

Meeting Date and Start Time: Tuesday, June 11, 2024 at 8:30 a.m.

The overall theme of the 6/11 STAC meeting is Back to Basics focused on basic knowledge and information STAC members need to know in order to carry out their duties.

Copies of the presentations and handouts can be found on the Nevada STAC website
<https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/conservation-basics/conservation-state/nevada/technical-committee>

Meeting format: Hybrid

In person location: Nevada Department of Agriculture, 405 South 21st Street, Sparks, NV 89431

[Link to Virtual Meeting \(Teams\)](#)

Agenda

Morning Session

1. Welcome and Introductions

- Time: 30 minutes
- Purpose: Information
- If we have more than 20 people participating in the meeting, we will limit introductions to appointed STAC members and NRCS Staff.
- Presenter: Heidi Ramsey, Chris Rose

2. Locally Led Conservation, Local Work Groups (LWG), and the State Technical Advisory Committee (STAC)

- Time: 30 minutes
- Goal: Information/Discussion
- Purpose: The overall goal of this item is to provide background to STAC members on how the STAC is supposed to function based on the 440 Programs Manual parts 500 (Locally Led Conservation) and 501 (USDA Conservation Program Delivery). Part 500 provides the framework for locally led conservation, development of needs assessments and action plans at the conservation district level. Part 501 talks about the responsibilities of the Local Working Groups and State Technical Committee and their roles in providing recommendations to NRCS.
- Presenter: Chris Rose

3. Ranking Criteria and Payment Schedules

- Time: 45 minutes
- Goal: Information/Discussion
- Purpose: To provide information to STAC members on fund pools, payment schedules, state priority resource concerns, and CSP state priority resource concerns, the role that LWGs and the STAC play in providing recommendations, and the timeframes for submitting recommendations.
- Presenters: Trina Johnson, Ari DeLara

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Break (15 minutes)

4. Subcommittees

- Time 20 minutes
- Goal: Information/Discussion
- Purpose: To introduce the concept of subcommittees, the role they could play in the STAC, and introduction of a process to develop a subcommittee.
- Presenter: Chris Rose

5. Tribal Advisory Committee

- Time: 30 minutes
- Goal: Information/Discussion
- Purpose: To introduce the idea of a separate body, whether an advisory committee or subcommittee, dedicated specifically to addressing tribal concerns and issues.
- Presenter: Heidi Ramsey, John George

6. Urban Ag Working Group

- Time: 30 minutes
- Goal: Information
- Purpose: To provide an overview of the Urban Ag program in Nevada and an update on the activities of the Urban Ag working group.
- Presenter: Jasmine Wilson

Lunch (60 minutes)

Afternoon Session

7. Local Work Group Input to Date

- Time: 45 minutes
- Goal: Information/Discussion
- Purpose: To present the information developed at FY24 Local Work Group meetings regarding priorities and resource concerns and talk about how that information is used by the STAC and NRCS.
- Presenter: Melany Aten, Chris Rose

8. Combustion System Improvement Practice

- Time: 20 minutes
- Goal: Information
- Purpose: To provide information on conservation practice 372, Combustion System Improvement. Information will include how it will be incorporated in Nevada and what the program does and does not provide.
- Presenters: Jim Gifford, Allen Moody

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9. Recommendations

- Time: 20 minutes
- Goal: Information/Discussion/Tasking
- Purpose: To review the process for submitting recommendation to NRCS through the STAC. This would include information provided by subcommittees and STAC members. This would also include a tasking and due date for STAC members to submit recommendations on items including:
 - Priorities and Resource Concerns
 - Payment Schedules
 - Subcommittee formation
 - Fall Meeting dates and topics
- Presenter: Chris Rose

10. Public Comment Period

- Public comments will be limited to three minutes per person. Written comments will not be read out loud but will be available on the STAC website.
- Time: 30 minutes

11. Parking Lot items and Adjournment

- Time: 30 minutes
- Goal: Discussion
- Purpose: This is time allotted to revisit items that may have been placed in the parking lot during the meeting and additional questions or discussion by members on agenda items.
- Presenter: Chris Rose