



Education Working Group Meeting Notes

September 22, 2021

via Zoom Meeting

In Attendance

Lyndsey Boyer, CCOS
Zachary Carter, NDEP
Shane Fryer, CWSD
Brenda Hunt, CWSD
Ed James, CWSD
Rhiana Jones, Washoe Tribe
Elana Ketchian, RCI
Lori Leonard, TNC
Kaylee Maples, CWSD AmeriCorps
Kimra McAfee, AWG

Debbie Neddenriep, CWSD
Kelly Nevills, NRWA
Darcy Phillips, RW
Carlos Rendo, NDWR
Catrina Schambra, CWSD
Chuck Schembre, NDEP
Christy Sullivan, LCD
Georgia Vasey, CCOS
Rich Wilkinson, CVCD

Round Robin Updates

Kimra McAfee, Alpine Watershed Group

The AWG position for Watershed Coordinator is open and she thinks it would be great for a former AmeriCorps member! [See job announcement here](#). AWG just held Markleeville Creek Day last weekend, which was the first in-person event since Covid lockdown. It was a great event with 50 volunteers participating at 6 sites covering 13 miles. Removing trash, thistle, and placing sod were some of the tasks accomplished. It was good to see everyone again.

Georgia Vasey, Carson City Open Space

She is not leading any programs yet but is actively prepping for events in November. Her first event will be working with River Wranglers in October. She will have information ready by October 1st to send out for CCOS events.

Carlos Rendo, Nevada Division of Water Resources

He has been working with CWSD and RW on school events. He is working to push High Water Mark signage and murals throughout the watershed and hopes to push up into Reno and east also.

Rhiana Jones, Washoe Tribe

She is new to her position as Environmental Program Director. Glad to be included in this group and looking for ways to collaborate on projects.

Lori Leonard, The Nature Conservancy

They have received a Dream Tags Grant and has been working with RW and SNJ with those projects. She has planting and restoration events coming up in winter and spring. They are planning for community training programs on Saturdays at the River Fork Ranch this spring.

Chuck Schembre, Nevada Division of Environmental Protection

He has developed a Non-point Source Pollution Webinar for schools. This presentation is for use across the state. He plans to use this as a template for video trainings online. He is focused

on more education for youth and professional focusing on soil health and water retention. NDEP is purchasing a Rainfall Simulator and a Slate Tester for demonstrations in public outreach events. He is excited to promote soil education. He has been very interested in this area since his time as an AmeriCorps member! NDEP is starting a quarterly newsletter "Nevada Water Quality News." Please send submissions directly to him.

Lyndsey Boyer, Carson City Open Space

Georgia covered most, but she too is hoping to get lots of volunteers for upcoming projects. She has been working with CWSD on the "Pollinator" Watershed Moment video.

Zachary Carter, Nevada Division of Environmental Protection

No report. Chuck covered it.

Kelly Nevills, Nevada Rural Water Authority (Microphone issues – see chat transcript below)

Darcy Phillips, River Wranglers

School projects have started back up again, but due to Covid restrictions and outbreaks its not consistent. RW participated in the Westwood Park community outreach event over the summer. She has spent 6 out of the last 8 days on the road this week. Really busy! Covid restrictions are a hindrance, but we will get through it! Will have table at Candy Dance in Genoa this weekend. Look for us!

Elana Ketchian, Resource Concepts, Inc. (Microphone issues – see chat transcript below)

Christy Sullivan, Lahontan Conservation District

November 17 they will be recycling chemical containers and want to startup the Weed Education drive Thru Training again. LCD is currently only at 25% time in office due to Covid-19. She is also working with CWSD on WS Moments video.

Shane Fryer, Carson Water Subconservancy District

Just busy working on grant applications. 319 grant application is due soon.

Debbie Neddenriep, Carson Water Subconservancy District

She has been working with Ed on FEMA MAS 12 – we received the grant! FEMA MAS 12 includes Carson City and Douglas County High Water Mark Signage, a school outreach program and FAW week. She will be working at the Candy Dance demonstrating the Flood Model ad with Carlos Nov 14-20 during Flood Awareness Week.

Ed James, Carson Water Subconservancy District -AmeriCorps

CWSD did not receive the BOR Water Study Grant, so he is looking at other funding sources, including funding ourselves.

Kaylee Maples, Carson Water Subconservancy District -AmeriCorps

She has been busy working with River WRANGLERS AT SCHOOL EVENTS. All activities are outside. She helped to plant 45 sods at AWG Creek Day event. She is also training to be CWSD social media guru!

Upcoming Events

Snapshot Day!

Darcy reported that Snapshot Day is scaled back this year. They are collecting data but only 2-3 sites with schools and a group of home-schooled kids. They are having to regroup due to Covid restrictions. They are still in the planning stages.

An idea that RW is considering is making Snapshot Day happen twice a year, maybe Fall and Spring? Please share your thoughts and feedback on this idea. The original day of October 15 may end up being moved to spring. This was followed by discussion of validity and value of Snapshot Day data with NDEP and others in attendance. Charles Schembre would like to meet on this to discuss further.

Grant Updates

- 319 Projects
319 Grant Applications are due October 15. There is a total of \$8000,000 available in funding. \$200,000 to go towards Planning and \$60,000 to go to Implementation of projects. All funds are slated to go to priority watersheds in Nevada. CWSD & River Wranglers are applying this round.
- RTP NV State Parks
Shane Fryer reported the RTP grant applications are due November 1. He is currently working on CWSD application. He is including Safety and Water Quality on signage.
- NDEP Watershed Coordination/Watershed Literacy
 - Brenda Hunt reported filming the “Watershed Moments” video project. This is non-point source pollution educational vignettes of 30 second PSAs. They are working on this now. She showed the “Bag It!” video. There is a motor oil almost complete too. She will be sending clips to the group.
 - She is working tasks for her grant and has completed the funding strategy that she can share. Also, she will be sending out the Stewardship Plan tracking tables to group for each to fill in their information. Please be watching for that.
 - Brenda is working on creating an AG Working Group, which is an idea that came from a Watershed Wednesdays brainstorming session. Chuck Schembre is very excited about this idea and addressing soil health with Ag people. NDEP is planning a meeting to address this issue. Water quality and quantity is all connected and benefits from soil health. He is looking forward to moving on this soon. Brenda plans to focus on this after completing the CWSD 319 application.

Final Notes

- Brenda will be sending out a doodle poll to get feedback on the consensus for best month & week of each quarter for future meetings. Please respond.
- Carlos will be reaching out in October for personal 5 minutes snippets for his “Teacher Feature” to be added to FAW presentations. Watch for that email!

Meeting Chat Transcript:

09:41:35 From Kimra McAfee, Alpine Watershed Group : https://83c20f31-ec1e-4fb1-a74c-ec1528c3a41b.filesusr.com/ugd/9cdc4e_cd795b58b33d4e0bae8d610aba5e9e0a.pdf

09:52:34 From Kimra McAfee, Alpine Watershed Group : Should have mentioned a form of Aspen Festival is making its way back to Alpine County: The Chamber of Commerce has events planned throughout September and October, but Friends of Hope Valley is doing an Aspen Day this Saturday. Flyer:

- 09:52:37 From Kimra McAfee, Alpine Watershed Group :
https://mcusercontent.com/999a9518197f702a130853b83/files/d8632b5c-78cd-2648-c2d9-caf02bd20073/Aspen_DAY_Flyer.01.pdf
- 09:55:55 From Debbie Neddenriep : Chuck, we love NEMO! It went downhill during the recession. It is such a wonderful program!
- 09:58:01 From Debbie Neddenriep : Douglas County had a great Ag in the Classroom program; Rich, has someone taken then over since Tanya Dressler died?
- 09:58:58 From Carlos Rendo, NDWR : Chuck put out an awesome newsletter, hope everyone gets a chance to check it out.
- 10:05:10 From Nevada Rural Water : <https://www.awwa.org/Resources-Tools/Resource-Topics/Source-Water-Protection/Source-Water-Protection-Week#:~:text=AWWA%20invites%20water%20utilities%2C%20sections,our%20precious%20drinking%20water%20sources.>
- 10:05:54 From Debbie Neddenriep : https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z3D_nNH77a0
- 10:06:26 From Debbie Neddenriep : Kelly, I just put the link for Water Connects us All video.
- 10:07:27 From Nevada Rural Water : Thank you! Any of you who would like to share what we are doing in Nevada I'll share! It goes nationwide, so good PR! :)
- 10:09:14 From Elana : Hi sorry I might just need to type in the chat. My mic is very quiet.
- 10:11:04 From Debbie Neddenriep : I'm sorry Christy! :-(My cousin also passed away. He was only 61 & lived in Fernley.
- 10:12:09 From Elana : I'm Elana Ketchian an engineering technician with Resource Concepts. We are currently just working on Source Water Protection data analysis with some rural counties (Elko, Eureka, Lander, Lincoln, and Pershing) right now. The data analysis is to create capture zones for SWPAs.
- 10:14:39 From Lahontan Conservation : Debbie I am sorry about your loss. Stay safe!
- 10:15:10 From Debbie Neddenriep : Thanks Christy, you too.
- 10:17:01 From Lahontan Conservation : Darcy sorry I missed you at the Cantaloupe festival. You are so amazing with the kids.
- 10:34:50 From Lori Leonard : I think there's value in the long-term data from Snapshot day, which could influence land management decisions, and water quality changes.
- 10:42:07 From Zack Carter (NDEP) : Link to NDEP's 319 GFO details:<https://ndep.nv.gov/water/rivers-streams-lakes/nonpoint-source-pollution-management-program/cwa-319h-grants#>
- 10:59:38 From Chuck, NDEP : I have switch locations, and will be off the call for about 5 minutes...be right back
- 11:03:26 From Kaylee Maples : I don't have the motor oil video
- 11:11:15 From Lyndsey Boyer - Carson City : That works for me!
- 11:11:22 From Debbie Neddenriep : I vote for the 2nd...
- 11:11:37 From Chuck Schembre : I second that
- 11:11:45 From Lahontan Conservation : whatever works with me!
- 11:14:13 From Lori Leonard : Thanks everyone!
- 11:14:13 From Elana : thank you!
- 11:14:27 From Zack Carter (NDEP) : Thank you for coordinating, Brenda!
- 11:16:33 From Georgia Vasey : Thanks!
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