



# Nevada Water and Wastewater Operator's Forum

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Hosted by: Nevada Division of Environmental Protection, Bureau of Safe Drinking Water  
901 South Stewart Street, Suite 4001, Carson City, NV 89701

Meeting Minutes  
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## Agenda

### 1) Call to Order and Introductions. (Nathan Adams, Forum Chair).

Nathan Adams- Called the meeting to order at 4:35pm.

Forum Members Present-Greg Reed, Grant Perkins, Kevin Baughman, Nate Adams, Jim Kerr, Dale Johnson, Crystel Montecinos

Guests- Linh Kieu, George Tinkorang, David Bruketta, Alis Salazar, Steven Garner, Carlos Quiroz-Aguilera, Joe Mathein

### 2) Approval of Forum Minutes from December 7, 2022. – Action Item.

Greg Reed-Motion to Approve

Dale Johnson-Second

Unanimous

### 3) NWEA Announcements and Wastewater Exam Results, Ashley Jacobson.

### 4) BSDW Announcements & Drinking Water Exam Results.

Carlos Quiroz-Aguilera- Mentioned that they tried to get the drinking water exam results for this last quarter, but they haven't received anything yet. Unfortunately, they do not have any new data as previously submitted. Next time they will be presenting the last 2 quarters.

### 5) Review – American Water College Courses for approval.



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**Linh Kieu-** Mentioned that one of the last action items from the last forum meetings was to look into American Water College and see what courses they could approve. In the regulations, there is something that says the courses for post-secondary education have to be IACET approved and over 36 hours. They did call American Water College and they have created a lot of new courses that are 36 hours. What they will be looking into next is combining 2, 32 hour courses to equal the greater than 36 hours for post-secondary for grades 3 or 4.

**Greg Reed-** Wanted to follow up with the discussion, if someone takes 2, 20-hour courses, maybe we could give them 36 hours' worth of work for post-secondary. We should be promoting those types of courses especially with American Water College.

6) **Technical Assistance - Upcoming Trainings – Bridget Harris (RCAC) and Kevin Baughman (NvRWA).**

**Kevin Baughman-** Nevada Rural Water has had some changes with their primary trainer. They used to do 200 hours of online training, but that has gone away. Joe Mathein with NVRWA has a couple of systems lined up.

**Joe Mathein-** Wanted to mention that he is the EPA training and technical specialist. Within the EPA program, he is very limited to onsite training. Leroy Daines has offered a conference for hybrid training on the fourth Thursday of every month now from 8:30am to 12:30pm. Those courses will accept onsite attendance and online attendance.

7) **Forum Members: Training Needs and Open Comments/Update LCRR tentatively scheduled for next meeting**

**Linh Kieu-** Mentioned that the last 2 meetings, they have asked Ross Cooper to talk about LCRR. His schedule has been hectic, but he is doing a presentation tomorrow at the conference. So, if anyone is interested in LCRR, you can attend his presentation.

8) **Board memberships expiring (Thomas Georgi)/Discussion of creating procedures for electing/changing board members.**

**Carlos Quiroz-Aguilera-** Thomas Georgi's term is expiring. If he is interested, we will need to re-elect him or someone else.

**Linh Kieu-** We need to talk about this in our next meeting as an action item just so we have a procedure from here on out on how to announce these seats that are coming up and how to vote.

**Nathan Adams-** Suggested that maybe there should be a mass email sent out explaining if someone is interested, they can send in a letter of interest.



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**Jim Kerr-** Usually Bob Foerster used to handle all that. He would send it out through NVRWA.

**Greg Reed-** Suggested that we talk to him and see if he is interested in being re-elected on the board again and if not, we can send out a notice to all operators to see if anyone is interested in being on the board.

**John Hulett-** Suggested maybe get a hold of the individual water systems that we could notify them of the vacancy?

**Linh Kieu-** Answered that yes, they do have access to a list of all water systems that they could send out.

**Guest-** Asked if they could include the wastewater operators in that email as well?

**Linh Kieu-** Answered that we could absolutely include the wastewater operators. We have always wanted to include the wastewater operators and it has just been hard to get participation in the forums.

**Crystel Montecinos-**Suggested that maybe we get a little subcommittee from the board, about 3 or 4 board members, to get together over the phone before the next meeting to come up with a plan. Crystel offered herself to be the first member of the subcommittee.

**Nathan Adams-** Offered to be on the subcommittee.

**Greg Reed-**Offered to be on the subcommittee.

**Kevin Baughman-** Offered to be on the subcommittee.

**Kevin Baughman-** Motion to Approve

**Dale Johnson-**Second

Unanimous

## 9) **Public Comments.**

**Linh Kieu-** Wanted to talk about the attendance for the forum members. How often do they need to come to these forum meetings?

**Greg Reed-** Suggested that we add that to our next agenda. Asked if you could send out the current bylaws as well to everyone?

**Linh Kieu-** They are on our website, but we can send it out to everyone as well.



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## 10) Call for Agenda Items & Forum Goals & for the next meeting.

**Jim Kerr**- Suggested that we get another subcommittee to go over the bylaws.

## 11) Scheduling next Forum Meeting – (2nd Qtr. meeting) – Action Item

Suggested Wednesday, June 14<sup>th</sup>

**Jim Kerr**- Motion to Approve

**Greg Reed**-Second

Unanimous

## 12) Adjourn

**Jim Kerr**-Motion to Approve

**Dale Johnson**-Second

Unanimous

Adjourned at 5:21pm