



# Nevada Association of Counties 2026 Annual Conference

## *Draft Schedule of Events (September 22-24, 2026)*

### **Tuesday, September 22**

| <b><u>Time</u></b>      | <b><u>Event</u></b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
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| 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.   | <b>Registration</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.  | <b>NACHSA Annual Meeting</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.  | <b><u>Dementia Friend Training</u></b>                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. | <b><u>Dementia Champion Training</u></b> (Dementia Friends Certificate Required)                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 1:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.   | <b>Concurrent Educational Sessions</b><br><i>Session 1 – Economic Development That Delivers: Tools Available to Counties to Negotiate with Industry</i><br><i>Session 2 – The County Role in Indigent Services: Funding, Policy, and Practice</i> |
| 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.   | <b>NACO Board of Directors and Annual Membership Meeting</b>                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.   | <b>Presidents Reception</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |

### **Wednesday, September 23**

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| 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.  | <b>County Manager Breakfast – By Invitation Only</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.  | <b>Registration</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 8:00 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.  | <b>Concurrent Educational Sessions</b><br><i>Session 1: When the Room Gets Loud: Good Governance, Decorum, and Managing Conflict in Public Meetings</i><br><i>Session 2: Turning National Benefits into Local Impact presented by the National Association of Counties (NACo) EDGE</i>           |
| 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. | <b>Conference Wide Event</b><br><i>General Session</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Keynote Address: THE POWER OF STORIES: Leveraging Local History and Culture to Strengthen Civic Engagement, Tourism &amp; Sense of Place - Alicia Barber, PhD – Stories in Place</i></li></ul> |
| 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. | <b>Conference Wide Event</b><br><i>Luncheon</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.  | <b>Conference Wide Educational Session</b><br><i>One Nevada, Many Voices: Aligning County Priorities for Legislative Success</i>                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 4:00 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.  | <b>Concurrent Conference Educational Sessions</b><br><i>Session 1: The Local Government Funding Playbook: Finding, Winning, and Managing Funding Opportunities</i><br><i>Session 2: Destination Nevada: Driving Local Economies Through Tourism and Recreation</i>                               |
| 6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. | <b>Conference Wide Event</b><br><i>Annual Awards Banquet</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |

## **Thursday, September 24**

7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.

***Conference Wide Event***  
*Continental Breakfast*

8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

***Conference Wide Event***  
***Closing Educational Session –***  
*Plugged In, Tapped Out? Economic Opportunity and Resource Tradeoffs in Data Centers*

### **NACO Annual Conference Ends**

#### **Post-Conference Event Opportunity – 1 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

[\*Community Benefit Agreement Workshop\*](#) – co-sponsored by the Nevada Association of Counties and the Nevada Water Resources Association at the Desert Research Institute, Reno Campus (more information available soon).

#### **Post-Conference Tour – 1:00 p.m.**

[\*Experience the Carson Valley\*](#) – Tour the nearly complete and state of the art new Douglas County Justice facility. Followed by a tour of the Minden Mill Distillery.