

**2018 FOREST HEALTH WATERSHED COORDINATOR PROGRAM  
GRANT APPLICATION**

Trinity County RCD

North Coast Watersheds Forest Health Coordinator Area (B)

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<b>Project Information</b>	
Project Title	North Coast Watersheds Forest Health Coordinator Area (B)
Location (County and/or City)	All of Del Norte and Trinity Counties and parts of Humboldt and Siskiyou Counties.
District Number(s):	Senate: 2, 4
	Assembly: 1,2
Watershed Coordinator Zone	North and Central Coast
Target Watershed(s) (HUC 10 and/or HUC 8)	Smith (18010101), Lower Klamath (18010209) Mad-Redwood (18010102), South Fork Trinity (18010212), Trinity (18010211), Salmon (18010210), Scott (18010208),and Upper Klamath (18010206).
Grant Request Amount	\$233,772.04
Watershed Coordinator Costs	\$197,176.15
Administrative Costs	\$36,595.89
<b>Applicant Information</b>	
Applicant Name	Trinity County RCD
Organization Type	<i>Special District</i>
Department/Office	Watershed Coordination
Federal Employer ID Number	68-0191522
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## **Item 2. Executive Summary**

Recognizing that forest health does not stop at watershed boundaries, the Trinity County Resource Conservation District (TCRCD/District) has joined with four other Resource Conservation Districts (RCDs) and one non-profit organization to submit a regional application that covers over 3 million acres of forest land. The participating partners for this proposal, in addition to the TCRCD, are Del Norte RCD, Humboldt County RCD, Mid Klamath Watershed Council (MKWC), Shasta Valley RCD and Siskiyou RCD. Trinity County RCD and MKWC will provide the personnel to fill the watershed coordinator position.

We are calling this proposal the North Coast Watersheds Forest Health Coordinator Area (B). This proposal covers the “northern” areas in the North and Central Coast Watershed Coordinator Zone as defined by DOC, and includes all or part of the following watersheds: Smith (18010101), Lower Klamath (18010209) Mad-Redwood (18010102), South Fork Trinity (18010212), Trinity (18010211), Salmon (18010210), Scott (18010208), and Upper Klamath (18010206). A map of the area covered by this proposal is included in Item 6.

These watersheds support incredible biodiversity. Terrestrial species include everything from deer, elk, bears, and mountain lions, to northern spotted owls, Pacific martens, and a suite of resident and migratory birds, reptiles and amphibians. The rivers in this region support one of the last runs of wild Chinook salmon in the state of California, as well as the endangered coho salmon and culturally important species such as sturgeon and lamprey. This region, due to complex terrain, diverse soil types and microclimates, has incredible plant diversity, including the highest conifer diversity in the world.

Despite this biodiversity, the watersheds have also endured human impacts from resource extraction that have left degraded and destroyed habitat from historical mining, logging, road building, conversion of floodplains, and water diversion. Significant restoration and rehabilitation projects have been implemented regionally over the last 30 years. However, more needs to be done now. Climate change is not something that is going to happen in the future. It is happening now and our watersheds in Northern California are suffering from the cumulative effects of past poor management decisions and a changing climate. Nearly every year in the past decade, some part of our planning area has experienced a megafire over 100,000 acres, with the percentage of high severity stand replacing fire increasing at an alarming rate. Every year for the past decade high water temperatures and poor water quality have caused severe impacts to aquatic species.

A first step in this project is the creation of a regional watershed implementation plan, which will be based on input from multiple organizational stakeholders, local, state and federal agencies, as well as interested members of the public. With five partners cooperating in the region, our reach is wide and deep. The collective outreach will include five counties, five fire safe councils, three national forests, two additional federal agencies, at least four different state agencies, and over six non-profit agencies. A second proposal is being submitted by other RCDs to include the “southern” portion of the DOC Coastal Watershed Coordinator Zone (Area A). We plan to work across boundaries in collaboration with the Watershed Coordinator in Area A, in an effort to maximize the effectiveness of the funding while improving forest health on a landscape level.

This proposal supports the Forest Carbon Plan by providing a vehicle to speed up the planning for, and implementation of, watershed improvement projects, increasing ecosystem and community health and resiliency through a well thought out and organized approach of public outreach, planning, collaboration with partners, funding, and implementation of prioritized projects on a landscape scale. Possible projects will be defined based on existing plans and public input, but could include fuels reduction, mechanical thinning, prescribed burning, reforestation, land conservancy, and innovative approaches to biomass utilization. Innovative practices for restoring fire process and creating fire resilient forests and communities from groups like the Western Klamath Restoration Partnership and Trinity County Collaborative will be shared with partners across our planning area, and with state and federal agencies to streamline implementation of forest health projects. Additional funding will be applied for to implement the proposed projects.

The TCRCD and MKWC have a long history of watershed coordination and collaboration with many stakeholders throughout the region. We look forward to spearheading this project with all of our partners, and working together to protect the future health of our lands and the people who live here.

### 3. Application Questions

#### I. Current Watershed Conditions/Potential Benefit to the Watershed Demonstrated need (20 Points)

##### **Question 1a. Describe how the watershed encompasses forest lands with characteristics and indicators prioritized by the Forest Carbon Plan.**

All forests within this regional plan are at risk due to cessation of indigenous burning practices, a century of fire exclusion, and climatically driven stressors. The carbon sinks that currently exist within the standing forests could become carbon sources if wildfires continue at the rate witnessed over the last several decades. Forests in this area have higher per acre carbon storage than any other region in California, thus investments in sequestering carbon and reducing losses due to wildfire here are critical for reaching Forest Carbon Plan goals. The watersheds represented in this regional proposal include the Smith River, Lower Klamath, Mad- Redwood, South Fork Trinity River, Trinity River, Salmon River, Scott River, and Upper Klamath.

A recent study (*Abatzoglou and Williams, 2016<sup>1</sup>*) found that increased wildland fires in the western United States have been exacerbated by human caused climate change, accounting for an approximate 55% increase in fuel dryness between 1979 and 2015. While other factors also influence the rise in wildfire occurrence, observed warming and drying have created swaths of forest land ripe for stand-replacing fires. The authors state the trend in increased acres burned will continue, as long as forests are standing and fuel is available. Forests facing stress from drought and decreased precipitation are also vulnerable to insect infestations.

Another study (*Westerling, 2016<sup>2</sup>*) showed a direct correlation between spring and summer temperature increase and large (>400 ha) forest fire frequency. This same study provided evidence that the length of the fire season has increased over the last four decades and that burn times for large fires have increased by over 50 days between 2003 and 2012. Years in which forests experience early snowmelt have more wildfires, with changes in cumulative water-year deficits adding to the potential for more fire. This evidence that climate change has and will continue to stress forest ecosystems, underscores the importance of proactively managing forests so that they can adapt to these stressors and remain a net carbon sink.

The watersheds represented in this proposal are all experiencing warming temperatures, drier spring weather and increased fuel loading. The Shasta-Trinity National Forest (STNF) assessment of vulnerability of watersheds to climate change (*USFS, 2012<sup>3</sup>*) studied the impacts of climate change on the health of the forest. It reported that maximum snow depths at all measuring stations in the Trinity River Basin have decreased since 1960. While the STNF assessment does not cover the entire region represented in this proposal, it is a good proxy for all lands at risk from a changing climate.

The forests within this region are home to some of the largest late successional reserves in the state of California. Commonly known as old-growth forests, these ecosystems provide habitat for several threatened and endangered species including the northern spotted owl (*Strix occidentalis caurina*), northern goshawks (*Accipiter gentilis atricapillus*), Pacific fisher (*Martes pennanti pacifica*), Humboldt marten (*Martes americana humboldtensis*) and several plant and amphibian species. Old growth forests are present in many areas of the region including five wilderness areas and several managed roadless areas.

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1. Abatzoglou, John T. and Williams, A. Park. October 2016. Impact of anthropogenic climate change on wildfire across western US forests. Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences. October 18, 2016. V. 113 no.42, pp 11770-11775.

2. Westerling, Anthony L. 2016. Increasing western US forest wildfire activity: sensitivity to changes in the timing of spring. Philosophical Transactions of the Royal Society B: Biological Sciences. June 5, 2016. Vol 371, Issue 1696.

3. US Forest Service, authored by Mai, C., et. al. 2012. Assessment of Watershed Vulnerability to Climate Change – Shasta Trinity National Forest, April 2012. pp 189-213.

Within the last five years, over 500,000 acres have burned in this region, with very little reforestation taking place. The opportunity to accelerate reforestation with climate-adapted trees exists on both federal and private lands to prevent these forests from being converted to shrub lands. Reforestation will be promoted that recognizes potential natural vegetation in a fire-adapted environment. For instance, large swaths of oak woodlands across the region have converted to even-aged conifer stands in the past century due to fire suppression policies. These stands are now experiencing high severity fires at an ever increasing pace. Reforestation will be focused where conifer stands historically occurred.

As there are no urban areas within this proposal's boundaries, urban forests and topics related to them will not be addressed.

**Question 1b. Describe the watershed's current condition and cite any formal studies, reports or research papers that support the description.**

This proposal covers a vast region of over 3 million acres. Three national forests cover the majority of the region – Six Rivers National Forest (SRNF), Klamath National Forest (KNF), and Shasta-Trinity National Forest (STNF). The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) also manages several thousand acres. It is a rugged and remote area, and the majority of the land is publicly managed.

According to the California Board of Forestry and Fire Protection (2017), the entire Klamath/North Coast region consists of the following types of forested land acres within Wildland Urban Interfaces in the region: 1,263,995 acres: tree dominated; 192,208 acres: shrub dominated; 457,094 acres: grass dominated.

Fire exclusion in the majority of the watersheds in this proposal has put the health of these forests at high risk. Forest management practices over the last 100 years, which have worked to exclude all fire, have resulted in overgrown, stressed forests. Low to moderate severity fire is essential for restoring forest health. Exclusion of frequent, low intensity fire from these watersheds, past logging practices that included large-scale clearcutting with minimal slash abatement, increasing temperatures and decreasing precipitation all contribute to making this region, on average, at high risk for stand-replacing wildfires in the near future. The Trinity County Community Wildfire Protection Plan Update 2015 (TCRCD & WRTC, 2017<sup>4</sup>) states the following:

*“(T)he results of fire suppression, eliminating intentional fire use, and past practices such as logging, planting mono-culture tree plantations and failure to adequately manage such plantations, have resulted in unnaturally high accumulation of fuels and increasingly high intensity wildfires. Fire is now under-represented on the landscape, and every year we increase our fire deficit (the number of acres that should be subjected to fire, but are not).”*

Major swaths of the region remain untouched by development, however past resource extraction has had lasting impacts. Historic timber and mining practices continue to impact the health of the watersheds that have yet to recover from road building and hydraulic and dredge mining. Many of our communities were established because of fishing, timber, agriculture and/or mining industries.

Logging of fire-resilient old growth redwood forest and reseeded with Douglas fir has altered stand composition in such a way that makes the forests more vulnerable to wildfire.

The entire region suffers from accumulation of heavy fuel in the forest understories that increases the likelihood of high-intensity fires damaging large amounts of forest cover.

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4. Trinity County RCD and Watershed Research and Training Center. February 2017. Trinity County Community Wildfire Protection Plan 2015 Update.

Other conditions within the watersheds include several invasive and noxious plant species which are weakening the health of the forests, including several species of knapweed and spurge, Scotch, French and Spanish brooms; pampas grass; tree of heaven; and giant reed.

In 2017 the US Forest Service estimated that over 129 million trees in California have died from drought and bark beetle infestations. An aerial survey of dead trees shows the majority of the impact is in the Sierra Nevada range, however the percentage of trees affected in this region range from very light (1-3% affected) to severe (30-50%) affected ([https://www.fs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE\\_DOCUMENTS/fseprd566994.pdf](https://www.fs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE_DOCUMENTS/fseprd566994.pdf)). Future drought would likely extend this phenomenon to the Klamath and Coastal Ranges.

Stand replacing fires have devastated this region over the last several decades, with many fire scars remaining untreated to this day. Large wildland fires within just the last five years include the Delta, Carr, Helena, Buck, Fork Complex, Mad River Complex, River Complex, Happy Camp Complex, Gap, and Natchez Fires. Currently fire managers are continuing the fire suppression paradigm by using recent fire footprints to stop fires because fuels have been reduced, however there is an opportunity to restore fire process in these areas through safe reintroduction of fire within 10 or so years of the original fire, depending on the vegetation type. This concept of a fire deficit beginning with the passage of the Weeks Act in 1911 and the onset of fire suppression policies that is very rapidly turning to a fire glut as the climate shifts is further described in the “Western Klamath Restoration Partnership: A Plan for Restoring Fire Adapted Landscapes,” (Harling and Tripp 2014<sup>5</sup>):

*“Forest types which require more frequent fire on the landscape to persist are being severely impacted by fire suppression policy. For instance, black oak and white oak woodlands should be burning every 3-10 years. Other places where ceremonial burning occurred, including Offield Mountain and Black Mountain, would show as many as 100 fire overlaps where ceremonial fires were lit every year. Less than 16% of the [1.2 million acre] planning area has had even two overlapping fires in the past 100 years. This is a critical concept when describing forest resiliency to future fires as multiple fires are needed to reduce canopy bulk density, height to live crown and other factors that drive high intensity fires. Carl Skinner, geographer and fire ecologist with the Region 5 Pacific Southwest Research Station (USFS) at his keynote address at the 2014 Klamath Fire Ecology Symposium noted that the last time we have seen this little fire in the Western Klamath Mountains was when the glaciers were receding at the end of the last ice age.”*

The social “ecology” of the region is represented by a population of less than 150,000 people, with no major urban area present. The major economic drivers and sources of income are generated from government related employment and contracts, natural resource extraction and protection, agriculture, recreation and tourism. Humboldt County has a significant tourism economy, which generally means: 1. there are more people in the county during summer months, and 2. cabins and other structures that may be more vulnerable to wildfire are frequently occupied during this time. This is also true of the population increase in autumn, during the marijuana harvest. Many people who are unfamiliar with wildfire safety issues come to Humboldt County during the fall harvest season—which coincides with the time of greatest wildfire danger—and populate areas that are generally of higher fire risk and hazard. Although the total numbers of this population increase are not significant at the county level, they can be significant at the local level, and frequently occur in communities with High or Very High wildfire hazard and risk. Trinity County also sees migrant workers in the fall, but doesn’t have the economic base of Humboldt County provided by a major university. Trinity County often ranks as the poorest County in the state of California. Siskiyou and Del Norte County residents value their rural lifestyles and the natural resources that support them.

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5. Harling, Will and Tripp, Bill. 2014. Western Klamath Restoration Partnership: a plan for restoring fire adapted landscapes. 57 p.

This region also hosts the three largest federally recognized tribes in California: the Yurok, Karuk and Hoopa Valley. These tribes have taken the lead to protect the resources on which their cultures depend. World Renewal Ceremonies shared by all three tribes have been a vehicle for preserving and restoring traditional practices, including land management practices, that provide critical insight into successful, holistic watershed management. While this proposal covers reservations and ancestral territories of all three tribes, we want to clarify that they represent themselves as sovereign nations in this and other matters, and that this proposal seeks to share information and resources to improve community and watershed health in these areas only as directed by tribal agencies responsible for forest and river management.

**Question 1c.**

**c. Describe how the watershed coordinator would benefit the watershed.**

The watershed coordinator will integrate goals from the Forest Carbon Plan with those of the North Coast RCD strategic plan, the Western Klamath Restoration Partnership (WKRK) plan, and other regional partner's strategic plans to improve the forest health of the region.

The California Forest Carbon Plan states, "California's overarching climate goal for forests is to manage them as healthy and resilient net sinks of carbon that provide a range of ecosystem and societal benefits while reducing GHG and other carbon emissions associated with management activities, conversion, wildfire events, and other disturbances." The plan emphasizes that the intent is for California forests to be "net [carbon] sinks while providing...important benefits."

The North Coast RCD strategic plan lists two goals that tie directly to the Forest Carbon Plan: 1) Ecosystem conservation and enhancement and 2) Climate adaptation and mitigation. These two goals are supported by objectives to restore and enhance watersheds through functions that support carbon sequestration as well as biological diversity, aquatic ecosystems and salmonid populations; and to use innovative strategies to build resilience and help restore ecosystem function. Additionally, the development of an institutional framework that will allow RCDs to administer greenhouse gas projects at a jurisdictional level and ensure that more funding tailored to the needs of local communities is available, are part of the plan to support this goal.

All of the RCDs and MKWC have developed strategic plans that support the Forest Carbon Plan and overall watershed health. These strategic plans and goals echo the Forest Carbon plan goals in their aim to build and support programs that improve forest health, fish and wildlife habitat, water quantity and quality, and ecosystem resiliency in a changing climate. They also embrace work on all lands – private and public – through technical assistance that supports stewardship practices and improves ecosystem function.

The watershed coordinator will help address and integrate these goals by creating a coordinated, holistic approach to watershed health. The watershed coordinator will devote the energy and resources necessary to coordinate stakeholders' and volunteers' involvement; develop strong partnerships with land managers and owners; identify sources of technical assistance; provide education and outreach; and increase the funds necessary to implement projects to restore watershed health and maintain carbon sequestration on a landscape level.

Reaching across the region with coordinated meetings and surveys will be the first step to gather information from agencies and stakeholders who will benefit from this program. It is important to incorporate local knowledge and values into any watershed implementation plan that is created for this project. Because the area is so large, it will be important to use electronic communication and social media. A Facebook page will be established to reach a broader array of residents and gather comments on project ideas and areas in need of attention. Existing agency contacts from all partners will be used to gather information for plans and proposed ideas. The watershed coordinator will be the contact for this communication and will be able to send and receive information to all groups. It will be a difficult task to summarize all needs and distill them into one useful document. Since we are looking at several watersheds in this regional approach, the need for separate watershed implementation plans has been discussed. We may need to seek funding to create the individual plans themselves, based on the needs assessment created by the regional plan and the length of time it takes to complete it. The watershed coordinator will explore the best way to approach an improvement plan, based on

the existing plans throughout the region. The watershed coordinator has a good understanding of parts of the region, and will be able to work with the project partners to create a cohesive plan for the entire region.

While the region is large, with five RCDs and one non-profit participating directly in this project and many other agencies indirectly, the intent is to not only coordinate within Region B, but also to reach outside our boundaries to share and gather knowledge with Region A, thus expanding our knowledge base and building collaboration across the entire North Coast region.

The geographic scale of this region often results in separate watershed organizations going their separate ways on restoration work. There is plenty of collaboration going on with local organizations, but when you look across one watershed to another, the information and planning often doesn't make it to all natural resource professionals and stakeholders. The watershed coordinator will provide a direct benefit to the region by providing a conduit for this information to flow in all directions. Whether they are non-profits, RCDs, tribal or governmental agencies, it is difficult for one organization to track the projects, plans and dreams of all of the others within the area. This DOC program will support a watershed coordinator in tracking that information collaborating with others and sharing it in a way that will benefit all of the watersheds in the region. Direct benefits will be measured by the number of meetings held, the number of watersheds engaged in the process, and the number of plans initiated. While these measures only take into account tasks performed, the outcomes of those tasks will be an increase in the implementation of forest vegetation treatments.

Existing watershed coordination efforts are underway in the Trinity River Watershed and Mid-Klamath through their respective watershed councils. A new restoration gap and trend analysis for the Trinity River tributaries will be completed by March 2019. It includes several project recommendations and has a great deal of data that would be useful for further analysis relating to the carbon plan. Funding to continue this analysis came to a close on December 31, 2018 and this DOC opportunity would be a valuable asset to watershed coordination in the Trinity River Watershed by providing more analysis of the available data as it relates to climate change and forest health. . The Shasta Valley, Del Norte and Siskiyou RCDs do not currently have watershed coordinators on staff. The Mid Klamath Watershed Council (MKWC) has a coordinator for the Western Klamath Restoration Partnership (WKRP) who will support the work proposed here, however the main focus for that position will remain on the 1.2 million acre WKRP planning area. The MKWC representative working on this proposal will focus on state level relationships, and building and sharing knowledge from existing programs.

The watershed coordinator will fill the existing gaps in the region by continuing coordination within the Trinity River Watershed, developing it in the areas covered by our RCD partners, and supporting the effort in the Mid-Klamath through added capacity, tools and time. We consider the Department of Conservation Watershed Coordinator grant to be essential to both ensuring the momentum continues in the existing programs, as well as ensuring that all of the work stemming from the project is well organized and meaningful.



### **Consistency with the recommendations of the Forest Carbon Plan (25 Points)**

II List the overall goal(s) that the watershed coordinator will focus on during the grant period. Goals are a statement of the long-term, broad vision for the watershed; they should exhibit significant benefits for the watershed and may take a while to achieve.

The goals for this project are:

**Goal 1: Enhance forest health and resiliency throughout the region.**

**Goal 2: Support landscape level watershed planning and coordination by building and maintaining working relationships with local, state and federal partners.**

Specific information relating to each goal are as follows:

**Goal 1:** Enhance forest health and resiliency throughout the region.

**a.** This goal relates to Goal 1 in the Forest Carbon Plan (FCP) of “Expand and Improve Forest Management to Enhance Forest Health and Resilience” and action B3 to “increase forest resilience through treatments including fuels reduction, managed fire, prescribed fire, noxious weed removal, and road improvements to reduce sedimentation resulting in resource benefits (to approximately 9 million acres by 2030).”

As stated in the FCP, “forests play a critical and unique role in the state’s carbon balance by sequestering carbon dioxide from the atmosphere and storing it long term as carbon...” and this proposal’s Goal 1 is at the core of meeting the goal of making California forests net carbon sinks, as well as the goals listed in the North Coast RCDs and partners strategic statements.

This is a long ranging goal and we will only begin to get started on it during this two year project. In order for on the ground projects to get implemented, we will have to find out who is doing what now, and what they want and need to do in the future. We have a full library of information on all of the watersheds in this region and will study and analyze the information with our partners once we are funded. Several efforts are underway now by multiple organizations, but there is no central clearing house for the information.

This goal supports required activities in the proposal 1a. and 1.b.

#### **b. & c. Tasks and subtasks relating to Goal 1**

**Task 1.1** Prioritize watershed health implementation and planning projects. This task provides the beginning of capacity building as we will need to know where to start by prioritizing our needs based on values. The subtasks are the detailed jobs needed for the prioritization process.

Subtask 1.1A: Maintain and/or create relationships with diverse stakeholders such as industrial timber, federal land managers, tribes, fire safe councils, private land owners, and related state agencies such as CalFire, Water and Air Control Boards, and CDFW to get the best input for the plan.

Subtask 1.1B: Form steering committee to offer input on priorities and direction from all regional partners.

Subtask 1.1C: Gather and review existing documents. Combine existing priorities and review for inclusion of Forest Carbon Plan priorities. Post existing documents in a central location on the web so all interested parties can access and learn from them.

Subtask 1.1D: Coordinate with stakeholders to make recommendations and create list of priorities for plan. Use electronic surveys and social media where applicable.

**d.** Performance measure relating to task 1.1: Regional list of priorities will be approved by all members of the regional steering committee through a collaborative process that will take about 6 months. These priorities will benefit the region by increasing awareness of our common ties across the region and especially by reinforcing how forests act as carbon sinks. Ten top priority projects will be identified. Web page metrics will be used to analyze use of the common library and how information is shared.

**Task 1.2:** Based on priorities, create Watershed Improvement Plan and Template. The Plan is a required outcome for this proposal as it is imperative to have an organized method of reviewing needs in order to have successful implementation projects that support the goals of the Forest Carbon Plan.

Subtask 1.2A: Draft plan and get feedback from all partners to finalize.

Subtask 1.2B Distribute finalized plan and template, including posting on internet.

Subtask 1.2C: Begin to offer technical assistance to partners to begin the process of implementation.

d. Performance measure relating to task 1.2: Distribute plan and template to all partners within 9 months of initiation of project. At least five stakeholders not mentioned by name in this proposal will participate in the process and post the plan and/or template on their websites. This networking will increase the exposure of the plan by at least 10 fold beyond what we would reach by just including the listed RCDs and MKWC.

**Task 1.3:** Based on the goals outlined in the Watershed Improvement Plan(s), build capacity through coordinated trainings and information sharing, including Best Management Practices, between all cooperating regional partners. Capacity is needed not only for securing funding, but also for implementation of projects.

Subtask 1.3A: Attend DOC trainings as required by funder.

Subtask 1.3B: Hold regional trainings and workshops for partners on funding, with hands-on regional training.

Subtask 1.3C. Hold regional workshop on implementation successes to share information across watershed boundaries.

d. Performance measure relating to task 1.3: Up to eight (8) trainings and workshops will be attended by watershed coordinator within the two (2) years of the program. Partners will secure at least four (4) grants in this time and implementation of projects will increase by at least four (4) projects. At least one of the new projects will include coordinated work across watershed boundaries.

**Goal 2:** Support landscape level watershed planning and coordination through building and maintaining working relationships with local, state tribal and federal partners.

a. This goal relates to recommendation B in the Forest Carbon Plan: “Work collaboratively at the large landscape or watershed scale...to (a) define critical biophysical and often social units for analysis and projects, and (b) establish priorities for the areas most in need of treatment.”

This goal supports required activity 2 in the proposal, and all eligible activities.

#### **b. & c. Tasks and subtasks relating to Goal 2**

**Task 2.1** Improve forest management and restoration by providing information and support on the state level.

Subtask 2.1A: Attend meetings in Sacramento to share regional forest health and climate change vulnerability information with decision makers in support of the Forest Carbon Plan, with the aim of providing regulatory relief for implementing and monitoring prescribed fire and fuel reduction projects.

Subtask 2.1B: Network with departmental decision makers in support of the Forest Carbon Plan.

Subtask 2.1C: Participate in CALFIRE facilitated Forest Management Task Force (FMTF); FMTF working groups; and Prescribed Fire Working Group. Provide a two way flow of information between regional practitioners and state agencies responsible for increasing forest health treatments.

d. Performance measure relating to Task 2.1: Ability to complete landscape level forest health projects will increase by 25% based on program improvements and regulatory relief at state level.

**Task 2.2** Improve forest management and restoration by providing information and support on the local level.

Subtask 2.2A: Attend and initiate meetings for watershed coordination among multiple groups throughout the region including watershed coordination, fire safe councils, non-profits, and other interested agencies.

Subtask 2.2B: Initiation of prescribed fire education and outreach program through regional outreach and using existing events (such as County Fair, Community Festivals, etc.) and publications (such as established newsletters), as an opportunity to provide information to the public.

Subtask 2.2C: Work with Humboldt County Prescribed Burn Association, private property owners and NRCS to incorporate forest management practices that support the Forest Carbon Plan. Support the formation of additional county/regional Prescribed Burn Associations.

d. Performance measure relating to Task 2.2: Increase awareness of forest health and impacts on carbon sequestration by having at least 100 people attend meetings and receive information on the Watershed Implementation Plan. Engage at least two private property owners in the process of beginning to investigate prescribed burns on their lands, with one implementing a project by the end of the two year project.

**Collaboration (25 Points) III & IV**

III Describe any existing partnerships that will be leveraged to meet the goals identified above. Identify all partners and describe their contribution to the proposal, including cash or in-kind match, and the history of the partnership. Provide letters of support from partners that clearly outline the partner's role in the proposal and any direct support they will provide the watershed coordinator. Letters of support should include:

- a. An explanation of the entity’s relationship with the applicant.
- b. A description of the entity’s jurisdiction as it relates to the watershed.
- c. A description of any intended contributions (e.g. financial contributions, donated staff time or resources) to support the watershed coordinator.

Letters of support should be provided as an attachment to this application and addressed to “Department of Conservation.”

This proposal is supported by multiple agencies and organizations as shown in the letters of support included in this application and as listed in the following table:

CAL FIRE Humboldt Del-Norte Operational Unit	Del Norte RCD	Gold Ridge RCD	Happy Camp FSC
Humboldt Co RCD	Lake Co RCD	Marin RCD	Napa Co RCD
North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board	Natural Resources Cons. Service	Orleans-Somes Bar FSC/ MKWC: \$45,000 in-kind match	Salmon River Restoration Council
Senator Mike McGuire	Shasta Valley RCD	Siskiyou RCD	Smith River Alliance
Trinity Co FSC	Trinity Co RCD	Watershed Research and Training Center: \$15,000 in-kind match	

Agencies in support of Area B proposal.

The partners on this application all participate in local organizations and collaboratives, including working with three national forests – Klamath, Shasta-Trinity and Six Rivers. Due to the back log of work at these federal agencies due to the government shut down, followed by major winter weather that cut power and communications, we were unable to secure letters of support in time to meet the application’s February 15 deadline. If awarded the grant, we can provide the letters from the National Forests mentioned, as the requests have already been made.

Other collaborations include:

- In collaborating with the North Coast Area RCDs, the Trinity County RCD is part of an existing group working to collaborate on intra-regional plans to benefit the areas ecosystems and economies. The group of RCDs participating in this effort includes ten (10) of the North Coast Area’s RCDs – Del Norte, Gold Ridge, Humboldt County, Lake County, Marin, Mendocino County, Shasta Valley, Siskiyou, Sonoma, and Trinity County RCD –

along with the Napa County RCD, which has a history of joint programming with several of the North Coast Area RCDs. The group is pursuing a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to support collaborative efforts. The proposed MOU, which is anticipated to be signed by most parties by March 2019, will provide a framework for regional collaboration such as staff and equipment sharing and regional grant proposals and contracting. It would also preserve the local autonomy of each RCD to deliver the programming best suited to their District.

- The Trinity County RCD is a founding member of the Trinity County Collaborative Group (TCCG), which was formed to provide local input in the decision making process that affects natural resources in the County. After years of controversy regarding public and private forest management, the County Board of Supervisors approved the formation of the group, which has the ability to grant or deny “Social License” for proposed projects or develop new projects and management goals in collaboration with land managers. The partners in TCCG include Trinity County RCD, The Watershed Research and Training Center, Shasta-Trinity and Six Rivers National Forests, Shasta-Trinity National Recreation Area, Bureau of Land Management, Redding Field Office, County of Trinity, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Northwest California RC&D Council, Safe Alternatives for our Forest Environment (SAFE), Sierra Pacific Industries, Trinity Public Utilities District, Trinity River Lumber Mill, and local stakeholders. This active group has been meeting since 2013 and their goals tie into the ones proposed in this project proposal, including create local capacity for an engaged and educated community; promote practices and projects that contribute to public safety and fire resilience; develop a strong economic base; and work with agencies and partners on designing and implementing projects.
- The Mid Klamath Watershed Council (MKWC) and all of the RCDs partnering on this proposal actively work with their local fire safe councils (FSC). Those FSCs include: Del Norte FSC, Happy Camp FSC, Humboldt County FSC, Orleans/Somes Bar FSC, Scott Valley FSC, and Trinity County FSC.

**IV Describe any existing or planned collaborations with other organizations operating in the watershed. What efforts are currently under way to encourage cooperation between organizations?**

- The local Community Wildfire Protection Plans guide the work that happens on the ground and all of the participants are active in this work.
- MKWC, through the Orleans/Somes Bar Fire Safe Council (OSBFSC) is facilitating collaborative strategic restoration planning and hazardous fuels reduction throughout our community. Their five-year strategic plan calls for the use of prescribed broadcast burning as a cost efficient tool for reducing hazardous fuels on pre-treated private lands, and for maintaining these treated areas over time.
- Returning fire to public land is even more critical, since this comprises 95% of the property in the Mid Klamath region. To that end MKWC is a key player in the collaborative Western Klamath Restoration Partnership (WKRPP) which seeks to return fire to the wider landscape. WKRPP is a community-based partnership working towards building trust and a shared vision to create fire-adapted communities, and to use traditional ecological knowledge and western science to restore fire regimes and re-create resilient biodiverse forests.
- The Orleans/Somes Bar Fire Safe Council has partnered with the Nature Conservancy to bring fire professionals to the Klamath for training opportunities since 2012. Each year since, MKWC has hosted the Klamath River Prescribed Fire Training Exchange (TREF) each fall. With help from The Nature Conservancy, the Fire Learning Network, and the Karuk Tribe, and more recently from CAL FIRE and the USFS, these events have trained hundreds of fire fighters in the skills needed for prescribed burning, and have succeeded in burning hundreds of acres on private land.
- The Trinity River Watershed Council (TRWC), which is coordinated and supported by the Trinity County RCD, provides community quarterly meetings for local, state, tribal, and federal agencies and interested

stakeholders from both the Trinity and South Fork Trinity River watersheds. The TRWC developed by laws and membership and voting rules in 2017, and has collaborated on several important watershed issues including engaging the county in discussions over the need for a grading ordinance, prioritizing rehabilitation projects, and sharing information on watershed funding opportunities.

- The Smith River Alliance is a co-chair along with Del Norte County of the Smith River Collaborative, which is a joint venture between Six Rivers National Forest and nine stakeholders, including the County, two local tribes, the Del Norte FSC, and four environmental groups.
- The Watershed Research and Training Center (WRTC) partners with both the Trinity County RCD and Mid Klamath Watershed Council on building capacity for planning and implementing restoration, forestry and community wildfire protection projects.
- WRTC and Mid Klamath Watershed Council are founding members of the Northern CA Prescribed Fire Council and have helped to bring prescribed fire training exchanges (TRES) into practice in the north state. Trinity County RCD crews have participated in those trainings and been certified with “red” cards for prescribed fire.

### **V Consistency with additional planning efforts (15 Points)**

V Describe how the proposal will complement other planning efforts in the watershed. How does the proposal support published watershed goals identified by the State or other entities?

In addition to the Forest Carbon Plan which this proposal is designed to support, there are multiple regional planning efforts which will benefit from the implementation of this proposal.

Multiple watershed assessments and analyses completed in the last 20 years address overgrown and under managed forests as major risks to communities and ecosystems. However, many of the plans did not address carbon sequestration as a goal of managing healthy forests, but the recommendations made are in direct support of the Forest Carbon Plan. One example from the 2004 Weaverville Watershed Analysis completed by the Shasta-Trinity National Forest recommends the following actions to address the issue of fire and fuels:

- Reduce the total number of acres at risk to severe wildland fire.
- Conduct and use research to support the reduction of hazardous fuels in the environment.
- Ensure local environmental conditions are factored into fuels treatment planning.
- Promote community assistance and engagement in forest health initiatives.
- Follow the Shasta-Trinity standards and guidelines relating to fire and fuels in this specific land allocation.
- Implement fuel management zones.

While this is only one example from one subwatershed assessment, all watershed assessments completed by the three national forests in this region – Klamath, Shasta-Trinity, and Six Rivers – include recommendations to address the issue of fire and fuels. Additionally, the three tribes in the region also have plans for fire and fuels reductions.

Another factor that will impact this proposal is that the US Forest Service has agreed to stop “Fire Borrowing”, a practice that gutted budgets planned for forest health work, to be spent instead on fighting fire. As wildland fires have grown more intense in the last two decades, more land went unmanaged because the agency budgets were spent on firefighting, and more fires impacted the unmanaged lands, creating a downward spiral for forest health on federal lands. This practice has created a huge backlog of forest management projects on public lands.

With this practice coming to an end, we will be able to work more closely with our Federal partners to implement forest health projects.

There are local planning efforts throughout the region which will complement the efforts outlined in this proposal. As mentioned in the letters of support, the fire safe councils use Community Wildfire Protection Plans (CWPPs) to protect their communities in the areas identified as Wildland Urban Interfaces (WUI). These fire safe councils have supported and implemented thousands of acres of manual and mechanical fuels reduction and forest health projects. In Trinity County, prescribed fire projects have been implemented within the WUI through coordination of several partners, including CAL FIRE, BLM, USFS, WRTC, TCRC, and several volunteer Fire Departments. In the Mid-Klamath region, both Happy Camp and Orleans/Somes Bar Fire Safe Councils have also implemented prescribed fire projects, with plans for more. The Smith River Alliance also works with the Del Norte Fire Safe Council on fuels reduction projects in their watershed. In 2011 the Trinity County Forest and Water Climate Adaptation Plan was published, containing multiple recommendations for addressing forest health.

On a regional level, the North Coast Resource Partnership (NCRP), formed as part of the state's initiative to create Integrated Regional Water Management Plans (IRWMPs), address several climate change initiatives, as well as economic development and watershed health. The NCRP will be looking to the watershed coordinator funded by this proposal to help them with some of their goals. They are a coalition consisting of state and local governments, tribes, non-profits and concerned citizens all working to create a sustainable future for the region. As part of their initiative, they published strategies for the region titled *Healthy Watersheds, Vital Communities, Thriving Economies: Actionable Strategies for California's North Coast Region* (NCRP May 2018, available online [http://northcoastresourcepartnership.org/site/assets/uploads/2018/06/NCRP\\_Report\\_Greenprint\\_v3.pdf](http://northcoastresourcepartnership.org/site/assets/uploads/2018/06/NCRP_Report_Greenprint_v3.pdf)). The NCRP strategies include:

- i. Advocate for sustainable forest management, fuel load reduction, prescribed fire, and fire management that reduces fuel loads in the understory and maximizes carbon sequestration in larger trees, while protecting wildlife habitat, aquatic ecosystems, and native plant communities.
- ii. Support projects that include sustainable forest management to support local jobs and local revenue, including projects focused on bio-energy, bio-char, bio-products, cellulosic ethanol, pellets, and other forest products, including forest-based nanocelluloses and other natural-occurring nanocelluloses, that reduce carbon footprints and minimize the need for petroleum based products.
- iii. Promote development of and support for state and national policies that result in sustainable forest management, fuel load reduction, prescribed fire, and fire management while enhancing opportunities for local jobs and revenue.
- iv. Refine assessment of high priority areas for forest and watershed management and/ or protection, based on amount and concentration of human habitation, fuel loading and forest management status, potential for carbon sequestration, importance of area for water quality and supply, and presence of habitat for threatened and endangered species.
- vi. Pursue partnerships with private landowners, companies, and public agencies to align, enhance, and further goals and strategies related to healthy forests and watersheds.

On a state level, the California Water Plan (California Department of Water Resources), Recovery Strategy for California Coho Salmon (California Department of Fish and Game [CDFW]), and the California Climate Action Plan all support efforts outlined in this proposal.

## Co-benefits (10 Points)

VI Provide a qualitative description of the co-benefits anticipated to result from successful completion of the proposed tasks, as well as any quantitative information to support your claims (e.g., support biodiversity, promote a clean water supply, support local economies, provide recreational and educational opportunities, protect spiritual and cultural resources).

The number and types of benefits from the implementation of this proposed project will benefit both economies and ecosystems within this region.

The communities in the region will benefit from more fuels reduction projects, making their communities safer and providing more jobs. By implementing prescribed burns for both safety and forest health, the risk of stand replacing fire is lessened. Smoke generated by wildfire is comprised of visible and invisible emissions that contain particulate matter (soot, tar, water vapor, minerals), gases (carbon monoxide, carbon dioxide, nitrogen oxides) and toxics (formaldehyde, benzene). Emissions from wildfire depend on the type of fuel, moisture content of fuels, efficiency (or temperature) of combustion, and weather. Smoke and air pollution from prescribed fire is less toxic because it burns at a lower temperature and does not include structure fires which include toxic substances. Greenhouse gas release associated with prescribed burning does not compare to, and in fact, may reduce GHG release during a catastrophic wildland fire, resulting in a cleaner and healthier air basin. Additionally, one of the requirements for controlled burning “prescription” is that there is a slight wind which helps to carry the smoke away from communities. Prescribed fires are never implemented when there is a possibility of an inversion layer (which traps smoke in valleys). Wildland fires tend to happen more often at times of the year when inversion layers are more likely to form.

Cultural resources are protected when forest health projects are implemented. Ancient peoples occupied this region for thousands of years and their descendants’ cultural needs provide a critical motivation for keeping carbon in trees. Culturally sensitive sites such as burial and village sites, gathering areas for medicinal plants and travel routes are threatened by poor forest management that leads to stand replacing wildfire. However, the ancient people used low-intensity fire on the landscape to improve hunting and gathering opportunities in their “garden” landscape. A co-benefit of this plan is to enhance opportunities for not only native peoples, but all who are interested, to hunt and gather in our forests.

Aquatic habitats will benefit from implementing this proposal through protection of water sources and water quality. The Mad, South Fork Trinity, Trinity, Scott, Salmon and Smith Rivers all support runs of salmonids which require cool and clear water for survival. Wildland fires create sediment slugs that can smother eggs of salmon as well as those of amphibians. Loss of riparian cover from wildfire also increase stream temperature. More and more we are witnessing destruction of roads and aquatic habitat from firefighting techniques that do not account for the damage being done on the landscape. Healthier forests will mean less destruction from the actions of firefighting as well.

Nearly all of the communities in this region depend on surface water for domestic water use. It is critical that stewardship of watershed uplands becomes a priority so that all inhabitants have a safe and sustainable source of water. In addition to the physical work on the ground, the outreach component of this program will help to build watershed stewardship into the future.



## Long-term success (5 Points)

VII. Describe any methods or plans to sustain the watershed coordinator position and build upon the accomplishments of the work plan beyond the life of the grant. Include an explanation of how the organization will attempt to maintain funding for the watershed coordinator position after the grant term.

The Trinity County Resource Conservation District (TCRCD) has a proven track record in its ability to obtain funding for watershed projects and community collaborations. The TCRCD is a non-regulatory, special District of the state of California has no tax-base funding and is funded solely by grants and agreements. The TCRCD is full capable of coordinating watershed and forest health projects through our established network of agencies and stakeholders throughout the watershed. TCRCD has many years of experience working in partnerships with the Bureau of Reclamation's Trinity River Restoration Program, US Forest Service Shasta-Trinity and Six Rivers NF, Bureau of Land Management, California Department of Fish and Wildlife, California Department of Conservation and other state, local, tribal and federal agencies and private landowners. The District currently manages over \$2.5 million dollars in grant and agreements.

The TCRCD's many successes include:

- From 2011 to 2014 the District had funding from the DOC for Watershed Coordination in the South Fork Trinity River Watershed, in partnership with the Watershed Research and Training Center.
- The TCRCD is a founding partner in the Trinity County Fire Safe Council in 1998 and has been coordinating the FSC ever since. The TCRCD led the FSC effort to produce one of the nation's first Community Wildfire Protection Plans in 2005 and two additional 5-year updates. Funding for this effort has been secured from CAL FIRE, Trinity County Title III, and CA Fire Safe Council.
- In 2005, the TCRCD helped to establish the Weaverville Community Forest (WCF) in partnership with the USFS and BLM, a nationally recognized stewardship project covering over 15,000 acres of public lands, with multiple goals including improving forest and watershed health. The TCRCD has helped to coordinate a WCF Steering Committee which meets quarterly. Many successful WCF planning and implementation of projects have been funded by the USFS, BLM, Watershed Center, Wildlife Conservation Board, CAL FIRE, Trinity County Title III, Title II RAC, and CA Fire Safe Council to name just a few.
- The TCRCD has coordinated the Trinity County Collaborative Group Project since 2013, which includes over 50 different participating agencies, organizations and stakeholders and meets on a bi-monthly basis. Funding for this project has been provided by the Shasta-Trinity and Six Rivers National Forests.
- The TCRCD is a participating member in the North Coast RCDs collaborative efforts working to share resources and information on a regional basis.
- The TCRCD has been a partner with the Trinity River Restoration Program since its establishment in 2000. The TCRCD has successfully implemented watershed restoration, coordination and outreach/education projects with over \$3 million in BOR-TRRP funding and leveraged over \$3 million more in the Trinity and South Fork Trinity River Watersheds over the past 15+ years.

The TCRCD will continue to seek and leverage funding for watershed coordination in Trinity County and the region after this project is complete.

**Trinity County RCD North Coast Watersheds Forest Health Coordinator Area (B)**

**WORK PLAN**

Applicants must provide a detailed work plan that specifies the tasks, subtasks, and performance measures that will be performed during the grant term. The work plan will also include a schedule of target completion dates and cost estimates. The schedule should be of sufficient detail to allow assessment of the progress through the work plan at regular intervals. Cost estimates should be consistent with the budget. If awarded funding, this work plan will be incorporated into the Grant Agreement.

<b>Goal 1: Enhance forest health and resiliency throughout the region.</b>	Timeline Start and End Dates	Total DIRECT Requested Grant Funds
<p><b>Task 1.1:</b> Prioritize watershed health implementation and planning projects. This task provides the beginning of capacity building as we will need to know where to start by prioritizing our needs based on values. The subtasks are the detailed jobs needed for the prioritization process.</p>	Begin of Project + 1 year	<b>\$ 47,489.93</b>
<p>Subtask 1.1A: Maintain and/or create relationships with diverse stakeholders such as industrial timber, federal land managers, tribes, fire safe councils, private land owners, and related state agencies such as CalFire, Water and Air control Boards, and CDFW to get the best input for the plan. Both Watershed Coordinators (WC) will work on this task.</p>	Begin of Project + 1 year	
<p>Subtask 1.1B: Form steering committee to offer input on priorities and direction. Mostly TCRCDC WC will work on this task.</p>	Begin of Project + 4 months	
<p>Subtask 1.1C: Gather and review existing documents. Combine existing priorities and review for inclusion of Forest Carbon Plan priorities. Use social media for outreach where applicable. Post existing documents in central location. Mostly TCRCDC WC will work on this task.</p>	Begin of Project + 4 months	
<p>Subtask 1.1D Coordinate with stakeholders to make recommendations and create list of priorities for plan. Use electronic surveys and social media where applicable. Both WC will work on this task.</p>	Begin of Project + 7 months	
<p><b>Performance measure relating to Task 1.1:</b> Regional list of priorities will be approved by all members of the regional steering committee through a collaborative process that will not take longer than 6 months. These priorities will benefit the region by increasing awareness of our common ties across the region and especially by reinforcing how forests act as carbon sinks. Ten top priority projects will be identified.</p>		

<p><b>Task 1.2:</b> Based on priorities, create Watershed Improvement Plan and Template. The Plan is a required outcome for this proposal as it is imperative to have an organized method of reviewing needs in order to have successful implementation projects that support the goals of the Forest Carbon Plan.</p> <p>Subtask 1.2A: Draft plan and get feedback from all partners to finalize. Mostly TCRCD WC will work on this task.</p> <p>Subtask 1.2B: Distribute plan and template, including posting on internet. Mostly TCRCD WC will work on this task.</p> <p>Subtask 1.2C: Begin to offer technical assistance to partners to begin the process of implementation. Both WC will work on this task.</p> <p><b>Performance measure relating to Task 1.2:</b> Distribute plan and template to all partners within 9 months of initiation of project. At least five stakeholders not mentioned by name in this proposal will participate in the process and post the plan and/or template on their websites. This networking will increase the exposure of the plan by at least 10 fold beyond what we would reach by just including the listed RCDs and MKWC.</p>	Begin of Project + 9 months	\$ 40,578.69
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<p><b>Task 1.3:</b> Based on the goals outlined in the Watershed Improvement Plan (s) build capacity through coordinated trainings and information sharing, including Best Management Practices, between all cooperating regional partners. Capacity is needed not only for securing funding, but also for implementation of projects.</p> <p>Subtask 1.3A: Attend DOC trainings. Both WC will attend trainings.</p> <p>Subtask 1.3B: Hold regional trainings and workshops for partners on funding. Both WC will work on this task.</p> <p>Subtask 1.3C: Hold regional workshops on implementation success to share information across watershed boundaries. Both WC will work on this task.</p> <p>d. Performance measure relating to task 1.3: Up to eight (8) trainings and workshops will be attended by watershed coordinator within the two (2) years of the program. Partners will secure at least four (4) grants in this time and implementation of projects will increase by at least four (4) projects. At least one of the new projects will include coordinated work across watershed boundaries.</p>	On-going throughout 2 year project.	\$ 48,305.09
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	Begin of Project + 15 months	
	On-going throughout 2 year project.	

<b>Goal 2: Support landscape level watershed planning and coordination through building and maintaining working relationships with local, state, tribal and federal partners.</b>	Begin of Project + 2 year	
<b>Task 2.1:</b> Improve forest management and restoration by providing information and support on the state level.	On-going	\$ 31,207.48
Subtask 2.1A: Attend meetings in Sacramento to share regional forest health and climate change vulnerability information with decision makers in support of the Forest Carbon Plan. Mostly MKWC WC will work on this task.	On-going	
Subtask 2.1B: Network with departmental decision makers in support of the Forest Carbon Plan. Mostly MKWC WC will work on this task.	On-going	
Subtask 2.1C: Participate in CALFIRE facilitated Forest Management Task Force (FMTF); FMTF working groups; and Prescribed Fire Working Group. Provide a two way flow of information between regional practitioners and state agencies responsible for increasing forest health treatments. Mostly MKWC WC will work on this task.	On-going	
d. <b>Performance measure relating to Task 2.1:</b> Ability to complete landscape level forest health projects will increase by 25% based on program improvements and regulatory relief at state level.		
<b>Task 2.2:</b> Improve forest management and restoration by providing information and support on the local level.	Begin of Project + 2 year	\$ 29,594.98
Subtask 2.2A: Attend and initiate meetings for watershed coordination among multiple groups throughout the region including watershed coordination, fire safe councils, non-profits, and other interested agencies. Both WC will work on this task.	On-going	
Subtask 2.2B: Initiation of prescribed fire education and outreach program through outreach and tabling at fairs and festivals and publishing information in established newsletters. Both WC will work on this task, with TCRCD leading.	On-going	
Subtask 2.2C: Work with Humboldt County Prescribed Burn Association, private property owners and NRCS to incorporate forest management practices that support the Forest Carbon Plan. Support the formation of additional county/regional Prescribed Burn Associations. Both WC will work on this task, with MKWC leading.	On-going	
d. <b>Performance measure relating to Task 2.2:</b> Increase awareness of forest health and impacts on carbon sequestration by having at least 100 people attend meetings and receive information on the Watershed Implementation Plan. Engage at least two private property owners in the process of investigating prescribed burns on their lands, with one implementing a treatment project by the end of the two years.		
<b>TOTAL DIRECT</b>		\$ 197,176.16
<b>INDIRECT</b>		\$ 36,595.89
<b>TOTAL</b>		\$ 233,772.05

5. BUDGET

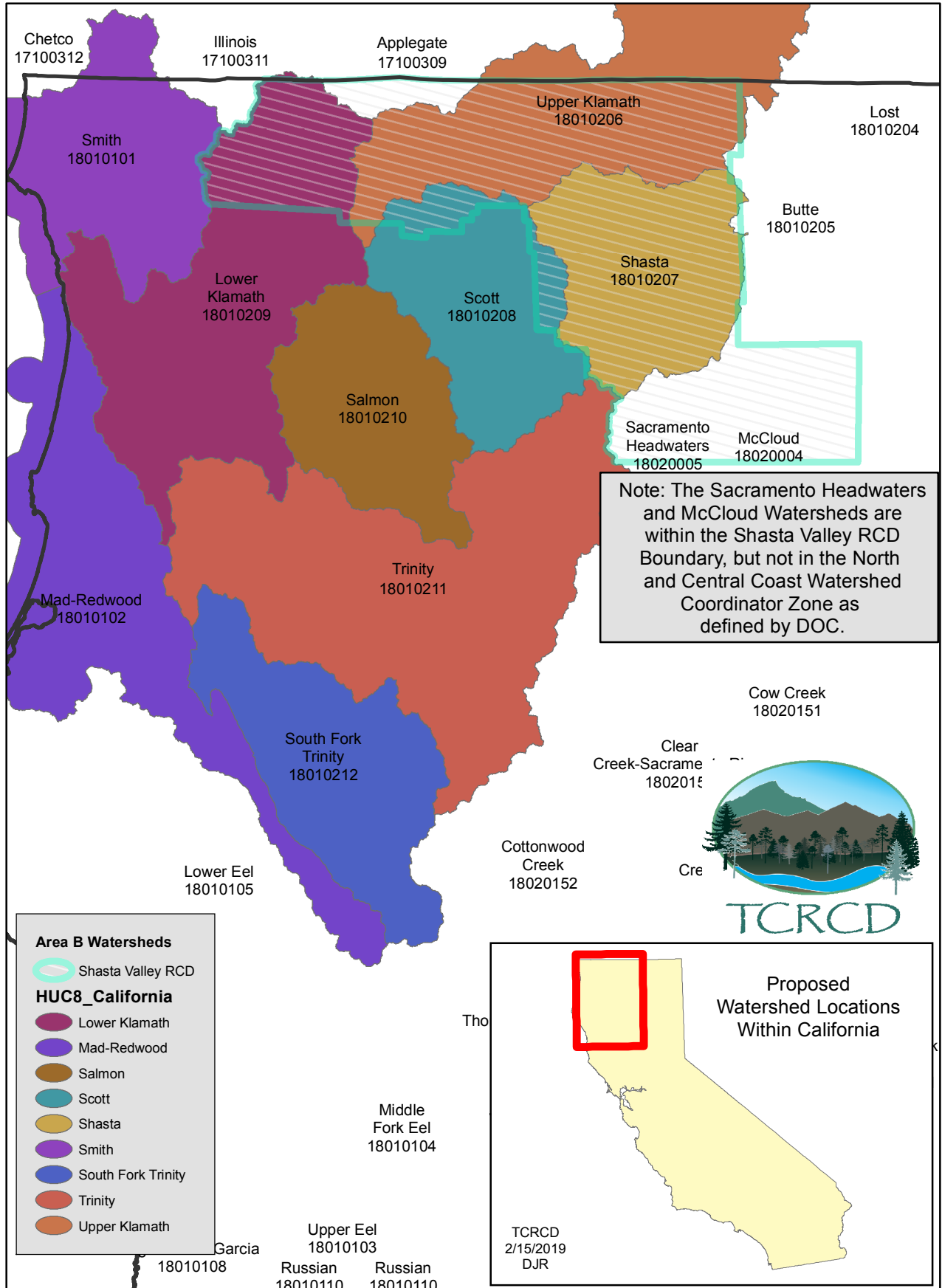
North Coast Watersheds Forest Health Coordinator Area (B)

PERSONNEL	Hourly rate/with benefits/Unit	hours/Units	SUBTTL	TASK 1.1	TASK 1.2	TASK 1.3	Task 2.1	TASK 2.2	TOTAL REQUESTED	
Watershed Coord A (TCRCD Hourly + benefits) .6 FTE 2 years (WCA)	\$ 50.05	2495	\$ 124,874.75	\$ 37,462.43	\$ 31,218.69	\$ 31,218.69	\$ 12,487.48	\$ 12,487.48	\$ 124,874.75	
Watershed Coord B (OTHER MKWIC) Subcontractor .25 FTE 2 years (WCB)	\$ 60.00	1040	\$ 62,400.00	\$ 9,360.00	\$ 9,360.00	\$ 9,360.00	\$ 18,720.00	\$ 15,600.00	\$ 62,400.00	
<b>Personnel</b>			<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 187,274.75</b>	<b>\$ 46,822.43</b>	<b>\$ 40,578.69</b>	<b>\$ 40,578.69</b>	<b>\$ 31,207.48</b>	<b>\$ 28,087.48</b>	<b>\$ 187,274.75</b>
<b>OUTREACH</b>										
Electronic survey service - 4 months of service	\$ 40.00	4	\$ 160.00	\$ 160.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 160.00	
Direct mail - cost per piece	\$ 2.00	500	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 0	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	
<b>Outreach</b>			<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 1,160.00</b>	<b>\$ 160.00</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 1,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,160.00</b>	
<b>TRAVEL (MILEAGE AND LODGING)</b>										
WCA-within watershed: Mileage (12 x 75 mi RT)	\$ 0.58	900	\$ 522.00	\$ 261.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 261.00	\$ 522.00	
WCA-to required meetings:Mileage (8 x 410 mi RT)	\$ 0.58	3280	\$ 1,902.40	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,902.40	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,902.40	
WCA-to required meetings:Lodging/Night ( 8 x 2 nights)	\$ 95.00	16	\$ 1,520.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,520.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,520.00	
WCB-within watershed: Mileage (12 x 75 mi RT)	\$ 0.58	850	\$ 493.00	\$ 246.50	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 246.50	\$ 493.00	
WCB-to required meetings:Mileage (8 x 600 mi RT)	\$ 0.58	4800	\$ 2,784.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,784.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,784.00	
WCB-to required meetings:Lodging/Night (8 x 2 nights)	\$ 95.00	16	\$ 1,520.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,520.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,520.00	
<b>Travel</b>			<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 8,741.40</b>	<b>\$ 507.50</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 7,726.40</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 507.50</b>	<b>\$ 8,741.40</b>
<b>DIRECT COST SUBTOTAL</b>			<b>\$ 197,176.15</b>	<b>\$ 47,489.93</b>	<b>\$ 40,578.69</b>	<b>\$ 48,305.09</b>	<b>\$ 31,207.48</b>	<b>\$ 29,594.98</b>	<b>\$ 197,176.15</b>	
<b>ADMIN (&lt;20%)</b>			<b>INDIRECT COST SUBTOTAL</b>						<b>\$ 36,595.89</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
			<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>						<b>\$ 233,772.04</b>	

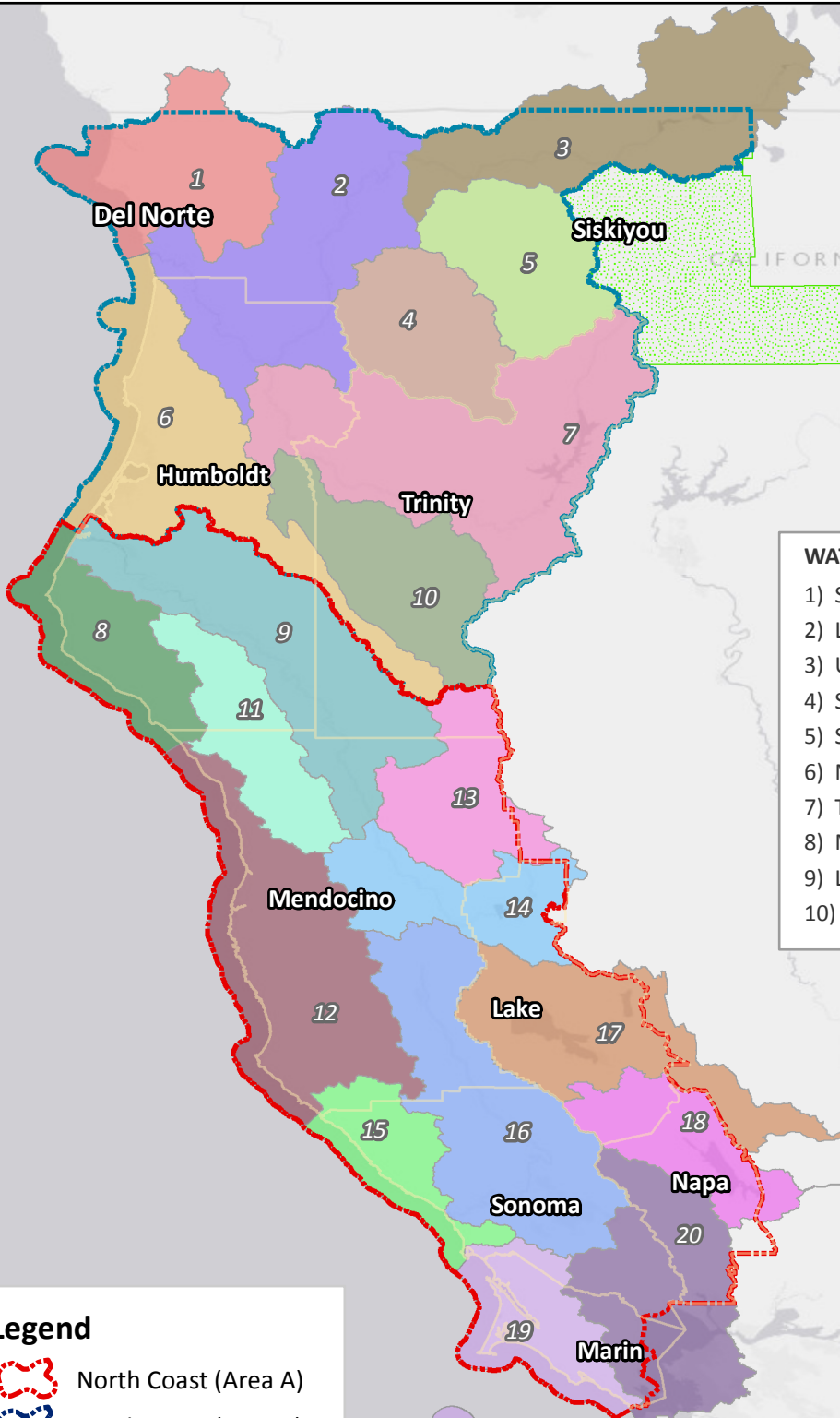
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North Coast Watersheds Forest Health Coordinator Area (B)

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# North Coast Watersheds Forest Health Coordinator Areas A and B with Mount Shasta Region

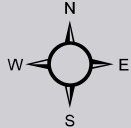
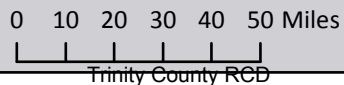


**WATERSHED BOUNDARY (HUC 8)**

1) Smith	11) South Fork Eel
2) Lower Klamath	12) Big-Navarro-Garcia
3) Upper Klamath	13) Middle Fork Eel
4) Salmon	14) Upper Eel
5) Scott	15) Gualala-Salmon
6) Mad-Redwood	16) Russian
7) Trinity	17) Upper Cache
8) Mattole	18) Upper Putah
9) Lower Eel	19) Tomales-Drake Bays
10) South Fork Trinity	20) San Pablo Bay

**Legend**

- North Coast (Area A)
- North Coast (Area B)
- Mount Shasta Region
- County Boundary



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TRINITY COUNTY RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Item 14.0

RESOLUTION NUMBER 19-01

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE TRINITY COUNTY RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT (RCD) APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING 2018 FOREST HEALTH WATERSHED COORDINATOR GRANT PROGRAM APPLICATION WITH THE CA DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION**

**WHEREAS**, the California Department of Conservation released the 2018 Forest Health Watershed Coordinator Grant Program October 2018; and

**WHEREAS**, the California Department of Conservation requires that a resolution of the RCD Board of Directors be adopted authorizing submittal of a funding request and authorization of entering into an agreement on behalf of the RCD; and

**WHEREAS**, Trinity County RCD desires to apply to the Watershed Coordination Program; and

**WHEREAS**, Trinity County RCD is authorized by Public Resources Code section 9408 to enter into agreements with federal or state agencies to receive funds in furtherance of Trinity County RCD purpose.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Trinity County Resource Conservation District Board of Directors as follows:

1. The Board of Directors hereby authorizes submittal of an application to the California Department of Conservation for Forest Health Watershed Coordination Program; and
2. The Board of Directors hereby authorizes the Trinity County RCD District Manager to sign any resulting agreement, and any amendments thereto, on behalf of Trinity County RCD; and
3. Trinity County RCD's Board of Directors certifies that no conflict of interest or appearance of conflict of interest exists for any member of the applicant's Board of Directors as relates to the project; and
4. The Board of Directors hereby authorizes the District Manager to execute tasks, such as signing documents, related to the application, grant agreement if the project is awarded funding, on behalf of Trinity County RCD.

**APPROVED AND ADOPTED** by the Trinity County Resource Conservation District Board of Directors at a regular meeting of the Board held on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of January 2019.

Motion by Truman and second by O'Sullivan .

Motion passed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Truman, O'Sullivan, Lowden and Mike Rourke

NOES: None

ABSENT: Morgan Rourke

ATTEST: Signature by the clerk and the votes noted.

Angela Snyder, Board Clerk




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February 7, 2019

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TO:

Department of Conservation  
 Division of Land Resource Protection  
 Watershed Coordinator Program Manager

To Whom it May Concern,

CAL FIRE Humboldt – Del Norte Operational Unit (HUU) is pleased to submit a letter of support for two grant proposals *North Coast Watersheds Forest Health Coordinator Area A* and *North Coast Watersheds Forest Health Coordinator Area B*. The *Area A* proposal is being submitted by the following Resource Conservation Districts: Humboldt County RCD, Mendocino County RCD, Lake County RCD, Napa County RCD, Sonoma RCD, Gold Ridge RCD and Marin RCD. The *Area B* proposal is being submitted by the following RCDs: Trinity County RCD, Humboldt County RCD, Shasta Valley RCD, Siskiyou RCD, and Del Norte RCD. As a Resource Agency charged with fire suppression and improving forest health within the State Responsibility Area, CAL FIRE relies on working relationships between other agencies, like the RCD's, to leverage forces to achieve common goals.

HUU believes this proposal will be an effective way to maximize collaboration and successfully facilitate the development and implementation of watershed improvement plans consistent with the California Forest Carbon Plan and Governor's Executive Order B-52-18. With just two coordinator positions being funded for the coast, we feel this regional approach will have the greatest positive effect to support watershed-scale collaborations, integrated watershed management efforts and local implementation activities to restore resilience to our forestlands. Additionally, this proposal will bring in resources, funding and technical assistance to an underserved region.

Sincerely,

Kurt McCray, Unit Chief  
**CAL FIRE**  
 Humboldt-Del Norte Unit



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February 14, 2019

Department of Conservation  
Division of Land Resource Protection  
Watershed Coordinator Program Manager

To Whom it May Concern,

The Del Norte Resource Conservation District is pleased to submit a letter of support for the two grant proposals for the North and Central Coast Region (*North Coast Watersheds Forest Health Coordinator Area A* and *North Coast Watersheds Forest Health Coordinator Area B*) and one proposal for the Sierra Nevada and Cascades Region (*Mount Shasta Region Watersheds Coordinator*). The *Area A* proposal is being submitted by the Humboldt County Resource Conservation District, in direct collaboration with Mendocino County Resource Conservation District, Lake County Resource Conservation District, Napa County Resource Conservation District, Sonoma Resource Conservation District, Gold Ridge Resource Conservation District and Marin Resource Conservation District. The *Area B* proposal is being submitted by the Trinity County Resource Conservation District, in direct partnership with Humboldt County Resource Conservation District, Shasta Valley Resource Conservation District, Siskiyou Resource Conservation District, and Del Norte Resource Conservation District. The *Mount Shasta Region* proposal is being submitted by Shasta Valley Resource Conservation District. Jointly these proposals represent the whole group of 11 RCDs that have been working together for the past 2 years to solidify and deepen our partnerships, increase what we can offer our communities and broaden our reach. It is expected by March 2019 that all 11 RCDs will have signed a Memorandum of Understanding officiating our desire for concentrated and lasting partnership. These three proposals are being submitted as our first collaborative effort with this MOU in place.

Our District feels that the three proposals will greatly benefit the whole of Northwestern California by supporting and coordinating the many efforts and addressing the great need to improve watershed and forest health in the some of the state's most important watersheds and forests. Our District is one of the North Coast Resource Conservation District Collaborative and is a partner on these grants.

Our District believes this proposal will be the most effective way to maximize collaboration and successfully facilitate the development and implementation of watershed improvement plans consistent



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with the California Forest Carbon Plan and Governor's Executive Order B-52-18. With just two coordinator positions being funded for the coast, we feel this regional approach will have the greatest positive effect to support watershed-scale collaborations, integrated watershed management efforts and local implementation activities to restore resilience to our forestlands. The proposal being submitted by Shasta Valley RCD allows this large regional collaborative to also reach into adjacent watersheds and collaborate with Resource Conservation Districts that are not party to our MOU. Additionally, this proposal will bring in resources, funding and technical assistance to an underserved region that also supports exceptional carbon stores.

We would like not only to offer our support but also our commitment to collaborate closely with the Coordinators, if funded, to ensure the greatest outcomes. If these proposals are funded, we commit the following resources to the partnership:

- Time of our Executive Director in providing guidance to the coordinator
- A desk when the Coordinator is in our region
- Time from our Outreach and Project Manager to assist Coordinator in making connections for the purpose of the Watershed Improvement Plan and Grant proposals

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Steven Westbrook", written over a light blue horizontal line.

Steven Westbrook

Chairman, Del Norte Resource Conservation District



February 6, 2019

Department of Conservation  
Division of Land Resource Protection  
Watershed Coordinator Program Manager

To Whom it May Concern,

The Gold Ridge RCD is pleased to submit a letter of support for the two grant proposals for the North and Central Coast Region (*North Coast Watersheds Forest Health Coordinator Area A* and *North Coast Watersheds Forest Health Coordinator Area B*) and one proposal for the Sierra Nevada and Cascades Region (*Mount Shasta Region Watersheds Coordinator*). The *Area A* proposal is being submitted by the Humboldt County Resource Conservation District, in direct collaboration with Mendocino County Resource Conservation District, Lake County Resource Conservation District, Napa County Resource Conservation District, Sonoma Resource Conservation District, Gold Ridge Resource Conservation District and Marin Resource Conservation District. The *Area B* proposal is being submitted by the Trinity County Resource Conservation District, in direct partnership with Humboldt County Resource Conservation District, Shasta Valley Resource Conservation District, Siskiyou Resource Conservation District, and Del Norte Resource Conservation District. The *Mount Shasta Region* proposal is being submitted by Shasta Valley Resource Conservation District. Jointly these proposals represent the whole group of 11 RCDs that have been working together for the past 2 years to solidify and deepen our partnerships, increase what we can offer our communities and broaden our reach. It is expected by March 2019 that all 11 RCDs will have signed a Memorandum of Understanding officiating our desire for concentrated and lasting partnership. These three proposals are being submitted as our first collaborative effort with this MOU in place.

Our District feels that the three proposals will greatly benefit the whole of Northwestern California by supporting and coordinating the many efforts and addressing the great need to improve watershed and forest health in the some of the state's most important watersheds and forests. Our District is one of the North Coast Resource Conservation District Collaborative and is a partner on these grants. The Gold Ridge RCD covers the southwest portion of Sonoma County and includes area in the Tomales Drake, Gualala Salmon and Russian River Hydrologic Units.

Our District believes this proposal will be the most effective way to maximize collaboration and successfully facilitate the development and implementation of watershed improvement plans consistent with the California Forest Carbon Plan and Governor's Executive Order B-52-18. With just two coordinator positions being funded for the coast, we feel this regional approach will have the greatest positive effect to support watershed-scale collaborations, integrated watershed management efforts and local implementation activities to restore resilience to our forestlands. The proposal being submitted by Shasta Valley RCD allows this large regional collaborative to also reach into adjacent watersheds and collaborate with Resource Conservation Districts that are not party to our MOU. Additionally, this proposal will bring in resources, funding and technical assistance to an underserved region that also supports exceptional carbon stores.

We would like not only to offer our support but also our commitment to collaborate closely with the Coordinators, if funded, to ensure the greatest outcomes. If these proposals are funded, we commit the following resources to the partnership:

- Time of our Executive Director in providing guidance to the coordinator
- A desk when the Coordinator is in our region
- Time from our Outreach and Project Manager to assist Coordinator in making connections for the purpose of the Watershed Improvement Plan and Grant proposals
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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Brittany Jensen". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Brittany Jensen, Executive Director

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Happy Camp Fire Safe Council, Inc.  
PO Box 444  
Happy Camp, CA 96039

February 11, 2019

Department of Conservation  
Division of Land Resource Protection  
Watershed Coordinator Program Manager

To Whom it May Concern,

The Happy Camp Fire Safe Council is pleased to submit a letter of support for the *North Coast Watersheds Forest Health Coordinator Area B* grant proposal being submitted by Trinity County RCD in collaboration with the Mid-Klamath Watershed Council and four Resource Conservation Districts: Del Norte, Humboldt County, Shasta Valley and Siskiyou. Our organization feels a position to support and coordinate the vast efforts to improve watershed and forest health will greatly benefit the whole region. The Happy Camp Fire Safe Council has collaborated for over a decade with the Mid Klamath Watershed Council on Community Wildfire Protection Plans, environmental compliance and permitting for fuels reduction projects, and implementing fuels reduction projects. Additionally, the Happy Camp Fire Safe Council has collaborated with the Mid Klamath Watershed Council, the Karuk Tribe, and many other government and non-government organizations to develop watershed and landscape restoration strategies for a 1.2 million acre restoration area – this collaborative is known as the Western Klamath Restoration Partnership.

Our organization believes this proposal will be the most effective way to maximize collaboration and successfully facilitate the development and implementation of watershed improvement plans consistent with the California Forest Carbon Plan and Governor's Executive Order B-52-18.

With just two coordinator positions being funded for the coast, we feel this regional approach will have the greatest positive effect to support watershed-scale collaborations, integrated watershed management efforts and local implementation activities to restore resilience to our forests. Additionally, this proposal will bring in resources, funding and technical assistance to an underserved region.

We would like to not only offer our support, but also our commitment to partner closely with a Coordinator if funded to ensure the greatest outcomes. If this proposal is funded, we commit the following resources to the partnership:

- Staff time for planning and collaborating on fuels and fire hazard reduction strategies and projects
- Staff time for public outreach to support projects supported by the partnership
- Staff time to assist with environmental compliance and permitting for fuels reduction projects
- Staff time to assist with funding procurement for fuels reduction projects
- Staff time for assisting with implementation of fuels reduction projects
- Staff time for Western Klamath Restoration Partnership collaboration

Please feel free to contact me at the address on the letter-head above or at [jgrunbaum@fs.fed.us](mailto:jgrunbaum@fs.fed.us) or 530 598-0409 (phone or text).

Sincerely,

**Jon B. Grunbaum**

**Vice-president, Happy Camp Fire Safe Council**



# Humboldt County Resource Conservation District

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February 6, 2019

Department of Conservation  
Division of Land Resource Protection  
Watershed Coordinator Program Manager  
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Sacramento, CA 95814

To Whom it May Concern,

The Humboldt County Resource Conservation District is pleased to submit a letter of support for the one grant proposal for the North and Central Coast Region (*North Coast Watersheds Forest Health Coordinator Area A* and *North Coast Watersheds Forest Health Coordinator Area B*) and one proposal for the Sierra Nevada and Cascades Region (*Mount Shasta Region Watersheds Coordinator*). The *Area A* proposal is being submitted by the Humboldt County Resource Conservation District, in direct collaboration with Mendocino County Resource Conservation District, Lake County Resource Conservation District, Napa County Resource Conservation District, Sonoma Resource Conservation District, Gold Ridge Resource Conservation District and Marin Resource Conservation District. The *Area B* proposal is being submitted by the Trinity County Resource Conservation District, in direct partnership with Humboldt County Resource Conservation District, Shasta Valley Resource Conservation District, Siskiyou Resource Conservation District, and Del Norte Resource Conservation District. The Mount Shasta Region proposal is being submitted by Shasta Valley Resource Conservation District. Jointly these proposals represent the whole group of 11 RCDs that have been working together for the past 2 years to solidify and deepen our partnerships, increase what we can offer our communities and broaden our reach. It is expected by March 2019 that all 11 RCDs will have signed a Memorandum of Understanding officiating our desire for concentrated and lasting partnership. These three proposals are being submitted as our first collaborative effort with this MOU in place.

As part of the North Coast Resource Conservation District Collaborative and a partner on these grants, our District feels that the three proposals will greatly benefit the whole of Northwestern California and Humboldt County watersheds by supporting and coordinating the many efforts and addressing the great need to improve watershed and forest health in the some of the state's most important watersheds and forests. Humboldt County RCD is proud to serve landowners and land managers throughout the entirety of Humboldt County, including the following Lower Klamath, Trinity, South Fork Trinity, Redwood-Mad, Lower Eel, South Fork Eel, and Mattole watersheds.

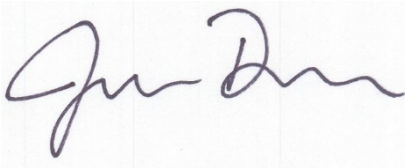
Our District believes this proposal will be the most effective way to maximize collaboration and successfully facilitate the development and implementation of watershed improvement plans consistent with the California Forest Carbon Plan and Governor's Executive Order B-52-18. With just two coordinator positions being funded for the coast, we feel this regional approach

will have the greatest positive effect to support watershed-scale collaborations, integrated watershed management efforts and local implementation activities to restore resilience to our forestlands. The proposal being submitted by Shasta Valley RCD allows this large regional collaborative to also reach into adjacent watersheds and collaborate with Resource Conservation Districts that are not party to our MOU. Additionally, this proposal will bring in resources, funding and technical assistance to an underserved region that also supports exceptional carbon stores.

We would like not only to offer our support but also our commitment to collaborate closely with the Coordinators, if funded, to ensure the greatest outcomes. If these proposals are funded, we commit the following resources to the partnership:

- Time of our Executive Director in providing guidance to the coordinator
- Meeting when the Coordinator is in our region
- Time from our staff to assist Coordinator in making connections for the purpose of the Watershed Improvement Plan and Grant proposals

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jill Demers", is written over a light blue grid background.

Jill Demers  
Executive Director  
Humboldt County Resource Conservation District





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**Harry Lyons**  
President

29 January 2019

Department of Conservation  
Division of Land Resource Protection  
Watershed Coordinator Program Manager

To Whom it May Concern,

The Lake County Resource Conservation District (LCRCD) is pleased to submit a letter of support for two grant proposals *North Coast Watersheds Forest Health Coordinator Area A* and *North Coast Watersheds Forest Health Coordinator Area B*.

The *Area A* proposal is being submitted by the following Resource Conservation Districts: Humboldt County Resource Conservation District, Mendocino County Resource Conservation District, Lake County Resource Conservation District, Napa County Resource Conservation District, Sonoma Resource Conservation District, Gold Ridge Resource Conservation District and Marin Resource Conservation District.

The *Area B* proposal is being submitted by the following Resource Conservation Districts: Trinity County Resource Conservation District, Humboldt County Resource Conservation District, Shasta Valley Resource Conservation District, Siskiyou Resource Conservation District, and Del Norte Resource Conservation District.

Our organization feels that the two positions will greatly benefit the whole North Coast region, but especially our jurisdiction in Lake County in the heart of Area A and the heart of the Cache Creek and Putah Creek Watersheds. Our organization believes this proposal will be the most effective way to maximize collaboration and successfully facilitate the development and implementation of watershed improvement plans consistent with the California Forest Carbon Plan and Governor's Executive Order B-52-18.

With just two coordinator positions being funded for the coast, we feel this regional approach will have the greatest positive effect to support watershed-scale collaborations, integrated watershed management efforts and local implementation activities to restore resilience to our forestlands. We would like not only to offer our support but also our commitment to partner closely with a Coordinator if funded to ensure the greatest outcomes.

Sincerely,

Harry Lyons  
President LCRCD  
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North Coast Watersheds Forest Health Coordinator Area (B)

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February 6, 2019

Department of Conservation  
Division of Land Resource Protection  
Watershed Coordinator Program Manager

To Whom it May Concern,

The Marin Resource Conservation District is pleased to submit a letter of support for the two grant proposals for the North and Central Coast Region (*North Coast Watersheds Forest Health Coordinator Area A* and *North Coast Watersheds Forest Health Coordinator Area B*) and one proposal for the Sierra Nevada and Cascades Region (*Mount Shasta Region Watersheds Coordinator*). The *Area A* proposal is being submitted by the Humboldt County Resource Conservation District, in direct collaboration with Mendocino County Resource Conservation District, Lake County Resource Conservation District, Napa County Resource Conservation District, Sonoma Resource Conservation District, Gold Ridge Resource Conservation District and Marin Resource Conservation District. The *Area B* proposal is being submitted by the Trinity County Resource Conservation District, in direct partnership with Humboldt County Resource Conservation District, Shasta Valley Resource Conservation District, Siskiyou Resource Conservation District, and Del Norte Resource Conservation District. The *Mount Shasta Region* proposal is being submitted by Shasta Valley Resource Conservation District. Jointly these proposals represent the whole group of 11 RCDs that have been working together for the past 2 years to solidify and deepen our partnerships, increase what we can offer our communities and broaden our reach. It is expected by March 2019 that all 11 RCDs will have signed a Memorandum of Understanding officiating our desire for concentrated and lasting partnership. These three proposals are being submitted as our first collaborative effort with this MOU in place.

Our District feels that the three proposals will greatly benefit the whole of Northwestern California by supporting and coordinating the many efforts and addressing the great need to improve watershed and forest health in the some of the state's most important watersheds and forests. Our District is one of the North Coast Resource Conservation District Collaborative and is a partner on these grants. The Marin RCD covers the southernmost area of the Northern Coastal range. The area contains private, local, county, state and federally managed forestland intermixing with wildland urban centers that drain into the Pacific Ocean and San Pablo Bay.

Our District believes this proposal will be the most effective way to maximize collaboration and successfully facilitate the development and implementation of watershed improvement plans consistent with the California Forest Carbon Plan and Governor's Executive Order B-52-18. With just two coordinator positions being funded for the coast, we feel this regional approach will have the greatest positive effect to support watershed-scale collaborations, integrated watershed management efforts and local implementation activities to restore resilience to our forestlands. The proposal being



submitted by Shasta Valley RCD allows this large regional collaborative to also reach into adjacent watersheds and collaborate with Resource Conservation Districts that are not party to our MOU. Additionally, this proposal will bring in resources, funding and technical assistance to an underserved region that also supports exceptional carbon stores.

We would like not only to offer our support but also our commitment to collaborate closely with the Coordinators, if funded, to ensure the greatest outcomes. If these proposals are funded, we commit the following resources to the partnership:

- Time of our Executive Director in providing guidance to the coordinator
- A desk when the Coordinator is in our region
- Time from our Marin RCD staff to assist Coordinator in making connections to Marin County Fire, FireSafe Marin, OneTam, Marin Municipal Water District, Golden Gate National Recreation Area/Point Reyes National Seashore, Marin County Parks and Open Space and Samuel P Taylor State Park for the purpose of the Watershed Improvement Plan and Grant proposals

Sincerely,

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Nancy Scolari  
Executive Director  
Marin RCD



January 31, 2019

Department of Conservation

Division of Land Resource Protection

Watershed Coordinator Program Manager

To Whom it May Concern,

The Napa County Resource Conservation District is pleased to submit a letter of support for the two grant proposals *North Coast Watersheds Forest Health Coordinator Area A* and *North Coast Watersheds Forest Health Coordinator Area B*. The *Area A* proposal is being submitted by the following Resource Conservation Districts: Humboldt County Resource Conservation District, Mendocino County Resource Conservation District, Lake County Resource Conservation District, Napa County Resource Conservation District, Sonoma Resource Conservation District, Gold Ridge Resource Conservation District and Marin Resource Conservation District. The *Area B* proposal is being submitted by the following Resource Conservation Districts: Trinity County Resource Conservation District, Humboldt County Resource Conservation District, Shasta Valley Resource Conservation District, Siskiyou Resource Conservation District, and Del Norte Resource Conservation District. Jointly these proposals represent the whole group of 11 RCDs that have been working together for the past 2 years to solidify and deepen our partnerships, increase what we can offer our communities and broaden our reach. It is expected by March 2019 that all 11 RCDs will have signed a Memorandum of Understanding officiating our desire for concentrated and lasting partnership.

Our organization feels that the two proposals will greatly benefit the whole North Coast region by supporting and coordinating the many efforts and addressing the great need to improve watershed and forest health in the North Coast. Our RCD is one of the North Coast Resource Conservation District Collaborative and are a partner on this grant. The Napa County RCD covers Napa County, which includes a portion of the San Pablo Bay watershed and a portion of the Upper Putah Creek .

Our organization believes this proposal will be the most effective way to maximize collaboration and successfully facilitate the development and implementation of watershed improvement plans consistent with the California Forest Carbon Plan and Governor's Executive Order B-52-18. With just two coordinator positions being funded for the coast, we feel this regional approach will have the greatest positive effect to support watershed-scale collaborations, integrated watershed management efforts and local implementation activities to restore resilience to our forestlands. Additionally, this proposal will bring in resources, funding and technical assistance to an underserved region.

We would like not only to offer our support but also our commitment to partner closely with a Coordinator if funded to ensure the greatest outcomes. If this proposal is funded, we commit the following resources to the partnership:

- Time of our Executive Director in providing guidance to the coordinator
- A desk when the Coordinator is in our region



**Napa County Resource Conservation District**

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- Time from our Volunteer and Outreach Coordinator to assist Coordinator in making connections for the purpose of the Watershed Improvement Plan and Grant proposals

Sincerely,

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Lucas Patzek

Executive Director

Napa County Resource Conservation District

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## North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board

February 6, 2019

Department of Conservation  
Division of Land Resource Protection  
Watershed Coordinator Program Manager

Dear Watershed Coordinator Program Manager:

The North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board) is pleased to submit a letter of support for the two grant proposals *North Coast Watersheds Forest Health Coordinator Area A* and *North Coast Watersheds Forest Health Coordinator Area B*. The *Area A* proposal is being submitted by the following Resource Conservation Districts (RCD): Humboldt County RCD, Mendocino County RCD, Lake County RCD, Napa County RCD, Sonoma RCD, Gold Ridge RCD and Marin RCD. The *Area B* proposal is being submitted by the following RCDs: Trinity County RCD, Humboldt County RCD, Shasta Valley RCD, Siskiyou RCD, and Del Norte RCD. The Regional Water Board believes two new RCD positions to support and coordinate the vast efforts to improve watershed and forest health will greatly benefit the whole North Coast region.

Our organization has a long history of partnering with the RCDs in the North Coast region to implement projects that benefit water quality and local communities. The RCDs, by virtue of their long history of working in rural communities to resolve natural resource concerns, are uniquely poised to provide North Coast communities in and near forested watersheds with the leadership, project design, implementation, and management services necessary to advance forest health.

Our organization believes these two grant proposals, if funded, will provide an effective means to maximize collaboration and successfully facilitate the development and implementation of watershed improvement plans consistent with the California Forest Carbon Plan and Governor's Executive Order B-52-18. With just two coordinator positions being funded for the North Coast, we believe this regional approach will have the greatest positive effect to support watershed-scale collaborations, integrated watershed management efforts and local implementation activities to restore resilience to our forestlands. Additionally, this proposal will bring in resources, funding and technical assistance to an underserved region.

DAVID NEHRN, CHAIR | MATTHIAS ST. JOHN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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We would like not only to offer our support but also our commitment to partner closely with a Coordinator if funded to ensure the greatest outcomes. If you have any questions regarding the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board's support of this project, please contact Jonathan Warmerdam of my staff at [jonathan.warmerdam@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:jonathan.warmerdam@waterboards.ca.gov) or (707) 576-2468.

Sincerely,



Matthias St. John  
Executive Officer



United States Department of Agriculture

Natural Resources Conservation Service

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(530) 784-2031

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February 5, 2019

Department of Conservation  
Division of Land Resource Protection  
Watershed Coordinator Program Manager

To Whom it May Concern,

The Weaverville, Yreka, Eureka and Smith River Field Offices of the Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) is pleased to submit a letter of support for the *North Coast Watersheds Forest Health Coordinator Area B* grant proposal being submitted by five Resource Conservation Districts (RCDs), including Trinity County RCD, Humboldt County RCD, Shasta Valley RCD, Siskiyou RCD, and Del Norte RCD.

The goal of this proposal is to collaborate across the region on both private and public lands to integrated watershed management efforts and local implementation activities to restore resilience to our forestlands. Additionally, this proposal will bring in resources, funding and technical assistance to an underserved region by funding a Watershed Coordinator position. All projects developed through the efforts of this proposed project will be consistent with the California Forest Carbon Plan and Governor's Executive Order B-52-18.

NRCS feels a position to support and coordinate efforts to improve watershed and forest health will greatly benefit the entire region and sees the inclusion of the representation of nonindustrial private forests as essential. NRCS works with these landholders through Farm Bill programs and has worked with landholders and conservation partners to improve fire resiliency and forest health throughout Trinity, Siskiyou, Humboldt and Del Norte counties. The NRCS works directly with local RCDs, providing technical assistance and financial assistance to support locally led conservation.

We would like to not only offer our support, but also our commitment to partner closely with a Watershed Coordinator if funded to ensure the greatest outcomes.

Sincerely,

Jonathan Shultz  
District Conservationist  
North Coast Community Leader  
NRCS-Eureka, CA





# Mid Klamath Watershed Council Orleans/Somes Bar Fire Safe Council

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February 12, 2019  
Department of Conservation  
Division of Land Resource Protection  
Watershed Coordinator Program Manager

To Whom it May Concern,

The Mid Klamath Watershed Council (MKWC) and the Orleans/Somes Bar Fire Safe Council (OSBFSC) are pleased to submit a letter of support for the *North Coast Watersheds Forest Health Coordinator Area B* grant proposal being submitted by Trinity County RCD in collaboration with the Mid Klamath Watershed Council and four Resource Conservation Districts: Del Norte, Humboldt County, Shasta Valley and Siskiyou. MKWC and the OSB FSC feels a position to support and coordinate the vast efforts to improve watershed and forest health will greatly benefit the whole region. Since 2001, OSBFSC has been working to increase fire resilience and enhance forest health in eastern Humboldt and western Siskiyou counties. We have long been aware of the complications of working across county lines. Since 2002, MKWC has been working to facilitate education on resource issues, control invasive species, restore critical fish habitat, facilitate collaborative restoration planning, and provide fiscal sponsorship for several Fire Safe Councils. Regional cooperation in restoration activities is critical to real and long-term success, since neither wildfires nor fish populations pay attention to jurisdictional boundaries.

Our organizations believe this proposal will be the most effective way to maximize collaboration and successfully facilitate the development and implementation of watershed improvement plans consistent with the California Forest Carbon Plan and Governor's Executive Order B-52-18.

With just two coordinator positions being funded for the coast, we feel this regional approach will have the greatest positive effect to support watershed-scale collaborations, integrated watershed management efforts and local implementation activities to restore resilience to our forests.

Additionally, this proposal will bring in resources, funding and technical assistance to an underserved region.

We would like to not only offer our support, but also our commitment to partner closely with a Coordinator if funded to ensure the greatest outcomes. If this proposal is funded, we commit the following resources to the partnership:

- Staff time and venue to host local meetings focusing on tasks identified in this proposal.
- Staff time to provide feedback on the Watershed Implementation Plan draft.
- Staff time to share lessons learned with the watershed coordinators and regional organizations.

- Staff time to facilitate complementary tasks related to the Western Klamath Mountains Fire Learning Network.
- Staff time facilitating collaborative meetings to prioritize fisheries and watershed restoration actions.

Collectively these contributions will total \$45,000.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Nancy Bailey", written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

Name: Nancy Bailey

Title: Fire and Fuels Program Co-Director (OSBFSC)

Organization/Contact Info: 530-627-3202 x 1003



## Salmon River Restoration Council

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February 14, 2019

Department of Conservation  
Division of Land Resource Protection  
Watershed Coordinator Program Manager

To Whom it May Concern,

The Salmon River Restoration Council is pleased to submit a letter of support for the *North Coast Watersheds Forest Health Coordinator Area B* grant proposal being submitted by Trinity County RCD in collaboration with the Mid-Klamath Watershed Council and four Resource Conservation Districts: Del Norte, Humboldt County, Shasta Valley and Siskiyou. Our organization feels a position to support and coordinate the vast efforts to improve watershed and forest health will benefit the whole region.

The Salmon River Restoration Council (SRRC) is the primary promoter of cooperative watershed restoration actions within the local community and among the stakeholders of the Salmon River watershed. Through cooperative management activities, the SRRC addresses the distinct needs of the Salmon River watershed that arise due to the impacts of catastrophic fires and fire management, timber harvest, road construction, mining, grazing, floods, residential and recreational use.

Our organization believes this proposal is an effective way to maximize collaboration and successfully facilitate the development and implementation of watershed improvement plans consistent with the California Forest Carbon Plan and Governor's Executive Order B-52-18.

With just two coordinator positions being funded for the coast, we feel this regional approach will have the greatest positive effect to support watershed-scale collaborations, integrated watershed management efforts and local implementation activities to restore resilience to our forests. Additionally, this proposal will bring in resources, funding and technical assistance to an underserved region.

Sincerely,

Lyra Cressey, Associate Director  
Salmon River Restoration Council  
[lyra@srrc.org](mailto:lyra@srrc.org)



February 4, 2019

Department of Conservation  
Division of Land Resource Protection  
Watershed Coordinator Program Manager

To whom it may concern:

I am writing to express my support for the *North Coast Watersheds Forest Health Coordinator Area A* & the *North Coast Watersheds Forest Health Coordinator Area B* grant proposal. In collaboration, these seven Resource Conservation Districts are submitting the *Area A* proposal: Humboldt County, Mendocino County, Lake County, Napa County, Sonoma, Gold Ridge, and Marin. The *Area B* proposal is also being submitted in collaboration of five Resource Conservation Districts: Trinity County, Humboldt County, Shasta Valley, Siskiyou, and Del Norte.

With only two coordinator positions being funded for the coast, this regional approach will have the greatest positive impact to support watershed-scale collaborations, integrated watershed management efforts, and local activities to restore resilience to our forestlands. Additionally, this proposal will bring in resources, funding, and technical assistance to an underserved region. These positions will provide critical administrative and organizational capacity to local entities pursuing forest health projects such as fuels reduction, prescribed fire, reforestation, and forest health monitoring, as well as supporting regional collaboration, project prioritization, and watershed priorities.

These proposals will be the most effective way to maximize collaboration and successfully facilitate the development and implementation of watershed improvement plans consistent with the California Forest Carbon Plan and Governor's Executive Order B-52-18.

I urge you to give the Resource Conservation Districts' proposals your full consideration, as these positions would greatly assist the North Coast. If our office can be of any assistance, please do not hesitate to call us at 916-651-4002.

Warmest regards,

MIKE MCGUIRE  
Senator



7 February 2019

Department of Conservation  
Division of Land Resource Protection  
Watershed Coordinator Program Manager

To Whom it May Concern,

The Shasta Valley Resource Conservation District (SVRCD) is pleased to submit a letter of support for the two grant proposals for the North and Central Coast Region (*North Coast Watersheds Forest Health Coordinator Area A* and *North Coast Watersheds Forest Health Coordinator Area B*). The *Area A* proposal is being submitted by the Humboldt County Resource Conservation District, in direct collaboration with Mendocino County Resource Conservation District, Lake County Resource Conservation District, Napa County Resource Conservation District, Sonoma Resource Conservation District, Gold Ridge Resource Conservation District and Marin Resource Conservation District. The *Area B* proposal is being submitted by the Trinity County Resource Conservation District, in direct partnership with Humboldt County Resource Conservation District, Siskiyou Resource Conservation District, Del Norte Resource Conservation District, and SVRCD. The *Mount Shasta Region* proposal being submitted by SVRCD for the Sierra region is also associated with the two North Coast proposals. Jointly these three proposals represent the entirety of watersheds within the 11 Resource Conservation Districts that will execute the MOU, the result of 2 years of discussions to cultivate a regional partnership to expand capacity within our local communities. We expect by March 2019, that 11 RCDs will have signed a Memorandum of Understanding to monument the partnership. These three proposals are being submitted as our first collaborative effort under this MOU.

SVRCD feels that the North Coast proposals will greatly benefit the whole of Northwestern California by supporting and coordinating the many efforts and addressing the great need to improve watershed and forest health in some of the state's most important watersheds and forests. The *Area B* proposal includes remote watersheds within SVRCD's boundary in western Siskiyou County where SVRCD lacks the capacity to reach. Trinity RCD closely coordinated with SVRCD during this grant preparation period to ensure that the service areas or our separate grant proposals align and have sufficient gray area overlap where the regional coordinators can help us weave a longer-term collaboration in shared watersheds.

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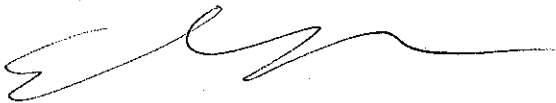
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SVRCD believes this approach will be extremely effective in achieving the Department's goals for collaboration and capacity building, advancing the California Forest Carbon Plan, and adhering to the Governor's Executive Order B-52-18. With just two coordinator positions being funded for the North Coast, we feel the broad regional approach presented by the linked proposals being submitted by Trinity RCD and Humboldt RCD provide a unique opportunity to affect consistent regional outcomes by applying the local knowledge of individual RCDs. The legislative authorities granted to Resource Conservation Districts also allows broad flexibility in structuring partnerships and delivering outcomes while ensuring transparency and accountability. If awarded, the three proposals being submitted by this pre-constructed collaborative will cover the Department's program region from San Pablo Bay to the Modoc Plateau. Additionally, these proposals will bring in resources, funding and technical assistance to an underserved region that also supports exceptional carbon stores and provides clean water to the state.

As part of our commitment to the regional collaboration, SVRCD can ensure:

- Time with our District Administrator and/or Forestry staff and/or Board in support of the Watershed Coordinator's goals
- Desk space when the Coordinator is in our District
- Assurance that SVRCD will make every effort within our District to support the regional watershed improvement plan(s) that result from this grant
- A willingness and desire to partner on watershed improvement projects that cross boundaries between RCDs

Sincerely,



Edward J. Stanton  
District Administrator



## SISKIYOU RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019

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Watershed Coordinator Program Manager  
801 K Street, MS 14-15  
Sacramento, CA 95814

To Whom it May Concern,

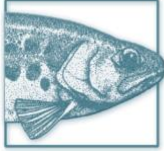
The Siskiyou Resource Conservation District (RCD) is pleased to submit a letter of support for the three grant proposals being submitted to the Forest Health Watershed Coordinator Grant Program titled: *North Coast Watersheds Forest Health Coordinator Area A*, *North Coast Watersheds Forest Health Coordinator Area B* and *Mount Shasta Region Watersheds Coordinator*. Together these proposals involve a group of 11 Resource Conservation Districts that have been working together for the past 2 years to solidify cooperation, expand collective capacity and improve the services provided to our communities. It is expected that by March 2019 all 11 Districts will have signed a Memorandum of Understanding officiating this desire for a concentrated and lasting partnership. The Siskiyou RCD feels that the regional approach encompassed by these three proposals will be highly effective in supporting watershed-scale collaborations, integrated management efforts and local implementation activities to restore resilience to our forestlands.

The Siskiyou RCD works within a geographic boundary located in the western portion of Siskiyou County that primarily includes the Scott River watershed (HUC 18010208) and the Salmon River watershed (HUC 18010210). As such, we will be working with the proposed North Coast Area B Forest Health Coordinator administered by the Trinity County RCD. Our organization believes this position will be fundamental in building stakeholder participation needed to successfully facilitate the development and implementation of watershed improvement plans consistent with the California Forest Carbon Plan and Governor's Executive Order B-52-18. Furthermore, this work will be widely beneficial to our underserved region when leveraged to secure additional resources, funding and technical assistance.

We strongly encourage the Department of Conversation to fund these applications and look forward to working with the North Coast Area B Forest Health Coordinator on setting priorities for Siskiyou County.

Respectfully,

Lindsay Magranet  
Acting District Manager  
Siskiyou Resource Conservation District



## SMITH RIVER ALLIANCE

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February 14, 2019

Department of Conservation  
Division of Land Resource Protection  
Watershed Coordinator Program Manager

To Whom it May Concern,

The Smith River Alliance (SRA) supports the *North Coast Watersheds Forest Health Coordinator Area B* grant proposal. We believe the subject proposal and recommended position has the potential to improve watershed health across the bioregion.

SRA is a Co-Chair along with Del Norte County of the Smith River Collaborative (SRC). SRC is a joint venture between Six Rivers National Forest and nine signatory stakeholders including the County, two local Tribes, industry, the Del Norte Fire Safe Council, and four watershed and regional environmental organizations. The SRC has multiple restoration and fuels reduction projects underway to advance forest health and community safety.

SRA and the SRC strongly believe in the power of collaboration and partnership. We also recognize much more must be done to improve watershed health and to protect our Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) communities. Accordingly, we look forward to working with the participating partners in this proposal to secure critically important resources and technical assistance for a region which is chronically underserved.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Grant Werschull", is written over a light blue rectangular background.

Grant Werschull, Co-Chair Smith River Collaborative (SRC)

Co-Executive Director, Smith River Alliance (SRA)

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January 24, 2019

Director  
California Department of Conservation  
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801 K Street, MS 18-01  
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Trinity County Fire Safe Council  
PO Box 1450  
Weaverville, CA 96093

Dear Director:

As chairman of the Trinity County Fire Safe Council, I would like to express my support for the Trinity County Resource Conservation District's proposal to the Department of Conservation for the Forest Health Watershed Coordinator grant program. The TCRCD has significant experience with providing watershed planning and coordination and working collaboratively with landowners, land managers, and other agencies. This proposal would facilitate the District's ability to provide a high-level watershed coordinator to continue to leverage available funds to implement watershed restoration projects and support the California Forest Carbon Plan.

The Trinity County Resource Conservation District has been an integral part of the Trinity County Fire Safe Council since its inception in 1998 and we have worked closely with them in developing and recently updating our Community Wildfire Protection Plan for Trinity County (CWPP) and on implementing a wide variety of fuels reduction projects all over Trinity County. I believe the funding of a Watershed Coordinator for the TCRCD would greatly enhance our capabilities in this watershed and allow us to begin to implement recommendations in the CWPP. We believe that this project will contribute significantly towards meeting established watershed goals expressed in the Trinity County CWPP by reducing the risk of catastrophic fire.

The Trinity County Fire Safe Council agrees to work closely with the Watershed Coordinator in improving watershed conditions. Our support is reflected in our in-kind offer of \$500 for each of the 2 years of this project (\$1,000). We strongly recommend funding the Watershed Coordinator Program and look forward to our continued partnership with the District in planning and implementing important forest health projects.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Todd Corbett", is written over a white background.

Todd Corbett, Chairman  
Trinity County Fire Safe Council



# Trinity County Resource Conservation District

Post Office Box 1450 · 30 Horseshoe Lane · Weaverville, CA 96093-1450

February 12, 2019

Department of Conservation – Division of Land Resource Protection  
Watershed Coordinator Program Manager  
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To Whom it May Concern,

The Trinity County Resource Conservation District (RCD) is pleased to submit a letter of support for the three grant proposals being submitted to the Forest Health Watershed Coordinator Grant Program titled: *North Coast Watersheds Forest Health Coordinator Area A, North Coast Watersheds Forest Health Coordinator Area B and the Mount Shasta Region Watersheds Forest Health Coordinator*. Together these proposals involve a group of 11 Resource Conservation Districts that have been working together for the past 2 years to solidify cooperation, expand collective capacity and improve the services provided to our communities. It is expected that by March 2019 all 11 Districts will have signed a Memorandum of Understanding officiating this desire for a concentrated and lasting partnership.

The Trinity County RCD feels that the regional approach encompassed by these three proposals will be highly effective in supporting watershed-scale collaborations, integrated management efforts and local implementation activities to restore resilience to our forestlands consistent with the California Forest Carbon Plan and Governor's Executive Order B-52-18.

The Trinity County RCD boundaries include all of the Trinity River Watershed and portions of the Mad River Watershed in the southern part of the county. Our experience in watershed coordination has resulted in being the lead for the Region B proposal, and we strongly support the other two proposals for funding.

This work will be beneficial to our underserved region when leveraged to secure additional resources, funding and technical assistance.

We strongly encourage the Department of Conversation to fund these applications and look forward to working with and supporting all of the regional applicants in the future.

Sincerely,

Kelly Sheen  
District Manager  
Trinity County Resource Conservation District

·Your Local Conservation District·

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North Coast Watersheds Forest Health Coordinator Area (B)



## The Watershed Research and Training Center

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February 14, 2019

Department of Conservation  
Division of Land Resource Protection  
Watershed Coordinator Program Manager

To Whom it May Concern,

The Watershed Research & Training Center is pleased to submit this letter of support for the *North Coast Watersheds Forest Health Coordinator Area B* grant proposal being submitted by Trinity County RCD (TCRCD) in collaboration with the Mid-Klamath Watershed Council (MKWC) and four Resource Conservation Districts: Del Norte, Humboldt County, Shasta Valley and Siskiyou. Our organization feels that a dedicated and fully-funded position to support and coordinate the diverse efforts to improve watershed and forest health across our region is essential.

We have deep experience working in partnership with both the TCRCD and MKWC. Over the past 25 years, we have partnered with the TCRCD in founding and operating the Trinity County Fire Safe Council and the Trinity County Collaborative Group, and we have jointly built capacity for planning and implementing meaningful watershed restoration, forestry and community wildfire protection projects spanning the major watersheds of Trinity County. We consider MKWC a “sister-organization”, both of us being innovative and high-capacity NGOs working to expand the use of fire as a tool for landscape and community resilience. We were both founding members of the Northern CA Prescribed Fire Council, have helped to bring prescribed fire training exchanges (TRES) into practice in CA, and have been long-time partners in The Nature Conservancy’s Fire Learning Network and related initiatives.

I can attest that both TCRCD and MKWC are thought-leaders in the world of community-based watershed and forest stewardship. They are staffed with skilled, thoughtful and effective professionals, well-respected in their field. They also both have the capacity to reach beyond their respective watersheds to work in supporting regional priorities across the northern-most reaches of the North Coast Region. I believe that they will provide much-needed technical assistance, coordination and capacity building across our region.

Our organization has been a long-time supporter, and prior co-recipient with TCRCDC, of DOC's Watershed Coordinator program. We were excited to learn of its resurrection in this current manifestation. We were originally eager to put together a proposal in partnership with TCRCDC targeted at the critical watersheds where most of our local work takes place: the Trinity River, South Fork Trinity River and Mad River, all critical headwaters at-risk from wildfire.

However, upon learning of the limited funding availability and the potential for regional proposals, we felt that the funding would reach further through a regional proposal. Given our trusted relationships and collaboration with both TCRCDC and MKWC, and cognizant of current DOC program funding levels and goals, we believe this proposal will be the most effective way to maximize collaboration and successfully facilitate the development and implementation of watershed improvement plans consistent with the California Forest Carbon Plan and the Governor's Executive Order B-52-18.

Along with our full-throated support, we would like DOC leadership to know that we would welcome the opportunity to submit a watershed-scale proposal to complement this regional work in the future. In the meantime, we urge you to fund TCRCDC and MKWC's joint regional proposal. Our Northcoast watersheds and communities are too-often underserved in this capacity, and this watershed coordinator position would do a world of good for advancing work of the partners across our region .

We would like to not only offer our support, but also our commitment to partner closely with a Coordinator, if funded, to ensure the greatest outcomes. If this proposal is funded, we commit the following resources to the partnership:

- Integration for regional partners with our nationwide Fire Adapted Communities Learning Network, valued at \$5,000/year (staff time and subcontracts)
- Participation in Collaborative Spatial Fire Planning, valued at \$2,000/year (staff time)
- Prescribed fire planning expertise, valued at \$5,000/year (staff time)
- Technical assistance in exploring biomass utilization options through our Biomass Program Director and CA Forest Biomass Working Group, valued at \$3,000/year (staff time)

Sincerely,



Nick Goulette, Executive Director

**2018 Watershed Coordinator Program Application Item #9. Proof of Applicant Capacity**


Below is a list of some of the relevant Grants and Agreements received and successfully administered by the Trinity County Resource Conservation District over the past three years:

<b>Funder/Program</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Amount Awarded</b>	<b>Year</b>
USFS Shasta-Trinity National Forest	Trinity County Collaborative Group Facilitation	\$159,145	2013-2016
Bureau of Land Management	Weaverville Community Forest Stewardship Coordination	\$21,013	9/1/2015
Trinity County/Title III	Fire Safe Council Coordination	\$30,000	4/19/2016
US Bureau of Reclamation/Trinity River Restoration Program	Education and Outreach Program	\$640,717	7/26/2016
US Bureau of Reclamation/WaterSMART	Trinity River Watershed Council Expansion	\$100,000	9/15/2016
CA Fire Safe Council/Wildfire Prevention	Trinity County CWPP Implementation Phase I	\$113,929	10/1/2016
Trinity County/Title III	Fire Safe Council Coordination	\$30,000	1/10/2017
CAL FIRE SRA Fire Prevention Fund	Trinity County Fuels Reduction	\$95,028	1/24/2017
Wildlife Conservation Board/Stream Flow Enhancement	Weaver Creek Watershed Flow Enhancement Planning	\$171,355	6/27/2017
CA Fire Safe Council/Wildfire Prevention	Trinity County CWPP Implementation Phase II and Fire Safe Council Coordination	\$132,592	11/1/2017
USFS Shasta-Trinity National Forest	Trinity County Collaborative Group Facilitation	\$30,000	8/9/2017
Trinity County	Active Transportation Planning Outreach	\$100,498	1/31/2018
State Water Resources Control Board/Timber Fund	Trinity River Watershed Roadside Fuels Reduction	\$250,503	6/1/2018
CAL FIRE/Fire Prevention	Trinity County Hazardous Fuels Reduction	\$421,463	11/21/2018
Trinity County/Title III	Firewise Communities Program Coordination and CWPP Implementation	\$30,000	2019- Contract Pending
CA Fire Safe Council/Wildfire Prevention	Trinity County CWPP Implementation Phase III	\$68,174	2019- Contract Pending
USFS Shasta-Trinity and Six Rivers National Forests	Trinity County Collaborative Group Facilitation	\$45,000	2019- Contract Pending

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<b>3</b>	<p>Check only <b>one</b> box that corresponds to the payee business type. Corporations must check the box that identifies the type of corporation.</p> <p>The State of California requires that all parties entering into business transactions that may lead to payment(s) from the state provide their Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN). The TIN is required by the R&amp;TC sections 18646 and 18661 to facilitate tax compliance enforcement activities and the preparation of Form 1099 and other information returns as required by the IRC section 6109(a) and R&amp;TC section 18662 and its regulations.</p> <p>Payees must provide <b>one</b> of the following TINs on this form: social security number (SSN), individual taxpayer identification number (ITIN), or federal employer identification number (FEIN). The TIN for sole proprietorships, single member LLC (disregarded entities), and individuals is the SSN or ITIN. Only partnerships, estates, trusts, corporations, and LLCs (taxed as partnerships or corporations) will enter their FEIN.</p>
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