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**Carson City Location**- Tahoe Conference Room, Bryan Building, 901 S Stewart St., Carson City, NV 89701

**Elko Location-** 1550 STP. Road, Elko, NV 89801 (Sewer Treatment Plant).

**Agenda**

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

Brandon Garden called the meeting to order at 10:15am

**Forum Members Present-** Jim Kerr, Brandon Garden, Thomas Georgi, Greg Reed

**Guests-** Brian Burris, April Holt, Krista Wahnefried, Linh Kieu, Carlos Aguilera, Liz Kingsland, Chris Bush, Ben Kahue, Ashley Jacobson, Greg Sutter, Stephanie hung, David Bruketta, Will Raymond

**In Person in Elko**- Vince Johnson, Andrew Storla, Aldon Tybo, Mike Richards, Juan Salazar, Brett Walsh, Mark Bailey, Steve Shroeder, Derek Michelsen, Justin Bradeen

1. **Approval of Forum Minutes from June 14, 2023. – Action Item**

**Greg Reed-** Motion to Approve

**Jim Kerr-** Second

**Unanimous**

1. **NWEA Announcements and Wastewater Exam Results, Ashley Jacobson.**

**Ashley Jacobson-** NWEA has a new website that they just put up. The operators will have online access to attach their CEU’s and they will not have to send in the applications anymore. They will just send them through the website now. Next month will be the NWEA networking event on October 27th from 5pm to 9pm. With the wastewater exams, they have had 73 exams this year and 34 have not passed. Not a lot of people request a written exam. Most just want to take the computerized exams. The NWEA conference will be up north again this year. Will send out all information in an email form as requested.

1. **BSDW Announcements & Drinking Water Exam Results – Q&A With Elizabeth Kingsland, Capacity Development.**

**Liz Kingsland-** She is looking for any recommendations for upcoming forum meetings. If there are any concerns anyone would like to be addressed?

**Carlos Aguilera**- Summarized 2nd quarter exam results for written and computerized exams. For distribution 1, there were 78 test takers. 51 passed and that is a 65% passing rate. Distribution grade 2, 20 passed with a 44% passing rate. Distribution grade 3, 3 passed with a 15% passing rate. Distribution grade 4, 3 passed with a 30% passing rate. The most missed questions were in system components/disinfection MEA & lab. Treatment 1 exam had 19 pass which had a 66% passing rate. For treatment 2, 14 passed with a 64% passing rate. For treatment 3, 4 passed with a 100% passing rate and with grade 4, 0 people passed. The most missed questions were in laboratory, treatment and source water.

**Linh Kieu**- Wanted to mention some BSDW updates. Introduced Ben Kahue. He replaced Katrina in the Bureau of Water Pollution Control. BSDW did get some grant money for water systems to sample for PFAS.

1. **Technical Assistance - Upcoming Trainings – Brian Burris (RCAC) and Carlos Quiroz (NvRWA).**

**Carlos Aguilera-** Nevada Rural Water Association wanted him to show operators the schedule for upcoming trainings. You can find all the trainings on their website as well.

**Brian Burris**- RCAC just got done with their Nevada training planning session. They have through the month of June with a total of 45 trainings scheduled at the moment. They are having a couple of wastewater classes in Carson on the 20th at the Carson City Public Works. On the 21st, they are doing a cross connection control class and then they move into the Silver Springs and Winnemucca area. All trainings are on the RCAC website. They are trying to increase the wastewater courses as well.

1. **Forum Members: Open Comments meeting.**

No Comments

1. **Public Comments.**

No Comments

**8) Call for Agenda Items & Forum Goals & for the next meeting**.

**Brandon Garden**- Mentioned that there was an item on the minutes from last forum regarding extending Thomas Georgi’s term. There are also 2 positions with Grant Perkins and Jim Kerr, whose terms expired July 2023. He thinks they should add an agenda item to the next meeting to either extend those terms or see if there are other participants interested in the forum board.

**Jim Kerr**- Suggested to add an agenda item for Kevin Baughman and the Nevada Rural Water representative.

**Brandon Garden**- Has a note for Kevin for the next forum and to reach out to the public and see if anyone is interested in the open board member position due to Crystel's resignation. They can try and put it all into one agenda item though.

**Greg Reed**- Asked if they have a status update on NDEP doing anything with training on regulatory issues.

**Linh Kieu**- Answered that is still in the works. They haven’t had time to make any progress on that unfortunately.

**Greg Reed**- Asked if they can put it on the next agenda?

**Brandon Garden**- Answered yes and agrees they should have it as an agenda item for the next forum.

**Greg Reed**- Also mentioned that they have had discussions about getting a subcommittee to get together to talk about by-laws and the NDEP interpretations of the rules and policies.

**Brandon Garden**- Agreed that there have been some discussions regarding that subcommittee, and they should readdress that at the next meeting.

**9) Scheduling next Forum Meeting – (4th Qtr. meeting) – Action Item.**

Suggested December 6th at 10am.

**Greg Reed**-Motion to Approve

**Jim Kerr**-Second

Unanimous

**10) Adjourn.**

**Brandon Garden**-Motion to adjourn

**Tom Georgi**-Second

Unanimous

Adjourned at 10:45am