



Agricultural Producers Working Group Meeting
Wednesday, March 20, 2024
1:30 p.m.-3:30p.m.

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Hybrid Location: CWSO Offices, 777 E William St. Suite 209 (upstairs), Carson City, NV 89701 or

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Meeting Purpose: The CRC – APWG works with Carson River Watershed agricultural-associated partners to enhance soil health practices, maintain and improve water quality and water resource management, increase agricultural economic resilience (from drought, climate change, invasive species, etc.) and promote agriculture as a beneficial and critical land use for the protection of the CRW floodplain. See [CRC Agricultural Producers Working Group Foundational Document](#).

Agenda Items

1. (1:30 - 2:15pm) Welcome, Introductions and Round Robin

Participant introductions and round robin on any issues, events, or things you're working on you'd like to share with the group. (New processes, event updates (Small Ag Conf?), new programs, new equipment, etc.)

2. (2:15 – 2:30pm) Grant Updates:

a. Clean Water Section 208 NDEP Planning Grant – Soil Health and Regenerative Ag Update (Brenda/Joe/Cami/Lori)

- i. Grant wraps up in June
- ii. Need input on best practices paper

b. Relevant 319 Grant Applications (Lori, Brenda, Joe, Cami)

3. (2:30 -2:50) Specific funding opportunities:

a. [NRCS grant programs in NV](#) (click link, scroll down)

- i. [EQIP](#) and [AMA](#) grants due March 29, 2024.
- ii. [Conservation Stewardship Program](#) due April 5, 2024.
- iii. [CWSO is exploring the Regional Conservation Partnership Program - NV](#) to see who are eligible applicants

b. [Western SARE has two grants](#) open with Fall deadlines.

- i. [Farmer/Rancher Grant Program 2025](#) (\$25,000 – \$29,900/up to 3 years) 1-3 producers required
- ii. [Sabbatical Research and Education Grant Program 2025](#) (\$75,000/1 year)

c. NDA grants:

- i. [Nevada Foundational Seed Program – RFQ Spring seed application](#) due March 29, 2024.
- ii. [Resilient Food Systems Infrastructure Program 2024](#) due March 29, 2024.

d. Conserve NV –

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4. (2:50 -3:15pm) Goals Workshops I:
 - a. Strategize creating a demonstration farm network in the CRW
 - b. Brainstorm speakers and summer property tours for upcoming meetings. Joe Frey's place was nominated in our last meeting! We can plan a visit on June 26th depending on landowner availability. Next meetings are June 26 and September 25.

5. (3:15 – 3:25) Upcoming events/Opportunities for outreach
 - a. PFC and Riparian Grazing Mgmt. Workshop at TNC's River Fork Ranch (Sherm/Lori)
 - b. Earth Day events
 - c. Ag in the Classroom events
 - d. Get on the Bus Tour (June 11-12, 2024)
 - e. Others?

6. (3:25 – 3:30pm) Adjourn. Next Meeting June 26, 2024.