

Agricultural Producers Working Group Meeting Wednesday, March 26, 2025 1:30 p.m.-3:30p.m.

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Hybrid Location: CWSD 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 <u>CRC Agricultural Producers Working Group Foundational Document</u>.

Agenda Items

- 1. (1:30 2:15) Welcome, Introductions, Participant Round Robin
 - a. Adam Carpenter, Carson City Extension Coordinator
- 2. (2:15 -2:30pm): Legislative Updates
 - a. Soil Health Bill AB80 Update: Discussion (Jake Tibbitts)
 - b. Ag Day at the Legislature
- 3. (2:30 2:45pm) CWA 319 Grant Updates (Brenda, Chris F.)
 - a. Ag BMP grant
 - b. Watershed Planning Grants
- 4. (2:45-2:55pm) Nevada Bee & Garden Conference Takeaways (Daunelle Wulstein, UNCE)
 - a. Held in Minden last week -Mar 20-22
- 5. **2:55 3:10pm) Conservation District Updates:**

Carson Valley Conservation Districts, Austin, Christy

- 6. (3:10 3:20pm) Upcoming Funding Opportunities: (Brenda)
 - a. NRCS grant programs in NV (click link, scroll down)
 - i. Virtual Fencing for Managing Livestock NRCS Fact Sheet (Jan 2025)
 - b. Western SARE Potential Spring 2025 opportunities (CWSD staff) We are currently holding new Call for Proposals pending notification from our funding source, USDA-NIFA. All NIFA Requests for Applications are under review. You can check back for updates or subscribe to our mailing list to be notified when our Calls are released.
 - c. <u>NV Energy Foundation Grants</u>: Environment- Water Conservation, Disaster Mitigation, Animal and Wildlife Conservation and Education: Youth Literacy, STEM, Trade Ed and Leadership Max \$15,000

d. NV Department of Agriculture grants (NDA staff): Farm to School Grant/ Request for Application (RFA) Round 2 Division of Food and Nutrition, Max request \$25,000.

7. (3:20 – 3:30pm) Upcoming events/Opportunities for input and/or outreach

- a. Apr. 9, 2025: Nevada Water Resources Association Irrigation and Agriculture Committee Meeting (Lindsay Marsh)
- b. May 19, 2025: NRCS State Technical Committee meeting. The agenda and other information will be posted as it becomes available, <u>keep checking here</u>. Nevada State Technical Committee was established by the 1985 Food Security Act, the Nevada STAC provides recommendations to NRCS to carry out the conservation provisions of the Farm Bill. Although the STAC has no implementation or enforcement authority, the committee's recommendations are given strong consideration by USDA.
- c. May 12, 2025: Potential dates for Ag in the Classroom (Pioneer High School & Empire Elementary)
- 8. (3:30pm) Adjourn. Next Meeting June 25, 2025, 1:30-3:30pm (considering a field trip for this date).