



2023 Annual Meeting in Winnemucca, Nevada

## Empowering CDs To Meet the Mission of Locally Led Conservation



**Humboldt General Hospital Emergency Medical Services Honor Guard (left) performed the presentation of the flag. The greeting and opening ceremony included a welcome from Jesse Hill, Humboldt County Commissioner and Paradise Sonoma CD County Appointed Supervisor (center) and the welcome by Nevada Association of Conservation Districts (NvACD) Executive Director Kevin Piper. (right).**



**Presentations included an overview of the Nevada Department of Conservation and Natural Resources by Deputy Director Dominique Etchegoyhen (above, left).**

**Melany Aten , CD program manager (above, right) provided a review of the Conservation District Program activities.**



**Natural Resources Conservation Service Acting State Conservationist Greg Becker and Nevada Association of Conservation Districts Executive Director Kevin Piper summarized the new collaborative agreement.**

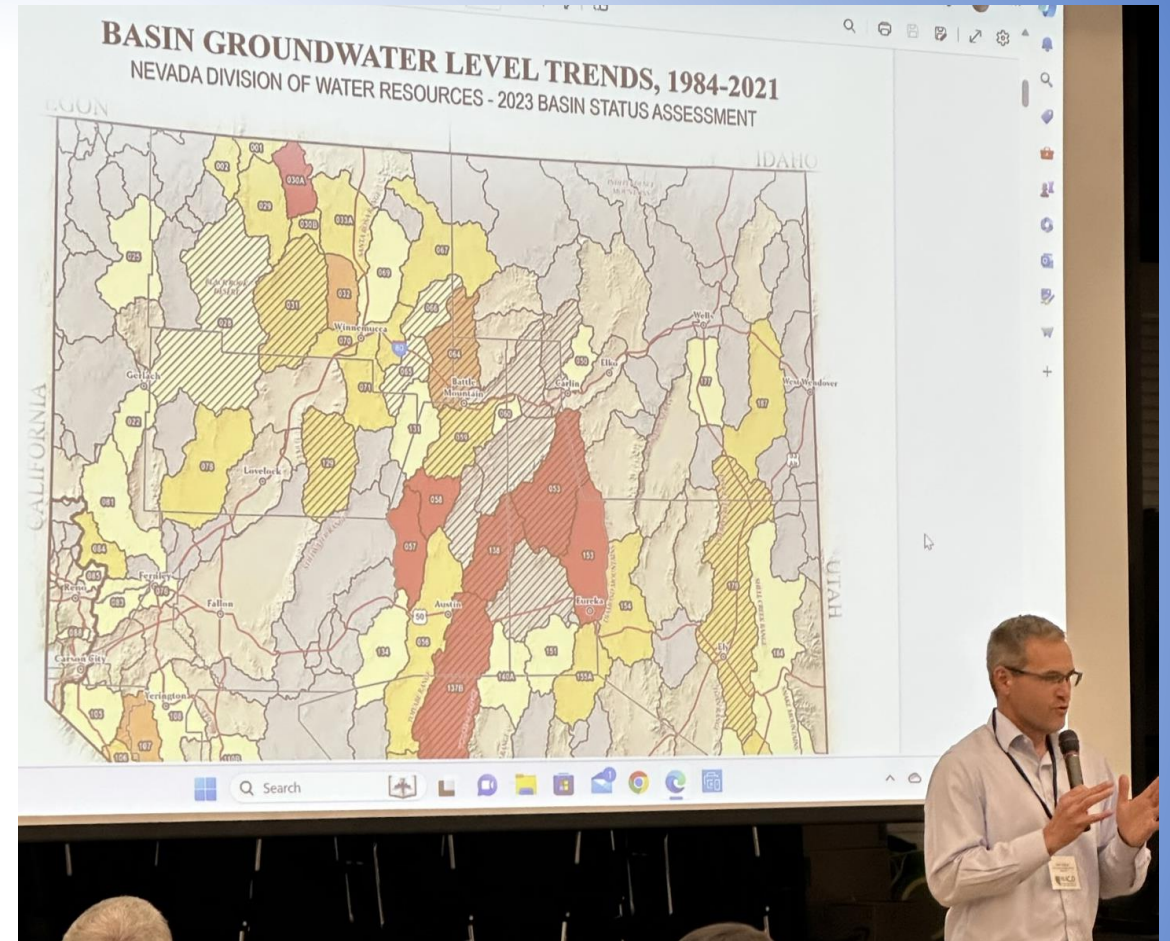


**Above left: Representatives from Starr Valley CD in Elko County, Dayton Valley CD in Lyon County, Carson Valley CD in Douglas County, Smith Valley CD in Lyon County, Mason Valley CD in Lyon and Mineral Counties, Southern Nye CD in Nye County, Lincoln County CD and Paradise Sonoma CD in Humboldt County took part in a panel to share successes and challenges with the audience.**

**Above right: Dr. Ariel Rivers summarized the National Association of Conservation Districts (NvACD) activities.**



**Left: Incoming NRCS State Conservationist Heidi Ramsey, shared her excitement at coming to Nevada to work with NRCS and the Nevada Conservation Districts.**



Left, Kathleen Steele from the NV Sagebrush Ecosystem Program provided an update on the Conservation Credit System and how CDs can work with landowners to improve sage grouse habitat. Right, Adam Sullivan, State Engineer with the NV Division of Water Resources, summarized Nevada’s water challenges.



Left: Joe Sicking of Paradise Valley, NV received the NvACD Hall of Fame Lifetime Service Award and is recognized for his decades of service to the Paradise Valley Conservation District and the Nevada Conservation Commission. Left to right: Doug Martin, NvACD President, Joe Sicking, James Settlemeyer, Director, Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, and Dominique Etchegoyhen, Deputy Director of DCNR.



Right: Joe and Nancy Sicking and Nevada State Senator Pete Goicoechea.



Eric Rieman, left, accepts the award on behalf of the Carson Valley CD for Outstanding CD of 2023. Presenters of the award included Doug Martin and Maggie Orr with NvACD.

Middle, Robert Burdick of the Battle Mountain Bureau of Land Management received the award for Distinguished Service to the Cause of Conservation from Jake Tibbitts and Doug Martin, NvACD.

Cottonwood Ranch of Elko County received the award for Conservation Excellence in Agricultural Production from Gerry Miller with the Conservation District Program and Doug Martin.