



CRC Floodplain Management Working Group

Meeting Notes

Wednesday, April 29, 2026

8:30 -10:30 a.m.

Attendees:

First	Last	Title	Acronym	Organization
Taylor	Allison	Emergency/Communications Manager	Lyon	Lyon Co. Emergency Management
Mitch	Blum	Water Resource Engineer, PE, CFM	HDR	HDR, Inc.
Lyndsey	Boyer	Open Space Manager	CCPROS	Carson City Parks, Rec. & Open Space
Lisa	Christiansen	Project Manager	WTNC	Washoe Preparedness Resource Dept.
Daniel	Conley	Project Manager, Risk Analysis	FEMA	FEMA Region 9
Reed	Cozens	General Manager	CWSD	Carson Water Subconservancy District
Tom	Dallaire	Director	Douglas	Douglas Co. Community Development
Kelsey	Denning	Environmental Specialist, Water Quality	WEPD	Washoe Env. Protection Dept.
Sarah	Fichtner	State Floodplain Mgr/NFIP Coordinator	NDWR	NV Division of Water Resources
Dave	Friedman	Branch Supervisor, Superfund Site	NDEP	NDEP - Bureau of Corrective Actions
Katie	Hay	Stormwater Clerk	Douglas	Douglas County
Brenda	Hunt	Watershed Program Manager	CWSD	Carson Water Subconservancy District
Jeremy	Hutchings	County Engineer	Douglas	Douglas Co. Community Development
Isabella	Kurtz	Headwaters Coordinator	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
Larry	Maurin	Tribal Clean Water Section	EPA	EPA Region 9
Zach	McCullough	Assistant - State Hzd Mit. Officer/Bus. EOC Mgr	OEM	NV Office of Emergency Management
Maria	Munoz Robles	Associate Engineer	NDEP	NDEP - Bureau of Corrective Actions
Lisa	Nash	Senior Planner	Lyon	Lyon County Community Development
Debbie	Neddenriep	Water Resource Specialist 2, CFM	CWSD	Carson Water Subconservancy District
Kelly	Nicholas	Senior Watershed Clerk	CWSD	Carson Water Subconservancy District
Cristina	Perez	Env. Scientist	NDEP	NDEP - Bureau of WQ Planning
Amanda	Singleton	Assistant Project Manager	CCPW	Carson City Public Works
Phoebe	Song	Watersheds Office	EPA	EPA Region 9
Courtney	Walker	Stormwater Program Manager	DC	Douglas County Public Works
John	Warpeha	Environmental Scientist	WEPD	Washoe Env. Protection Dept.
Sarah	Watson	Remedial Project Manager	EPA	EPA Region 9, OU2
Rich	Wilkinson	Project Manager	CVCD	Carson Valley Conservation District
Tom	Young	Chief Hydraulic Engineer	NDOT	NV Department of Transportation

Welcome

Reed introduced himself to the group; this was his first CRC meeting.

River Projects, Grant Applications/Projects and Program Updates

Rich Wilkinson, CVCD: Five river projects were scheduled for fall. Three are done; two projects could not be completed since the permits did not come through. Now there are four projects on the fall calendar. After receiving seven solid applications for their natural resource specialist position, they are interviewing for the position next week. The District's no-till drill is busy; 160 acres have been worked so far this spring. Rich is piloting a new sprayer drone; so far he has weed-sprayed 130 acres, with more to come. The drone can also be used for fertilizing and seeding. They will be doing a lot of vertical bank stabilization and replanting. Landowners are losing land to erosion, and these projects will focus on water quality, habitat, and desirable vegetation; one is utilizing an unused water right for bioengineering.

Christy Sullivan, LCD: Clearing & snagging is the district's current high priority. She had her weed spray class for landowners today. The program involves hands-on instruction for spraying and PPE; the landowners receive free chemical.

Isabella Kurtz, AWG: They just did their monthly Markleeville Creek Project check, which for the summer moves to every other month. A mix of willow and cottonwood as bank restoration is budding and leafing out, which is encouraging. The [West Fork final planning report](#) is on the AWG website, and they are working with American Rivers on getting project funding. The Hope Valley project is wrapping up. For the East Fork, AWG is trying to get under a contract agreement with the Lahontan Water Quality Control Board. The Markleeville Public Utility District was fixing issues with sewer upgrades, but she doesn't know when they will resume.

Round Robin

Daniel Conley, FEMA: The DHS funding lapse continues, but staffing is back and getting paid. Some accepted projects are still not funded, but his mapping funding remains uninterrupted. Amendments and closeouts are on hold until they are funded, and for CWSD he's working with Debbie on this and they will be able to wrap it up when Congress funds what has been approved. There is no word yet on CTP FY27.

Courtney Walker, DC: At the last DC board meeting she presented a stormwater utility rate analysis and received feedback from both the board and later that day from the public at a community workshop. They will rework the proposal based on the suggestions and present it during a special board meeting Tuesday May 5 at 10 a.m. She said the rates are fair and consistent. CWSD will provide written comment because this funding mechanism for stormwater infrastructure is consistent with CWSD goals for floodplain management. She ran the flood model at Genoa Heritage Days; there was good foot traffic, and she was glad to see that the flood model clicks with all ages.

Tom Dallaire, DC: He is working with NVOEM on extensions for expiring hazard mitigation grants that have yet to be funded. Some include a China Springs culvert crossing, a Buckeye Rd. crossing at Martin Slough, and Dangberg Reservoir at Buckeye Rd. He hopes to hear back soon.

Zach McCullough, OEM: He's working with their grants team to roll out projects while waiting for FEMA. Post-fire awards are rolling out. BRIC is back, and OEM is accepting pre-applications for review; local projects are capped at \$2M; May 8 is the deadline. He had a great visit to the Duckwater Shoshone reservation.

Amanda Singleton, CCPW: They just completed their MS4 audit and submitted the paperwork yesterday. A permit update is coming up.

John Warpeha, WEPD: They are turning in their semi-annual EPA Performance Partnership grant and are working on workplan revisions. Working with Carson City Parks, Rec and Open Space on sheep grazing lands west of the Carson Community.

Kelsey Denning, WEPD: She has been sampling benthic macroinvertebrates at Clear Creek: two sites in the Stewart Community, one around Costco, and another at the golf course. Over the next two weeks will visit seven more sites, getting to Bryant Creek near Leviathan for the first time. Results are back from eight separate samples; she will have a more thorough analysis by the next meeting and spring + fall of this year to compare.

Lyndsey Boyer, CCPROS: They have continued the Carson River Master Plan update, getting to a refined draft, and hope to have a final draft to present to the Board of Supervisors this year; it has been a community effort. The Mexican Dam portage was finished last fall, with the ribbon cutting and a demo float/portage this month. They have a SNPLMA grant to redo the trailhead at Riverview Park that will include LID measures, a year-round restroom, and an interpretive talk space. Seventeen acres of dead sagebrush has been masticated; there are a lot of invasives in the understory, and they're working with Rich W. on drone seeding there this fall. A developer in Moffatt Open Space along Eagle Creek is required to incorporate flood mitigation. It's a small creek but floods often. CCPROS will partner with the developer to create inflow basins that redirect into the creek. They are finalizing plans now.

Sarah Watson, EPA: She is now the project lead for OU2, which consists of 130 river miles starting from Mexican Dam to Stillwater. The Interim Record of Decision was recently abandoned in its current state. EPA has awarded a design services contract to identify gaps within it, and EPA will eventually publish a revised remedial investigation resulting in a more robust RoD. She will be coming out to Nevada this year.

Cristina (Nina) Perez, NDEP: She's a new environmental scientist within NDEP's Bureau of Water Quality.

Lisa Christiansen, WTNC: Their hazard mitigation plan is still being approved; they are making sure it's FEMA-approvable before FEMA review. Their new fuels reduction team is establishing fire breaks around Carson Colony and Dresslerville; BLM permission is needed for Woodfords. They have a draft Community Wildfire Protection Plan for Carson City; the last plan update was in 2008. Rob Beltramo created a 2017 crosswalk, but without a permanent emergency manager updates have been challenging. 2023 marked when the council first approved the EM department, and it has taken two years to update the plan. She hopes for a final version in 2027. They have some meeting dates for looking into this BRIC round and can go up to 90 percent design.

Tom Young, NDOT: The Nevada scour project that has been going for a couple years studying all bridges over water is coming to completion. A draft action plan will be sent to local agencies and private owners in the next four months. There is at least one in Douglas County, and he will keep us in the loop.

Larry Maurin, EPA: He's with the Tribal clean water section and met Brenda and Kelly at the Fallon Paiute Shoshone Earth Day.

Lori Leonard, TNC: RFR hosted several trout releases in March, with River Wranglers as the primary organizer. Docent training will happen this week and will have a first aid component. They are doing irrigation ditch repairs at the preserve.

Mitch Blum, HDR: Pine Nut Creek, the last of the mapping projects he was working on, became effective. He has some other FEMA map updates. They are closing the contract with Churchill Co. because the issue of using a diversion dam as a flood control feature didn't meet FEMA requirements and could not be resolved.

Reed Cozens, CWSD: We will be hosting our bus tour in October; please contact us if you'd like to speak or attend.

Nevada Division of Water Resources/OEM Updates

a. Floodplain Management/ NFIP; Silver Jackets and FAW Outreach

i. Watershed University

Sarah – Outreach has been minimal. They went to East Valley Elementary Mar 13, and Bunny was there. Great event. The next, [Waterpallooza](#), will be in Reno at the end of May. Nevada Flood Awareness Week 2026 will be Nov. 8-14, and the Flood Awareness Communications Team (FACT) kickoff meeting will be later today: they will review last year's efforts. For Silver Jackets, they are working on a Yerington flood risk support project and a Lyon Co. flood inundation project; maps are outdated. This will be non-regulatory but a good asset for informing the public about evacuation routes. The third annual Watershed University is coming up; they get good speakers and go over the history of flood mapping as well as forecasting tools. This year there will be an AI panel. She'll check with presenters to see if a recording can be posted.

Grant Updates Not Previously Mentioned

- a. **Watershed Program Updates:** The [Watershed Forum](#) went well; see below for recordings and touch base with [Kelly](#) if you want specific presentations.

[Day 1 – April 1](#)

[Day 2 – April 2](#)

Watershed-Literacy (Re) Survey Follow-up: Responsive Management did a great job with their analysis; in sum, CWSD is doing well reaching people despite the online noise. They provided comparisons with other clients. Their overall suggestion is to keep plugging away and target our audiences better. We'll use this information info for a new literacy plan and stewardship plan. [Watershed Literacy Survey Report](#)

CRASP Update: We are working with the Park Service's Rails, Trails and Conservation Assistance program to revise our initial request from last year from a full-blown update.

- b. **FEMA:** A BRIC NOFO has been released, as well as a NOFO for post-fire hazard mitigation. Currently CWSD is in the middle of outreach: CWSD was out last Saturday for FPST Earth Day and Genoa Heritage Days and will be involved with Carson River Workdays and Ag in the Classroom. Aug. 15 there will be a Silver Jackets high-water mark back-to-school bike ride from Morgan Mill to Carson River Park. Tom Young will have NDOT's bike safety team reach out. Muscle Powered will come out for riders; Carson City will handle registration. [This is the new URL for CWSD's flood hazard viewer](#). There is no word on CTP but money is still allocated. The government was sued for moving the allocated money to other programs AND they LOST. Several COMS 2 projects are in review.

Floodplain Management Association: The Geotech for Floodplain Managers seminar in Carson City was cancelled because of low registration; they needed a minimum of 20 people. In the future we can advertise it more. Please email debbie@cwsd.org if you are interested in this class in the fall. Or, here is a poll you can take (took less than 3 minutes): <https://forms.gle/mACLWDZCHGwfamGR8>

5/14 FEMA CTP Update: CWSD was told it is a go. We hope to hear more soon! We have sent out a poll to charter members, so please respond by 5/19.

- c. **Grants to Consider:** Reed and Lindsay are scoping [BRIC](#) and [USBR WaterSmart](#). Everyone should take a look. CCPROS applied for a [Conserve Nevada](#) grant; Reed is on its review board.

NEXT QUARTERLY MEETING: JULY 22, 2026, 1:30-3:30PM

Upcoming Events/Items of Interest

May 15, 2026 (Congratulations, Courtney!): <https://www.recordcourier.com/news/2026/may/15/732-million-fema-stormwater-grant-arrives-after-four-years/>

May 19, 2026, 11 a.m.-12 p.m.: [Webinar: Green Infrastructure's Role in Urban Flood Mitigation](#)

May 31- June 4, 2026: [Association of State Floodplain Managers 50th Annual Conference, Milwaukee, WI](#)

July 9, 2026, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.: [Floodplain Management Association Luncheon, Carson City](#)

July 16, 2026: [California Extreme Precipitation Symposium, UC Davis](#)

July 16, 2026, 5:30-7:30 p.m.: [NWRA Young Professionals Social, Carson City](#)