

NRCS Nevada State Technical Advisory Committee Meeting Agenda

Meeting date: 5/21/26

Location: 405 South 21st Street

Sparks, NV 89431

Link to virtual meeting:

<https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/27611038674771?p=EEqoFQq4j3flrkP5PC>

Start time: 9 a.m.

1. Introductions

2. State Conservationist Update

Presenter: Heidi Ramsey- NRCS Nevada State Conservationist

Purpose: Information

- Topics
 - o Introduction of Deputy Chief Hans Hunt
 - o Brief update on staff, introductions of new hires
 - o ACEP National Sign-Up Announcement: sign up period ends 5/29/2026.

3. Tribal Advisory Committee Update

- Presenter: John George- NRCS Tribal Liaison
- Purpose: Information

4. Engineering update

- Presenter: Doug Higbee- NRCS State Conservation Engineer
- Purpose: Information- update on number of outstanding projects, where workload is, staffing, etc.

5. Break

6. January Meeting Updates- Practice 815 and Minimal Effects

- Presenter: Chris Rose- NRCS Partnership Coordinator
- Purpose: Information- provide update on the decision not to adopt Conservation Practice 815 in Nevada and progress of Minimal Effects working group

Programs Overview (Items 7-12)

- Presenter: Ari DeLara- NRCS ASTC-Programs
- Purpose: Information

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7. Grasslands of Special Significance determination

- Purpose: Follow up from previous STAC meeting, check in with subgroup

8. Priority Practices

- Purpose: Discussion/Recommendation: Review of Nevada's priority practices and discussion about whether they need to change for FY27

9. Technical Service Providers

- Purpose: Information- How they are paid for, how they are being used, examples, potential for more use in the future

10. Conservation Stewardship Program

- Purpose: Information- Summary of changes from this year, benefits to producers, switching from EQIP to CSP

11. Regenerative Pilot Program

- Purpose: Information: General program update, highlight contracts, lessons learned so far

12. Local Work Group Survey

- Purpose: Information- reminder or update on where we're at with it, update from Melany and/or Kevin about progress with LWGs?

13. Parking Lot Items

14. Adjourn