



CRC Floodplain Management Working Group

Meeting Notes
January 24, 2024
1:30 - 3:30pm

Attendee Name	Title	Acronym	Organization
Taylor Allison	Emergency/Communications Manager	Lyon	Lyon Co. Emergency Management
Richard Black	Env. Manager, Tribal Emer. Response Commission	FPST	Fallon Paiute Shoshone Tribe Env. Dept.
Mitch Blum	Professional Engineer, Cert. Floodplain Mgr.	HDR	HDR, Inc.
Sam Booth	Director	Alpine	Alpine Co. Community Development
Patricia Bowlin	Project Manager, Carson Superfund Site	EPA	EPA Region 9
Lyndsey Boyer	Open Space Manager	CCPROS	Carson City Parks, Recreation & Open Space
Alexa Burke	Planner II	Alpine	Alpine Co. Community Development
Kristina Burnette	Environmental Scientist	WEPD	Washoe Environmental Protection Dept.
Kathy Canfield	Planning Manager, AICP	Storey	Storey County Planning Dept.
Jackie Conway	Emergency Management Coordinator	FPST	Fallon Paiute Shoshone Tribe Emergency Mgmt.
Lisa Christiansen	Project Manager	WTNC	Washoe Preparedness Resource Dept.
Tom Dallaire	Director	Douglas	Douglas Co. Community Development
Sarah Fichtner	Floodplain Mapping Coordinator	NDWR	NV Division of Water Resources
Dave Friedman	Branch Supervisor, Superfund Site	NDEP	NDEP Bureau of Corrective Actions
Chris Fritsen	Branch Supervisor, Nonpoint Source Pollution	NDEP	NDEP Bureau of Water Quality Planning
Kaitlyn Garber	Climate Action Corps Fellow	AWG	Alpine Watershed Group
Laura Hall	Community Involvement Coordinator	EPA	EPA Region 9
Brenda Hunt	Watershed Program Manager	CWSD	Carson Water Subconservancy Dist.
Jeremy Hutchings	County Engineer	Douglas	Douglas Co. Community Development
Mohamed Ibrahim	Remedial Project Manager, Carson Superfund Site	EPA	EPA Region 9
Kristen Isom	Remedial Project Manager, Carson Superfund Site	EPA	EPA Region
Ed James	General Manager, PE	CWSD	Carson Water Subconservancy District
Bella Kurtz	Climate Action Corps Fellow	AWG	Alpine Watershed Group
Lori Leonard	River Fork Ranch Preserve Manager	TNC	The Nature Conservancy
Lindsay Marsh	Water Resource Specialist 1	CWSD	Carson Water Subconservancy District
Lisa Nash	Senior Planner	Lyon	Lyon County Community Development
Debbie Neddenriep	Water Resource Specialist 2, CFM	CWSD	Carson Water Subconservancy District
Kelly Nicholas	Watershed Tech, AmeriCorps	CWSD	Carson Water Subconservancy District
Dean Patterson	Senior Planner	Church	Churchill Co. Public Works Planning & Zoning
Amanda Singleton	Assistant Project Manager	CCPW	Carson City Public Works
Christy Sullivan	District Clerk	LVCD	Lahontan Valley Conservation District
Sherman Swanson	UNR Professor, retired	C&C	Nevada Creeks and Communities
Sarah Traiman	Planner II	Alpine	Alpine County Community Development
Courtney Walker	Stormwater Program Manager	DC	Douglas County Public Works
John Warpeha	Environmental Scientist	WEPD	Washoe Environmental Protection Dept.
Jeff Weagel	Project Manager	JUB	J-U-B Engineers
Adam Wilson	Emergency Management Director	Storey	Storey County Emergency Management

ROUND ROBIN UPDATES:

Bella Kurtz, AWG: She, along with her co-worker Kaitlyn, are serving with AWG as Wildfire Restoration and Forest Resiliency Fellows through the CA Climate Action Corps. The West Fork Carson Prioritization Project will start this year and be completed by 2/2025. It involves a geomorphological assessment and sediment transport study, thus providing a list of prioritized projects for the West Fork Carson River Watershed from the headwaters to the CA state line. Questions can be addressed to Rachel Kieffer (avg.rachel@gmail.com). A similar proposal was submitted for the East Fork Carson, also headwaters to state line. Funds are being pursued through CA 319 funding; if awarded, that project will start in 2025. The Hope Valley project is in its final year of monitoring; AWG is waiting for winter to subside before determining how to spend the remaining mitigation funds.

Chris Fritsen, NDEP: A GFO is open; the due date is 2/14/2024. Especially keen to get planning proposals for establishing new watershed-based plans and/or updating existing EPA 9-element plans. NDEP is reviewing its five-year nonpoint-source state management plan (SMP) and will look to this group as a sounding board for top priorities. A draft outline should be ready for EPA review this spring and the document will be completed by the end of the year.

Kathy Canfield, Storey: In conjunction with CWSD, completed Virginia City/Six Mile Canyon ADMP in November, which was well received by both the community and the county board of commissioners. Currently working on an integrated source water protection plan with RCI and NDEP; that should be done this spring. Other projects include the Long Valley Creek hazard mitigation plan, which involves a lot of flooding. She asked if the re-evaluation of flood maps for Fallon/Churchill Co. has been completed and acted on, because she envisions a similar scenario for Storey Co. and wants to gauge FEMA's reception to the idea of taking properties out of the floodplain. [Ed: It is still under FEMA review.] As per a question from Brenda, Kathy will investigate the education/outreach component of the source water protection plan; current focus is well and septic system education. Brochures or a workshop are options; Debbie suggested an event like the one CCPW holds in early fall.

Taylor Allison, Lyon: The Board of Commissioners approved the county's hazard mitigation plan on Dec. 21, 2023, and the governing bodies of 8 out of 10 participating jurisdictions also adopted it. Submitted to DEM State Mitigation Officer Janell Woodward; still working through to get FEMA approval.

Adam Wilson, Storey: He and the county public works director just finished rewriting their emergency response plan. Finished their clean water emergency response plan and vulnerability assessment today; it is going through final checks for submission. Will work on their hazard mitigation plan this year; he expects only minor updates to the current version. Their Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) underwent a major overhaul in 2023 and was approved by the board in November. The quad counties (Storey, Lyon, Carson City, Douglas) want to move toward a regional model.

Sarah Fichtner, NDWR: Still on the hunt for a state floodplain manager. They have some open community assistance calls that they will be working on in the next few months and are updating NevadaFloods website. For outreach DWR will hire a contractor who can teach the Flood Fighter Nevada video game and lesson plans for Nevada River story maps around FAW. Next meetings include a floodplain manager's meeting in February and Flood Awareness Week in March. Watershed University Mar. 13 or 14 – you are all invited. For ongoing high-water mark projects, she and Debbie from CWSD met with the park supervisor for Lahontan State Recreation Area and will tentatively hold an outreach event there after Memorial Day to unveil the HWM sign. Debbie is going to reach out to Silver Stage High School and invite those in the meeting to host a table.

Mohamed Ibrahim, EPA: Manages Operating Unit 1 (OU1) of the Carson River Mercury Superfund site (mills and

tailing piles). Has begun OU1 residential sampling plan for existing homes. EPA sampled yards in three areas – Silver City, an area of Carson City, and a small area in Dayton. He will continue testing in other areas as the program moves forward in the coming years.

Jeff Weagel, J-U-B: Here to listen and keep up to date; currently working on projects in Douglas and Storey Counties.

Courtney Walker, Douglas: The first comprehensive stormwater plan for Douglas Co. is undergoing review and includes prioritization of several projects. They met with Nevada Division of Emergency Management (NDEM) this week, and it sounds like they will receive grants through DEM's hazard mitigation program that will cover projects in the Johnson Lane area and a culvert upgrade under Buckeye Road at Martin Slough for emergency access. They will soon advertise a new stormwater engineering technician position within the stormwater division for Douglas County; she would like to help promote it. They are hoping to put in a second round for 319 funds to continue with their LID implementation project with the Douglas Co. school district. They would like to expand to more schools but that might not be realistic. They have implemented actions to support school maintenance staff operations to improve water quality and provide education for students.

Jeremy Hutchings, Douglas: Basin designs for Pine Nut Creek are moving forward. Ed from CWSD assisted with one of the reviews, and now Jeremy and Courtney are working on the reviews for the SOQs and hope to have that awarded in February. As per questions, this was not part of an ADMP but a feasibility study, and Jeff Weagel from J-U-B did the hydrology work.

Sherm Swanson, C&C: He is retired from UNR but still coordinates the Creeks and Communities team, who teach Riparian Proper Functioning Condition Assessment and Integrated Riparian Management. This year will combine these classes with focus on grazing management and include a case study. A flier went out earlier this week for the free, week-long classes, and he has received many sign-up requests. Currently there are 29 for River Fork Ranch and he may have to cap that one. If interested, e-mail swanson@unr.edu and he can either send a flier or sign you up. There may be Zoom options. Schedule: May 20- River Fork Ranch, June 3-Eureka, July 15-Winnemucca, July 22- Elko.

Kaitlyn Garber, AWG: Bella spoke to the geomorphological study, glad to be at meeting.

Patricia Bowlin, EPA: Supports OU1 residential soil sampling, also lead for OU2 (for Carson River and the floodplain). More later in the meeting.

John Warpeha, WEPD: He requested information from the CRC working group to learn more about the flooding dynamics from the East Fork and Indian Creek and its potential effects on Dresslerville structures. He looks forward to working with CWSD on the Adaptive Stewardship Plan for their 319(h)-grant application.

Jackie Conway, FPST: It is her first meeting. They are updating their hazard mitigation plan in conjunction with Churchill County's and the City of Fallon's multi-hazard jurisdictional mitigation plan. They are hoping to have a draft by the end of the month. Their consultant, Emily Paris, is an environmental specialist with DOWL.

Sam Booth, Alpine: No major updates. He and Kimra McAfee from AWG are finalizing the engineering plans for the Markleeville Creek restoration project at Heritage Park. They have a CEQA addendum to bring before their board in the next few weeks. They are waiting for the utility district to finalize their plans on the sewer relocation in time for this construction season, hopefully also in the next few weeks. Otherwise, the project will be pushed back to next year. County funding is secure if construction is moved to 2025.

Dave Friedman, NDEP: Here to listen and support the EPA on their agenda item.

Lori Leonard, TNC: A Project to install exclusion fencing in some of the pastures and some watering facilities is

underway through their EQIP funds. She is also working on grants; CWSD will be supporting one. She invited the group to any of these upcoming events: Creeks and Communities class in May; Carson Valley's Eagles and Ag Community Tour, Feb. 8-11; volunteer docent training in April; the Science and Nature Speaker Series will start up this spring. TNCE will be taking part in the Backyard Bird Count Feb. 16-19; will host River Fork Ranch local event on Feb. 17.

Mitch Blum, HDR: Working on Pine Nut Creek LOMR; looking to respond to a second round of comments from FEMA. He is also working on the Carson physical map revision in Churchill Co. with TCID and BOR. He is close to getting the information they need to revise the modeling and mapping and will proceed in the next few months.

Alexa Burke, Alpine: Here to listen.

Sarah Traiman, Alpine: Here to listen.

Kristin Isom: Supporting Mohamed in OU1 and Patricia in OU2.

Lyndsey Boyer, CCPROS: She has been working on the Carson River Master Plan update in partnership with the National Park Service River, Trails and Conservation Assistance Program. CWSD has been working with CCPROS on that and will add key partners in the future. The plan was first Produced in 1996. One bank stabilization project at Buzzy's Ranch is on their radar because last winter exacerbated erosion. Their consultant has been working on hydraulic modeling, engineer design, and will assist with permitting. In conjunction with CWSD and Public Works CCPROS has been working on a high-water mark sculpture to be installed at Morgan Mill.

Laura Hall, EPA: Staff was in the Carson River area last May canvassing door-to-door to ask residents if they want their soil sampled; hope to do the same this May or June.

Richard Black, FPST: Works with Jackie on some emergency planning. Here to listen.

Amanda Singleton, CCPW: She has been working on the Morgan Mill high water mark project; the design dramatically changed but now more fabricators are interested in submitting their quotes. She hopes to hear something on Tuesday. The Sutro Basin and Maxwell Basin design projects from the North Carson area drainage plans have been completed with funds from FEMA through NDEM. The city is still looking for a stormwater/floodplain project manager.

Tom Dallaire, Douglas: Working with FEMA on the Douglas Co. flood study along the Carson River; that will be going out to public comment in January. Courtney and Jeremy already spoke to other projects.

Lisa Nash, Lyon: Working on the Silver Springs ADMP, the Stagecoach ADMP, and the Walker River risk assessment.

Dean Patterson, Church: He is getting a lot of public inquiries about the floodplain remapping project. His office has not heard much recently so would like an update.

Ed: He has been having conversations with BOR and TCID. They sent some information to him, which he passed on to Mitch who has been working with BOR/TCID to gather additional information. There may be a partner meeting soon to catch everyone up and to make sure FEMA's reviewers and FEMA are agreeing with the process. Once he get the needed information Mitch will add the VLine rates into the model; he should be ready to send back to FEMA in a couple of months.

Christy Sullivan, LVCD: Here to listen.

Lisa Christiansen, WTNC: This was her first CRC meeting. Ken Quiner is their emergency manager. Lisa is running for grants right now. She came to tribal Emergency management in this new position. The tribe is updating its hazard

mitigation plan. WTNC is one of the few tribes that has their own mitigation plan since 2008. They are working closely with FEMA to get updated flood maps for the Woodfords and Dresslerville communities. She has been tasked with building a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT); she is recruiting instructors, volunteers, and students. She is attending Douglas and Carson City LEPCs (FEMA Local Emergency Planning Committees) and will request to reinstate Tribal voting seat in Carson City. Anticipate Ken's reviews of the draft update of their hazard mitigation plan., Once it is ready to send to FEMA, they will present it to their tribal council for adoption later this year.

Ed James, CWSD: Will speak later in agenda.

Lindsay Marsh, CWSD: Here to listen.

Kelly Nicholas, CWSD: Here to listen.

Brenda Hunt, CWSD: Will speak later in agenda.

Debbie Neddenriep, CWSD: Will speak later in agenda.

Eric Simmons, FEMA: He and Patrick Clancey could not make it to the meeting, but he sent an update: Alpine County's flood maps went effective Nov. 16, 2023; the Carson Valley physical map revision (PMR) went preliminary Nov. 8, and the Clear Creek LOMR will go effective May 6, 2024, unless it is appealed. Both projects include portions of Washoe Tribal land and FEMA met with them about PMR and are in contact with them about Clear Creek. Concerning the next round of funding, he said it is hard to determine timing because congressional funding authorizations were delayed by continuing resolutions. When funds are released by congress, the process should be like last year, with FEMA being able to distribute the CTP NOFO when the federal government funding issues are resolved.

NDWR – Floodplain Manager / Nevada Flood Awareness Week (November 12-18, 2023)

CAV visits – CRS in relation to ordinance updates Since Erin quit. Bunny Bishop is the current CAV contact; Bunny emailed this information after the meeting:

FY23 CAP (POP July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024)

No CAVs in Carson River Watershed:

CACs Opened for FY23: Douglas County

FY22 CAP (POP July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023, Extended to Sept. 30, 2023):

Lyon County CAV occurred. FY22 CAC Opened & Closed: Carson City, Storey County, Churchill County; City of Fallon was opened but not closed.

Outreach

i. Flood Awareness Week –

Sarah Fichtner: The River Fork Ranch HWM unveiling had in-person attendance of 13-14 and two news outlets covering it. Did regular newspaper ads and a couple of billboards, saw spikes in website traffic. Ran a special FAW edition of the Floodplain Management News.

Courtney Walker: Douglas County had a community center event on Nov. 15 and a proclamation for the board Nov. 17. The event was well attended, they provided a lot of information, and a couple of commissioners were among the attendees. They presented their flood-related programs at the board meeting.

Debbie Neddenriep: CWSD was asked by FEMA to help coordinate outreach for Alpine Co. the week of Oct. 24 for California FAW. There was a simultaneous event in Markleeville and in Bear Valley. They had in-person attendees in both locations and connected the California Dept. of Water Resources to Alpine Co. This was the first time they had flood insurance rate maps other than Zone D. CWSD also helped with and attended Douglas County outreach and preliminary flood map release on Nov. 15 and HWM event at River Fork Ranch on Nov.16.

ii. Silver Jackets projects (Sarah Fichtner/Danae Olsen)

Watershed University (late March): The date will be either Mar. 13 or 14. Talking about doing a floodplain managers panel, with FMs from across the state reviewing the water year and how it affected different regions, along with some CRS education.

iii. Other High-Water Marks (Amanda / Lyndsey Boyer/Courtney) – Courtney: They have installed the sign at River Fork Ranch for the HWM and made ones for Lampe Park and the Carson Valley Golf Course; installation for the latter will wait until the levee is repaired. Will send photos of Lampe Park to Debbie.

iv. FAW Media (Debbie): Had funding through MAS-12 for radio spots in the watershed. Extended radio ads as public service announcements last year through March 2023. Had half-page ads in the Nevada Appeal, the Record-Courier, and Lahontan Valley News during the two weeks before FAW. That included online advertising and e-mails for 30 days. Spanish television and radio had ads. People are beginning to recognize the brand and understand that Nevada floods. The goal is for people to act to build resilience: move from information gain to attitude shift and to act.

Update about the Interim Record of Decision (ROD) for the Carson River Mercury Site – Patricia Bowlin, EPA

In 2021, EPA issued a proposed plan to support selecting an interim remedy under an interim ROD for OU2. The EPA's preferred alternatives included controlling mercury migration via sediment and soil disturbance triggered by new development through land-use controls, as well as continuing and expanding existing outreach and education about the dangers of consuming mercury-contaminated fish. In February 2022, the comment period for this plan ended. They have been drafting the Interim ROD, incorporating the comments they received, and they are close to finalizing that

draft. More recently they have received comments internally from other EPA offices, headquarters, and subject-matter experts. Work on this was prolonged because of key staff losses and the resulting transition. Their current goal is to release a final Interim ROD, which will implement the alternatives in the 2021 plan, by the end of September. Concurrently, EPA is scoping a framework for conducting additional feasibility studies and getting to a Final ROD in the next 5-10 years. They are working internally on this for now but will reach out to external stakeholders.

Dave Friedman, NDEP showed a map of the Superfund site; OU1 are the blue dots, = mill sites, and OU2 is dark green (#4, Map Explorer): <https://storymaps.arcgis.com/collections/4226e8cbc86f421eab0d359329b68f8f>

Brenda Hunt, CWSD: Will there be an additional comment period or community involvement strategy for the Interim ROD?

Patricia: The comment for the proposed plan ended in Feb. 2022. The “Response to Comments” section within the Interim ROD will address comments received, including those from CWSD. Once the Interim ROD is issued, outreach will expand from canvassing for soil testing and informing residents about the Superfund site in general to include informing people of the Interim ROD release and the alternative it has prescribed. Watershed Forum 2025 would be a good place to do outreach for the Interim ROD; Brenda said a Fall CRC meeting might be another venue. EPA wants to continue to engage stakeholders in implementing the Interim ROD but also getting input for and working toward a Final ROD.

Kathy Canfield, Storey: How can a Final ROD be made if there is no way to mitigate the problem? Storey County commented on both OU1 and OU2 but lies within only OU1. Glad to hear there’s testing going on, although nothing in Storey Co. – Patricia said they have conducted outreach in Virginia City and Dave Friedman said Gold Hill might be included. If they test, will they redraw the mapping if no mercury is found on properties? Seeing how there is no responsible party and no mitigation beyond best management practices possible, is the Superfund designation permanent for these properties? Storey Co. can go through county boards to develop practices and mitigation measures for owners with onsite mercury that they must do, but if those are written into codes must the area remain Superfund designated?

Patricia: Testing is only in places where they were given access by the property owner. This provides information about the tested residence but not about its neighbors, so conclusions cannot be drawn. EPA is aware it is a large Superfund site, and so finding data that supports refining OU1 boundaries may spur developing for a process to do just that with partners such as NDEP. As far as OU2, the Interim ROD relies on the land-use covenant and soil management planning; there is no planned sediment clean-up or active remediation. At the same time EPA is looking to additional measures and studies and examining other alternatives that could potentially be implemented under a Final ROD, some of which may include source control and/or removal. While EPA acknowledges property owners’ concern, this is an area of known historical contamination. As EPA gets more data, they will look for ways to incorporate that new data into new boundaries, but right now that pertains more to OU1.

Ed James, CWSD: Has there been any more discussion with FEMA regarding flood control issues and federally declared disasters and repairs, and how that would work?

Kristen Isom, EPA: We have had some productive conversations with FEMA, and it does not appear this an issue anymore. Working within Superfund site boundaries should not impact the ability to receive FEMA funding. That is what EPA has heard so far. Can facilitate a call with the person they have been speaking with from FEMA, but that is what they have heard.

^SEVERAL ATTENDEES WANT THAT IN WRITING.

Contact is Ted Matley, Unified Federal Review Coordinator, FEMA Region 9 office.

Dave Friedman, NDEP: The 2012 denial letter for Ft. Churchill mitigation was shared with EPA and that is the only definitive denial he had to take in front of FEMA. If anyone has other evidence of a denial based on location in OU1 or OU2, please share. Also, would like to know from Storey Co. if they were able to obtain FEMA funds for the flood

mitigation work last summer in Six Mile Canyon.

Kathy Canfield, Storey: Not sure if there was funding involved or the monies for those improvements came from the general fund; she thought it was the general fund, and this was confirmed by Adam Wilson, who said Storey is getting funding for two culverts that washed out; they did not get a mitigation order. The only concern was if they planned to haul debris away.

Taylor Allison, Lyon: The new streamlined projects rule for projects under \$1M may have facilitated funding during the last major federal declaration for mitigation projects within the Superfund site, but she is not sure what will happen if the dollar amount is greater than \$1M. On a side note, FEMA had noted Shad Lane in Dayton was within the site and so there was some back and forth as to whether they would include it in the PA application. Dave Friedman would like to build a record of these instances for greater understanding.

Debbie Neddenriep, CWSD: It would be a good idea to have Kristen facilitate that call – include floodplain managers and emergency managers. It would be good to reach out to set something up; it would be good for Dave Friedman to be on call too. Brenda reiterated this to Kristen but did not set up a date.

NDEM Update & Grant Opportunities

Everyone received a notice for technical assistance with BRIC, which CWSD is going to publicize in its e-blast. The deadline is the end of February.

Grants not previously mentioned.

b. FEMA

Floodplain Management Plan Update and schedule –

Mas 12 is wrapping; the only task to complete is Morgan Mill

COMS 1: Working on the Floodplain Management update with Lindsay. Debbie has been working on County interview notes. She needs a response from Churchill and Alpine County She hopes to get comments back by the end of the month and from there will create a Community Rating System (CRS) crosswalk. The goal of this crosswalk is to provide more CRS points from the plan. The goal of the plan is to have a first draft out by Mar. 29. CWSD hopes to send a draft to its board in June to incorporate their comments. CWSD wants every county to approve this, so please send who needs to approve it (planning commission as well as county commissioners/boards of supervisors?), and CWSD will schedule out that time as needed. If tribal nations would like to participate in the plan, they are welcome to. The small section about the Superfund site currently in the Regional Floodplain Management Plan could be expanded upon, and Brenda hopes to get input from the EPA remediators to help update it. Debbie also needs Superfund input for the Walker River Risk Assessment.

- i. Grant status – CWSD submitted a notice of interest for funding this fiscal year for FEMA. Refer to Eric Simmons comment in Round Robin.

c. NDEP

- i. Watershed Moments– CWSDS was funded through 319 to shorten six of the full films into 30-second PSAs. CWSD has been posting these PSAs on social media, television and radio – began in November and will run through April as follows: Pitch In (litter), Bag It (pet waste), Use a Car Wash, Recycle Motor Oil, Recreate Responsibly, and Make Your Yard A Sponge jointly with One Truckee River (OTR). Brenda did a talk radio spot a couple of weeks ago and then was on KOLO 8 for Morning Break. Seeking additional funding from OTR to keep the awareness going until a

resurvey of the watershed in 2025. (Editor's Note: the funder working with OTR changed their focus and pulled the funding to something else, so our Make Your Yard a Sponge will no longer be moving forward jointly with OTR.)

- ii. 319 funding requests – CWSD will be involved in 2-3 grant applications: LID in Douglas Co., CVCD and Rich Wilkinson's projects, and one in conjunction with our regenerative ag partners along the Carson River in Fallon (Joe Frey) and in Lyon Co. (Cami Hodges, Break-A-Heart Ranch). Lori Leonard also put in for 319 grant. WEPD is putting in a 319(h) request through EPA Region 9.
- iii. Forum and Get on the Bus! – Forum will be March 5 and 6. Currently reaching out to potential speakers; please let us know if you would like to participate.
- d. Other: Trails, Weed grants, etc. – CWSD got an RTP grant through State Parks for a portage at the Mexican Dam to expand the aquatic trail. RCI is doing preliminary planning and design, which is needed for permitting; the initial agreement has been modified so that RCI will help with the permitting process. Hoping to complete that step in the spring and then go back for more funding for the portage construction.

CWSD has put in for a weed grant, which will look for areas that have been sprayed and can be aided with reseeding or replanting to bring back riparian vegetation. It was originally going to go through NDA, but because they could not turn it in for CWSD we instead did it on our own through the USDA (Forest Service). Will hopefully hear in the next month or so and may also pursue other funding sources for habitat restoration to outcompete noxious weeds.

Next workshop (in person and via Zoom) for the 30-year water plan will be 2/22 in the afternoon, going over the consolidation of future water demands in municipalities. Will also hear from USGS about the calibration of their various models.

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