

## Get on the Bus Evaluation Survey

26 responses out of 31 attendees; some attended one day only

### 1. How did you find out about the tour?

Newspaper	1	Carson Now
Co-worker	12	
CRC/Public Meeting	3	Lahontan Conservation District, Watershed Forum, Education Working Group
CRC e-mail	10	
Social Media		
Word of Mouth	2	
Other	1	CWSD

*Conclusion: Most attendees found out about the bus tour from a co-worker or the CRC weekly e-blasts.*

### 2. Rate how you liked each stop on a scale of 1 to 5 (1= not much, 5=loved it)

Day 1	1	2	3	4	5
Carson Valley LID			4	7	12
Hope Valley	1		1	3	16
Diamond Valley STPUD			5	6	11
Dangberg Ranch Historic Park		1	4	3	14
Wild Harmony Ranch			1	6	15
River Fork Ranch		1	3	4	13
Day 2	1	2	3	4	5
Carson River Park		1	5	9	8
Lahontan Dam and Gatehouse	1			3	19
Carson River Diversion Dam			3	7	13
RRR (lunch)		1		5	17
RRR (Regen Ag)		1	1	5	16
Rolling A Water Treatment Plant		1	9	6	7

*Hope Valley, Wild Harmony Ranch, Lahontan Dam and Gatehouse, and Rambling River Ranches (both lunch spot and presentation) were the most popular spots. More info on the treatment plant would have been better.*

### 3. Were the topics informative and relevant?

Yes: 19 No: 0

Six respondents left this question blank; this may have been because they did not see it at the bottom of the page.

—Very informative and Very well communicated. The speakers were really great. All relevant with great projects being completed or being planned.

—Yes - I felt that Harmony Ranch did not fit, but was still interesting.

—Hope Valley was great.

—For the most part, yes!

—Yes! Great information and I loved all the content!

—Absolutely! Everything was interesting and relevant to my field of work. Thank you!

—Yes, especially regenerative farming.

—The trip stops were coherent and topical.

—Definitely! This was fantastic.

### 4. Are there additional topics you feel should be covered in next year's Carson River tour? Are there other sites you think should be included?

Concerns regarding increased real-estate development related to water limitations.

Concerns regarding water-hungry crops like alfalfa.

I am open to any topic surrounding the watershed. It's super interesting.

Water quality? How testing is done.

I'd like to see the BDAs.

Eurasian Water Milfoil.

Keep up with Regen Ag in area! Agrivoltaics if in state?

Would love a stop to see a WEPD restoration or monitoring site, with side talk by Washoe tribal member from a community council more focused on ancestral stewardship of land.

1. Sutro Tunnel and water drainage from site. 2. The remains of the hydrodam south of Gardnerville on the Carson River.

Significance of the dam?

Maybe more information on who uses Carson River water including speaker locations of use.

I would love to see the Big Dig weir!

Trail building and maintenance techniques.

It would be cool to visit the Big Dig.

I would love to hear about the insects and invertebrates that live in/around the river, as this is a topic I don't know much about.  
Or a soil scientist!

Things were covered well.

I thought the amount of information packed into two days was good. Maybe more about the tribal history.  
Maybe a tribal site if they're interested.

Climate change could be a topic.

More information on CRMs.

More active projects/boots on the ground.

Consider a more substantive description of the impacts /consequences of Newlands/Lahontan/flood mitigation projects. This was touched upon by TCID with them becoming a de facto flood mitigation agency. What did the West/desert "bloom" cost?

It would be nice to hear about the snowpack from a snow hydrologist while at the headwaters.

Next year look at the East Fork in the Carson Valley/Douglas Co. Or more of Alpine.

Riverbank stabilization projects

More wildfire conservation related to watershed.

## 5. Could you hear the speakers and/or videos?

For the most part, everyone could hear fine. In one row of the bus the speaker or screen was broken. One person commented on difficulty hearing at Rambling River Ranches; another commented on hearing difficulty of questions. Many commented on the effectiveness of the portable speaker.

***Takeaways: Use portable speaker. Have questions directed into the microphone. Have folks gather fairly close in during lunch.***

## 6. What was your favorite part of the tour, and why?

Wild Harmony Ranch. Loved the farm animals and the speaker's enthusiasm.

Hope Valley sites. It's a beautiful setting.

Being outside and seeing new areas in my town.

Hope Valley.

Hope/Faith Valley/AWG discussions in the mountains. Scenery, novelty, setting

Lahontan Dam.

Hope Valley, great seeing active restoration.

Wild Harmony Ranch and Rambling River Ranch - enthusiasm of speakers and content.

Sustainable farming practices; because I was involved in eating/cooking in that way before moving to the area from the Midwest and I am looking for farms that do out here!

I liked learning about Hope Valley because it's so beautiful up there. I enjoyed Lahontan and the diversion. Very interesting.

Lahontan Reservoir. My background with dam operations.

Hope Valley - beautiful location! Regenerative farm stops - very cool, progressive/new solutions.

Hope Valley

Hope Valley restoration site

Learning the history of Lahontan and the Comstock.

Rambling River Ranches, Joe Frey. The agricultural aspect was interesting to me, and I have a ton of knowledge of soil health.

The Dangberg House/Ranch. The tour of the house and story was interesting.

Ranches were nice additions.

Regen. Ag. Care of soil is critical in light of climate change . It is uplifting to know that farmers are beginning to implement.

Wild Harmony/Rambling River. Glad to see regen ag in area!

Upper watershed (Hope Valley). Lahontan Dam.

Hope Valley - learning about ongoing restoration efforts.

The regenerative ag tour on Day 2, though I wasn't a fan of his "cow trompling" treatment method of perennial pepperweed.

The dams and ag talk because it's interesting to see how the river is managed and the full circle.

I really enjoyed learning about the dam and its history.

Regenerative agriculture. Liked the experimental and creative approaches.

**Takeaways: Hope Valley, Regen Ag., Lahontan Dam, Dangberg Ranch**

## **7. Name one thing you learned, or something that stood out to you, about the Carson River Watershed and our partnerships.**

The amount of partner in support of the watershed was impressive.

Did not realize the Carson River Coalition has been here for 25 years! Huge shout-out and keep up the good work!

I learned how many people it takes to complete a project that most of the public doesn't know about. More education is needed.

The mechanics behind the Lahontan Dam.

The significant role and impact of agriculture in the CRW.

New ag techniques that minimize chemicals and soil disturbances.

Learned about how many floodpalins are managed.

I noticed many positive comments from the speakers towards CWSD.

Planning for water is deficit-minded, largely due past climate behaviors. I'm interested because the climate is shifting (to what, we don't know), but may become more wet or more dry. I am interested in the climate-based approaches.

I didn't realize the goal of all the agencies—maintain the floodpalin in the valley! Great work!! So happy you have our backs!

I enjoyed learning about the use and diversion of water along the entire length of the river.

It was cool seeing all the work being done along the watershed.

Alpine Decree discussion.

Learning how much space around/near the river is protected by open space and conservancies.

The information and outreach with the Washoe and Paiute-Shoshone tribes with managing the Carson River was very interesting. The sulfuric acid from Leviathan Mine. The student involvement with the LID project. So many involved and so many partnerships, and yet numbers at those original meetings were so much larger than at forums now...interesting.

Rolling A: I learned how wastewater is treated and impact of high water. CWSD is way more involved in regional drainage and flood planning. Regenerative ag (Frey)—gained ideas for my garden. Cottonwood recruitment! Soil health! That a large-scale farmer is able to move toward a regenerative model. Super exciting hearing what he learned from observing his land. The information about the creation of Lahontan Dam and the V-line/diversion. I had no idea so many agencies are involved.

### 8. Would you recommend attending the tour to friend or colleague next year?

Unanimously yes

Spring	Fall	Both	Alternating
15	5	3	3

### 9. Did you enjoy the lunches and snacks? Suggestions?

Food was amazing. Thank you.  
 Day 2 lunch was delicious. Loved the inclusion of the salad.  
 Everything was amazing.  
 Yes! Fig bars? Clif bars?  
 Yes. Non-sweetened drinks (Pellegrino, etc.)  
 Yes.  
 Yes!!!  
 Yes.  
 Yes.  
 Yes, very well made and tasted good. Great portions.  
 Yes.  
 Great choices for lunch!  
 Yes, great job!

Yeah, they were great.  
All were great!  
Yes, very well done. THANK YOU!  
Yes, delicious.  
Tri-tip was tough-ish, but delicious! Thank you for watching out for those of us with food allergies!  
Yes. Nope.  
Yes.  
Yes.  
Yes.  
Yes. Both were good but Day 2 was great.  
Yes. Maybe more fruit/granola bars throughout the day.  
Yes.  
Yes. All good!!!

#### 10. What would you suggest we do to improve this tour?

More walking and less standing.

N/A. I thought the flow of the tour was really well done. Good content, appropriate time to each speaker.

Post-tour beers?

More walking.

How? It was awesome.

Cover ever-changing water-related use/available issues.

A little more time for conversations, making more connections. Really liked doing introductions early on Day 1.

Provide bottled water.

Allow time for all speakers so they don't feel rushed.

I feel like the tour was very well organized and informative.

A list of attendees and contact information would be helpful. Might be in packet?

Maybe a mid-river restoration site.

More time/opportunities for small group chatting/connecting.

Add one more day (haha)

I think 8-5 is long. I'd suggest cutting one thing out of the second day and going 8-4.

It's my first tour, and I am new to the area, so this was delightful and informative.

Interactive GIS map for sites online.

Many speakers appeared not to have a focused message, and nearly every speaker ran out of time.

Consider very focused/targeted messages by speakers.

Maybe play only half the amount of videos.

When driving and no videos were showing, explain where we are and what is around, more like a tour bus.

Not sure. Able to do only one day of the tour.

#### 11. Additional comments:

Thanks for a great experience.

Thank you for an incredible day!

Yay CWSD! Yay water!

Super well organized. Brenda did an amazing job keeping things on schedule. Super informative. Entire CWSD staff amazing!

Very fun tour!

Maybe some more or one more agricultural site (on that uses Carson River water)

Thank you!

Great job, I learned a lot about the Carson Watershed. Great hats, swag! Thank you! Excellent, informative videos.

Great job!

Had a \*fabulous\* time. Thank you so much! Really enjoyed this time of learning, and I truly feel inspired.

I would have loved to hear more from the tribes!

Thanks!

Very glad to have been a part of the tour.

Maybe drop one stop/speaker each day to allow for more conversation. I feel like allowing more time for talking/networking would be valuable.

I loved the videos throughout the day on the bus. Outreach and education needs to stay a #1 priority because people really need to know about water and their watershed!

Thanks again CWSD staff for organizing this bus tour. I can't believe I missed participating in these tours, although I lived and worked here in the valley for 18+ years!

Very informative and educational tour. Will recommend.