



CRC Education Working Group Meeting Notes

August 24, 2022

In person & via Zoom Meeting

In Attendance

Lyndsey Boyer, CCOS
Lindsay Chichester, UNR
Samantha Essig, CCOS
Rebecca Feldermann, RW
Shane Fryer, CWSD
Brenda Hunt, CWSD
Ed James, CWSD
Rachel Kieffer, AWG
Elana Ketchian, RCI
Lori Leonard, TNC

Debbie Neddenriep, CWSD
Cale Pete, Washoe Tribe
Carlos Rendo, NDWR
Kristin Sanderson, State Parks
Catrina Schambra, CWSD
Chuck Schembre, NDEP
Erin Smith, RCI
Christy Sullivan, LCD
Courtney Walker, Douglas County

Round Robin Updates

☆ **Lori Leonard, TNC**- Reported on upcoming events (see calendar below). Probably submitting for 319 Grant: supporting ongoing projects. Planting & Bank Stabilization.

☆ **Lindsay Chichester, UNR** – Douglas County working on pollinator habitats & Beekeeping grant thru UNR Extension re: beginning ranchers in Nevada, water rights are one issue; plus, can they sell products for profit is using city water? Ed comments: Economics are tight if using city water. Lindsay says this is an ongoing discussion.

☆ **Christy Sullivan, LCD** – Cantaloupe Festival coming up! LCD has applied for a couple grants. All is quiet in Fallon. Conserve Nevada Grants: (1) Flume for Rambling Ranch, (2) Mapping for Weeds, (3) Clearing & Snagging. Joe Frey also put in Grant letter. LCD is not putting in for 319 grant that she is aware of.

☆ **Courtney Walker, Douglas County** – This past Saturday (8/20/22) was the Martin Slough Trailway Dedication. Unfortunately, there was not a big amount of public attendance but it was a great networking event. November 15, 3-6pm will be a Community Center Outreach event, DHS event on same day with EPA. Douglas County is not applying for 319 Grant this year as they are concentrating on finishing up the LID project.

☆ **Rachel Kieffer, AWG** – Markleeville Creek Day still in planning phase due to road closure. The Hope Valley Tour with public on July 12 had good attendance. The Vision Plan is taking longer than anticipated. Shane commented: CWSD will be sending a film crew to Markleeville Creek Day for the “Engage Your Watershed” Watershed Moment video.

☆ **Ed James, CWSD** – CWSD is anxiously awaiting the DEM Grant for the 30-Year Water Plan Study. Which will be using USGS Models and diving into data sets. This grant is through Emergency Management and has been stalled since January.

☆ **Cale Pete, Washoe Tribe** -He will be our new contact for the Environmental Department for the Washoe Tribe. They will be submitting for a 319 grant for fire restoration, outreach re: Leviathan Mine

& Water Quality outreach/education. They have been busy with restoration to the streambank near their office and planting during the summer months. He will send a pic for the newsletter. Chuck Schembre commented: He would also like an pics/article for his NDEP newsletter and he would like to chat with Cale about a tour, tied to the Get on the Bus Tour – maybe make their project a stop on the tour?

★ **Carlos Rendo, NDWR** – He is ramping up for the FAW DHS event at Carson Middle School and the Bryant Building. USACE will attend with their big demo truck and, he is hoping to have a Taco Truck onsite for the event! The November 16-17 event at the Bryant Building will have booths outside like the Sacramento High Water Mark Jamboree. Local Radio is an idea for publicity since NDWR has no budget for advertising. A non-profit interview possibly? He is also reaching out to DEM for advertising help as well as NDWR social media. Debbie comments: CWSD has FEMA funding available for advertising. Carlos also announced NV Silver Jackets Watershed University will be held November 8-9, 9am-11:30am. This will be a 2-day event focusing on Flood After Fire. He will be sending info as available. He is in the planning stages now.

★ **Elana Ketchian, RCI** – She has been working closely with NDEP on modeling.

★ **Erin Smith, RCI** – RCI has been working on Community Source Water Protection Plans to specific counties and communities. September 10 is the Carson City Source Water Protections Day Educations outreach event at Kings Creek /Ash Canyon. Source Water Protection Week is September 25-October 1. RCI is looking for partnership for this week: social media and working on plans for activities now.

★ **Kristin Sanderson, State Parks** – State Parks is working with LCD on reading program. Held successful Watershed Days at Dayton State Park. It was a youth Day Camp July 11-15, 11-12:30pm. Attendance was capped at 20 and they had 19 enrolled! September 24 is National Parks Day.

★ **Chuck Schembre, NDEP** – Non-point Source Program has a Water Quality Newsletter. Please send relevant topic articles! Would like to create Watershed Education Newsletter through the Project Wet Program. Please send articles for eblast newsletter. Also submit any Education Opportunities and Reno to Carson events. A Project Wet Curriculum Workshop, [Teacher Symposium: The Story of Water in the Desert](#) October 8 in Las Vegas! It is at the Springs Preserve which is like an outdoor themed Disneyland with trams like Universal Studios! If you can attend, please do. The cost of admission is only \$20 but you do need to get to Las Vegas. He has been asked to speak at an online Watershed Education Workshop on November 19: Nevada Teaching & Learning Conference. Presented by the Department of Education, it is focused to teachers, but good for all educators. \On September 27 there will be a Soil Competition at River Fork Ranch and he will be a judge. On September 30 is the Soil Health Workshop at the Joe Frey's Rambling River Ranch in Fallon. The focus will be on Regenerative Ag and the tie to watershed health. This workshop is presented in collaboration with NRCS, CWSD and UNR, Beginning Farming Education. This will be a great networking opportunity! Admission is \$20 to cover catering by Wild Horse Café in Fallon! There is a 319h position opening in his department: JP Keil is the new Branch Supervisor (replaced Birgit Widegren) and his prior position will be posted soon.

★ **Rebecca Feldermann, RW** – Becca introduced herself to the group (replaced Darcy Phillips) and reported RW will not submit for a 319 Grant this year but will in 2023. She is busy with Dayton Valley Days, Family STEM Night and Conserve Carson River Workdays planning. There will be fewer field trips this year due to bus driver shortages, she just wanted to give everyone a heads up on that. There will be more in classroom events and is hoping for closer outdoor activities for the kids that are within walking distance from their schools. RW will have a table at BooNanza at Mills Park in October. Wild

Harmony Ranch will give access to RW for Workdays this Spring – its too busy at ranch in the Fall. She will be meeting with owners on 10/29 to setup dates. She is very excited about this because Harmony has a great section for BMI (bugs!) that she will be checking out soon!

★ **Samantha Essig & Lyndsey Boyer, CCOS** – Lyndsey introduced Sam as the new Senior Resources Specialist at CCOS. They are now they are focused on recruiting. There has been a big turnover of staff at their office. Recent activities have been guided Moonlit Hikes and a Scorpion Search. They found 70! A lot of volunteer opportunities will be available this fall.

★ **Brenda Hunt, CWSD** – “Make your Yard a Sponge” is the September theme for the Watershed Moment. CWSD is currently scouting for filming locations and props: backyards, rain barrels, rain gardens, etc. We need use of properties in the area and local people. Please send any leads to Brenda. Lori Leonard commented: Talk to Ryan Share, a native plant guy in Reno. He knows all the good places there. She will share contact info.

Upcoming Events:

- **August 26 - August 28** [Cantaloupe Festival & Country Fair, Fallon](#)
- **August 30** CWSD Carson City Area Drainage Master Plan
- **September 10** Water Quality Days
- **September 10** Carson City Source Water Protections Day Educations outreach event at Kings Creek /Ash Canyon
- **September 15** The Nature Conservancy's SNJ Family Stem Night at River Fork Ranch
- **September 17** AWG Markleeville Creek Day
- **September 17 – 18** [Dayton Valley Days, Dayton](#)
- **September 24 National Parks Day**
- **September 24 – 25** [Genoa Candy Dance, Genoa](#)
- **September 25 – October 1** Source Water Protection Week
- **September 27** Soil Competition at River Fork Ranch
- **September 29** Silver Stage G.R.E.E.N. Team Fall Festival, Silver Springs
- **September 30** Community Outreach for the Southeast Carson City ADMP project at Ormsby Room, Sheriff's Office
- **September 30** Fallon Regenerative Agriculture Workshop
- **October 1 – 2** [Smith Valley Annual Fun Days, Wellington](#)
- **October 8** - [Teacher Symposium: The Story of Water in the Desert](#)
- **October 15** - TNC River Fork Ranch Trails Fest
- **October 27** [Carson City BOOnanza, Mills Park, Carson City](#)
- **November 8 – 9** Nevada Watershed University
- **November 13 - 19** FLOOD AWARENESS WEEK
- **November 15** Douglas County Community Center FAW Outreach Event 3-6pm
- **November 16-17** NDWR FAW Event at Bryant Building 11:30am --1:30pm

Snapshot Day-

Rebecca reported that Snapshot Day will be Friday, October 21, with a training day slated for October 19 depending on how many schools will be involved. She is working on that now, trying to make contacts with interested teachers. Several previous contacts have been lost due to losing teachers. Lori Leonard commented: There is a Homeschooled group that meets at River Fork Ranch, she will ask them, and a Girl Scout Troop that needs hours towards a badge that would probably be interested. She will update Rebecca.

Grant Updates-

a. 319(h) Grants Application Planning:

Brenda reported CWSD will be applying for a 2-year grant this year. Applications are due September 23 at 5pm! Included is (1) looking into cutting Watershed Moments to 30 second shorts to be eligible for TV spots so they can get possible free TV exposure through Sinclair Media; (2) Re-survey of Watershed to see impact of Watershed Literacy Campaign; (3) Monitor Regenerative Ag started in the 208 Grant; and (4) Continue the Web Access project. CWSD will be asking for letters of support and will also provide letters to CRC. Chuck commented: Pre-Apps are invited at anytime for help in applying.

b. Watershed Coordination Implementation

i. I Am Carson River Watershed Campaign:

See Brenda round robin comments above.

ii. Westwood Neighborhood LID:

Courtney reported school is started up again and getting back into the project with a design class and the maintenance department to get the design done in October. She is buying swag for students. This is the main implementation time for this project which will wrap up in June 2023.

iii. Web Access Viewer Update for Stewardship Plan Tracking:

Shane reported the project is going well. All tabular data has been combined into a spreadsheet and will be uploaded to the viewer. The public can see projects and view data sets. This will be a quarriable database with GIS location capabilities.

c. FEMA and USBR Grant Updates

Debbie reported CWSD just submitted for COMS1 (the next round of FEMA funding that is replacing the MAS designation) h=which is a \$750,000 grant. It includes two ADMPs in Lyon County, a Detention Design in Douglas County and a High-Water Mark Project next to the river to name a few projects. Work on MAS 11 and MAS 12 continues. There will be a community outreach event in the Ormsby Room at the Sheriff's Office on September 30 for the Southeast Carson City ADMP project. She was also happy to announce that CWSD has hired Max Robinson as Water Resource Specialist I and he will start September 9.

d. 208 Water Quality Planning Grant:

Brenda reported the CRC Ag Working Group is holding off starting to October due to current harvest season. She is excited about this new working group!

Other Items:

Brenda announced that she has submitted a Pre-App for a \$850,000 Geomorphology Study and Shane has submitted for \$700,000 for a Watershed Weed Assistance Grant. There is a request for legislature to sell bonds to fund. These will be years in process.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, November 30, 2022, 9-11am