

Appendix B

Meeting and Public Participation Documentation

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The following pages document the initiation, meeting, and public participation for the development of the Community Source Water Protection Plan for Public Water Systems in Lincoln County, Nevada.

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Integrated Source Water Protection Program
NDEP Bureau of Safe Drinking Water
901 Stewart Street, Suite 4001
Carson City, Nevada 89701

November 10, 2021

Subject: Participation in the State of Nevada's Integrated Source Water Protection Program

The Panaca Farmstead Association has reviewed the Integrated Source Water Protection Program Fact Sheet prepared by your office and discussed the program with your consultant Resource Concepts, Inc (RCI). We understand RCI will coordinate the development and activities of a local planning team and provide technical assistance.

Technical assistance will focus on delineation of protections areas around community drinking water sources and the identification of management strategies to protect those sources. We understand there is no cost to the water system for the development of the Community Source Water Protection Plan.

The Panaca Farmstead Association will provide data and designate staff to participate in the collaborative effort to develop a Source Water Protection plan for communities in Lincoln County.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kim Lee", written over a horizontal line.

Kim Lee

Panaca Farmstead Association- President of the Board

Lincoln County Water District
1005 Main Street, Suite 103, P. O. Box 936,
Panaca, NV 89042, (775) 962-8068

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING/AGENDA

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2021 12:00 PM
LCWD BOARD ROOM, SUITE 102, PANACA TOWNCENTER,
PANACA, NV

For those who cannot attend a call in number of 775-962-8099 is available.
Action may be taken on items denoted "For Possible Action."

1. Call to order, open meeting compliance, roll call, prayer and pledge of allegiance.
2. Public Comment and Discussion. Comments are limited to five (5) minutes. No action may be taken on a matter raised under this item of the agenda until the matter itself has been specifically included on an agenda as an item upon which action will be taken.
3. Discussion/For Possible Action: Approve/Modify minutes from the Lincoln County Water District (LCWD), August 23, 2021 meeting.
4. Discussion/For Possible Action: Approval of vouchers paid on check date, September 7, 2021, September 15, 2021, October 4, 2021, October 18, 2021, November 1, 2021 and November 15, 2021. (Invoices are available for public review at the Water District Office prior to the meeting).
5. Discussion: Board and Staff member reports – May include but not limited to meetings attended, actions taken, agreements, project(s) status, future needs arising since last meeting and other relevant information for the Board.
6. Vidler Update.
7. Discussion/For Possible Action: Approve or Deny continuing water monitoring efforts in Garden and Coal Valleys starting January 2022.
8. Discussion/For Possible Action: Approve or Deny Reimbursement to Lincoln County Power District for their POD to the BLM, to provide power for the Tule Desert Pipeline Project, up to \$ 90,000.
9. Discussion/For Possible Action: Approve or Deny second amended interlocal contract between Lincoln County and Lincoln County Water District for District Attorneys office to provide legal services.
10. Discussion/For Possible Action: Amendment of the Southwest Gas/Lincoln County Water District MOU.

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12. Discussion/For Possible Action: Approve/Deny an agreement with Lincoln Estates regarding water rights in basin 170, Penoyer Valley (Sand Springs Valley).
13. Discussion/For Possible Action: Presentation from RCI about the Integrated Source Water Protection Program and possible approval of letter of support.
14. Discussion/For Possible Action: 2020-2021 Annual Audit Report Presented by Daniel C. McArthur, Ltd.
15. Discussin/For Possible Action: 2020-2021 Vidler Audit Presented by Daniel C. McArthur, Ltd.
16. Discussion: The Lincoln County Water District's Draft Water Resource Plan.
17. Public Comment and Discussion. Comments are limited to five (5) minutes. No action may be taken on a matter raised under this item of the agenda until the matter itself has been specifically included on an agenda as an item upon which action will be taken.
18. Adjourn.

State of Nevada, County of Lincoln

AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING

I, Eva Donohue, Administrative Assistant, Lincoln County Water District, posted this notice and agenda on November 9, 2021 at the following locations: Nevada Public Notice Website, Lincoln County Courthouse and Pioche Post Office, Panaca Post Office, Caliente City Hall and Alamo Annex and those requesting it.



Eva Donohue

NOTE: Items with a designated time will be heard at that time, or as soon thereafter as the Board can accommodate it. All other items that do not have designated times will be heard at the discretion of the Board. Items may be taken out of the order presented on the agenda at the discretion of the Chairperson.

If you wish to speak on any item on the agenda, public comment can be taken on each item, limited to 5 minutes, at the discretion of the Chairperson. Reasonable effort will be made to assist and accommodate physically handicapped persons desiring to attend the meeting. Please call Wade Poulsen, General Manager, in advance so that arrangements may be conveniently made.

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MINUTES
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PANACA, NV

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1. Call to order, open meeting compliance, roll call, prayer and pledge of allegiance.
Meeting called to order at 2:24 P.M. Present: Bevan Lister, Varlin Higbee, Mike Reese, Jared Brackenbury and Wade Poulsen - General Manager, Wayne Klomp - Legal Counsel and Eva Donohue - Administrative Assistant. Absent: Keith Pearson
2. Public Comment and Discussion.
 - No Public Comment
3. Discussion/Possible Action: Approve/Modify minutes from the Lincoln County Water District (LCWD) August 23, 2021 meeting.
Motion by Jared Brackenbury to approve the minutes for the August 23, 2021 meeting, 2nd by Varlin Higbee, Mike Reese, abstained from vote, motion passes unanimously.
4. Discussion/For Possible Action: Approval of vouchers paid on check date, September 7, 2021, September 15, 2021, October 4, 2021, October 18, 2021, November 1, 2021 and November 15, 2021. (Invoices are available for public review at the Water District Office prior to the meeting).
Motion by Jared Brackenbury to approve vouchers for the September 7, 2021, September 15, 2021, October 4, 2021, October 18, 2021, November 1, 2021 and November 15, 2021, 2nd by Mike Reese, motion passes unanimously.
5. Discussion: Board and Staff member reports
Wade:
 - Gave the board his evaluation form to prepare for his evaluation in December.
 - State revolving fund, feel like it is a waste of time. There is no money available for new systems, only there for existing water. The Lincoln County Regional Development Authority are going to apply for 2 ½ million dollars to finish the final design for the Tule Desert Pipeline. When it comes to rural Nevada, there is no money, grant or otherwise, out there that can be used for new development.
 - NSE had another meeting, feel like it is all the same.
 - Everything else is on the agenda.
6. Vidler Update:
 - ***No Vidler Update***

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7. Discussion/For Possible Action: Approve or Deny continuing water monitoring efforts in Garden and Coal Valleys starting January 2022.
 - ***Motion by Jared Brackenbury, to continue basin monitoring starting in January 2022, and revisiting it as needed, 2nd by Varlin Higbee, motion passes unanimously.***
8. Discussion/For Possible Action: Approve or Deny Reimbursement to Lincoln County Power District for their POD to the BLM, to provide power for the Tule Desert Pipeline Project, up to \$90,000.
 - ***Motion by Jared Brackenbury to approve paying the Lincoln County Power District for their POD to the BLM, to provide power for the Tule Desert Pipeline Project, up to \$90,000, 2nd by Mike Reese, motion passes unanimously.***
9. Discussion/For Possible Action: Approve or Deny second amended interlocal contract between Lincoln County and Lincoln County Water District for District Attorneys office to provide legal services.
 - ***Motion by Jared Brackenbury to approve the second amended interlocal contract between Lincoln County and Lincoln County Water District for District Attorneys Office, 2nd by Mike Reese, motion passes unanimously.***
10. Discussion/For Possible Action: Amendment of the Southwest Gas/Lincoln County Water District MOU.
 - ***Motion by Jared Brackenbury to approve the amendment of the Southwest Gas/Lincoln County Water District MOU, 2nd by Mike Reese, motion passes unanimously.***
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 - ***Motion by Jared Brackenbury to approve membership in the Nevada Water Resource Association and attendance of Board Members and staff to the annual conference in January 31st-February 3rd in Las Vegas, Nevada, 2nd by Mike Reese, motion passes unanimously.***
12. Discussion/For Possible Action: Approve/Deny an agreement with Lincoln Estates regarding water rights in basin 170, Pennoyer Valley (Sand Springs Valley).
 - ***Motion by Jared Brackenbury to continue discussion and have legal counsel research and begin the conversation, 2nd by Varlin Higbee, motion passes unanimously.***

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13. Discussion/For Possible Action: Presentation from RCI about the Integrated Source Water Protection Program and possible approval of letter of support.
 - ***Motion by Jared Brackenbury to approve the letter and piggyback the letter from the county with Wade being the authority to sign and be the leason 2nd by Mike Reese, motion passes unanimously.***
14. Discussion/For Possible Action: 2020-2021 Annual Audit Report Presented by Daniel C. McArthur, Ltd.
 - ***Item is tabled***
15. Discussion/For Possible Action: 2020-2021 Vidler Audit Presented by Daniel C. McArthur, Ltd.
 - ***Item is tabled***
16. Discussion: The Lincoln County Water District's Draft Water Resource Plan.
 - ***More information requested***
17. Public Comment and Discussion.
 - ***No Public Comment***
18. *Adjourn 4:10 P.M.

Minutes submitted for approval on December 20, 2021 by Eva Donohue, LCWD Administrative Assistant.



Approved by:



Signature

Bevan Lister

Print Name

Chairman

Title



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Lincoln County, Nevada*

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Jared Brackenbury, Chair
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Keith Pearson
Varlin Higbee

DISTRICT ATTORNEY

Dylan V. Frehner

COUNTY CLERK

Lisa C. Lloyd

November 15, 2021

Integrated Source Water Protection Program
NDEP Bureau of Safe Drinking Water
901 Stewart Street, Suite 4001
Carson City, NV 89701-5249

RE: Lincoln County's Request to participate in the Integrated Source Water Protection Program, or ISWPP

To Whom it may concern,

Please regard this letter as an official request to participate in the State of Nevada Integrated Source Water Protection Program or ISWPP. We understand that the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection administers the ISWPP for the purpose of providing technical assistance to both the County and local individual public water systems on drinking water quality protection and preservation.

We also appreciate the time and information provided by Jill Sutherland of Resource Concepts, Inc. The presentation given to us on this day further describes and enforces the importance of the protection and quality of the County's drinking water supply.

We look forward to coordination with RCI and participation within the program. We will also identify a liaison to facilitate future County involvement and work with RCI, NDEP, the communities and the water providers toward successful completion of the plan.

Yours very truly,

Jared Brackenbury
Chair



LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

November 15, 2021
Commission Chambers
Lincoln County Courthouse
181 Main Street
Pioche, Nevada

Commissioners

Jared Brackenbury, Chair
Bevan Lister
Varlin Higbee
Keith Pearson
Michael Reese

#1-CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL/INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. Clerk Lisa Lloyd called the roll.

PRESENT: JARED BRACKENBURY LISA LLOYD, Clerk
BEVAN LISTER DYLAN FREHNER, District Attorney
VARLIN HIGBEE
MIKE REESE
ABSENT: KEITH PEARSON

There is a quorum present and the agenda was posted on 11-8-21 to comply with the open meeting law. The invocation was given by Bevan and Jared led the Pledge of Allegiance.

#2-PUBLIC COMMENT

Jared called for public comment. Dylan advised a sign has been posted upstairs to call his office if anyone wants to attend the meeting in person. They will be let into the building. Varlin advised the 4H is interested in building a camp in LC; they've settled on a couple areas in Alamo (Ash Springs and JFDI).

#3-REORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD

Mike indicated he would like to be involved with NACO and legislative issues in the future. Mike accepted the American Lands Counsel. Bevan will keep landfill, Planning/Building. SLUPAC is assigned to Mike. Kevin's previous assignments are moved to Mike, except for landfill, Planning/Building. Museum and Library are also added to Mike's responsibilities. After discussion, the Board agreed to assign Planning/Building to Mike as well. Mike will be the backup on that. LCAI is assigned to Mike. **Bevan made a motion to adjust assignments as discussed; seconded by Varlin. All voted in favor.**

CONSENT AGENDA

- #4 Approve/Deny minutes of the October 18 and November 1 meetings.
- #5 Approve/Deny original and renewed business licenses according to staff recommendations (an itemized list of business licenses is available for public review in the Building Department prior to the meeting).

Varlin made a motion to approve the consent agenda except for the minutes; seconded by Bevan. Mike abstained. Motion carried.

#6-VOUCHERS

Recorder/Auditor Amy Elmer presented the cash balances sans payroll. General County has an ending fund balance of \$1,890,761.85 with \$353,760 left for transfer to the Detention Center. Federal In Lieu has an ending fund balance of \$1,291,652.03 with \$356,514.65 remaining for transfer to Dispatch. Grants has an ending fund balance of \$503,447.23. Detention Center has an ending fund balance of \$135,491.85. Drug Court Fund is in the red by \$672.98. Amy doesn't want this paid from Fund 113. She suggested it be moved back to District Court. Denice suggested Indigent Funding be used to cover the Drug Court fund. There was some discussion about augmenting the District Court Specialty Fund, Fund 113. The Board needs to identify \$30,000 from Fund 10 for Amy to do the augmentation. The Board will discuss this further on the next agenda. **Varlin made a motion to approve paying the current Drug Court voucher from Fund 10; seconded by Bevan. All voted in favor.** Amy discussed the \$400,000 budgeted for Dispatch. **Bevan made a motion to approve the vouchers (he disagrees with the concept of sending county tax money to the state for them to decide how much should be returned to our schools); seconded by Varlin. All voted in favor.**

#7-HIGHWAY COMMISSION

This item was covered under separate agenda.

#8-LINCOLN COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT

This item was covered under separate agenda.

#9-OFFICER/DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Clerk Lisa Lloyd reported the Special Session started last week. She is already busy working on the 2022 election. Treasurer Shawn Frehner presented the monthly report. Shawn discussed the ARPA revenues she was asked to fill out by Denice. Shawn took the audited financials to fill out the information. She explained to the Board how it was filled out so if they needed to make changes they could. Today is the last day for open enrollment. There is one employee that hasn't done their spousal affidavit. Craig Roisum received the information from the Sheriff. We're still waiting on our VT address to be updated online in order to submit our report. Once the address is corrected and Craig can submit without hiccup, it goes to a general review board. After that, it goes to Mary (who is over NV). She'll review it and then negotiations begin. Once Mary receives application, it can be 60 to 90 days. PPU Manager Nathan Adams is still working on the Housing parcel map. They hope to replace the sewer line soon. Planning/Building Director Cory Lytle advised there are a couple contractors looking at the previously approved ADA ramps. They're looking to use COVID-19 funds. Commissioners' Administrative Assistant/Grants Administrator Denice Brown advised December 7-9 is the EPA cleanup workshop. Airport Road in Pioche is moving forward. She had a teleconference with J&J Construction, who is doing the Fairgrounds. They need a down payment as they have to order early in order to lock in prices. Denice advised him to submit the bills and she will pay them in December. She'll then do a reimbursement through SNPLMA. Total is about \$100,000. The three new SNPLMA grants have been submitted. Denice received notification EPWG grants will be coming forward. There is a RTC meeting this Thursday. Denice and Ronda are working on a grant via BLM to fund an officer. DA Dylan Frehner advised they're extremely busy. Maxine's representation of victims in the county has increased from a couple people to 12-15 people. Dylan will be gone December 3-9 but will call in for vouchers on the December 6 meeting. Dylan has court today and may miss the Water District meeting. IT Director Tracy Lee is back at work. Assessor Mark Holt is back home as well. LC Workforce is doing well. Enrollments are up.

#10-COVID-19 SICK LEAVE POLICY

This item concerns the policy governing employees' sick leave due to COVID-19. The Board previously adopted a policy governing COVID-19 leave but it was eliminated last year. POOL/PACT's newest policy was presented to the Board. There are some employees that are being forced to take leave without pay if others aren't willing to donate. Many aren't willing to donate as they're worried they're going to get COVID-19 and be out for 10 days. Mike suggested the Board advance hours but those would have to be put back in a bank. LC doesn't run leave time; we can't. There are no guarantees ensuring employees will "stick around". This policy also provides benefits for part-time employees; they'd still be paid while out on COVID-19 leave. Adoption of this policy will not increase our costs to POOL/PACT. If this leave is used, it goes towards their hours. They don't get paid more. Part-time is still limited to 1,039. The previous policy sunset on December 31, 2021. The proposed policy is nearly identical with the exception of the dates. The policy relates solely to positive test for COVID-19. If someone is sick in your home you can receive up to 2/3 rate of pay on emergency pay. If you want your full pay check, you have to take the other 1/3 out of your regular leave. It doesn't say the employee has to leave their sick leave first. Leave may be taken in increments agreed upon by employer/employee. Amy will use her existing emergency leave application from last year as it provides all necessary information. Employees will obtain, and submit, documentation from/to Amy's office. **Bevan made a motion to approve the policy as updated with the caveat of a maximum additional cost to the county of \$40,000, effective retroactively to October 1, 2021; seconded by Varlin. All voted in favor.**

#11-CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR'S DAYS OFF

This item concerns the days off for Christmas and New Year's. Are we closing the building, are part-timers still being required to work? Amy asked how we're handling part-time employees. Because Christmas Day is Saturday, employees get a full day Friday. Those under contract get ½ a day off on the 23rd. The contract employees are the only ones covered; this doesn't do anything for non-contract employees and part-time

employees. The Board agreed this should apply to all employees, contract, non-contract, and part-time. Toni Acuff asked if her full-time employees need to use their leave for the first half of the 23rd. Yes, if they'd like the full day off. If something comes up on the second half of the day, do employees get overtime? No and it isn't a holiday either. They receive regular pay on the 23rd as they still will have not worked their full 40 hours and it isn't a holiday. Essential personnel will be exempt; they're already covered by a union contract. Full-time employees get half the 23rd; they will most likely take the first half of the day as annual leave. Part-time employees will be the only ones left to work. Toni advised Nutrition will have to be shut down on the 23rd. All employees get December 31st off so there is no issue. **Varlin made a motion to give a ½ day with pay on the 23rd for all employees (except for those governed differently by contract); seconded by Bevan. All voted in favor.**

#12-PIOCHE PUBLIC UTILITIES PART-TIME EMPLOYEE

Bevan made a motion to approve hiring Rebecca Herbert as part-time office clerk for Pioche Public Utilities, effective November 16, 2021; seconded by Varlin. All voted in favor.

#13-LINCOLN COUNTY REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Jeff Fontaine addressed the Board concerning activities of the LC Regional Development Authority. Economic development is directly related to community development. LCRDA applied for grants from OHV Commissioner and NV State Parks to build kiosks around the communities. The Road Department erected the kiosks and did a great job. The maps inside and brochures were done via contract with a grant through NV State Parks. USDA power feasibility study for Alamo Industrial Park is ongoing. They're going to look at on-site solar in AIP as well. There is a lot of money through American Rescue Plan Funds and the Bipartisan Infrastructure bill that will be signed today. Jeff introduced members of the Sixco Nevada team. They've toured several parts of LC with regards to pinyon juniper projects. No action was taken on this item.

#14-GRANTS

Varlin made a motion to approve Change Order #2 for Silver Sabre Electric, LLC, work on Alamo Landing Field in the amount of \$4,928.70; seconded by Bevan. All voted in favor.

#15-GRANTS

Varlin made a motion to approve Addendum #1 for Armstrong Consultants, LLC for additional construction inspection services on the Alamo Landing Field in the amount of \$11,280; seconded by Bevan. All voted in favor.

#16-TREASURER IN TRUST PROPERTY

Bevan made a motion to approve the order directing the County Treasurer to sell property held in trust (auction is tentatively set for April 2022); seconded by Mike. All voted in favor

#17-GRANT WRITING CLASS

Varlin made a motion to approve Denise Brown's attendance at a grant writing class in the amount of \$500; seconded by Bevan. All voted in favor.

#18-SALARY INCREASE FOR HUMAN SERVICES DIRECTOR

This item was tabled.

#19-\$.05 COUNTY TAX ON DIESEL FUEL

Dylan state the master plan needs to be updated prior to moving forward with this ordinance, which would impose a \$.05 county tax on diesel fuel pursuant to NRS 373.062. More public outreach is needed for greater support from the residents. A press release needs to be created. No action was taken on this item.

#20-SOLID WASTE ROLL-OFF TRUCK

The Board discussed the possibility of an interfund loan to make this purchase. **Bevan made a motion to approve the purchase of a roll-off truck for Solid Waste, with the agreed purchase price that includes interest; seconded by Mike. All voted in favor.**

#21-875 TANK ROAD IN PIOCHE

This item concerned the acquisition by LC of Assessor's Parcel 001-111-21 located at 875 Tank Road in Pioche. This parcel would be purchased by the Greenfield Environmental Multistate Trust, LLC, to address environmental and flooding issues. This is a privately-owned piece of property. Purchasing this property will allow for cleanup of tailings. The property owner has allowed for the purchase of his property by Multistate Trust. **Varlin made a motion to approve LC's acquisition of APN 001-111-21; seconded by Bevan. All voted in favor.**

#22-PUBLIC NUISANCE ON PARCEL 001-111-21

This item was tabled.

#23-NEVADA'S INTEGRATED SOURCE WATER PROTECTION PROGRAM

Bevan made a motion to approve the letter to the NV Department of Environmental Protection requesting participation in Nevada's Integrated Source Water Protection Program; seconded by Mike. All voted in favor.

#24-ALAMO INDUSTRIAL PARK

This item was tabled.

#25-HOLIDAYS

This item was redundant and handled under Item 11.

#26-MANDATORY COVID-19 VACCINATION

This item concerns federal OSHA Emergency Temporary Standard Released 11/04/21 regarding mandatory vaccination for employers with 100 or more employees and its application to LC. If this goes into effect and is ruled valid, it will apply to LC. It is currently held up in the 5th circuit. Bevan believes if we parse our employees into subdistricts, it will show they're not all employees of LC. Bevan supports mandating the employees to choose whether or not they want a vaccination. Recorder/Auditor Amy Elmer advised that even LCSD employees are LC employees. All employees are claimed under LC's tax ID number for all reports. They're all LC employees as they're all attached to LC's tax ID number. We have 130-150 employees. Varlin commented OSHA is a federal agency; there hasn't been a bill passed through Congress that allows them this authority. It is unconstitutional and they don't have the authority to do that here. This mandate will not be enforced on his watch. Amy responded if the Board moves forward, she will be left with no choice but for certain duties for her office to be assigned to someone else. She doesn't want her name attached to OSHA, PACT, or Worker's Comp reports moving forward if the Board moves in that direction. No action was taken on this item.

#27-BROADBAND PRIORITIES IN LC

There was a teleconference last week involving several county and state entities. There is a large amount of funding coming available through the infrastructure bill. We must write a plan. Bevan stated he would like to see fiber to every house, but he didn't know if that was feasible. All of our libraries have fiber except Pioche. We need to work with the phone company with regards to our connection to outside our county. The target continues to move with regards to what is considered high speed broadband. John Christian is going to do an analysis of his network with regards to speeds, etc. He is looking to get service to Rachel. There are programs to help subsidize low income people. There are programs that help with devices to connect to broadband as well. One of LCTS's issues is that they don't qualify for grants; they have to take out loans. The rate payers have to pay it back. This is a program of grants. The county can apply for grants and then partner with LCTS on the grants. These aren't required to be paid back. There is a need to gather information from the community on what they believe are priorities. We have the opportunity to attract well educated people to our community that work from home if we improve our broadband. Jared suggested the goal should be fiber to every home then we can work down from there if it isn't a possibility. No action was taken on this item.

#28-COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioner Varlin Higbee met with Workforce; they got a really good report from the auditor. 4H has selected two potential sites for their new camp, JFDI and Ash Springs. Commissioner Bevan Lister had a conversation with the State Lands office. We would have to negotiate with NDOW to allow for a camp at Ash

Springs. Bevan isn't comfortable with the county being the landowner as we'd be liable for maintenance and operation. Bevan met with Jeff and the group concerning broadband issues. Bevan met with Pioche Town Board; they're trying to figure things out with regards to additional rate increases. There will be another rate increase in the spring so they can maintain operations. Commissioner Mike Reese asked how he becomes informed with regards to the committees he's been assigned. Commissioner Jared Brackenbury attended a Room Tax meeting. They set aside \$10,000 for the man doing the Road Trip program.

#29-PUBLIC COMMENT

Jared called for public comment. Melissa Clary of Pioche discussed Item 21 and the parcel acquisition. She asked how this relates to the flooding issues and what the county's plan is to construct a catch basin. Bevan outlined the nature of this property, which is a natural catch basin. Melissa asked for regular updates on the site and how flooding is being addressed.

#30-ADJOURN

There being no further business for the Board to attend to, the meeting was adjourned at 1:55 p.m.

Attest: _____ Approve: _____

Lincoln County – LCWD Phone Meeting
January 21, 2022
10:00am-10:40 (Pacific)



MEETING NOTES for January 21, 2022

Lincoln County Water District – Planning Meeting with Wade Poulsen

Attending

Wade Poulsen - LCWD

Jill Sutherland – RCI

Erin Smith - RCI

Purpose

Investigate LCWD interest in ISWPP, outreach, and wellhead/source. Address how an ISWPP could help Lincoln County's water plan address water quality issues for non-PWS.

Discussion

LCWD Interests:

- Vandalism: folks are shooting at the wells, little existing protection/barriers, some have concrete barricades. Wells are secured locked, so nothing can fall down well casing, but get vandalized.*
- Flood zones: interest in keeping wells out of or protected in flood zones, may want more information about flood vulnerability.*
- BLM land: all wells are located on BLM land. Could wellhead protection be an acre or two aboveground surrounding well head?. Interested in what advantage a source water protection area would provide to the LCWD. What would the BLM do that might hinder LVWD?*
- More production: acknowledged that LCWD will need to increase production and/or create more wells (future wells).*

LCWD Questions:

- What will the BLM allow LCWD to do?*

RCI talking points:

- Explained basic/broad process of ISWPP*
- If incorporated into county-wide plan, BLM and FS should recognize County plans when they go through the NEPA process.*
- Discussed usefulness of designating future well locations in Plan, also discussed potentially a watershed approach (gave Winnemucca/Humboldt County example).*

Next Steps

- Wade to send Google Earth dropped pins on wellhead locations (KMZ file) and well log numbers*
- Erin – look up BLM and FS land management plans for area in Lincoln County*



Source Water Protection Program

Agenda

Source Water Protection Program

Lincoln County Team Meeting

Date: January 27, 2022

Time: 9 to 11 a.m.

Where: The Depot, Caliente, NV

1. Welcome, Sign In, Introductions
2. Source Water Protection Program Overview
3. Existing Wellhead Protection Plans in Lincoln County
4. Plan Components
5. Local Planning Team
6. Community Goals for Source Water Protection
7. Preliminary Timeline and Next Steps



Community Source Water Protection Plan

Kick-Off Meeting January 27, 9:00 a.m.

The Depot, Caliente, NV

Sign In Sheet

NAME	PHONE	EMAIL	AREA OF EXPERTISE/INTEREST
Trevor Luid	775-277-0144	alano.waters@lcturboset	Alamo Sewer & Water
NATHAN ADAMS	775 962 1627	NADAMS@LINCOLN.NV.COM	PICHE WATER & WASTEWATER
WADE POUlsen	775-962-1674	WPoulsen@lincoln.nv.com	Lincoln County Water District
Cory Lyne	775 962-8071	cllyne@lincoln.nv.com	LC Planning and Building
Kim Lee	775-962-1515	Kim@LeeGBC.com	PANACA Farmstead
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Lincoln County Kickoff Meeting Notes

Community Source Water Protection Planning Group

Thursday, January 27, 2022
9:00am-11:00am (Pacific)
The Depot, Caliente, NV

Attending

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Purpose & Overview

The goal of this meeting was to bring together essential members of Lincoln County's water suppliers and managers to discuss adopting a county-wide Source Water Protection Program and to address individual project interests and concerns for future planning purposes.

Development of a fully adopted Community Source Water Protection Plan will improve funding possibilities for projects that aid source water protection, offer resources for communities to make informed decisions regarding protection of their drinking water sources, and provide a community greater leverage for future planning and development.

Discussion

Source Water Protection Program Overview

Meeting began with a brief introduction and overview of a Community Source Water Protection Plan (CSWPP) - including protection of water quality using time-of-travel capture zone models for public wells. These models are used to advise stakeholders in the decision-making process when establishing a Source Water Protection Area and CSWPP. A CSWPP is a voluntary program that is tailored specifically to each community's unique source water protection needs.

Existing Wellhead Protection Plans in Lincoln County

Existing Wellhead Protection Plans (WHPPs) in Lincoln County include: Alamo (2005), Caliente (2004), Pioche (2002, revised 2004). Presently, these WHPPs are not widely used by water providers. Significant



changes to community needs calls for updating the WHPPs with the goal of incorporating source water protection elements into the County Master Plan. A new community-wide plan or CSWPP would be developed with the intent to be used as a resource for water providers and for planning purposes.

Plan Components & Community Goals for Source Water Protection

Interest from the group involved development planning to encourage growth yet wisely protect source water in Lincoln County communities. Elements of a CSWPP has the potential to:

- Help inform developers about the County and Utilities water sources and provide direction to engage with the different entities.
- Help identify infrastructure improvements that protect source water and encourage economic development.
- Consider septic system density and potential effects on source water, balanced with cost, the need for wastewater disposal, and need for sewer infrastructure.
- Investigate innovative septic management systems (septic systems managed by a utility).
- Explore pathways for funding projects (e.g., septic to sewer conversion, infrastructure development, economic incentives).
- Consider power infrastructure to support water and wastewater projects that protect source water.
- Review how renewable energy projects in the County have a potential nexus to water quality.
- Consider how industrial development and source water protection can be encouraged in areas served by septic systems.

Multiple options were discussed for encouraging source water protection within the existing planning framework:

- Opportunity to inform the Master Plan update.
- Opportunity to inform the on-going water resources plan update.
- Building a source water protection component into the development review process. Several examples, successfully implemented in other communities were discussed, including: notifications to water systems, spill coordination planning, development code updates, and water plan updates (to include a water quality component).
- Lincoln County communities may consider some of these measures and develop unique approaches addressing their local challenges.
- Water sources on public land identified in this plan can elevate consideration by public land management agencies in their planning process (BLM and NRCS).

The team reviewed RCI's information about existing water sources and potential contaminant sources:

- Utility managers reviewed summary information and mapping with RCI after the meeting.
- The City of Mesquite has new wells located in Lincoln County.
- Model "time of travel" capture zones for water sources for 2, 5, 10 and 20 years.



Local Planning Team

The team identified some additional contacts to potentially join the source water protection discussions:

- Coordinate with Planning team to loop in the County Commissioners.
- Conservation District
- Team offered to contact or provide contact info for several privately owned public water system contacts (e.g., JFDI, Windmill Ridge, Pahrangat Wildlife Refuge, Eagle Valley Resort, etc.)

Next Steps

Preliminary models will be run for the public water systems and distributed to each utility prior to next meeting which has been set for: Thursday, March 10th, 2022 @ 9AM, The Depot in Caliente. With a third meeting tentatively scheduled for Thursday, May 12th, 2022 @ 9AM, The Depot in Caliente.

Other follow up items:

- RCI – provide examples of Code and Master Plan language to Lincoln County Planning.
- Coordinate with Alamo to reach out to privately owned systems in his area.
- Coordinate with Lincoln County Water District to reach out to others who should be invited to the discussion.



Source Water Protection Program

Agenda

Source Water Protection Program

Lincoln County Team Meeting

Date: March 10, 2022

Time: Noon to 2 p.m.

Where: The Depot, Caliente, NV

1. Welcome & Sign In
2. Refine plan goals from 1/27/2022 Meeting
3. Review Time-of-Travel model results for wells
4. Develop "Source Water Protection Area" criteria
5. Introduce management strategies and contingency plans
6. Next steps



Community Source Water Protection Plan

Lincoln County Team Meeting - March 10, Noon to 2pm

The Depot, Caliente, NV

Sign In Sheet

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Lincoln County 2nd Meeting Notes

Community Source Water Protection Planning Group

Thursday, March 10, 2022
12-2pm (Pacific)
The Depot, Caliente, NV

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Purpose & Overview

The purpose of this meeting was to review concepts of source water protection previously discussed in our Kick-Off Meeting (January 27, 2022), as they relate to individual and county-wide community needs in Lincoln County. Plan development happens at the local level to promote stewardship of local water resources. The Integrated Source Water Protection Program (ISWPP) recognizes that each community has unique project interests and promotes local planning to protect sources of drinking water through development of a county-wide Community Source Water Protection Plan (CSWP Plan).

Source Water Protection Areas (SWPAs) are locally adopted management area boundaries used in the planning process. These can be developed by:

- Evaluating time-of-travel (TOT) capture zones for each water supply source within a community, usually for 2-, 5-, 10-, and sometimes 20-year TOT. Preliminary capture delineations were provided by RCI for discussion at the meeting.
- SWPAs consider TOT capture zones but can go further to encompass specific community source water protection goals, such as improving watershed management and accommodating future development.
- Where potential contaminant sources (PCS) are identified within SWPAs, then community-determined management strategies and contingency plans can be developed to help protect the quality of sources of drinking water.



Discussion

Review Source Water Protection Concepts from Kick-Off Meeting

The meeting began with a brief overview of a CSWP Plan . RCI provides technical assistance through the NDEP Bureau of Safe Drinking Water (BSDW) to help communities develop and implement source water protection through the basic elements of a CSWP Plan:

- 1) Formation of a local planning team,
- 2) Inventory and delineation of public water supply sources,
- 3) Contaminant source inventory,
- 4) Development of contaminant source management strategies,
- 5) Management and sharing of information.

Review Time-of-Travel Models for each Community

The planning team identified current and future wells to be included in their CSWPP during our earlier Kick-Off Meeting. Capture zones for these water supply sources were modeled and mapped using the EPA approved WhAEM2000 program and included models for the 2-, 5-, 10-, and 20-year TOT. In cases with limited well data available, a fixed radius of 1,200 ft and 3,000 ft were delineated in lieu of TOT models, but consistent with NDEP Vulnerability Assessment Program (VAP) criteria. Capture zones were mapped along with potential contaminant sources (PCSS) for each community to allow for planning and delineation of SWPAs.

Develop Source Water Protection Areas

Alamo GID

The community of Alamo, serviced by Alamo GID, is influenced by the Pahrnagat Wash and has portions of the capture zones within the FEMA 100-year flood zone.

- Keep existing Wellhead Protection Area from 2005 Wellhead Protection Program.
- Add a new delineation for W07 (Sandhill Well) out to the 20-year capture zone. Flooding concerns were noted at this location.
- Add a new delineation for W08 (AIP Well), look at the larger upgradient sub-watershed area, and extend the SWPA to consider the highway corridor. The community plans to encourage development here and address potential contaminant sources.
- Potentially extend the SWPA south along the drain (seen in aerial imagery) through the central flood zone of wash. On-going work by the conservation projects along the drain.
- Consider the bench where the wastewater treatment plant is located.

City of Caliente

The City of Caliente's capture zones are largely influenced by Clover Creek and in part by Meadow Valley Wash, therefore source water protection may warrant a watershed-based approach.

- Keep wells W02, W03, and W04 for emergency backup supply.
- Use new models for W01, W05, and W06 to the 2-year TOT capture zone.
- Include a watershed component for portions of Clover Creek and Meadow Valley Wash.



- Consider including Antelope Canyon, including might complement Vegetation management plans coordinated with the BLM. PJ can lead to increased runoff and erosion.
- Key concern a potential railroad accident in Clover Creek. Coordinate with LEPC regarding existing plans.

Pioche PU

The community of Pioche, serviced by Pioche PU, is interested in incorporating several inactive wells into their planning strategy for future use by the utility. Additionally, Floral Springs in Castleton is located near another spring (Lime Spring) that Pioche PU is interested in for future uses.

- Consider updated delineations for W01 (Blanchard Well), W03 (Murray Well), and W04 (Clay Well).
- Add new delineation for W02 (Rodeo Well).
- Consider a 1,200 ft fixed radius for future use wells, Roadside Well and Old Mill Well.
- For Castleton, keep the existing Wellhead Protection Area from 2004 Wellhead Protection Program and add watershed area surrounding Lime Spring located just north of Floral Spring.

Panaca FA

The community of Panaca, serviced by Panaca FA, is located adjacent to Meadow Valley Wash where one community water source lies within the FEMA 100-year flood zone.

- Use a sub-watershed approach for W05, the primary water supply well.
- Use a modified watershed approach for W03, the backup water supply well.

Lincoln Co Water District

Water supply wells operated by LCWD are located at the southern end of Lincoln County in a presently uninhabited area.

- For key producing wells, a fixed radius of 1,200 ft will be considered as their SWPA.
- Consider making the larger wellfield area a protected area or an area of interest.

Consider Management Strategies and Contingency Plans

Alamo GID

Alamo GID's main interest involves potentially adding a sewer connection to the future Industrial Park, where the AIC Well is located. By adding a sewer connection, risk of groundwater contamination from future industrial/commercial septic systems near the AIC Well will be adequately managed. Additionally, Alamo GID has several disconnected and inactive wells that they would like to abandon. Unused wells can be a potential contaminant sources to nearby active wells, proper abandonment/plugging of these wells will lower risk of direct contamination to the aquifer.

City of Caliente

There is a closely linked nexus between surface water and groundwater in the City of Caliente. Risk management needs in Caliente primarily involve the railroad, which closely bisects their wellfield, and upgradient watershed hazards. A city-wide spill response plan may provide a management strategy that



can help mitigate the risk of the railroad, rail yard, and any upgradient spills that threaten downgradient water sources. Additionally, incorporating a watershed approach in their plan provides greater resources to help manage upstream uses.

Pioche PU

Due to the number of homes with septic systems and expansion in this area of Pioche, Pioche PU may consider relocation and development of their wastewater treatment to the lower pond located east of town, making septic-to-sewer connections more feasible in this area of growth. Power supply is an area of concern and may need to be included in the contingency plan. Erosion around the Murray and Clay Well require corrective action to improve wellhead security.

Pioche PU manages Pioche Castleton Utility and Floral Spring, where a future line from Lime Spring may be added. Easements may need to be obtained for areas surrounding Floral and Lime Spring. Additionally, installation of a spring box at Lime Spring and fencing surrounding both spring boxes is of interest to Pioche PU.

Panaca FA

The primary supply well (W05) for the Panaca community is located in a fractured rock aquifer to the east of town and is not near any potential sources of contamination, however, planning for the possible treatment of arsenic is of interest to Panaca FA. Additionally, remediation of erosion along the north outlet of the W05 wellfield may be considered to improve wellhead security. Panaca FA also, has several wells they would like to plug in the area located near W03, the emergency supply well. Unused wells can be PSCs, linking surface water directly to groundwater.

Lincoln Co Water District

The well locations for LCWD are remote and do not have significant issues with potential sources of contamination. Wellhead security is the most significant need for improvement. Building wellhouses, screens/barriers, and the installation of cameras can help mitigate this area of concern.

Next Steps

Preliminary SWPAs will be delineated, and a potential contaminant inventory will be developed prior to next meeting which has been set for: Wednesday, May 11th, 2022 @ 10AM, The Depot in Caliente.

Other follow up items:

- LCPB – supply land use maps for Alamo’s AIC (WELL 8)
- LCPB – supply 2017 Capital Improvement Stormwater Plan
- Pioche PU – supply RCI with well logs/driller’s logs for their future wells
- Pioche PU – to look into water rights
- RCI – to get updated pump rates and water levels from LCWD



Agenda

Source Water Protection Program

Lincoln County Team Meeting

Date: May 24th, 2022

Time: Noon to 2 p.m.

Where: The Depot, Caliente, NV

1. Welcome & Sign In

2. Brief recap and overview

Refresh our minds on why and how sources of drinking water can be protected through local planning.

3. Review proposed Source Water Protection Areas (SWPAs)

Discuss and finalize the SWPAs, which are the proposed management area boundaries around water sources.

4. Develop management strategies

Management strategies to protect your sources of drinking water are locally driven. We will get creative! Different strategies can be tailored to address individual water sources, specific community challenges, and broad county-wide objectives.

5. Next steps



Lincoln County Meeting Notes

Community Source Water Protection Planning Group

Tuesday, May 24, 2022

12 – 2pm (Pacific)

The Depot, Caliente, NV

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Purpose & Overview

The goals of this meeting are to review how, through local planning:

- 1) Drinking water sources can be protected.
- 2) Finalize SWPAs and management boundaries.
- 3) Develop county-wide and locally scaled management strategies to protect source water.

Discussion

Review Source Water Protection and Plan Development

Local planning measures that address source water protection take into account well construction, aquifer parameters, proximity to potential contaminate sources (PCSs), and community goals and concerns. With this information, two-dimensional capture zones are modeled, PCSs are mapped over the capture zones. SWPAs are delineated by balancing risk from PCSs and capture zone models. With PCSs and SWPAs mapped, the planning team will evaluate risk and community need to develop management strategies.

Discuss Proposed SWPAs

With the PCSs and capture zones mapped, SWPAs can be delineated by either time-of-travel models, fixed radius, natural geologic or hydrologic boundaries, jurisdictional boundaries, or by a combination of all these delineation methods.

Review of Mapped Information:

- List of PCSs by community.
- Variations of mapped SWPAs to make final mapping decisions.



- Online viewer with map layers: HUC-12, hydrologic unit, capture zones, PCS, SWPAs, Lincoln County parcel map.

Develop Management Strategies for Source Water Protection

Community Goals:

- 1) Ensure that drinking water remains protected for both, present and future.
- 2) Have community wide education and involvement in source water protection.
- 3) Have tools to make informed planning decisions.
- 4) Have county-wide coordination.

Community Concerns:

Panaca Farmstead

- W05 on BLM land likely has groundwater flow from north to south.
- Consider putting a 1,200ft radius around W05.
- Need assistance to abandon multiple wells near W03.

City of Caliente

- Likely a parcel/capture zone hybrid SWPA is best choice.
- Contingency plan should address railroad spills. There is an existing Emergency Plan with the railroad, where the railroad is responsible for notification.

Pioche Public Utilities & Pioche Castleton

- Pioche P.U. prefers capture zone models for SWPA rather than by parcel.
- Castleton has a fire concern for Floral Spring and other nearby spring. Springs are near area of critical concern.
- Drilling a well in Castleton could be added to the contingency plan for that community.

Lincoln County Water District

- Concerned with wellhead security and flooding, particularly at Toquop Gap (Well: FF-1).

Next Steps

Begin compiling a draft document to be reviewed by all parties of the Team. This document will encompass the previously discussed source water protection goals and address specific community and county-wide management strategies developed to achieve these goals.

- Follow up with Bureau of Corrective Actions (BCA) to add City of Caliente and nearby systems to be added to distribution email and phone list.
- Follow up with railroad to update notification email/phone list.
- Research existing writing or language that says, sharing of private or sensitive information is not prohibited.
- Look into SRF funding for Pioche Castleton.



Agenda

Source Water Protection Program

Lincoln County Team Meeting

Date: February 8th, 2023

Time: 1 p.m. – 3 p.m.

Where: The Fire Hall, Caliente, NV

1. Welcome & Introductions

- Introduce new people to the Team.

2. Brief Recap and Overview

- Recap on what has been done toward completing the Community Source Water Protection Plan (Plan).
- Overview of the draft Technical Reports available on OneDrive, [Sections of the Draft Plan](#)

3. Group Discussion

- Review preliminary management strategies.
- Action items to implement source water protection.
- Avenues for public education and outreach component of the Plan.

4. Next Steps

- Schedule for plan development.
- Plan approval.

Links to documentation on OneDrive:

1. [Meeting Materials](#)
2. [Sections of the Draft Plan](#)



Lincoln County Meeting Notes

Community Source Water Protection Planning Group

Wednesday, February 8, 2023

1 – 3pm (Pacific)

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Purpose & Overview

The purpose of this meeting was to:

- 1) Provide the Local Planning Team (Team) with an overview/update on what has been accomplished towards completing the Lincoln County Community Source Water Protection Plan (CSWP Plan),
- 2) Review preliminary management strategies, and
- 3) Further develop individual action items for each public water system/community and county-wide.

Discussion

Welcome and Introductions

Greetings followed with an introduction of Ethan Mason (NDEP ISWPP Coordinator) to the Team.

Brief Recap and Overview

The Team reviewed the status of and timeline for the CSWP Plan and associated appendices. The draft CSWP Plan materials were made available to the Team via a link to OneDrive. The draft CSWP Plan timeline is as follows:



- Appendix A, Source Water Protection Area Draft Maps, were provided as handouts to the Team during the meeting and were reviewed by the Team for final updates.
- Appendix B, "Documentation", provides an on-going record of the Team meetings and public involvement.
- Appendix C, Capture Zone Evaluation Draft Technical Report, is available as a draft for the Team to review.
- Appendix D, Potential Contaminant and Source Water Protection Areas Draft Technical Reports, will be made available as a draft for the Team to review in early March.
- Appendix E, Draft Action Plan was reviewed in the meeting and is addressed later in these notes. A revised draft will be ready for the Team to review by the end of February.
- Appendix F, Education and Outreach Draft Plan is being developed and organized by NvRWA, timeline to be determined.

Group Discussion

Preliminary Management Strategies

RCI provided the Team with an overview of the CSWP Plan goals and preliminary strategies to achieve those goals, as developed from previous Team meetings and individual conversations with Team members.

The identified goals are the desired outcomes for the CSWP Plan and will broadly enable source water protection in Lincoln County. The CSWP Plan goals include:

- 1) Ensure that drinking water remains protected for the present and future,
- 2) Have community-wide education and involvement in source water protection,
- 3) Have tools to make informed planning decisions, and
- 4) Have county-wide coordination.

Management strategies are the means to achieving the CSWP Plan goals. They represent avenues specific to the unique needs or concerns of each community. Several preliminary management strategies were discussed, including:

- Include Source Water Protection in Plans and Policies,
- Collaborate with Local and Regional Partners,
- Education and Outreach,
- Address Wellhead and Spring Vulnerability,
- Plan for Future Uses, and
- Consider Watersheds in Planning

The Team discussed the SWPAs and made the following recommendations:

- As suggested by RCI, designate the 20-year capture zone as the Zone 1 SWPA and a 100-foot wellhead buffer as the Zone 2 SWPA. This will encourage source water protection in close proximity to existing and potential future wells.
- The draft Action Plan is organized by geography. Revise the Action Plan format to distinguish what measures are specific to community water system; address the NTNC and NC water systems separately or under the County-Wide actions. Consider revising the map for the Pahrangat Valley area to show the Alamo SWGID service area.

The Team discussed the timing of on-going planning efforts in Lincoln County and how the CSWP Plan should complement updates to other community plans, for example:



- The CSWP Plan could be a “sub-plan” under the Natural Resources section of the Lincoln County Master Plan. Preparation of the draft Master Plan update is anticipated by end of 2023 with adoption in 2024.
- The Fire District has secured funding for the update of the Hazard Mitigation plan for Lincoln County and the City of Caliente in 2023.
- The City of Caliente Master Plan was updated in 2012 and no major plan updates are anticipated.

Develop Action Items for Appendix E, Action Plan

Action items are specific tasks that were identified by the Team to be implemented following the local adoption of the CSWP Plan and NDEP endorsement. The Team shared many excellent suggestions for all of the public water systems included in the CSWP Plan as well as for county-wide action items. The draft Action Plan, which includes updates from this meeting, is attached.

Public Education and Outreach

Nevada Rural Water has been exploring local avenues to promote education about the importance of drinking water sources, for example: presentations at the local libraries in Lincoln County, water operator education in southern Nevada, and assistance with webpage posts. The NvRWA will assist with this component of the CSWP Plan and can be instrumental in implementation of education and outreach.

Next Steps

Local Planning Team

- Review draft CSWP Plan sections and submit comments to RCI.
 - CSWP Plan materials are available for download and comment on OneDrive. Please let RCI know if you would like PDF or paper copies to review rather than using OneDrive.

NvRWA

- Draft education and outreach sections of the CSWP Plan.
 - Coordinate with RCI regarding format and schedule for these sections.

RCI

- Coordinate with Team to schedule next meeting dates.
- Prepare the following updates:
 - Update Draft Action Plan with Team meeting comments.
 - Update the SWPA maps with 100-ft buffer SWPA.
 - Consider changes to SWPA maps for the Pahrnagat Valley area.
 - Provide the Team with a draft of Appendix D in early March.
 - Draft the main body of the CSWP Plan.
- Post updates of materials and documents on OneDrive for review and comment. In addition, send PDFs of materials and documents to LCWD and Alamo SWGID for their review and comment.

[OneDrive Link: CSWP Plan - Draft Reports](#)



Agenda

Source Water Protection Program

Lincoln County Team Meeting

Date: December 6th, 2023

Time: Noon – 2 p.m.

Where: TBD

Lunch will be provided

1. Welcome & Introductions

2. Brief Recap and Overview

- Overview of the draft Plan and summary of your comments
- Plan available on the following OneDrivelink [Draft CSWPPP for Review 10-13-2023](#)

3. Group discussion about comments & suggested revisions

4. Next Steps

- Discuss the process for adoption of the Plan by public water systems and local government, and endorsement by NDEP

Links to documentation on OneDrive:

1. [Meeting Materials](#)
2. [Draft CSWPPP for Review 10-13-2023](#)



Sign In Sheet

Meadow Valley Room, Panaca Town Center, Panaca, NV

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Meeting Notes

NRCS, NDEP, and RCI

December 6, 2023
12:00PM-2:00PM (Pacific)
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Panaca Town Center

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Purpose & Overview

The purpose of this meeting was to review final comments from the Source Water Protection Team about the Draft CSWP Plan (October 2023 Draft) and to discuss scheduling for final plan approval and adoption.

Discussion

1. Welcome and Introductions

The meeting began with a brief introduction from each attendee describing both their organization and position.

2. Brief Recap & Overview

RCI summarized document development and planning progress to the Team.

3. Group Discussion About Comments & Suggested Revisions

Team members were largely satisfied with the CSWP Plan. The following minor revisions were discussed:

- Lincoln County anticipates adopting the CSWP Plan as a subplan during the Lincoln County Master Plan update – Master Plan update continuing through 2024.
- Consider referencing the CSWP Plan in the upcoming Hazard Mitigation Plan update.
- NvRWA has minor revisions/comments to Appendix F: Education Plan that will be provided by the end of this week – including updated NvRWA flyers for Attachment D.



- Discussion about the Virgin Valley Water District wells in Lincoln County (Toquop area). Recommendation to include Coyote Springs and Toquop area action item under 'Collaborate with Local and Regional Partners' in Action Plan.
- Lincoln County may include reference to Virgin River Valley CSWP Plan and Moapa Wellhead Protection Plan in their CSWP Plan and Master Plan Update.
- Team discussed where to house the CSWP Plan, for example, a PDF on LCWD website, link from County Planning & Building to CSWP Plan location.
 - County requested GIS data, to SWPA boundaries available to the public and sensitive GIS data layers to be kept private.
 - Maps with sensitive information will be made available to the Team with paper copies and available for review at LCWD and Lincoln County Planning & Building.
- Panaca Farmstead Association requested review of 'Cemetery Well' with options for including a SWPA around well.
- Team discussed Action Item LC-2, additional background information was provided about issues with dispersed camping in Eagle Valley SWPA. SWPA included all areas of concern.
 - Suggestion that other SWPA could have similar concerns, the action item should be expanded in response.
- Team reviewed Appendix A, SWPA Maps and recommended no changes except potentially adding the PFA Cemetery Well and agreed that Appendix A map can be made available to the public.
- Team discussed updating Action Item PPU-9 priority ranking from Low to High because the wastewater treatment plant project is moving forward.
- Team reviewed various photos for CSWP Plan cover and throughout plan.
- Team reviewed NRCS 2024 Source Water Protection Priority Watersheds and discussed funding incentives. Lincoln County Conservation District was interested in future collaborations with NRCS for source water protection funding of source water protection projects for agriculture.

4. Discuss Process for Adoption

The process for adoption of the CSWP Plan by public water systems and local government, and endorsement by NDEP was considered by the Team. RCI will respond to Team comments from this meetings, provide an updated Draft CSWP Plan, and assist Team members to prepare for board presentations.

Anticipated Board Meeting Schedule (2024):

- Panaca Farmstead Association (January 8th) – agenda posted Wednesday before meeting, provide information one week before.
- Alamo Sewer & Water GID (January 9th) – provide information one week before meeting, attend meeting if possible.
- Lincoln County Planning Commission (January 11th)
- Lincoln County Board of Commissioners (January 15th) – RCI and NDEP to attend if possible.
- City of Caliente (January 18th) - Contact City manager
- Lincoln County Water District (January 22nd)



Next Steps

RCI

- Share GIS data layers with Lincoln County Planning & Building.
- Check in with Utility Services, Inc. regarding Ash Springs area.
- Send out poll to Team with photos for addition to CSWP Plan.
- Follow up with LCCD by providing NRCS contact information.
- Prepare updated Draft CSWP Plan and assist Team members with information for board packets.

NvRWA:

- Provide revisions to Appendix F: Education Plan and outreach flyers in Attachment D.



January 8, 2024

Panaca Farmstead Association
Post Office Box 597
Panaca, NV 89042

Re: "Community Source Water Protection Plan for Public Water Systems in Lincoln County, Nevada"

On November 10, 2021, the Panaca Farmstead Association approved participation in the State of Nevada's Integrated Source Water Protection Program (ISWPP). Over a two-year period the local planning team, including representatives from several public water systems in Lincoln County, the Panaca Farmstead Association, Lincoln County Planning, City of Caliente, the Lincoln County Conservation District, and the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP) collaborated to develop the draft "Community Source Water Protection Plan for Public Water Systems in Lincoln County, Nevada" (Plan).

The Plan provides a framework for long-term protection of quality of drinking water sources in the County. The Panaca Farmstead Association has adopted this Plan and supports the management strategies outlined therein. We recommend that the Plan be adopted by the Board of Commissioners for Lincoln County and be endorsed by the NDEP.

Please feel free to contact Amanda Goff, (775) 728-4282, with any questions regarding this letter of support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jan Kuhn".

Cc: Ethan Mason, Coordinator, Bureau of Safe Drinking Water, NDEP
Cory Lytle, Planning Director, Lincoln County
Grant Perkins, Public Works Director, City of Caliente



PUBLIC NOTICE

AGENDA FOR BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING

TO BE HELD **TUESDAY, JANUARY 16, 2024 - COMMISSIONERS ROOM**
LINCOLN COUNTY COURT HOUSE, PIOCHE, NV
(PHONE IN 775-962-8000, OPTION 2, PASSCODE 65771#)

Note: Those items with a designated time will be heard at that time, or as soon thereafter as the Board can accommodate. All other items do not have a specific time may be taken out of order, items may be combined for consideration by the public body, and items may be pulled or removed from the agenda at any time. If you wish to speak on any item that is on the agenda, you must sign in with the Clerk at the meeting. Action will only be taken on those items denoted "For possible action."

- 9:00 am 1 Call to order, Roll call; Invocation; Pledge of Allegiance.
- 2 Public Comment and Discussion. No action may be taken on a matter raised under this item of the agenda until the matter itself has been included specifically on an agenda as an item upon which action will be taken. In consideration of others, public comment will be limited to five minutes per individual.

CONSENT AGENDA

- 3 For Possible Action: Approve/Deny the minutes of the December 18, 2023 Regular Meeting.
- 4 For Possible Action: Approve Original and Renewed Business Licenses according to staff recommendations (an itemized list of business licenses is available for public review in the Building Department prior to the meeting).

REGULAR BUSINESS

- 5 For Possible Action: Approve vouchers (an itemized list of bills is available for public review at the county Auditor's office prior to the meeting). A report of Cash balances with any concerns will be received from the County Auditor.
- 9:30 am 6 Board of Highway Commissioners: Under Separate Agenda.
- 10:00 am 7 Lincoln County Fire District: Under Separate Agenda.
- 10:00 am 8 Southern Lincoln County Habitat Conservation Program: Under Separate Agenda
- 10:30 am 9 Report and Update from Lincoln County Conservation District (Amber Pike)
- 10 Lincoln County Sheriff Office Report.
- 11 For Possible Action: Approve/Deny hiring a new employee within the Sheriff's Office under the "critical labor shortage" as defined in NRS. (Derek Foremaster)
- 12 For Possible Action: Approve/Deny a "letter of support" from the County Commission to provide to the Lincoln County School District regarding the partnership of a shared funded deputy/school resource officer. (Derek Foremaster)

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- 11:00 am 13 Update from SixCo
- 11:30 am 14 Presentation by John Lee.
- 15 For Possible Action: Discussion/Action reappointment(s) and appointment(s) of Trustees to the Library Board.
- 16 For Possible Action: Approve/Deny approval and signature of GSA Work Plan – Project. GSA Software Hosting Services in the amount of \$27,200 annually.
- 17 For Possible Action: Approve/Deny the appointment of Adam Katschke to the Board of Equalization. (Denice Brown)
- 18 For Possible Action: Discussion/Action appointment to the Debt Management Board. (Denice Brown)
- 19 For Possible Action: Approve/Deny Road Use, Maintenance and Restoration Agreement between the County and Transwest Express, LLC, for the Transwest Express Transmission Project. (Cory Lytle)
- 20 For Possible Action: Approve/Deny the 2024 Lincoln County Community Sourcewater Protection Plan prepared by Resource concepts, Inc. (Cory Lytle)
- 21 For Possible Action: Acceptance of resignation of Tracie Duran from the Lincoln County Coalition. (Ben Rowley)
- 22 For Possible Action: Approve/Deny the hiring of Charli Miller as the Director for the Lincoln County Coalition. (Ben Rowley)
- 23 For Possible Action: Review and Approve a trails concept plan for the Alamo area. (Ben Rowley)
- 24 For Possible Action: Discussion/Action concerning sending representation to the National Association of Counties (NACo) leadership academy. (Varlin Higbee)
- 25 For Possible Action: Discussion/Action Commissioners Travel Policy.
- 26 Quarterly Jail Tour Report
- 27 Office/Department Head Reports: Update will include meetings attended, actions taken, contact made, project status and future needs arising since last meeting.
- 28 Commissioners Reports: Update will include, meetings attended, actions taken, contracts made, project status, and future needs arising since last meeting.
- 29 Public Comment and Discussion. No action may be taken on a matter raised under this item of the agenda until the matter itself has been included specifically on an agenda as an item upon which action will be taken. In consideration of others, public comment will be limited to five minutes per individual.
- 30 Adjourn.

Lincoln County Board of County Commissioners
Notice of Public Meeting and Agenda for January 16, 2024

ITEMS TO BE PLACED ON THE AGENDA MUST BE TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT'S OFFICE BY 2:00 PM, FIVE (5) WORKING DAYS PRIOR TO THE MEETING DATE. ALL BACKUP MATERIALS/INFORMATION MUST BE TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT'S OFFICE BY 2:00 PM, FOUR (4) WORKING DAYS PRIOR TO THE MEETING DATE. COMMISSIONERS MAY TAKE A LUNCH BREAK. PERSONS WHO REQUIRE SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS OR ASSISTANCE AT THE MEETING SHOULD NOTIFY THE LINCOLN COUNTY CLERK AT (775) 962-8077 IN ADVANCE SO THAT ARRANGEMENTS MAY BE MADE. TDD RELAY SERVICE IS AVAILABLE BY CALLING 800-326-6888 OR 800-326-8868 (RURAL NEVADA). LINCOLN COUNTY IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY PROVIDER AND EMPLOYER. SUPPORTING MATERIAL FOR THIS MEETING MAY BE REQUESTED FROM DENICE BROWN AT (775) 962-8063 (dbrown@lincolnnv.com). IN ACCORDANCE WITH NRS 241.020, THIS PUBLIC NOTICE AND AGENDA WAS POSTED ON OR BEFORE 9 A.M. ON THE THIRD WORKING DAY BEFORE THE MEETING ON THE LINCOLN COUNTY WEBSITE, <http://www.lincolncountynv.org>, THE STATE OF NEVADA'S PUBLIC NOTICE WEBSITE, <https://nplce.nv.gov> AND IN THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS:

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CALIENTE, NV 89008

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STATE OF NEVADA)
COUNTY OF LINCOLN)

I, Denice Brown, Commissioners Assistant, Lincoln County, say that on January 9, 2024, a copy of this agenda was posted at the Lincoln County Courthouse, 181 Main St., Pioche, NV 89043 in said Lincoln County, in accordance with NRS 241.020, where the proceedings are pending.



SIGNATURE
Name: Denice Brown
Title: Administrative Assistant



LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

January 16, 2024
Commission Chambers
Lincoln County Courthouse
181 Main Street
Pioche, Nevada

Commissioners

Varlin Higbee, Chair
Janine Woodworth
Mike Reese
Keith Pearson
Diane Path

#1-CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL/INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting was called to order at 9:08 a.m. Clerk Lisa Lloyd called the roll.

PRESENT: JANINE WOODWORTH LISA LLOYD, Clerk
MIKE REESE DYLAN FREHNER, District Attorney
KEITH PEARSON
DIANE PATH
VARLIN HIGBEE

There is a quorum present and the agenda was posted on 1-9-24 to comply with the open meeting law. The Invocation was given by Varlin and Diane led the Pledge of Allegiance.

#2-PUBLIC COMMENT

Varlin called for public comment. Diane Path reported the LC Republican Central Committee was dissolved last week; nobody wanted to take over the positions. State party representatives Jim Hindle and Barbara Hawn have been notified. Whether or not there will be a local caucus is unknown. Diane thanked Recorder/Auditor Amy Elmer and Clerk Lisa Lloyd for how much of their time they spend helping Diane. Phyllis Robistow, Janine and Keith concurred.

CONSENT AGENDA

- #3 Approve/Deny minutes of the December 18 regular meeting.
- #4 Approve/Deny original and renewed business licenses according to staff recommendations (an itemized list of business licenses is available for public review in the Building Department prior to the meeting).

Janine made a motion to approve the consent agenda with the exception of the minutes; seconded by Diane. All voted in favor.

#5-VOUCHERS

Recorder/Auditor Amy Elmer presented the vouchers and cash balances. General Fund had an ending fund balance of \$2,486,291.60. Federal In Lieu had an ending fund balance of \$878,111.99. Grants had an ending fund balance of \$1,108,733.35. Detention Center had an ending fund balance of \$285,100.65. Solid Waste will have an ending fund balance of \$62,809.28. Amy will call Wade Paulson about the Water District operating fund balance, which is in the red. **Janine made a motion to approve the vouchers; seconded by Mike. All voted in favor.**

#6-HIGHWAY COMMISSION

This item was covered under separate agenda.

#7-LINCOLN COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT

This item was covered under separate agenda.

#8-SOUTHERN LINCOLN COUNTY HABITAT CONSERVATION PROGRAM

This item was covered under separate agenda.

#9-LINCOLN COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Amber Pike reported on the current LCCD activities, including the Russian olive eradication grant and project. They have a \$25 NDOW grant they're putting towards weed control and habitat for wildlife; it's benefitted 13 landowners. The projects Amber outlined are numerous and the main focus is weeds. Amber asked if the Board would allow for Mike Martini to do a presentation during Commission meeting on a potential funding source. Amber attends the BLM Cross Tie meetings in addition to the Planning Commission. Amber worked 371.5 hours this last quarter. No action was taken on this item.

#10-LINCOLN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE REPORT

Sheriff Derek Foremaster advised they have 35 inmates, 25 are US Marshals. No action was taken on this item.

#11-SHERIFF'S OFFICE CRITICAL SHORTAGE EMPLOYEE

Sheriff Derek Foremaster addressed their current critical labor shortage. The pay rate in other counties is much higher than ours. Derek advised we have a good roster of employees now that are loyal to the County. Derek hopes to get caught up on wages in the near future; most other departments in the state are giving increases to their employees. Our officers are underpaid. Janine expressed gratitude for the loyalty of those that have stayed here; she knows they're working for benefits and the ability to live in the place we live. She is concerned about the lack of employees. We want contracts with the feds, but we don't have the necessary manpower. Derek stated if the US Marshal offered to give us more inmates tomorrow, we'd have to say no as we are understaffed. There is an application process going on right now. In the past, we've been able to get quality jail officers from the Honor Camp. They've just received a big increase so the incentive to come over to the County isn't there anymore. Keith stated the Board needs to appreciate the officers more and all of the County employees. Derek advised they'll be having a law enforcement community event. Derek read the critical needs form into the record. There are currently two openings, one in the north and the south. There are jail positions as well that are open. There are some applications that have been received, but they may/may not qualify. Even if they hire, most of the people that apply won't have the required certifications when they start. They'll have to be sent to training, which takes about a year. Having someone in this position will help alleviate the staff shortage. They've done some out of state recruiting and have subsequently hired based on that. They've looked outside and inside the State of Nevada. We're not the only agency in a critical needs position. Every agency is down positions. Having a particular applicant apply who is retired but has the necessary certifications is important. This individual will have the opportunity to reenroll in PERS; he can do that while also collecting his retirement. This individual will be full-time for about one year. There is a possibility he'd like to reenroll. **Janine made a motion to approve the hiring of a new employee within the Sheriff's Office under "critical labor shortage" as defined in NRS; seconded by Mike. All voted in favor.**

#12-LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR LC SCHOOL DISTRICT RESOURCE OFFICER

Sheriff Derek Foremaster addressed this item. Once they're fully staffed, he would like to dedicate one of the positions to be a LCSD liaison resource officer. This person will attend meetings, help with planning efforts, and spearhead relations with the school district. It would be beneficial to have a school resource officer as opposed to a security officer at the school. A security guard at LCSD would still have to contact the SO. If LCSO approves a resource officers, costs can be shared. Derek would like to implement a substation in the middle school. This officer would be dedicated prior to enacting the substation and other things. If the Board approves the letter, Derek will supply it to the school. The Board discussed the benefits of having a resource officer. **Mike made a motion to approve the letter of support (drafted by Derek) to be provided to the LCSD regarding the partnership of a shared funded deputy/school resource officer; seconded by Diane. All voted in favor.**

#13-SIXCO

Derek Hembd proffered an update from Sixco on the Crestline site. He discussed the 1/2/24 press release. They met with BLM last week. BLM is fully supportive of the project; they're working through draft MOUs between various entities. The engineering study has been received. The full report is nearly completed. The positive response is the prospective tenants looking at the site for the first product, which is green methanol. There have been no communications with UPRR to date. They're currently working through memorandums; there are no contracts in place as of right now. There are still a lot of unknowns and details that have yet to be worked out. They've received a number of letters of interest; they're negotiating those right now (from tenants, to financial

partners, to technologies). Derek meets with three different potential partners for the site tomorrow. They'll report on all activities once solidified. No action was taken on this item.

#14-JOHN LEE

John Lee addressed the Board regarding his bid for Congressional District 4. John was a state assemblyman and a state senator in addition to being mayor of North Las Vegas. John has various ties to LC. John outlined the issues he knows that are of major concern and importance to LC. He then asked the Board members what issues are of paramount importance to them. We are the most urban state in the union. Rural areas make up a very small percentage of the state. John was a mayor for nine years; he worked nonstop to get the City going. It was his passion to save his hometown. Some of the concerns discussed by the Board include the need to expand our tax base, public lands, feral horses, increased land around the towns (without the extensive studies that make it so expensive nobody can afford to buy it), rights-of-way for infrastructure (including Last Mile project). No action was taken; this was informational only.

#15-LIBRARY BOARD APPOINTMENT

Denice advised that the Board has previously appointed all board members to a four-year term. Jeff Childers submitted a letter asking to be reappointed. Lola Devlin has also submitted a letter of interest to serve on the Library Board. Steve Clay, Jeff Childers, Peggy Hone, Phyllis Robistow, and Suzanne Reifsnyder are the current board members. Per statute, they can't be appointed to hold the seats for more than two consecutive terms. They can then sit out a term and be reappointed. Suzanne and Peggy have been there beyond the two terms. Dylan cited the Board needs to thank them and let them know, pursuant to statute, they must be replaced. Steve and Phyllis are still filling out their four-year terms. Jeff is finishing the remainder of a term, a one-year term. Phyllis will have one more term at the end of 2025; she was appointed to a four-year term. Phyllis was appointed in 2021, Steve in 2022, and Jeff in 2023. Suzanne and Peggy are set to expire in 2025. Suzanne has been on the board since 2005 and Peggy even longer. Dylan commented to be in compliance with statute requires the Board to replace them now. The hard part is that these statutes are put in place without any consideration for the rural areas, where it's so hard to find volunteers. There was some discussion about the terms; two should end at the same time, odd numbered year, while the other three should end the same time, also an odd numbered year. Suzanne Reifsnyder and Peggy Hone seats have expired. **Mike made a motion to reappoint Jeff Childers to a four-year term and to appoint Lola Devlin to a four-year term; seconded by Janine. All voted in favor.**

#16-GSA WORK PLAN

This item was tabled.

#17-BOARD OF EQUALIZATION APPOINTMENT

Mike made a motion to appoint Adam Katschke to the Board of Equalization; seconded by Keith. All voted in favor.

#18-DEBT MANAGEMENT BOARD APPOINTMENT

Denice asked for direction as to how to advertise for this Board or find people to fill the vacancies. Phyllis Robistow would like to stay on the board. There was some discussion about the statutory makeup of the board. Dylan suggested a letter be sent to the School District and City of Caliente to see who they recommend to be on the board. Dylan advised the Board can only appoint the Commissioner. The City and School choose their people. Those three people then choose the other two individuals. **Janine made a motion to appoint Diane Path as the Commissioner to the Debt Management Board; seconded by Mike. All voted in favor.** NRS 350.0115 is the applicable statute.

#19-TRANSWEST EXPRESS

Janine made a motion to approve the road use, maintenance, and restoration agreement between LC and Transwest Express, LLC; seconded by Mike. All voted in favor.

#20-2024 LINCOLN COUNTY SOURCEWATER PROTECTION PLAN

Jill Sutherland of Resource Concepts Inc. presented the 2024 LC Soursewater Protection Plan. Ethan Mason, NDEP, was present as well. **Keith made a motion to approve the 2024 Lincoln County Community Soursewater Protection Plan as prepared by RCI; seconded by Mike. Varlin was opposed. Motion carried.**

#21-LINCOLN COUNTY COALITION

Ben Rowley presented this item. **Mike made a motion to accept the resignation of Tracie Duran from the LC Coalition, effective January 31, 2024; seconded by Keith.** Recorder/Auditor Amy Elmer needs a resignation letter in addition to a payroll change form. **All voted in favor.**

#22-LINCOLN COUNTY COALITION

Mike made a motion to approve the hiring of Charli Miller as the Director of the LC Coalition, effective February 1, 2024; seconded by Janine. Recorder/Auditor Amy Elmer needs the advertisements, the job description, copies of the applications, and a payroll change form. Charli must come to the Recorder's office to sign up. The pay rate is set by the Coalition. **All voted in favor.**

#23-ALAMO TRAILS CONCEPT PLAN

Ben Rowley presented the trails concept plan as created by the Friends of Pahrnagat Valley. They received the grant and contracted with the National Mountain Biking Association to create the plan. **Mike made a motion to approve the trails concept plan; seconded by Janine. All voted in favor.**

#24-NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

Varlin advised NACO provides training on leadership. It's about \$500 and anyone can attend. It's an online twelve-week program. Varlin asked if anyone is interested in participating and how do they pay for it. We get a discount because we are a state with 100% membership. The course starts September 23 and runs for 12 weeks. The Board will readdress this in August. No action was taken on this item.

#25-COMMISSIONERS' TRAVEL POLICY

The Board discussed whether or not they want to create a travel policy. Janine stated she doesn't believe the Board is abusing the reimbursement policy. All of the Commissioners are submitting for reimbursement in different manners. Mike believes traveling within 50 miles from his home doesn't require reimbursement. Not everyone agreed. Varlin stated that each Commissioner should let their conscience be their guide when submitting reimbursement requests. The Board agreed. No action was taken on this item.

#26-QUARTERLY JAIL TOUR

Mike and Varlin toured the facility a couple of weeks ago. They need to upgrade the lobby for safety purposes. They'd like to build a security wall in the lobby. Next year, when they add on to dispatch center they'll paint everything. No action was taken on this item.

#27-OFFICER/DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Clerk Lisa Lloyd reminded the Board PreLAT is next week, early voting starts the 27th, election is February 6, then they roll right into the mock election, which takes place in March. All polling locations are now vote centers. Candidate filing is the first two full weeks in March. Treasurer Shawn Frehner presented the monthly report. Assessor Cydney Dwire reported they've sent assessment notices out. There was a 30% increase countywide as the factor method wasn't working compared to the recost method. Going forward, they'll use the recosting method. Her deputies are taking credit hours. DMV remains extremely busy. Cydney is comparing rolls between GSA and ADS. Planning/Building Department Director Cory Lytle will meet with Melanie Peterson regarding land disposals tomorrow. Cory will meet with Panaca Farmstead on February 5th to discuss future services. Commissioners' Administrative Assistant/Grants Administrator Denice Brown advised there is an ECA meeting in May in Kennewick, WA. NSSAB is tomorrow in Pahrump. Last week, SNPLMA did a review on the Fairgrounds and Panaca Pioneer Park. The deed has been recorded on PPP. There are a few remaining projects at the Fairgrounds that need to be completed; once that's done, it'll be closed out. Denice met with Colleen from NDOT concerning infrastructure funds. There may be money to finish Airport Road. The only money they have to do a project is TAP funding. This funding is only available every three years. They gave out funding last year, so it won't be available for two more years. Denice spoke with Melanie Peterson concerning Slaughterhouse, which is in a holding pattern. BLM is fighting with BLM. We have the agreement for the cadastral. Michelle, SNPLMA, required she go through it and approve it before we do. Michelle sent back a list of required changes which Denice forwarded to Melanie. Melanie made a few changes; Denice resubmitted it to Michelle but hasn't heard back from her. Melanie says now that this has nothing to do with Michelle. It's between LC and the BLM Lands Division. Either Melanie or Robbi

will contact LC. Denice hopes the agreement for the cadastral will be on the 2/20 agenda and we can move forward with NEPA. Denice will work in the Clerk's office on 1/24, then out of the office for a couple of days. Denice is doing quarterly, monthly, and yearly reports. District Attorney Dylan Frehner has advised they've been very busy. Winter brings out the need to care for older people. Dylan took temporary guardianship over an individual in Pioche last week. Dylan continues to get as many trials as possible shifted on calendar. Dylan has oral arguments in Las Vegas next week on a case. The following week, he will attend the water conference.

#28-COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioner Keith Pearson attended the Panaca Farmstead meeting. Commissioner Mike Reese will be absent for the May 20 meeting. Mike attended the Panaca Town Board meeting in addition to Pioche Town. He called into Alamo Town Board. Mike has asked for an accounting from Nutrition/Transportation every month. Commissioner Janine Woodworth spent a good deal of time with Recorder/Auditor Amy Elmer concerning department issues. Janine met with Ronda Hornbeck concerning HCP issues, especially the vacancy in her job. Janine met with Anna Williams, Pioche Town Clerk. Pioche Town Board is getting a great deal done. Janine attended the Panaca Town Board meeting in addition to Pioche Town Board. Commissioner Diane Path attended the Caliente City Council meeting on 1-4. Diane helped with the VFW food service. Diane attended the Panaca Town Board meeting in addition to the Republican meeting on 1-9. Diane went to the Alamo Town Board meeting on 1-10. Commissioner Varlin Higbee attended the Workforce Connections board meeting. Varlin met with Sixco and a gentleman from the LA Times yesterday. Varlin met with our lobbyist on historical ROWs. We lack one letter of support for a resolution. Varlin met with Pete Goicoechea, who is stepping down. The 317 road repair is complete. The state will cover our man hours.

#29-PUBLIC COMMENT

Varlin called for public comment. None offered.

#30-ADJOURN

There being no further business for the Board to attend to, the meeting was adjourned at 2:17 p.m.

Attest: _____ Approve: _____



City Council Meeting

Thursday, January 18, 2024 at 6:00 pm

PLEASE NOTE: THE COUNCIL MEMBERS MAY ADDRESS AGENDA ITEMS OUT OF SEQUENCE, COMBINE TWO OR MORE AGENDA ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION, REMOVE AN ITEM OR DELAY DISCUSSION AT ANY TIME TO ACCOMMODATE PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE CITY COUNCIL OR TO AID IN THE EFFICIENCY AND EFFECTIVENESS OF THE MEETINGS.

MEETING LOCATION

Caliente City Hall - 151 Clover St., Caliente, NV

1. Opening Activities:

- a. Call to Order
- b. Pledge of Allegiance
- c. Roll Call
- d. Opening Remarks
- e. Confirmation of Compliance with Nevada Open Meeting Law

2. Public Comment

(See Note 2) related to the items on the agenda below. In consideration of others, who may also wish to provide public comment, please avoid repetition and limit your comments to no more than three (3) minutes.

3. Consent Agenda

- a. Approve/Deny Payment of Bills received by Council
- b. Approve/Deny Meeting Minutes for January 4, 2024
- c. Approve/Deny Allison's Pantry - Betsy Comella Business License

Attachments:

- **Agenda Request - Betsy Comella** (Agenda_Request_-_Betsy_Comella.pdf)
- **Business License Application - Allison's Pantry - Betsy Comella** (Business_License_Application_-_Allison_s_Pantry_-_Betsy_Comella.pdf)

4. Items for DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION of the Caliente City Council

- a. Approve/Deny Municipal Code Variance Request Form

Attachments:

- **Municipal Code Variance Request Form** (Municipal_Code_Variance_Request_Form.pdf)

- b. Approve/Deny Initiating Blind Bid with Minimum Appraisal Value at Auction for Disposal of City Properties

Attachments:

- **161 Clover Street Appraisal** (054-23__161_Clover_St__Commercial_Property_Appraisal.pdf)
- **Storage Building (Old Jail) Appraisal** (055-23_Storage_Building_Appraisal__003_.pdf)

c. Approve/Deny Electrical Work at City Sewer Ponds

d. Presentation/Discussion on the Nevada Main Street Program through Governor's Office of Economic Development

Attachments:

- **Agenda Request - Shari Davis and Susan Llewellyn** (Agenda_Request_-_Shari_Davis_and_Susan_Llewellyn.pdf)

e. Presentation from Resource Concepts Inc. and NDEP - Jill Sutherland & Ethen Mason

f. Approve/Deny Adopting Lincoln County Community Source Water Protection Plan

Attachments:

- **1 Fnl Draft Body_CSWPP Lincoln_January_2024** (1_Fnl_Draft_Body_CSWPP_Lincoln_January_2024.pdf)
- **Appx A_CSWPP Lincoln_January_2024** (Appx_A_CSWPP_Lincoln_January_2024.pdf)
- **Appx B_CSWPP Lincoln_January_2024** (Appx_B_CSWPP_Lincoln_January_2024.pdf)
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g. Discussion Request on Pros and Cons of Unincorporating the City of Caliente

Attachments:

- **Agenda Request - Patsy Dye** (Agenda_Request_-_Patsy_Dye.pdf)

5. Update Concerning Ongoing Grants Administration

a. City Manager's Report

City Manager Roisum

6. Appointed/Contracted Personnel Reporting

a. City Manager's Report

City Manager Roisum

b. Public Works Manager's Report

Public Works Manager Perkins

c. Discussion of Legal Issues

City Attorney Katschke

d. Building Inspector's Report

Building Inspector Dixon

e. Discussion of Issues Related to Public Safety

Fire Chief George Rowe / L.C. Sheriff's Department

7. Discussion of Council Members Responsibilities

a. Parks / Beautification Committee

Councilman Sean FitzSimons

b. Community Development/Planning

Councilman George T. "Tommy" Rowe

c. Tourism and the Boxcar Museum

Councilman Joseph Livreri

d. Public Utilities

Councilman Jamin I. Hunter

e. Mayor's Report & City Hall/Depot

Mayor Steve Rowe

8. Public Comment

(See Note 2) related to any matters concerning the City of Caliente. In consideration of others, who may also wish to provide public comment, please avoid repetition and limit your comments to no more than three (3) minutes.

9. Schedule date and review agenda topics for the next meeting

10. Adjournment

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NOTE 2: Public comment may be made on any issue and any discussion of those items related to the City of Caliente; provided that comment will be limited to areas relevant to and within the authority of the Council. No action will be taken on any items raised in the public comment period. At the discretion of the Chairman, public comment may be received prior to action on individual agenda items. Public Comment may not be limited based on viewpoint. Prior to the commencement and conclusion of a contested case or a quasi-judicial proceeding that may affect the due process rights of an individual the committee may refuse to consider public comment. See NRS 233B.126.

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POSTING DATE & TIME: 01/11/2024 3:00pm *Northup*

Brenda Northup
City of Caliente Clerk

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Lincoln County Water District

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING/AGENDA

MONDAY, JANUARY 22, 2024⁴ 9:00 AM
LCWD BOARD ROOM, SUITE 102, PANACA TOWNCENTER,
PANACA, NV

For those who cannot attend a call-in number of 775-962-8000 is available, option #2 passcode 99703.
Action may be taken on items denoted "For Possible Action."

1. Call to order, open meeting compliance, roll call, prayer and pledge of allegiance.
2. Public Comment and Discussion. Comments are limited to five (5) minutes. No action may be taken on a matter raised under this item of the agenda until the matter itself has been specifically included on an agenda as an item upon which action will be taken.
3. Discussion/For Possible Action: Approve/Modify minutes from the Lincoln County Water District (LCWD), November 27, 2023 meeting.
4. Discussion/For Possible Action: Approval of (LCWD, and PPU) vouchers paid on check November 06, 2023, November 30, 2023, December 18, 2023, and January 16, 2024. (Invoices are available for public review at the Water District Office prior to the meeting). (Invoices for Pioche Public Utilities are available for public review at the Pioche Public Utilities Office prior to the meeting.)
5. Discussion: Board and Staff member reports – May include but not limited to meetings attended, actions taken, agreements, project(s) status, future needs arising since last meeting and other relevant information for the Board.
6. Pioche Public Utilities Update.
7. Vidler Update.
8. Discussion/For Possible Action: Approve or Deny an Interlocal Agreement between the Lincoln County Water District and the Town of Pioche, Nevada for shared use of property and equipment.
9. Discussion/For Possible Action: Approve or Deny an agreement with Escape Solar for performing upgrades to the Mesa substation in lieu of water distribution fees.
10. Discussion/For Possible Action: Approve or Deny road use, maintenance and restoration agreement between Lincoln County Water District and Trans West Express LLC, for the Trans West Express Transmission project.
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13. Discussion/For Possible Action: Selection of Auditor for fiscal year 2023-2024.
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15. Adjourn.

State of Nevada, County of Lincoln

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I, Eva Donohue, Administrative Assistant, Lincoln County Water District, posted this notice and agenda on January 16, 2024 at the following locations: Nevada Public Notice Website, Lincoln County Courthouse, Pioche Post Office, Panaca Post Office, Caliente City Hall and Alamo Annex and those requesting it.



Eva Donohue

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If you wish to speak on any item on the agenda, public comment can be taken on each item, limited to 5 minutes, at the discretion of the Chairperson. Reasonable effort will be made to assist and accommodate physically handicapped persons desiring to attend the meeting. Please call Wade Poulsen, General Manager, in advance so that arrangements may be conveniently made.



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January 24, 2024

The City of Caliente, City Council
The Honorable Steve Rowe, Mayor
100 Depot Avenue, P.O. Box 1006,
Caliente, NV 89008

RE: NDEP Endorsement of the “Community Source Water Protection Plan for the Public Water Systems in Lincoln County, Nevada”

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NDEP supports the community’s work in protecting drinking water sources and would like to recognize all the team participants and partnering organizations (copied) who gave their time to ensure the Plan’s success. This Plan is a voluntary and non-regulatory approach to address local community water system interests in water quality. The local planning team was influential in creating a realistic and community-specific approach. It was our sincere pleasure to work with each of the participating water systems, and NDEP looks forward to continued collaboration to implement the Plan.

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Sincerely,

Ethan Mason
NDEP ISWPP Coordinator



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Resource Concepts Inc., RCI ISWPP Contractor
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