

## Northern Region Council Conference Call- 5/18/16 Notes

Participating: Ben Morehead, Galen Doherty Renee Crowley, Kathleen Hitt, David McMurray, Emily Afriat, Carol Vander Meer

### I. Mt. Shasta Face-to Face Recap and Follow-up items

Carol briefed the group on highlights, takeaways and follow ups including:

- Inner Coast Range Conservancy proposal. Presentation by Jeff Morris. Carol sent out a summary in the May 2016 face-to-face minutes at: <http://www.northernregioncouncil.org/documents/> **Action: David will try to follow up with Darla to get CCLT's position on the proposal**
- Mountains to Rivers draft legislation presented to Jared Huffman- this proposal will protect more wild rivers and mountains in NW California. Background info available on the website at: <http://www.northernregioncouncil.org/documents/>
- and [www.montainsandrivers.org](http://www.montainsandrivers.org) **ACTION: NRC members should read background info and let Carol know if they support NRC providing a support letter for the project.**
- North Coast Forest Conservation Conference- June 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> 2017, at Shone Farm in Santa Rosa. It was agreed that NRC will collaborate with the Sonoma County Forest Conservation Working Group on this conference which will also serve as a face-to-face meeting in Santa Rosa. Please mark your calendars! **ACTION: Carol will follow up with Amy Chestnut and keep the NRC Informed**
- Mitigation Funding for conservation projects. Bob Neale brought up that mitigation funds are potentially a great source of funding for conservation. He encouraged folks to have conceptual plans ready to be ready to act on projects. (more in the face to face notes) **ACTION: Carol will follow up with Bob Neale to see if he could present something on the topic of mitigation at the Forest Conference or perhaps host a workshop in Ukiah in Nov/Dec/Jan.**
- The topic came up regarding how land trusts who provide public access to lands can constructively and compassionately respond to the issue of Homelessness and the impacts on conservation lands. This could be a potential topic at an upcoming conference call or face to face meeting.
- Sanctuary Forest offered to host an NRC face-to-face meeting. Since the Forest conference will serve as the Face-to-Face in the Spring of 2017, it was decided that the Sanctuary forest conference will be held in Spring of 2018. David McMurray offered that he could host a potluck at his house.

### II. Conference Calls and Newsletter Deadline

- NRC takes a break from conference calls in the summer, so the **next conference call will be September 21<sup>st</sup> at 2pm.**
- Carol will continue bi-monthly (every two months) NRC e-newsletters. **The next e-newsletter deadline is July 11.** Please send updates for the newsletter and webcalendar to: [carol.vandermeer@gmail.com](mailto:carol.vandermeer@gmail.com)

**III. NRC membership renewals are in the mail.** Please take time to renew your membership.

**IV. June 4<sup>th</sup> Trails Summit, Wharfinger Building Eureka, 10-12pm.** NRC will be tabling at the Trail Summit. **Please let Carol know if you have posters or graphics that could be used to highlight the work regional land trusts do to provide trails.**

### V. Member Updates

- Both NCRLT and TCLT were having Pints for Nonprofits fundraisers (Mad River Brewery, and Redwood Curtain)
- Sanctuary forest is working on getting a Prop 1 proposal together. There was a little discussion about working towards collaborative projects, but so far nothing seems to have coalesced. Carol mentioned that Leonel Arguello from McKinleyville land trusts would be interested in collaborating on a proposal if the opportunity arrived. He also encouraged land trusts to put together proposed project abstracts to share with one another in an effort to facilitate future collaborations.
- David suggested that the next newsletter include information about NCRLT barn renovation.