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## Updates for Nevada Association of Counties | July 26, 2019

### Budget Enhancement Request

- \$4.6 million was requested; none was received.
- Restriction on how we were to contact legislators.
- Low priority for administration.

### New Hires

- Christina Restaino, Natural Resources Specialist (Fire), Statewide, Starts Aug. 1.
- Jacob Holloway, Extension Educator, Nye County, Hired May 1.
- Maninder Walia, Agriculture Specialist (Field Crops), Churchill County, Hired Feb. 22.
- Nora Luna, 4-H Coordinator, Clark County, Hired June 17.
- Paul Meiman, Natural Resources Specialist (Livestock & Wildlife), Statewide, Starts Sept. 1.
- Shannon J. Horrillo, Associate Director, Statewide, Starts Aug. 5.
- Stephanie McAfee, Climatologist (Agriculture), Statewide, Started July 1.

### Retirements

- Pam Powell, Extension Educator, Churchill County, Retires Aug. 31.
- Sherm Swanson, Natural Resources Specialist (Range & Riparian), Statewide, Retires Dec. 31.

### Positions Being Filled

- 4-H Professional, Nye County (Editing job announcement).
- Extension Educator, Churchill County (Search starts soon).
- Extension Educator, Clark County, Laughlin (Interviews completed; offer pending).
- Extension Educator, Lander County (Promising candidates; posting closes soon).
- Extension Educator, Lincoln County (Selected top candidates; interviews in August).
- Extension Educator, Lyon County (Selected top candidates; interviews in August).
- Nutrition Specialist, Washoe County (Posting closes Aug. 19).

### Programs

#### 4-H Camp Master Plan

- A committee, with an architecture and engineering firm, has worked to create a plan to update camp facilities.
- Ideas include building a **4-H Learning Center** with meeting space, an indoor/outdoor science lab, a ropes course and sleeping accommodations; new cabins with restroom/shower facilities to replace the current separate structures; a covered gazebo for the beach; and a welcome center/drop-off area for the main dining hall/lodge.
- Funds will come mostly from private donors. Buildings built with donations from the counties will remain. Once the final plan is approved by the University and Board of Regents, we plan to launch a capital campaign.

#### 4-H Youth Development

- At **4-H Day at the Legislature**, 60 youth and 15 adults from five counties shared their stories with officeholders.
- The **Carson City Fair** will feature the largest number of 4-H'ers showing livestock/exhibits in the western area.
- The **Nevada 4-H Expo**, Oct. 3 - 6 in Winnemucca, will include livestock-breeding, horse, small animal and dog shows; communications contests; exhibits; demonstrations; a fashion revue; and the state shooting sports match.
- Results from the first annual **State 4-H Needs Assessment** show youth feel 4-H is a place where adults care about them. After high school, the youth plan to go to college (71 percent) or trade school (11 percent).

#### A.D. Guy Knowledge Center

- The Center offers **free and low-cost education** for youth, adults and seniors, training, empowering and educating generations. It has been in operation for a little over two months. In that time, we've served 150 youth and adults, including 67 youth and 27 Southern Nevada Reno Housing Authority youth.
- Five outreach activities are scheduled this month. Recent outreach events include Juneteenth, a farmers' market, tablet giveaways and canvassing the Marble Manor property.

#### Aging & Sanford Center

#### Community & Economic Development

- As part of the collaborative **Nevada Economic Assessment Project (NEAP)**, we are collecting, analyzing and organizing county data. We presented this month to Commissioners in Humboldt and Elko Counties, and our next stakeholder meeting is 10 a.m. - noon, Sept. 30 at our Washoe County Office. We launched efforts in Elko and Humboldt County this month and are scheduled to launch in Nye and Esmeralda Counties in September. With one section left, our Lincoln County report nears completion.
- We completed a **Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS)** for Yerington and Duckwater. We are working with Western Nevada Development District (WNDD), which covers Washoe, Carson, Lyon, Churchill, Douglas, Mineral, Pershing and Storey Counties, to update their strategy. The updated strategies will allow regions to apply for and receive federal dollars.
- We also collected data for WNDD to use in developing a **workforce grant** for Washoe, Douglas and Pershing Counties. We are presenting a **workforce development and certification program** for garden center and landscape professionals, Green Industry Training, Jan. 25 - March 5 to counties throughout the state.
- Washoe County Library Services (WCLS) asked us for help in building a leadership program. The **Leadership Development Program** included six three-hour trainings over four months and concluded May 31. The library director, branch managers and heads attended. Evaluation results are being analyzed.
- Our **business development** team provides workshops in English and Spanish for small-business owners. From the start of the program in April through June, we provided 14 workshops to 179 attendees. In July and August, we will present 11 workshops.
- Several **studies** are underway or were recently completed, including: feasibility of a Native American land-grant college; economic impacts of alternative public grazing, Lincoln County's mountain bike trail; the health sector; Renown; the Carson City Airport; and Reno Rodeo and Air Races tourism.
- We presented to the Legislature on the **impacts of public lands to the economies of Nevada Counties**.
- Several **analyses** are underway or were recently completed, including: impact analyses of a 300-unit mixed-income housing in Carson City and the Nevada Industry Excellence program, and a benefit-cost analysis of a bypass around Wadsworth. Results will be used to secure funding.
- We worked with the USDA to **forecast prices of Nevada's agricultural products** and presented the results at the **Dairy and Livestock Outlook** and a Nevada Department of Agriculture workshop.
- We helped to present and roll-out the **Opportunity Zone Project** in Reno, and we developed podcasts on receiving Opportunity Zone funding.

#### Natural Resources Survey

- The Clark and Lincoln County surveys are complete, with about 450 total respondents. We are drafting the survey results reports and anticipate finishing them in September.
- We are implementing the White Pine, Eureka, Mason Valley and Smith Valley surveys this week. We should have data from the counties by the end of August.
- Our Northeast Elko County focus groups revealed survey implementation challenges. One solution could be to coordinate with the county's conservation districts to conduct the survey at the county level.

#### North Las Vegas Office

- We are working with Commissioner Marilyn Kirkpatrick to open an office in North Las Vegas. We have visited a potential site, and it would include other county departments as well.