

Nevada NRCS STAC Meeting Minutes
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- Irrigation water retirement- Is there any NRCS assistance available for areas where water rights will be retired? Could be potentially thousands of acres and could involve conversion of land that had been previously irrigated to wildlife habitat or other use.
- Question for BLM- What NEPA exists for restoration of areas from damage by horses?
- Cheatgrass challenge
 - Develop background/fact sheet for NV, send ID fact sheet in meantime
 - Address how it works, funding, applications, etc.
 - Follow up with Doug B. from NVFB on partner list, coordinate with NDA and other agencies/partners on getting information out
 - NDA newsletter- monthly, social media channels
 - Nevada Farm Bureau- Weekly newsletter
 - Progressive Rancher
 - Every other month print
 - Every month print during winter
 - Email first of the month
 - Grazing boards as a contact for getting info to ranchers?
 - <https://nevadarangelands.org/commissioners/>
- Alternative Funding Agreements- send additional information (get information from 530 manual?)
 - How does AFA work with IRA?
- Provide information on easement applications
- Working with partners- what kind of information do they need from NRCS to convey to their audiences?
 - Complete list of resource concerns
 - Contact information for NRCS offices (use existing map)
- STAC issues
 - Return the purpose of the STAC
 - What is the role of members?
 - Consider development of an urban agriculture subcommittee
- Develop an urban agriculture consortium with ID, NV, UT and AZ?
- What are important dates for producers? When is the best time for NRCS to reach them?
 - Turn out on public lands
 - Irrigation water turn on
 - Other?
- Consider changing the dates for the LWG meetings from summer to winter/spring
 - Marlee (martha) Jenkins from the CD program is the POC to pass along suggestion to M. Aten
 - Change in state priorities, let them see their input is considered
 - What are the specific NRCS timelines necessary for LWG meetings/input
 - Payment schedule committee

- State Priority development
- LWG meeting ads- at least 14 days prior to meeting