

## NEVADA ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES (NACO)

Board of Directors' Meeting

May 13, 2022, 9:30am

NACO Offices

304 South Minnesota Street

Carson City, NV 89703

### NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC:

The public may provide public comment in advance of a meeting by written submission to the following email address: [info@nvnaco.org](mailto:info@nvnaco.org) For inclusion or reference in the minutes of the meeting, your public comment must include your full name and be submitted via email by not later than 3:00 p.m. the day before the meeting.

*The public may also join the meeting via telephone and provide verbal public comment during designated times by calling: (669) 900-9128 Meeting ID: 853 2243 8469 Passcode: 456626*

### AGENDA

Some NACO Board members may attend via remote technology from other locations. Items on the agenda may be taken out of order. The NACO Board may combine two or more agenda items for consideration. The NACO Board may remove an item from the agenda or delay discussion relating to an item on the agenda at any time.

### Call to Order, Roll Call and Pledge of Allegiance

1. Public Comment. Please Limit Comments to 3 Minutes.
2. Approval of Agenda. **For Possible Action.**
3. NACO President's Report.
4. NACO Executive Director's Report.
5. Approval of Minutes of the April 22, 2022, NACO Board of Directors Meeting. **For Possible Action**
6. Discussion and Approval of June NACO Board Meeting Format and Possible Date Change. **For Possible Action**
7. Discussion and Possible Approval for NACO Staff to Draft a Letter to the Office of the Governor Regarding State of Nevada Fiscal Year 2023 and 2024 Budgets, Respectively, Including Potential Impacts to Counties. **For Possible Action.**
8. Update on Previously Discussed NACO Strategic Planning Session for 2022.
9. Possible Approval of Pinyon Public Affairs as a NACO Associate Member. **For Possible Action**

10. Presentation by The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), Including, Programs Providing Technical and Financial Assistance to Nevada's Counties, Jose Rosado, State Conservation Engineer.
11. Discussion and Possible Approval for NACO Staff to Send a Letter to the Offices of Nevada Senators Cortez Masto and Rosen Supporting the Extension of Federal Private Health Insurance Subsidies for Individuals. **For Possible Action**
12. Approval of NACO Resolution 22-02 Recognizing May 2022 as Older Americans Month. **For Possible Action**
13. **Update and Possible Action.** Regarding Public Lands and Natural Resources Issues Affecting Counties Including:
  - a. Updates from the NACO Public Lands and Natural Resources Subcommittee.
14. NACO Legislative Committee Update.
15. NACO Committee of the Emeritus Update.
16. Updates from Members on the National Association of Counties Board, Western Interstate Region Board, and Individual Counties.
17. Public Comment. Please Limit Comments to 3 Minutes.

Adjournment.

Members of the public who are disabled and require special accommodations or assistance at the meeting are requested to notify NACO in writing at 304 S. Minnesota Street, Carson City, NV 89703, or by calling (775) 883-7863 at least three working days prior to the meeting.

Members of the public can request copies of the supporting material for the meeting by contacting Amanda Evans at (775) 883-7863. Supporting material will be available at the NACO office and on the NACO website at: [www.nvnaco.org](http://www.nvnaco.org)

*This agenda was posted at the following locations:*

NACO Office 304 S. Minnesota Street, Carson City, NV 89703

Washoe County Admin. Building 1001 E. Ninth Street, Reno, NV 89520

Elko County Manager's Office 540 Court Street #101, Elko NV 89801

POOL/PACT 201 S. Roop Street, Carson City, NV 89701

## Agenda Item 5

### NEVADA ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES (NACO)

Board of Directors' Meeting

April 22, 2022, 9:30am

NACO Offices

304 South Minnesota Street

Carson City, NV 89703

### UNADOPTED MINUTES

**ATTENDANCE:** Vice President Giomi, Past President Kirkpatrick, Douglas County Commissioner Tarkanian, Eureka County Commissioner Goicoechea, Humboldt County Commissioner French, Lincoln County Commissioner Lister, Lyon County Commissioner Keller, Mineral County Commissioner Hall, Nye County Commissioner Strickland, Pershing County Commissioner Shank, Storey County Commissioner Carmona, Washoe County Commissioner Hartung and NACO Staff (Vinson Guthreau, Jennifer Berthiaume, Jacob Brinkerhoff and Amanda Berg)

The meeting was called to order by Vinson at 9:39 a.m. (The meeting was Chaired by Vinson at Vice President Giomi's request, as he attended remotely)

1. **Public Comment.** None was given.
2. **Approval of Agenda.** The agenda was approved on a motion by Commissioner French with second by Commissioner Hall.
3. **NACO President's Report.** None was given as President Lucey was unable to attend the meeting.
4. **NACO Executive Director's Report.** Vinson introduced the Board to the Association's new Natural Resources Manager, Jacob Brinkerhoff and gave an overview of his background and qualifications. Commissioner French informed the Board that he had been a part of the interview and selection process and that he believes Jacob is a good fit for NACO and that he is excited to work with him. Jacob concluded the item by giving the Board a more detailed review of his background in Natural Resources and Public Policy. Jacob thanked the Board for the opportunity to join the NACO staff.
5. **Approval of Minutes of the March 25, 2022, NACO Board of Directors Meeting.** The minutes were approved on a motion by Commissioner French with second by Commissioner Lister.
6. **Approval of NACO's March 2022 Financial Statements and Investment Reports.** Vinson reminded the Board that the statements and reports are brought to the Board on a regular basis to maintain transparency. He noted that the Association expenses are currently under budget and that the investment portfolio is performing well. The NACO fiscal year was clarified as January 1 through December 31 at the request of Commissioner Lister. The financial statements and investment reports were approved on a motion by Commissioner Lister with second by Commissioner Hartung.

7. **NACO Staff Update Regarding the Nevada Sustainable Transportation Funding Advisory Group.** Vinson informed the Board that the item was added to the agenda at the request of Commissioner Lister, based upon the Board's discussion at the February meeting. He reminded the Board that the Advisory Group was created by the Legislature during the 2021 Session and that the Group is tasked with providing a written report with recommendations to the Legislature by the end of the year. Vinson informed the Board that the Group, on which he is the Board's representative, met on April 12<sup>th</sup> and had discussed potential funding mechanisms, though no recommendations had been made. He assured the Board that his participation is based on their priorities including that there be no General Fund obligations. He then informed the Board that NDOT will return to the Board for a presentation when the Group's recommendations are final. Past President Kirkpatrick informed the Board that she had secured the document discussed at the February meeting and that she would send it to Vinson for distribution. Commissioner Lister inquired as to if Vinson had a sense as to where the Group was headed with their recommendations. Vinson stated that there is opposition to all the recommendations discussed and that it will be up to the Legislature to fully vet any of the recommendations that come out of the Advisory Group. A potential parcel delivery fee was discussed, and the item was concluded by Past President Kirkpatrick encouraging the focus be on preservation of existing roads before investing in new roads.
8. **Possible Approval of SOLUS Technology Solutions as a NACO Associate Member.** Vinson directed the Board's attention to the application included in their agenda packets and SOLUS Technology Solutions was approved as an Associate Member on a motion by Commissioner Hartung with second by Commissioner Hall.
9. **Discussion and Update from the Nevada Rural Housing Authority (NRHA), Including, but Not Limited to, Awarding of State ARPA Dollars and an Update on NRHA Programs, Bill Brewer, Executive Director, Nevada Rural Housing Authority.** This item was taken out of order for scheduling purposes. Vinson introduced the item, reminding the Board that former Nye County Commissioner, Joni Eastley and former Pershing County Commissioner, Roger Mancebo are NACO's appointed representatives to the NRHA Board of Directors. Ms. Eastley thanked the Board for her appointment to the Board and discussed the importance of the work that NRHA does throughout the State. Ms. Mishon Hurst gave the presentation as Mr. Brewer was unable to attend due to travel. Ms. Hurst's presentation began by outlining the agency's mission and priorities, and highlighted successful outcomes of the program with statements from some of the residents they have served. Ms. Hurst then outlined statistics of the homeownership, housing voucher, affordable housing units, and weatherization assistance programs in rural areas, highlighting the \$7.5 million expended in rental assistance during the COVID-19 Pandemic. She then outlined the future goals of NRHA, including opportunities to add inventory, Frontier community development, access to affordable homeownership tools and voucher expansion and advocacy. Ms. Hurst ended her presentation by discussing some of the challenges to reaching those goals including inflation, zoning issues and access to necessary data. All Commissioners are encouraged to contact NRHA with any questions or concerns they may have, as well as to discuss opportunities for housing expansion that the Authority may be assisting with.
10. **Discussion of Western Interstate Region (WIR) Host County for 2023 Annual Conference, Including Interest from Eligible Nevada Counties and Host County Requirements.** Vinson directed the Board's attention to the RFP included in the agenda packet and informed the Board that he had discussed the RFP internally as well as with Douglas and Washoe Counties because of their access to Lake Tahoe. He also informed the

Board that WIR's Legislative Director, Jonathan Shuffield would be open to discussing hosting of the Conference beyond 2023.

11. **Update on Planning Activities for NACO's 2022 Annual Conference, hosted by Storey County.** Vinson thanked Storey County for hosting the event and Amanda informed the Board that Sponsor registration had opened and gave an overview of the finalization of the logo and theme.
12. **Presentation on the NACO High Performance Leadership Academy, Including Program Curriculum and Dates for Enrollment, Luke Afeman, Senior Director of Enrollment, Professional Development Academy.** Vinson reminded the Board of the fully on-line program and NACO's partnership with the program, noting that he has completed the Academy. He encouraged County participation in the program by enrolling those staff members in expanded or expanding leadership roles. Mr. Afeman then gave the Board an overview of the Academy and informed them that county enrollees receive an \$850 scholarship to assist in covering the costs of the program.
13. **Update and Possible Action. Regarding Public Lands and Natural Resources Issues Affecting Counties Including:**
  - a. **Updates from the NACO Public Lands and Natural Resources Subcommittee.** Vinson informed the Board that the Subcommittee had discussed the Governor's Shared Stewardship Program announcement and that staff had already had conversations with the Division of Outdoor Recreation on the importance of including counties in their meetings and discussions, and they would continue to monitor the implementation of the agreement. The Subcommittee also discussed the disaster declarations of 13 Nevada counties and received an update on the Navy's proposed withdrawals for the Fallon Naval Airbase. No action was taken.
14. **NACO Legislative Committee Update.** Jennifer informed the Board that the Committee had met on the 8<sup>th</sup> and discussed potential Bill Draft request ideas, reminding the Board that the Association is entitled to introduce five BDRs. She reminded the Board that the Committee's proposals will be introduced to the Board for discussion and approval in August as they must be submitted in September. Vinson encouraged the Board to submit any issues or ideas to staff so they can be brought to the Committee for discussion. The next meeting of the Committee will take place on May 13<sup>th</sup>.
15. **NACO Committee of the Emeritus Update.** Vinson informed the Board that the workshop held on the 8<sup>th</sup> on the Bi-partisan Infrastructure Law was one of the best panels to date and that the workshop had record setting attendance, thanks in part to the in-person/remote attendance hybrid platform. He concluded the item by informing the Board that the next meeting of the Committee would be May 6<sup>th</sup>.
16. **Updates from Members on the National Association of Counties Board, Western Interstate Region Board, and Individual Counties.** Past President Kirkpatrick informed the Board that NACo Board of Directors have been discussing the Treasury guidance on Pandemic relief funding and how best to get the dollars directly to counties. Commissioner French stated that he will have an update on WIR following the conference in May. Commissioners gave updates on activities within their counties.

17. **Public Comment.** Storey County Manager, Austin Osborne informed the Board that the county is looking forward to hosting the conference and staff is working to assist the Association with planning efforts.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

DRAFT

## Agenda Item 6

### Adopted NACO Board of Directors 2022 Calendar

Legend	
<b>NACO Observed Holidays</b>	
<b>National Association of Counties Conferences</b>	(February-Legislative Conference, May WIR Conference, July NACo Annual Conference)
<b>NACO Board of Directors Meetings in Carson City</b>	
<b>NACO Board Meeting in Clark County</b>	
<b>NACO Board Meeting in Eastern Rural County</b>	(Pending Board discussion and approval.)
<b>NACO Annual Conference</b>	(Board Meeting 9-28)

January 2022							April 2022							July 2022							October 2022						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
						1						1	2						1	2							1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31													31							30	31					

  

February 2022							May 2022							August 2022							November 2022							
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	
		1	2	3	4	5																		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	
20	21	22	23	24	25	26	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	
27	28						29	30	31					28	29	30	31				27	28	29	30				

  

March 2022							June 2022							September 2022							December 2022						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
		1	2	3	4	5				1	2	3	4					1	2	3					1	2	3
6	7	8	9	10	11	12	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
13	14	15	16	17	18	19	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
20	21	22	23	24	25	26	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
27	28	29	30	31			26	27	28	29	30			25	26	27	28	29	30	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	

# NACO ASSOCIATE MEMBER INFORMATION

## Company Information (please print or type)

Company Name

Headquarters Address

City

State

Zip

Phone

Fax

Company Website

## Official Company Representative (please print or type)

First Name

Last Name

Title

Address (if different from above)

Phone

Fax

Cell

E-mail

Additional/Alternate Company Contact (Name & E-mail)

Please provide a brief summary of what your firm does and how an Associate Membership with NACO will be mutually beneficial.

Thank you for your interest in joining NACO!

Please return your completed application to us at: 304 S. Minnesota St.  
Carson City, NV 89703  
or via E mail at: [aevans@nvnaco.org](mailto:aevans@nvnaco.org)



United States Department of Agriculture

Agenda Item 10

# NRCS Watershed Programs

May 13, 2022  
Jose Rosado, P.E.  
NV State Conservation Engineer



Natural  
Resources  
Conservation  
Service

[nv.nrcs.usda.gov](http://nv.nrcs.usda.gov)

# Topics



## Watershed Programs Overview

- Structure Rehabilitation (Rehab)
- Emergency Watershed Protection (EWP)
- Watershed and Flood Prevention Operations (WFPO)

## Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act





United States Department of Agriculture

# Watershed Program Overview



Natural  
Resources  
Conservation  
Service

[nv.nrcs.usda.gov](http://nv.nrcs.usda.gov)

# Watershed Programs



## Sponsor Eligibility

The Sponsor must be able to provide the following functions:

- Power of Eminent Domain
- Acquire Permits and Licenses
- Authority to Levy Taxes
- Complete Land Treatment above Reservoirs
- Lead Public Participation
- Evidence of Finances
- Complete Watershed Management
- Manage Municipal and Industrial Water Projects
- Conduct Operation and Maintenance
- Responsible for Storm and Sanitary Sewers

Sponsor cannot be engaged in controlled substance activities, including growing marijuana



# Watershed Rehabilitation



## Program Overview and Eligibility

The Watershed Rehabilitation Program offers financial and technical assistance to rehabilitate dams constructed through one of four authorities. This program extends the service life of dams to meet applicable safety and performance standards or decommission the dams so they no longer pose a threat to life and property.

## Authorities

- Public Law 83-566
- Public Law 78-534
- Pilot Watershed Program authorized under Dept of Agriculture Appropriation Act of 1954
- Resources Conservation and Development Program Authorized by the Agriculture and Food Act of 1981



# Emergency Watershed Protection Program

## Program Overview

The EWP Program safeguards lives and property from floods, drought, and the products of erosion on any watershed whenever fire, flood or any other natural occurrence is causing or has caused a sudden impairment of the watershed.

Purpose	Installation / Construction	Engineering / Technical Assistance	Real Property Rights
Emergency Watershed Protection	No more than 75 percent, or 90 percent for limited resource areas	No more than 100 percent	0



# Emergency Watershed Protection Program

## Program Eligibility

- Public and private landowners are eligible for assistance but must be represented by a project sponsor
- Sponsors include legal subdivisions of the State, such as a city, county, general improvement district, conservation district, or any Native American tribe or tribal organization as defined in section 4 of the Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act
- Sponsor must attest that they do not have the funds to complete the work on their own



# Emergency Watershed Protection Program

## Type of Work Authorized

EWP is designed for installation of recovery measures to safeguard life and property as a result of a natural disaster. These include, but are not limited to:

- debris-clogged waterways,
- unstable streambanks,
- severe erosion jeopardizing public infrastructure
- wind-borne debris removal, and
- damaged upland sites stripped of protective vegetation



# Watershed and Flood Prevention Operations Program



## Program Overview

The WFPO Program provides technical and financial assistance to entities of State and local governments and Tribes (project sponsors) for planning and installing watershed projects.

## Relationship to Other Programs

Watershed projects should be developed when land or water resource issues in a watershed cannot be adequately addressed by individuals or groups making use of other USDA conservation programs. Projects should not be developed for the purpose of providing higher cost-sharing rates than those available through other USDA conservation programs (NWPH 600.2)



# Watershed and Flood Prevention Operations Program



**Public Law: PL 83-566 and PL 78-534**

**Policy: Title 390 National Watershed Program Manual (2014)**

## General Purposes

- (i) Preventing damage from erosion, floodwater, and sediment
- (ii) Furthering the conservation, development, utilization, and disposal of water
- (iii) Furthering the conservation and proper utilization of land

## Authorized Project Purposes

- Flood Prevention (Food Damage Reduction)
- Watershed Protection
- Public Recreation
- Public Fish and Wildlife
- Agricultural Water Management
- Municipal and Industrial Water Supply
- Water Quality Management

Natural  
Resources  
Conservation  
Service



# Watershed and Flood Prevention Operations Program



## Cost Share by Authorized Project Purpose

Purpose	Installation / Construction	Engineering / Technical Assistance
<b>Flood Prevention</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Works of Improvement</li> </ul>	100 <sup>1</sup> percent	100 <sup>1</sup> percent
<b>Watershed Protection</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Flood Control</li> <li>Erosion and Sedimentation Reduction</li> <li>Water Quality</li> <li>Water Conservation</li> <li>Wildlife Habitat</li> <li>Woodland</li> <li>Energy</li> <li>Recreation Resources</li> </ul>	Variable <sup>2</sup>	100 percent
<b>Public Fish and Wildlife or Public Recreational Development</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Works of Improvement</li> <li>Recreation Minimum Basic Facilities</li> </ul>	No more than 50 <sup>1</sup> percent No more than 50 <sup>1</sup> percent	100 <sup>1</sup> percent

<b>Agricultural Water Management</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Drainage</li> <li>Irrigation</li> <li>Ground Water Recharge</li> <li>Agricultural Water Supply Structure</li> <li>Water Conservation</li> <li>Water Quality</li> </ul>	Up to 75 <sup>3</sup> percent	Up to 100 percent	0
<b>Municipal and Industrial Water Supply</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reservoir Structure</li> </ul>	No more than 50 <sup>1,4,6</sup> percent	0	0
<b>Water Quality Management</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reservoir Storage</li> </ul>	To be determined <sup>6</sup>	Up to 100 percent	0
<b>Rehabilitation</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dams</li> </ul>	No more than 100 <sup>1,5</sup> percent	No more than 100 <sup>1</sup> percent	0

Natural Resources Conservation Service



# Watershed and Flood Prevention Operations Program

## Criteria/Limitations:

- **Public Sponsorship**
- **Max watershed or sub watershed cannot exceed 250,000 acres (for Flood Prevention purpose)**
- **Structures cannot provide more than 12,500 acre-feet of flood water detention capacity or more than 25,000 acre-feet of total capacity**
- **Agriculture and rural communities must account for at least 20 percent of the total benefits of the projects**



# Watershed and Flood Prevention Operations Program



## WFPO Program Process

- **Eligible Sponsor interest**
- **Preliminary Investigation Report**
  - A brief study, using existing data and field information. The purpose of the investigation is to provide reasonable assurance that a feasible plan can be developed that addresses one or more Public Law 83-566 purposes and that there are no apparent insurmountable obstacles
  - 6 months to 1 year
- **Watershed Project Plan and Environmental Analysis**
  - 18 months to 2 years for Environmental Assessment
  - 2 years to 4 years for Environmental Impact Statement
- **Design**
- **Construction**





United States Department of Agriculture

# Infrastructure and Investments Job Act



Natural  
Resources  
Conservation  
Service

[nv.nrcs.usda.gov](http://nv.nrcs.usda.gov)

# Infrastructure Investments and Jobs Act

## Funding Available

- \$918M to remain available until expended
  - \$500M for Watershed Flood Prevention and Operations
  - \$118M for Rehabilitation
  - \$300M for Emergency Watershed Protection

**March 3<sup>rd</sup> - \$166.5M Allocated in 108 projects in 23 states**

**April 21<sup>st</sup> - \$420M in 132 projects in 31 states**

**NRCS will continue to review and fund requests as funds are available**



# Infrastructure Investments and Jobs Act

## WFPO Priorities

- Projects in LRA and HU communities where there is a severe need for watershed infrastructure to address major watershed issues.
- Help tribal communities address their watershed scale priorities and needs .
- Address new ag-water management needs in western states.
- Backlog project funding.

## Rehabilitation Priorities

- Planning, design and construction for some of the 1,159 high hazard potential dams in 38 states that have reached their design life and are eligible for rehabilitation.
- Projects that have an authorized plan and where sponsors are committed to complete construction.

## EWPP Priorities

- Communities recovering from western wildfires, floods, tropical storms, tornadoes, and other natural disasters
- The \$300m will be allocated to current and future disaster recovery projects.
- Exigency requests that pose an imminent threat to life and property.



# Infrastructure Investments and Jobs Act

## Public Webinars

- Public Webinars were held December 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>; recordings are available at the following site:

<https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/national/programs/landscape/>

- You can access fact sheets, template assistance request letters for each program, sponsor guide, and the presentations for the public meetings

### Related Links

- Sponsor Requirements
- National Watershed Program Handbook (PDF) 2.4 MB
- EWP Program Fact Sheet 2021 [\[X\]](#)
- Watershed and Flood Prevention Fact Sheet 2021 [\[X\]](#)
- Watershed Rehab Program Fact Sheet 2021 [\[X\]](#)
- Sample Assistance Letters of Requests



### WATERSHED PROGRAMS - SPONSOR GUIDE



**SPONSORSHIP BEGINS AT THE LOCAL LEVEL**  
Local and government agencies, organizations, and construction districts understand the needs of their communities. Participants from the grass roots level are vital to help contractors and businesses find and gain funding assistance for their needs, such as working with other grant and other important beneficiaries.

**Eligibility**  
Watershed projects must include one or more of the sponsor. An eligible sponsor must be one of the following: an individual or entity that is a member of the National Conservation Council (NCC).

**1. Power of Disposal Consent**  
All land that is proposed to be used for the purpose of acquiring and property, water, mineral, and other land rights needed for a specific project, as defined in 30 C.F.R. 2.1000-2.1005, where the primary purpose of a project involves land treatment (e.g., new wetlands, the power to exercise an easement domain is not required).

**2. Permitting and Licensing**  
The sponsor must obtain needed permits and licenses in accordance with local, state, and federal laws.

**3. Authority to Levy Taxes**  
The authority may be an established one (sponsor) or the local government of the project, allowing the sponsor to levy taxes and financing the operation and maintenance expenses for the life of the project. Proposing the authority to levy taxes, as local government agencies, enables the sponsor to finance the project as necessary with local levied taxes in the operation. The authority provides funds to support for the project throughout its lifetime.

### Sponsor Resources

Infrastructure and Investment Jobs Act  
Watershed Programs Opportunities  
NRCs Training Sessions - 2021



Watershed Program Training  
Webinars & Resources





# Questions?



**USDA is an equal opportunity provider, employer and lender.**

Natural  
Resources  
Conservation  
Service

[nv.nrcs.usda.gov](http://nv.nrcs.usda.gov)

## Agenda Item 11



Nevada Association of Counties  
304 South Minnesota Street  
Carson City, NV 89703  
(775) 883-7863

[www.nvnaco.org](http://www.nvnaco.org)

May 13, 2022

The Honorable Senator Catherine Cortez Masto  
The Honorable Senator Jacky Rosen

Dear Senator,

Strengthening public health starts with equipping people with the tools they need to take care of themselves and their families. We are therefore calling on you and your colleagues to make permanent the current federal health insurance subsidies that have allowed thousands of Nevadans to access affordable and quality health care coverage.

These subsidies, expanded under the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) that passed in 2021, help a wide variety of Nevadans. During the most recent enrollment period, [101,411](#) Nevada residents signed up for insurance, partly due to the subsidy expansion in ARPA. If the subsidies are made permanent, that figure would increase as the number of Nevadans eligible for benefits rises — opening the door for thousands more to finally access coverage.

With the subsidies set to expire in December, it is critical that we protect this vital access to care before it's too late. Failure to make the subsidies permanent means premium hikes that could reach [\\$600 a month](#) for 12 million Americans. For the many Americans who would be unable to afford their new premiums, the loss of health care coverage and benefits could prove devastating. Nevada's Counties serve as the social safety net for our communities, and fund 20% of the state's Medicaid budget, through our Long-Term Care (LTC) assessments. Additionally, there are local tax dollars that are directed towards coverage for individuals who lack private health insurance and die, or are injured on Nevada's roadways.

So many of our community members here in Nevada rely on marketplace subsidies to obtain health insurance and receive the proper medical care they need. Their challenges vary, but the peace of mind that comes from having accessible, affordable coverage is invaluable.



Nevada Association of Counties  
304 South Minnesota Street  
Carson City, NV 89703  
(775) 883-7863

[www.nvnaco.org](http://www.nvnaco.org)

All Nevadans deserve the opportunity to have quality and affordable health insurance. When more Nevadans are insured, we all benefit from a healthier state, and reduced impacts to indigent care. I urge you to advocate and support legislation making permanent the subsidies so that we can have a stronger and healthier Nevada for years to come.

Sincerely,

Nevada Association of Counties

DRAFT

# Resolution

*of the Nevada Association of Counties*

*22-02*

## Older Americans Month 2022

“AGE MY WAY”

**Whereas**, Nevada’s Counties are seeing an increase in the number of older Americans who contribute their strength, wisdom, and experience to our communities; and

**Whereas**, counties benefit when people of all ages, abilities, and backgrounds are welcomed, included, and supported; and

**Whereas**, the Nevada Association of Counties (NACO) recognizes our need to create communities that provide the services and support older Americans need to thrive and live independently for as long as possible; and

**Whereas**, NACO encourages every Nevadan to build an even better community for our older residents by planning programs that encourage independence, ensuring activities are in response to individual needs and preferences, and increasing access to services that support aging in place; and

**Whereas**, NACO urges every resident to recognize the contributions of our older citizens, help and join efforts to support older Americans’ choices about how they age in their communities.

**Now, therefore, BE IT RESOLVED THAT WE, the Nevada Association of Counties** do hereby proclaim May 2022 to be “**OLDER AMERICANS MONTH**” in All Nevada Counties.

**PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED** this 13<sup>th</sup> day of May 2022 by the Board of Directors of the Nevada Association of Counties

**Attests:**

/\_\_\_\_\_  
Bob Lucey  
President

/\_\_\_\_\_  
Vinson Guthreau  
Executive Director