2026 “Get on the Bus” CWSD Tour Presenters

Day 1 – Tuesday, Oct. 27

Tour Introduction – 8 a.m.

Brenda Hunt, Watershed Program Manager, Carson Water Subconservancy District – brenda@cwsd.org

Brenda began working with CWSD in 2011. She has more than 30 years of environmental employment experience with nonprofits and local & regional governmental organizations in the U.S. and Australia. Past employment experience includes working as a land steward with The Nature Conservancy in upstate New York; as an open space and conservation planner with the City of Hume near Melbourne, Australia; and as an environmental planner with the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency. Brenda lives in Carson City with her husband, two rescue cats and a rescue dog; her son attends UNLV studying landscape architecture. She earned her B.S. in natural resources from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and an M.A. in environmental science from Australia’s Monash University. Brenda, a native Minnesotan, has lived in Nevada for more than 20 years. She enjoys a good book, hiking, biking, playing ultimate frisbee and tennis, skiing, camping, paddleboarding, traveling with her friends and family, and exploring local rivers in her inflatable kayak.

Bringing Quill Water Treatment Plant Back Online – 8:15 a.m.

Andy Hummel (P.E., SWRS) Utility Manager, Carson City Public Works – ahummel@carsoncity.gov

Mr. Hummel received a B.S. in civil engineering from the University of Nevada, Reno in 1999. He started his professional career in 1999 working for Thiel Engineering Associates, performing development and water-resources engineering. In 2004 he began working for the City of Sparks and was ultimately responsible for managing the city’s wastewater, stormwater, and effluent reuse systems. In 2018, Mr. Hummel became the wastewater utility manager for Carson City and five years later was named its utility manager, overseeing both water and wastewater utilities.

Douglas County – Stormwater and the Value of Floodplains – 9 a.m.

Courtney Walker, Stormwater Program Manager, Douglas County – cwalker@douglasnv.us

Courtney Walker has been Stormwater Program Manager for Douglas County since February 2016. Her primary functions are: managing the county stormwater maintenance program and staff; managing Douglas County’s obligations to the Lake Tahoe water-clarity crediting program; facilitating the county MS4 permits for stormwater runoff; maintaining and improving the county’s rating in FEMA’s Community Rating System program, in which property owners in a special flood-hazard area receive a discounted rate on flood insurance; assisting with current and proposed development in the floodplain; and providing drainage and flood advice to property owners in Douglas County.

Courtney has more than 20 years of experience with stormwater and watershed management. She has a bachelor’s degree in earth and environmental science from the University of California, Irvine. Courtney is also

a Certified Floodplain Manager through the State Association of Floodplain Managers. With much of her experience in the Tahoe and Carson River Watershed area, Courtney is well versed in local stormwater and watershed coordination. She has worked previously with local, state, and regional governmental organizations such as the Tahoe Resource Conservation District, the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency, and the Carson Water Subconservancy District, and currently serves on the Carson Valley Conservation District's board.

Markleeville Open Space Project at Park Ranch – 9:45 a.m.

Sam Booth, AICP, County Executive Officer, Alpine County – sbooth@alpinecountyca.gov

Sam has a B.S. in urban planning and development from Ball State University in Muncie, Ind. Sam started his career in 2011 as the Planning Director for Shelby County in central Indiana. In 2018, he and his wife moved to Gardnerville, Nev. He worked as Planning Manager and Deputy Director of Community Development for Douglas County from 2018 to 2022, and in summer 2022 he was hired as the Director of Community Development for Alpine County, Calif. In 2026 he was selected as Alpine County's County Executive Officer and he and his family currently live in Markleeville. Sam enjoys hiking, biking, skiing, camping, and any other excuse to get outside. in the mountains.

Clint Celio, Wildfire Projects Coordinator, Alpine County; Co-owner, C.G. Celio & Sons – clint@cgcelio.com

Clint Celio is the Wildfire Projects Coordinator for Alpine County. He holds a Bachelor of Science and Master of Science from Colorado State University in forestry. Mr. Celio began his forestry career in Alpine County, helping form the Alpine Fire Safe Council, planning and implementing some of the first fuels treatment projects. He continued to conduct wildfire planning, helping author Community Wildfire Protection Plans across Nevada and the Tahoe Basin. He also served on the Alpine Resource Conservation District and was a founding member of the Alpine Watershed Group. He provided much of the GIS and photographic data for the Upper Carson River Stream Corridor Assessment. He is a lifelong Alpine County resident and loves to spend time in all corners of Alpine County.

Susanna Danner, Project Manager, Western Rivers Conservancy – sdanner@westernrivers.org

Susanna Danner is a project manager for Western Rivers Conservancy, working throughout California and Nevada. Western Rivers Conservancy buys land along the West's finest rivers and streams to conserve habitat for fish and wildlife, protect key sources of cold water, and provide public access for all to enjoy. Sus has 25 years of experience conserving land and water in California and Idaho. She previously served as Land Conservation Program Director for Eastern Sierra Land Trust in eastern California and western Nevada, Director of Protection for The Nature Conservancy in Idaho, and Conservation Project Manager at the Big Sur Land Trust. She served as a volunteer firefighter with Carmel Highlands Fire and Bonny Doon Fire and Rescue. She holds a bachelor's degree in biology and environmental studies from the University of California, Santa Cruz.

Markleeville Creek Floodplain Restoration Project and Other Alpine Watershed Group Efforts – 10:15 a.m.

Sam Booth, AICP, County Executive Officer, Alpine County – sbooth@alpinecountyca.gov

Kimra McAfee, Executive Director, Alpine Watershed Group – kimra@alpinewatershedgroup.org

Kimra McAfee joined Alpine Watershed Group as Executive Director in June 2018. For the prior nine years, Kimra was Executive Director of Friends of Sausal Creek in Oakland, Calif., providing oversight for the organization's restoration, education, and monitoring programs. She holds a B.A. in English from University of California, Berkeley, and an M.A. in geography and human environmental studies from San Francisco State University, where her thesis was a post-audit of the New Melones Dam on the Stanislaus River. She loves living in Minden, Nev. and working in Alpine County because she gets to see and serve both reaches of the stunning Carson River Watershed.

Post-Fire Restoration and Recreation's Role in River Health – 10:50 a.m.

Clint Celio, Wildfire Projects Coordinator, Alpine County; Co-owner, C.G. Celio & Sons – clint@cgcelio.com

Matthew Setty, Principal Scientist, Nevada Environmental Consulting – matt@nvenv.net

Matt Setty brings more than 30 years of experience in restoration and wildland stewardship, with work spanning project development, funding management, permitting, and implementation. Matt led the USDA-funded Tamarack Fire rehabilitation effort on private lands, which included treatment of remaining fuels, reseeding of 3,800 acres, and planting more than 250,000 seedlings. NVENV served as a business incubator for local private contractors, organizing multiple teams to work under shared restoration prescriptions. Matt and his team have also led planning, permitting, and implementation of watershed recovery projects under contract with Alpine County's forestry program and have completed the permitting and implementing of other CALFIRE funded fuels reduction projects with Alpine Fire Safe Council.

Vance Weems, Forest Operations Manager, Nevada Environmental Consulting – vance@nvenv.net

Vance brings more than 30 years of experience in restoration and wildland stewardship. He has served as project lead for many of the more than four dozen projects NVENV has completed since 2021. His work connects restoration prescriptions with field implementation across seeding, planting, forestry, earthwork, mulching, logging, prescribed fire, and weed management.

Andy Lovell, Director, Alpine Outdoor Recreation Association – ata.andyl@gmail.com

Casey Niccum, Owner/Founder, Markleeville Outfitters – markleevilleoutfitters@gmail.com

Remediation at Indian Creek Reservoir – 11:15 a.m.

Mark Seelos, Water Resources Manager, South Tahoe Public Utility District – mseelos@stpud.us

Mark Seelos has a B.S. in geology from U.C. Santa Cruz and a Ph.D. in environmental science from U.C. Merced. He has authored multiple peer-reviewed publications related to lake and reservoir management to control harmful algal blooms, mercury bioaccumulation, and greenhouse gas emissions. He has more than 10 years of experience managing water resources in the government sector. Mark is an avid skier, climber, and ultrarunner. When he's not working or outside, you can find him tinkering with DIY electronics projects.

Restoration Projects and Invasive Species Work on Ag Lands – 11:45 a.m.

Lori Leonard, Preserve Manager, River Fork Ranch, The Nature Conservancy – lori.leonard@tnc.org

Lori Leonard has worked for The Nature Conservancy for more than 10 years, first as a restoration technician at the McCarran Ranch Preserve and now as the River Fork Ranch preserve manager. She grew up on a fourth-generation dairy and beef farm in Wisconsin. Leonard received her bachelor's degree in horticulture from the University of Wisconsin—Madison. Her early conservation efforts began at The Aldo Leopold Foundation doing prairie restoration. From there, she headed west and worked in Utah, Alaska, and California doing habitat restoration and vegetation surveys. Before moving to Nevada in 2012, she was a Farm Bill biologist for five years in a Natural Resources Conservation Service office, helping enroll private landowners in USDA conservation programs. She loves canoeing on mellow rivers and being surrounded by nature while hiking.

Marlee Jenkins, Conservation Staff Specialist 2, Dept. of Conservation and Natural Resources – mjenkins@dcnr.nv.gov

Marlee Jenkins is a Conservation District Staff Specialist with the State of Nevada Conservation Districts Program. She works to support multiple conservation districts (CDs) in the western region of Nevada, offering assistance in project planning and management, partner connections, grant funding procurement, and fieldwork that supports conserving and improving natural resources. Marlee earned a master's degree in plant sciences at Montana State University in 2017 and has several years of experience working across diverse western ecosystems. Through her work with CDs, she appreciates the passion of local Nevadans and the opportunity to work on a grassroots level to protect our special landscapes.

Weed-Free Certification and Early Detection Rapid Response for Invasives – 12:45 p.m.

Ryan Magera, Agriculturist 1, Div. of Plant Health and Compliance, NV Dept. of Agriculture – rmagera@agri.nv.gov

Ryan Magera is an agriculturist with the Nevada Department of Agriculture, supporting statewide survey, regulatory, weed-free, and biological control programs. His work includes conducting field surveys for priority noxious weed species, drafting detailed reports of survey findings, and assisting partners with Early Detection and Rapid Response activities. Ryan contributes to coordinated statewide efforts by providing accurate field data, supporting compliance actions, and helping implement biocontrol and weed-free certification activities.

Alpine Decree Basics – 1:00 p.m.

Reed Cozens, PE, General Manager, Carson Water Subconservancy District – reed@cwsd.org

Reed Cozens is a water-resources engineer with experience in Nevada and the Intermountain West. He specializes in water rights, hydrology, and engineering support for watershed-scale planning, water-portfolio administration, and multi-jurisdiction coordination. Reed helps translate technical analysis into policy-aligned decisions that serve municipal, industrial, and agricultural needs. He brings a practical, detail-oriented approach to regulatory tracking, compliance reporting, and fiscal stewardship. Supporting transparent implementation and stronger operational accountability. Reed has contributed to regional water operations through local, state, and federal teams, and he regularly facilitates collaboration among cities, general improvement districts, conservation districts, Tribes, and private water users.

Reed holds a civil engineering degree from the University of Nevada, is a licensed Nevada Water Rights Surveyor, and is active in the Nevada Water Resources Association.

Middle Carson River Preserve: From Ranch to Conservation Easement – 1:45 p.m.

Matthew Setty, Principal Scientist, Nevada Environmental Consulting – matt@nvenv.net

Vance Weems, Forest Operations Manager, Nevada Environmental Consulting – vance@nvenv.net

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Washoe Environmental Protection Department: Project Overview – 2:30 p.m.

Kelsey Denning, Environmental Specialist, Washoe Environmental Protection Department – Kelsey.Denning@washoetribe.us

Kelsey is currently an environmental specialist for the Washoe Tribe Environmental Department working within their water-quality program. She is involved with surface-water sampling on Tribal lands, BMI sampling, occasional outreach, and non-point source tasks. She has worked for the Tribe for almost a year and is learning many skills that are brand new to her. Kelsey is an alumnus of the University of Nevada, Reno with a B.S. in wildlife ecology and conservation. Prior to working with the Tribe, Kelsey worked in various wildlife roles for federal and state agencies, conducting wildlife surveys for species ranging from amphibians and small mammals to fish and birds. In her off time, she enjoys fly-fishing, backpacking, camping, reading, and cooking. She loves to travel and has visited Australia, New Zealand, the Bahamas, and more than 20 states; one of her life goals is to see every national park.

Cale Pete, Environmental Director, Washoe Environmental Protection Department – Cale.Pete@washoetribe.us

Cale graduated from Haskell Indian Nations University in Lawrence, Kan. with a B.S. in natural resource management in 2015. He has worked with the Washoe Environmental Protection Department for more than nine years. His current focus is building meaningful connections with agencies to promote, protect and restore the Tribe's natural resources in their ancestral homelands.

Carson City Parks, Recreation & Open Space: Project Overview – 3:30 p.m.

Gregg Berggren, Trails Coordinator, CCPROS – GBerggren@carsoncity.gov

Gregg Berggren has a Bachelor of Science with majors in forestry and wildland recreation management from the University of Nevada, Reno. Gregg has been captivated by trails for most of his life, always wanting to know what is over the next rise in the trail or around the next bend in the river. He explores trails through hiking, backpacking, running, and paddling, and he loves to share trails and the outdoors with others.

Lyndsey Boyer, Open Space Manager, CCPROS – LBoyer@carsoncity.gov

Lyndsey Boyer has a Bachelor of Science in wildlife ecology & conservation from the University of Nevada, Reno and has worked with Carson City for more than nine years. She is an avid nature lover and has a passion for botany, wildlife conservation, and recreation. Lyndsey brings this passion and interest to her position as Open Space Manager and is so proud of Carson City's foresight in passing the Quality-of-Life initiative in 1996 that has led to the preservation of more than 7,000 acres of natural areas in Carson City. In her free time, Lyndsey enjoys exploring the natural world on foot or bike, taking pictures of her adventures, or working on creating her dream garden at home.

Marenna Lovejoy, Senior Natural Resource Specialist, CCPROS – MLovejoy@carsoncity.gov

Marenna Lovejoy has a Bachelor of Science in wildlife ecology & conservation from the University of Nevada, Reno and is currently pursuing a masters in natural resource stewardship through Colorado State University Online. Marenna has been the senior natural resource specialist with Carson City Parks, Recreation & Open Space for more than two years and especially enjoys planning restoration projects in the challenging Great Basin cold desert. In her free time, Marenna enjoys hiking with her rescue dog Dori (short for *Salvia dorii)* and playing with her two cats, who also have botanically inspired names: Lupine and Eriogonum.

Travis Navarro, Natural Resource Technician, CCPROS – TNavarro@carsoncity.gov

Travis began working for Carson City in August 2025 as an intern and is a Carson City native. He is a keen orienteer and angler and has greatly enjoyed all the natural resource and volunteer projects he has been a part of. He especially enjoys surveying the cottonwood galleries along the Carson River. This past summer he was promoted to his current position as Natural Resource Technician. In his spare time, he researches beaver ecology to help better inform his understanding of this species.

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Day 2 – Wednesday, Oct. 28

Overview of Stillwater Wetlands – 9:50 a.m.

Bethany Chagnon, Deputy Refuge Manager, Stillwater National Wildlife Refuge Complex – bethany_chagnon@fws.gov

Bethany Chagnon has been the deputy refuge manager and biologist for the Stillwater National Wildlife Refuge Complex for the past seven years. She grew up in a small New England town and spent much of her early career studying forest ecology with a special interest in bats. After completing an undergraduate degree in environmental biology, she migrated around the country. She completed a master’s degree in zoology & physiology at the University of Wyoming, where her research focused on animal behavior. She completed fieldwork in a variety of ecosystems, including southern Appalachia, the northeastern temperate forests, tropical jungles of the Mariana Islands, and coastal wetlands in Hawaii before finally landing here in the Northern Nevada desert. In her personal time, she enjoys exploring Nevada's wild places with her husband, two daughters, and dogs. They spend a lot of time gardening, hiking, camping, and shuttling everyone around to soccer practices.

Overview of Fallon Paiute Shoshone Tribal Wetlands Projects – 10:25 a.m.

Anthony Berreman, Natural Resources Director, Fallon Paiute Shoshone Tribe – natresourcesdir@fpst.org

Anthony Berreman is a Tribal member of the Fallon Paiute Shoshone Tribe, where he grew up. He has been working with the Fallon Paiute Shoshone Tribe as its Natural Resources Director since September 2025 and previously served as the scheduler for the Truckee Carson Irrigation District for seven years. Anthony has always had the passion to come back to work for his Tribe, and he envisions improvements in keeping lands safe for Tribal members.

Nara Douglas, Environmental Specialist, Fallon Paiute Shoshone Tribe – naraenviro@fpst.org

Nara Douglas grew up in Las Vegas and moved to Fallon as a teenager, where she attended high school and met her husband. After living in Colorado, she returned to Fallon in 2024, where she resides with her husband and daughter. An enrolled member of the Fort McDermitt Paiute and Shoshone Tribes, Nara deeply values her Native American heritage and connection to her community.

She holds associate degrees in general science and criminal justice and is pursuing a bachelor’s degree in criminal justice. For nearly two years, she has served as an environmental specialist with the Fallon Paiute Shoshone Tribe’s Environmental Protection Department, overseeing the Section 319 Nonpoint Source Pollution Management Program and Community Air Monitoring Program. Her work also includes radon testing and mold investigations.

Through her work and education, Nara is committed to protecting the environment, supporting public health, and preserving a healthy future for Tribal communities and future generations.

Ileana Henry, Environmental Specialist, Fallon Paiute Shoshone Tribe – Ileanaenviro@fpst.org
Ileana is an environmental protection specialist and has worked in the Fallon Paiute Shoshone Tribe's Environmental Protection Department since 2016. Ileana's work under the Clean Water Act Section 106, Water Pollution Control Monitoring, is focused on improving water quality on Tribal lands. In the Paiute language, this tribe is called "Toi-Ticutta," or the Cattail Eaters. The Tribe is identified as "People of the Marsh," which tells the importance of clean water to their cultural identity. Her job, and belief, is to conserve, protect and restore natural resources for future generations.

Churchill County Museum: Behind the Scenes of Lower Watershed History – 11:30 a.m.

Leticia Webb, Education Curator, Churchill County Museum – Leticia.Webb@churchillcountynv.gov
My name is Leticia Webb, and I am the Education Curator at the Churchill County Museum. I develop educational programs, hands-on activities, and special events that bring the history of Churchill County and Nevada to life for our community. A big part of my role is creating ways for visitors, especially children and families, to explore and ask questions. I also oversee our Discovery Room and work with local schools, community groups, and visitors to make the museum an engaging place to learn. On your visit my fellow curators and I are excited to give you a behind-the-scenes look at some of the work that happens beyond the exhibits and share a little about what goes into preserving and telling our local history.

Churchill County High School Tour of NDOR-Funded Greenhouses – 12 p.m.

Jaime Sammons, Plant Systems Instructor, Churchill County High School/Co-Owner of Two Ravens Farm – sammonsj@churchillcsd.com
Jaime is a Navy veteran, row cropper, Green Goddess Collective Board member, Churchill County High School teacher, and a Stillwater National Wildlife Refuge native seed farm tech through Great Basin Institute.

Christy Sullivan, Manager, Lahontan and Stillwater Conservation District – Christy.Sullivan@nv.nacdnet.net
Christy is a Conservation District Specialist with nine years of experience supporting conservation through education, outreach, and collaboration with landowners, producers, municipalities, and partner agencies. Christy assists with district programs, including an equipment program, a youth conservation poster contest, and website-based outreach, with focuses on noxious weed management, chemical safety, and responsible equipment use. Currently, Christy is learning the Bench-Bottom Program, which helps participating farmers regain up to one-half acre of water rights. Outside of work, Christy enjoys rock hunting, gardening, and learning archery, reflecting a strong personal connection to the land and a commitment to conservation and stewardship. Christy lives in Fallon with her son, who will be graduating in 2027!

River Wranglers Programs and Outreach Efforts – 1 p.m.

Rebecca Feldermann, Executive Director, River Wranglers – rebecca@riverwranglers.org

Rebecca Feldermann earned her degree in business management from Eastern Gateway Community College. Rebecca has spent her professional life immersed in helping others, managing nonprofits and events, and working with youth and children. Rebecca has been Executive Director for River Wranglers since March 2022 and thoroughly enjoys working with students within the Carson River Watershed. Rebecca is married to her childhood friend, James, and has one grown son who currently coaches for University of Arizona. In her spare time Rebecca enjoys reading, hiking, football, and traveling with her husband.

Managing Invasive Species on Churchill County Ag Lands – 1:15 p.m.

Christy Sullivan, Manager, Lahontan and Stillwater Conservation District – Christy.Sullivan@nv.nacdnet.net

Regenerative Agriculture's Role in River Stewardship – 2 p.m.

Joe Frey, Owner and Chicken Tender, Rambling River Ranches – farmerjoefrey@yahoo.com

Joe is a fifth-generation farmer who consults with farmers, universities, municipalities, and organizations on various topics, but is most widely called upon for his knowledge, passion and experience in regenerative agriculture. He loves to extrapolate his farming/ranching techniques to prevent erosion, pollution, and noxious weeds along the lower Carson River through adaptive grazing. In addition to farming, Joe has a degree from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University and enjoys a successful career as a corporate pilot.

Lahontan Reservoir and History of the Newlands Project – 2:45 p.m.

Ernie Schank, Carson Water Subconservancy District Board Chairman – ecschank@aiinc.com

A Fallon native, Ernie graduated from Brigham Young University with a B.S. in animal science. He then served a two-year mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints in New Zealand. He currently owns and operates a family farming & ranching business and has worked as an instructor for Western Nevada Community College, served on the Nevada Farm Bureau Federation board of directors, and served as Newlands Water Protective Association president.

Ernie was first elected to the Truckee-Carson Irrigation District (TCID) Board of Directors in 1978 and served a total of 24 years, 20 of those as Board President. TCID accomplishments during his tenure include establishing a long-term lease with Sierra Pacific Power Company; purchasing the New Lahontan Hydro Plant; and the construction of the Big Dig and V-Line Spills to protect Fallon from floodwaters.

Ernie has researched and presented on Newlands Reclamation Project history extensively and has spent many years putting together a photo history of the Truckee Canal construction from collections at TCID, Churchill

County Museum, Nevada State Historical Society, and Bureau of Reclamation. He has also published several articles on water-related issues.

Ernie has been married to his sweetheart, the former Carmen Sorensen, since 1972. They enjoy their three sons and one daughter, as well as 16 grandchildren.

Ben Shawcroft, General Manager, Truckee-Carson Irrigation District – ben@tcid.org
Ben Shawcroft serves as General Manager and Legal Counsel for the Truckee-Carson Irrigation District (TCID). Prior to his appointment at TCID in July 2022, he served as Chief Civil Deputy District Attorney for Churchill County for nine years, and prior to that as a criminal prosecutor for seven years. He has extensive experience in land-use planning and regulations, local government law, public works and construction, real-estate law, and water-resource planning. He received his bachelor's degree from Brigham Young University and his law degree from the University of Tulsa School of Law. He lives in Fallon with his wife, Lori, and their four children.

From Ranch to State Park – 3:50 p.m.

Susanna Danner, Project Manager, Western Rivers Conservancy – sdanner@westernrivers.org

Gavin Henderson, Community Development Director, Lyon County – ghenderson@lyon-county.org

Chris Johnson, Park and Recreation Program Specialist, Nevada Division of State Parks – cmjohnson@parks.nv.gov
Chris Johnson is a park and recreation program specialist at the Nevada Division of State Parks, where he leads the agency's park planning program. Chris led Nevada State Parks' effort to acquire the property for the new state park along the Carson River and helped secure the funding necessary for its purchase. He will also oversee the development of a master plan for the new park over the next two years.

Chris has worked for Nevada State Parks for 13 years, beginning his career as a park ranger at Valley of Fire State Park in southern Nevada. He lives in Dayton with his wife and their two young children.