



**Final CRC Education Working Group Minutes
December 12, 2019, 1 pm – 3 pm
Minutes Compiled by Loren Secor**

Place: Conference Room, [Carson Water Subconservancy District](#)
777 E William St, #110A, Carson City, NV 89701

Contact: Brenda Hunt, Watershed Program Manager, brenda@cwsd.org, 775-887-9005

Attendees (13):

Sean Hill, SNJ

Michael Johnson, Churchill Co.

Lyndsey Boyer, Carson City

Shyla Pearson, Carson City

Lori Leonard, TNC

Darcy Phillips, River Wranglers

Mo Loden, AWG

Patricia Tierney, NDEP

Tammy Kinsley, Lyon Co.

Courtney Walker, Douglas Co.

Brenda Hunt, CWSD

Shane Fryer, CWSD

Loren Secor, AmeriCorps/CWSD

Notes

1. Welcome and Introductions (5 mins)
2. Working With the River: Geomorphology 101 Presentation (45 mins) Lynn Zonge
 - a. Lynn went through the presentation with the EWG and received positive comments.
 - b. Post meeting feedback: Address river incision, and increased force on banks
3. Snapshot Day Carson River Update and Outlook (10 mins) Brenda For River Wranglers
 - a. Update on event, Leader Survey Results, Other questions and/or comments 250 students at eight sites throughout the watershed.

Overall the event went very well. It was noted that at the Pau Wa Lu site there were too many kids and the need for more experienced leaders to help guide activities at sites with a lot of kids and teachers.

- b. Additionally, responses to the survey included the need for more clipboards for leaders.
 - c. RW also noted they will get the evaluation survey out sooner as only a ¼ of the leaders responded.
- 4. Flood Awareness Week Update and Outlook (10 mins) NVWR staff
 - a. Good turnout and engaging interactions at the Bryant Building event.
 - b. November Douglas County Flood event – very slow but good interactions with the residents who came and good partner interactions.
 - c. High school workshop given by Hunter (NDEP) and Sean Hill (SNJ) focusing on career building and flood education.
- 5. Revised Watershed-Literacy Campaign Update and Next Steps (10 mins) Brenda/Shane
 - a. Brenda and Shane gave an update on the Campaign and how to outreach is proceeding. Next steps include newspaper ads in Fallon, Spanish video press release, and the revision of the original community and drinking water focused video.
- 6. EPA Region 9 EE Grant application due Jan. 6 (10 mins) Brenda and Shane
 - a. CWSD decided it was not poised to apply for this grant given the funding rules and restrictions. The grant RFP is written to appeal to a body that focuses on Education and Outreach. River Wranglers will likely pursue this grant next year but did not have the capacity to pursue it for this round.
- 7. Round Robin (25 mins)

Darcy Phillips, River Wranglers
 - a) Shyla Pearson has now joined River Wranglers part time. She works as the CC Weed Coordinator for the other hours.
 - b) New AmeriCorps hired for River Wranglers. Starting date: January 6th, 2020.
 - c) Region 9 EPA grant turned down due to complexity and logistics
Mo Loden, AWG
 - a) Alpine Watershed Group has hired Helen Filmore as the new volunteer/outreach coordinator.
 - b) AWG potluck January 14 to welcome Helen.

Sean Hill, SNJ

- a) SNJ is contemplating applying for the EPA Environmental Justice Grant due Feb 7, 2020. To apply they must choose a pressing issue and reach an audience for environmental justice in the Truckee River corridor. Possible opportunities in the Carson River Watershed? Perhaps the tribes? **Sean is would like to hear from you if you have thoughts and ideas.**

Tammy Kinsley, Lyon County

- a) Master Plan being updated for Lyon County. The county has just started public workshops, but attendance has been nil. New 2020 goals and policies for the master plan are based on public feedback, so it is important the workshops are attended.

Editor's Note: Have food at the meeting!

Michael Johnson, Churchill County

- a) Churchill County is also working on updating its master plan. New floodplain management options based on upcoming data and regulations.

Courtney Walker, Douglas County

- a) Starting work on the Ruhenstroth Area Drainage Master Plan.
- b) January 14 public meeting for master plan that includes updates regulations regarding fill in the floodplain.

Lori Leonard, TNC

- a) Partnered with the Lahontan Audubon Society for Feathers and Fur event January 5, 2020 at River Fork Ranch. Christmas bird count event on January 18. Feather Watercolor workshop January 24-26, 2020, and Eagles and Ag January 23 – 25, 2020. Raptor Workshop date TBA.
- b) NV Nosh food truck used at past event was very successful. CRC partners may want to consider this for future events.

Lyndsey Boyer & Shyla Pearson, Carson City

- a) Slow on education and outreach during the holiday season.
- b) Homestead Holidays December 14 at Silver Saddle Ranch.

Patricia Tierney

- a) January 25 & 26, 2020 Project WET trainings in Carson City (Saturday and Sunday, free and open to any educators). Attendees are asked to bring their own lunch.
- b) September 2020 Project WET event already scheduled at River Fork Ranch.

8. Other items, Wrap Up, Schedule Next Meeting

- a. **Save the Date for the CRC Forum, March 10-11, 2020 at WNC.**
- b. **Share the IAMCARSONRIVER.ORG widely via Facebook, Instagram, your websites, etc.!!!**

9. Adjourn

- a. We will send out a CRC Doodle Poll to determine the next meeting. Likely toward the end of January 2020.