



CRC Education Working Group

Meeting Notes

November 30, 2022

In person & via Zoom Meeting

In Attendance

Rebecca Feldermann, RW
Shane Fryer, CWSD
Brenda Hunt, CWSD
Ed James, CWSD
Chelsea Kincheloe, CCOS
Kimra McAfee, AWG
Kelly Nicholas, AmeriCorps

Cale Pete, Washoe Tribe
Carlos Rendo, NDWR
Max Robinson, CWSD
Catrina Schambra, CWSD
Erin Smith, RCI
Christy Sullivan, LCD
Courtney Walker, Douglas County

Round Robin Updates

★ **Kimra McAfee, AWG** – No events scheduled now, but is hoping to have event celebrating volunteers in January. Also planning to table on January 26 at Eagles & Eggs Photography Session at Douglas County Community Center. She showed the Tamarack Fire and Recovery Brochure that is available. Please contact her for more info. She is hoping to have more outreach and education events in future, but AWG is spread thin with only 2 staff at present.

★ **Rebecca Feldermann, RW** – Currently working on a Seeliger Elementary pilot program. Due to lack of funding, there are no buses available for field trips. Selinger has a walkway near water by the school, so they are planning walking trips with a theme of Seasonal Patterns. River Wranglers will be taking five first grade classrooms each season on a walking trip and the students will keep journals with a section for each season. Dayton workdays will resume this fall. They are training high school students to help with Conserve Carson River Workdays. All Dayton Elementary schools did workdays.

★ **Christy Sullivan, LCD** – Nevada Association of Conservation Districts (NVACD) had their annual meeting in Fallon. This is a nonprofit and non-government group of all the conservation districts in Nevada. The group can lobby and advocate on behalf of conservation districts and they provide insurance and training.

★ **Courtney Walker, Douglas County** – The FAW event at the Community Center had good participation and interest.

★ **Erin Smith, RCI** – Has been focused on Southern NV work mostly. Will be updating Carson City on Community Source Water Protection Plan. Quiet for outreach right now. Updating literature and education pamphlets.

★ **Cale Pete, Washoe Tribe** – No outreach planned. Updating Water Quality Project Plan. They are working with EPA to expand water testing sites. Next week is their planning meeting for 2023. The next outreach will be in the spring. All tribal events would be open for partners to participate. Their events get more of community than just tribal members.

★ **Carlos Rendo, NDWR** – Completed Carson River Story Maps curriculum for schools. Carson Elementary to review, would like to get to all county schools. His position has been eliminated and this is his last meeting.

☆ **Ed James, CWSD** – The 30-Year Regional Water Resource grant has finally been received! The RFQ will be out soon. It will be 2.5 years to complete project. This project will be a blueprint for water supply for the next 30 years! Will be using USGS models to identify needs, issues, mitigation strategies, etc.

☆ **Chelsea Kincheloe, CCOS** – The wood duck boxes have been postponed to Spring for nester long term monitoring projects. At Carson River Park and Buzzy's Ranch 900 pollinators planted and will be revisited in the spring. The Carson City Ugly Sweater Walk is this Saturday.

☆ **Shane Fryer, CWSD** – Just got back from cave exploring in Mexico!

☆ **Max Robinson, CWSD** – Introduced himself to group. Reported successful outreach at FAW events.

☆ **Kelly Nicholas, CWSD** – Introduced herself to group. She is working on newsletter. Please send events to her to be included by December 14.

Upcoming Events:

- “Curb Your Chemical Use” is the last in the Watershed Moments PSA series. This topic will be done in reels on social media throughout December since there are so many segments to this topic: reduction of use; reading labels; disposal; storage; general use, etc. Will be asking partners to volunteer with this Ideas are welcome!
- 2023 Earth Day events – please share when you have them calendared!
- Carson River Watershed Forum – CWSD starting to think about this now but have not yet heard from NDEP regarding funding. It will be in February/March as usual if planned. This is funding dependent. Open to theme ideas for integrated Watershed Forum.
- Get on the Bus Tour – CWSD has not had one since 2018! Hope to plan for June if funding allows. This would be a 2-day tour of the watershed starting in Alpine County all the way to Lahontan. Will send update when we know if we can start planning.

Snapshot Day-

Rebecca reported Snapshot Day was a successful event! 10 of 11 sites were tested including 3 school sites. There were 175 students and 30 volunteers participating in the event. This was the first since 2019 due to Covid. Of the set testing sites only Clear Creek and Fuji Park did not get tested. She thanked everyone for their support of the event! Cale Pete said it was his first Snapshot Day and they had 40 7th Graders at his site. Weather was great and it was a good day!

Grant Updates-

a. 319(h) Grants Application Planning:

Waiting for funding awards. Kimra reported a 319 LRWQCB Vision Plan is in development. The East Fork is eligible for planning projects only. CWSD is planning a grant for Geomorphology Study. Working on application now.

b. Watershed Coordination Implementation

i. Westwood Neighborhood LID:

Courtney reported the 319 grant is thru June 2023. She gave background on project. October was the installation of the projects. 75 students in 3 classes involved in project. Students really

engaged and care about the project. She would like to continue this successful educational outreach. A community meeting will be scheduled in spring.

ii. I Am Carson River Watershed Campaign:

Brenda reported next grant (pending funding in 2023-24) will be to continue social media outreach and focus more on using the assets we've already created. Will update survey (original completed in 2015) to evaluate impact to watershed-literacy campaign in community then update Watershed-Literacy Action Plan.

iii. Web Access Viewer Update for Stewardship Plan Tracking:

Shane reported the Web Access Viewer coordinates Adaptive Stewardship Plans – 157 projects to be on web-based viewer. Partners will be able to add CRASP projects through a phone or computer portal in future. Phase III of this project will provide a queryable platform which will be a great grant assistance tool when partners apply for grants!

c. FEMA Grant Updates

Carlos reported that FAW school events were more effective than the stand-alone events. Watershed University was well attended.

[Day1 2022 Nevada Watershed University Floodplain Management in Arid Regions](#)

[Day2 2022 Nevada Watershed University Floodplain Management in Arid Regions](#)

Weather Service event also was well attended. He will reassess and maybe make changes in 2023. Shout out to Max who did a great job on model demonstrations!

Max reported Ag in the Classroom event was great! He was at Douglas High School and the students were really engaged!

Debbie gave an overview of the Community Rating System (CRS) and why it is so important. Carson City, Douglas County and Storey County are participating in the program. FEMA COMS 1 funding will be looking at Walker River Flooding.

d. 208 Water Quality Planning Grant:

Brenda reported the September 30 Soil Health and Regenerative Ag Workshop was a great success! The Workshop partnered with the Cooperative Extension at UNR Beginning Ranchers Program. We had over 65 participants and amazing speakers from NDEP, Rambling River Ranches, Wild Harmony Ranch, Prema Farm, UNR and NRCS. UNR is looking to have similar events throughout Nevada in the future.

Other Items:

- Brenda announced the first Ag Producers Working Group meeting will be December 6, 2022.
- Shane announced the Invasive Species Weed Working Group will have a workshop meeting December 12, 1-4pm. This is the first meeting in several years. It will be 3 hours with lots of presenters. It's exciting to get partners together to discuss issues! He also shared that UNR sponsored experimenting with ultra-violet light as weed mitigation. Cooperative Weed Management Areas (CWMAs) hope to begin meeting again soon.
- Brenda noted that Kelly (AmeriCorps) will be with CWSD until mid-August and she would love the opportunity to get her put in the field. Please let us know if you have any events or projects that you would like help with. We want to get her as much experience with our partners as

possible. Kelly is currently working on our social meeting and outreach. She is doing the newsletter and has already reached out for articles.

Next Meeting: February 22, 2023, 9-11am