



Education Working Group  
Tuesday, August 29, 2017  
Minutes

**Start Time/End Time:** 9:02 AM to 11:10 AM

**Place:** Bonanza Room, Carson Community Center: 850 E William St, Carson City, NV 89701

**Participants:**

Andrea Moe, NDA  
Brenda Hunt, CWSD  
Courtney Walker, Douglas County\*  
Danielle Hatch, Carson City Parks & Rec\*  
Duane Petite, TNC  
JoAnn Kittrell, DNCR  
Kim Zuch, Nevada State Parks\*  
Kristen Roaldson, RCI  
Lyndsey Boyer, CC Parks, Rec. & Open Space\*  
Mary Kay Wagner, Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP)  
Rob Pyzel, Lyon County  
Sarah Muskin, AmeriCorp Member with (AWG & RW)  
Sean Hill, Sierra Nevada Journeys (SNJ)  
Shane Fryer, Carson Water Subconservancy District (CWSD)  
Will Shepard, River Wranglers

**Minutes**

**Meeting Started 09:02am – 13 participants w/ 2 Staff**

1. Welcome & introductions
  - Will Shepard Introduced himself as the new director of the River Wranglers.
  - Brenda H and Will S: Gave an update on Linda Colin's grandson's "Dagan" condition. He is still very injured but is healing. A gofundme.com account has been setup to assist with medical bills.  
<https://www.gofundme.com/help-for-dagan-medical-fund>
2. Snap Shot Day Organization (Mary Kay Wagner) (**Save Date: Oct. 20, 2017, 8am-12:30pm**)
  - Mary Kay W: Handed out the 2017 Snapshot Day Flyer. There will be 11 sites this year. School participation has not yet been confirmed. Educators need to be

committed by 3<sup>rd</sup> week in September, or they won't have time to plan and get buses.

- List of sites and participants:

- 1) AWG may work with Hung A La Ti (Washoe Tribe) or Diamond Valley for Blue Lakes & Hope Valley Site. They have a meeting with DV principal to discuss participation.
- 2) Courtney on Dresslerville Site.
- 3) RCI and Sierra Nevada Journeys on River Fork Ranch and Brockliss Slough.
- 4) Tom Grundy on Clear Creek – possible Home School Group
  - a. Action Brenda H: Give Mary Kay W contact for Home School Group.
  - b. Action Mary Kay W: Contact Aspire (Alternative Middle School - Marty)
- 5) CWSD at Lloyds Bridge with Carson Montessori.
  - a. Action Brenda H: Confirm Carson Montessori.
- 6) Carson City on Deer Run Site.
- 7) Dayton Bridge no Participants yet.
  - a. Action Kim Z: Review schedule - help with site
- 8) RW (Will) on Fort Churchill.
- 9) Possible NRCS, Lahontan Conservation District and USFWS/Nancy Hoffman on Frey Ranch.

- Need to prepare Press Release.

Action Brenda H: Previous 2016 Press Release to JoAnn K.

- Activities

Mary Kay offered to present or give site leaders a presentation for classroom preparation, orientation, safety and trainings prior to Snapshot Day.

Mary Kay will give advice on how to tailor presentations to your age group. Information should be given on the Water Cycle and what is a Watershed, Non-Point Source Pollution. Minimum of 2 leaders per site for sampling and habitat assessment. If you have a larger group (40 students) you will need more stations/helpers. Safety overview is Critical. All participants must sign liability waiver and photo release. Capitalizes on the skills of your site leaders.

**Possibility other activities:** Project Wet, Habitat Hike, Weed Walk, Floodplain Model, Skits, Future Job Discussions.

Leader Training Day (**Oct.11, 2017, 3:30-5pm Carson River Park**).

Action Mary Kay W, Brenda H and Shane F: boxes together (Oct. 10<sup>th</sup>).

Action Mary Kay W, Shane F Calibration Day (Morning Oct. 18<sup>th</sup>) and anyone else who is interested.

### 3. Discussion on upcoming River Rally 2018

Go to: <https://www.rivernetnetwork.org/events-learning/river-rally/about/>

- River Rally is a great event that supports watershed organizations who care for rivers. Should be a large showing +500 participants with people from all over the US/world. A good opportunity to highlight the Carson River. Abstracts for workshop (due Oct 1) and fieldtrip (due Nov 1). See: <https://www.cvent.com/c/abstracts/b13e9167-8cdd-4d2c-87dc-3a79a1fb6748>
- Goal put together a coordinated package of presentations and fields trips for the CRC.
- **Suggestions:**
  - a. Ann Bollinger (expressed interest) - Field trip on Carson City's Open Space – Float?

- b. AWG – Fields trip based on HV Restoration
- c. CRC function presentation, based on John talk in Prague. (partner co speakers)

**Other thoughts:**

- MaryK, would like to present on the CRiver Map and Project Wet implementation.
- River Wrangler program would be great to showcase. Talk about mentoring and generational education
- Highlight the Coalition - multi agency coordination and partnership.
- Presentations on integrated watershed management: weeds, Education, Outreach, Workdays, projects etc.) Use Stewardship Plan as a Model
- Virginia City Comstock mercury issues.

**Action JoAnn K: will communicate with Dave Freidman.**

- A condensed Get on the Bus Tour.
- Keep the integrated watershed management as a theme.
- TNC: will highlight their diversity program

**Rally Participant Meeting:** Sept 11<sup>th</sup> 8am @ The River Fork Ranch

Steve L, Duane P, Sarah Green?, Will S, Lindsey B, Jo Anne K, Mary Kay W.

**4. CWSD Program Updates**

- Watershed Literacy Campaign, etc.
  - a. Today's meeting was supposed to be a kick off for W Lit Campaign, but key Neon personnel where on travel.
  - b. Update on CWSD Board (reorganization of agenda) to create clearer separation between the CWSD and Joint Power Agreement.
  - c. Watershed Literacy Campaign - Time line:

Grant Ends Dec 2018

Development form Now-Jan 2018

Launch Campaign at Spring 2018 Forum

Media Blitz to Dec 2018 (Possible funding for 2019)

d. Creation of advisory subcommittee to help with Watershed-Literacy Campaign

**Participant:** Mary Kay W, Will S, Duane P, Steve L, New PIO from NDWR?, DCNR- Greg Botoril (PIO)?

- Watershed Coordination Program

CWSD 319 Grant was submitted. Thank you for the 20+ letters of support!

- Newsletter – Article requests

John C CRC Prague Talk, AWG MCreek Day, Snap Shot Day, Nevada Floods.org (Possible Bunny B?), Lindsey Boyer or CC weed article, Carson River State Parks article (Kim Zuch), Watershed Education-Source Water Protection Article (Kristen RCI), Steve L (Dec Newsletter for Photo Winner), NDA Weeds (spring/march), SNJ STEAM Night (spring/march), Rob P Dayton Flood Damage (??? Future article)

5. Round Robin Updates on Member Programs (including upcoming events)

- Steve L – Update Rural Character Photo Contest.
- Courtney – Johnson Lane Drainage Master Plan community meeting was positive and well attended, Aviation Roundup Oct 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>, Nov 14<sup>th</sup> Flood event (with flood map), flood water utility being voted on soon,
- Sarah AWG – Oct 7<sup>th</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> Aspen Fest, Creek Day Sept 9<sup>th</sup> (Projects in the Markleeville Area, Bear Valley) Info on website.
- Will S RW – Submitted 319 grant NDEP.

- Kim Z – 8/30 Flood Presentation, Planning Field trip with 470 kids on Fish Ecology.
- Andrea S NDA – Many Ag Day presentations, NAISMA Oct 23-26 at Nugget Reno organizing full day tour.
- May Kay W NDEP - EPA Annual Reports, Project Wet Workshop Sept 16<sup>th</sup> in Zephyr Cove (Full), Oct 1-6<sup>th</sup> Project Wet Workshop, NEMO publications and worksheets on LID available.
- Kristen R RCI – Source Water Protection Plans complete for all counties in Watershed. Staff available for education and outreach.
- Sean H SNJ, 10-year anniversary, Science Fest @ Bartley Ranch, Reno 4pm-6pm Sept Sat 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- Rob P Dayton – Meeting Sept 1<sup>st</sup> Dayton Drainage Master Plan. US Parkway ribbon cutting.

**Action Mary Kay W: Get NEMO LID publications to Rob P.**

- Danielle H - Sunset Hike on Prison Hill Sept 23<sup>rd</sup>, Fall Colors hike Oct 21st @ Carson River Park
- Lindsey B - Yellow Star thistle and Medusa Head: Pilot Hill conference update. Carson City Middle School Sept 8<sup>th</sup> program on Total Program, Sept 9<sup>th</sup> Safety Day (for kids).

#### 6. Other Items

- 20<sup>th</sup> Year Anniversary Celebration – Summer Time Event. Possible Silver Saddle Ranch or Dayton State Park. Music, Presentations, food?

#### 7. Set date for next meeting – Doodle poll for the end of Sept.