

## **Tribal Advisory Committee Update – Nevada NRCS**

Morning Everyone, just a quick update from Nevada NRCS on the Tribal Advisory Committee. The committee last met on September 29, 2025, with 14 tribal representatives from Duck Valley, Fallon, South Fork, Duckwater, Ely, Washoe and IAC. The purpose of the meeting was to review progress on prior action items, discuss priority resource concerns, and identify program opportunities and gaps from a tribal perspective.

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### **Key themes raised by Tribal Representatives**

Several consistent themes emerged across tribes.

First, **weed control** was a strong and repeated concern — both prevention and treatment — including interest in systems to limit the spread of invasive species and better understanding of planning and funding tools.

Second, **water efficiency and drought resilience** continue to be high priorities. Tribes raised interest in piping canals, improving irrigation systems, developing livestock water, and addressing drought impacts such as wells in meadow systems.

Third, there were **wildlife-related concerns**, particularly around anticipated wolf impacts on livestock production.

Fourth, there is **growing interest in virtual fencing**, both from a management and labor-efficiency standpoint.

And finally, there were **site-specific questions**, including requests for updates on NRCS involvement with the S-Line Reservoir effort near Fallon, and questions about canal piping and potential impacts to native species.

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### **Progress on Action Items Since the September Meeting**

Since that meeting, several action items have been completed or are actively underway.

On **information sharing**, CSP fact sheets were distributed, documents from the April meeting were shared, and CIG information was sent to Fallon as requested.

On **training and technical assistance**, virtual fence workshops were successfully held in both Fort McDermitt and Duck Valley, and CEMA 222 training support is being coordinated.

On **engineering coordination**, additional assistance was requested and granted through Idaho NRCS under the existing MOU for Duck Valley projects. Clarification was also provided that

concrete blanket is not an acceptable alternative under CPS 428 or 522 for water savings, and that CPS 430 may be appropriate in some cases when service life is considered.

On **partnerships**, follow-up on Duck Valley cooperative agreement payments was completed.

On **program coordination**, priorities for the Tribal funding pool were discussed, and steps were taken to improve awareness of air quality funding through newsletters, direct tribal contacts, and statewide announcements.

On **resources and native materials**, we discussed broader use of existing practices, interim conservation practice development, Conservation Innovation Grant opportunities, and coordination with partners such as the Plant Materials Center, Nevada Native Seed Partnership, and The Nature Conservancy.

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### **Outstanding Items & Next Steps**

There are a few items still in progress. These include further follow-up on weed control planning options under DIA 161, coordination with the State Resource Conservationist on funding and mapping questions, and continued discussion around canal piping and potential impacts to native species.

Tribes also requested an update on NRCS's role, if any, in the S-Line Reservoir effort near Fallon, which is being tracked for follow-up.

Overall, engagement remains strong, and the committee continues to provide clear, practical feedback that is helping inform program delivery and funding priorities going into FY26.

I'm happy to answer any questions or provide additional detail.

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