California**

Ashley Boren, Executive Director, Sustainable Conservation

1:30-4:30 **What's Next: Economic & Environmental Vitality for the North Coast Region**  
**Moderator: Kirk Girard, Director of Community Development Services, Humboldt County**

- Multiple Economic Benefits from the North Coast's Natural Resources  
*Ernie Niemi, Economist/Principal, ECONorthwest*
- Community-based Approach to Sustainability  
*Art Harwood, CEO, Harwood Products and  
President, Redwood Forest Foundation*
- Climate Change: Challenges & Opportunities  
*Dr. Gary Geernaert, Director,  
Institute of Geophysics and Planetary Physics*
- Coastal Research and Ecosystem Based Management  
*Paul Siri, Executive Director, Ocean Science Applications*
- Energy/Water Opportunities in California  
*Dr. Bob Wilkinson, Director, Water Policy Program,  
UC Santa Barbara*

4:30-6:00 **Taste of Humboldt/Poster Session – River Lodge (dinner on your own)**

*Please join us for a social gathering, a light sampling of local food and drinks, and to view posters showing the great work of our colleagues in the North Coast Region.*



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### **Thursday, October 11th**

- 8:00-9:00**      **Registration/Light Breakfast Buffet**
- 9:00-9:30**      **Plenary Session: Proposition 84 Goals and Priorities**  
Assemblymember Jared Huffman, 6th Assembly District
- 9:30 -10:00**    **Future Integrated Regional Water Management  
Policy, Legislation and Funding Opportunities**  
•John Woodling, Chief, Conjunctive Water Management Branch, Department of  
Water Resources
- 10:00-11:30** **Panel Discussion: Synchronizing Local Efforts with Statewide Policies and Priorities**  
**Co-moderators: Assemblymember Jared Huffman & John Woodling, DWR**
- Panelists:
- Marilyn Seward, former Mayor of Etna, Siskiyou County  
NCIRWMP Technical Peer Review Committee
  - Patty Madigan, Mendocino County Resource Conservation District  
NCIRWMP Technical Peer Review Committee
  - Sandra Perez, Five Counties Salmonid Conservation Program  
NCIRWMP Technical Peer Review Committee
  - Dave Lewis, UC Cooperative Extension  
Chairman, NCIRWMP Technical Peer Review Committee
  - Roland Sanford, Mendocino County Water Agency  
NCIRWMP Technical Peer Review Committee
- 11:30 – 12:00**    **North Coast Networking & Poster Session**
- 12:00-1:15**      **LUNCH** Keynote Speaker: Senator Pat Wiggins, 2nd Senate District
- Presentation: A Model for Cooperative Restoration in the North Coast  
Mark Lancaster, Program Director - Five Counties Salmonid Conservation Program
- 1:15-1:45**      **California's Response to Climate Change**  
John Andrew, Executive Manager for Climate Change  
Department of Water Resources
- 1:45-2:00**      **Break**
- 2:00 – 5:00**      **California Water Plan Update and Stakeholder Input Session**  
**(free session sponsored by DWR)**  
Paul Dabbs, Project Manager, California Water Plan Update 2009,  
Department of Water Resources



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### Friday, October 12th: Concurrent Workshops and Technical Sessions

8:00-9:00      **Light Breakfast Buffet**

9:00-12:30    **Workshops**

#### **Grant Writing Workshop/Technical Assistance**

*This workshop will assist groups and agencies interested in submitting a grant application via the North Coast Integrated Regional Water Management Planning process, and will cover the following topics: available funding, grant criteria and proposed requirements of Proposition 84, North Coast Integrated Regional Water Management Plan priorities, focus areas for funding, grant application processes and key plan elements.*

#### Workshop Instructors:

- Tracie Billington, Chief, Special Projects Section, Department of Water Resources
- Jen Jenkins, Supervising Planner, Humboldt County
- Rebecca Crow, Project Engineer, Winzler & Kelly

#### **9:00-12:30      Decision Support Tools for North Coast Integrated Planning**

*This workshop will provide an overview and examples of GIS-based decision support tools and models that are used in watershed and regional planning, and discuss the relevance of different tools for various applications in the North Coast.*

#### Workshop Instructors:

- Dr. Rich Walker, Research Program Specialist, California Department of Forestry: Ecosystem Management Decision Support & Lessons from the North Coast Watershed Assessment Program
- Dan Smith, Ecologist, Engineering Research Development Center, Corps of Engineers: Russian River Adaptive Management Plan Decision Support Tools
- Dr. Cathy Wilson, Geomorphologist, Los Alamos National Labs: The Watershed Analysis Risk Management Framework (WARMF) Model - applications for In-stream flows and TMDLs
- Mr. Rich Juricich, Department of Water Resources, Statewide Water Analysis Network (SWAN)

**END OF CONFERENCE PROGRAM**