

Rural Desert Southwest Brownfields Coalition Assessment

and

Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund Program

Quarterly Meeting Summary

June 28, 2023; 10:00 am – 11:00 pm Pacific Time

Zoom Conference Call

Topic: RDSBC Quarterly Meeting

Attendees: Amy Barnes – Mineral County
Lorina Dellinger – Nye County
Stephani Elliott – Nye County
John Klenke – Nye County
Jessica McCutcheon – Nye County
Tammi Odegard – NyE Communities Coalition
Tabatha Hamilton – White Pine County
Jasmine Williams – U.S. EPA Region 9
Stefanie Costa Rica – BEC
Vivian Sam – BEC

Acronyms: CDBG – Community Development Block Grant
CDFW- California Department of Fish and Wildlife
CFAC – Centennial Fine Arts Center
DTSC – Department of Toxic Substances Control
EA – Environmental Assessment
EPA – Environmental Protection Agency
ESA – Environmental Site Assessment
NDEP – Nevada Division of Environmental Protection
NNDA – Northern Nevada Development Authority
NRHA – Nevada Rural Housing Authority
NyECC – Nye Communities Coalition
RDSBC – Rural Desert Southwest Brownfields Coalition
RLF – Revolving Loan Fund
SHPO – State Historic Preservation Office
SWCREDA – Southwest Central Rural Economic Development Authority
SWMP – Solid Waste Management Plan

I. Announcements

1. 2023 National Brownfields Conference is in Detroit: August 8-11!
 - a. For more information and registration, visit <https://brownfields2023.org/>
 - b. Topic Talk presentation was accepted!
 1. Arnold Knightly to present on funding, Wye Road, and CFAC.

- c. Phoenix Award submitted – award notification in July.
- 2. 2023 Nevada State Brownfields Workshops held by Center for Creative Land Recycling
 - a. For more information and registration, visit <https://www.cclr.org/events/ee/nevada-brownfields-workshops-connecting-the-dots-reuse-renew-revitalize>
 - b. Southern Nevada (Henderson): September 7, 2023.
 - c. Northern Nevada (Carson City): September 13, 2023.

II. General Discussion

- 1. Public Outreach
 - a. Outreach information can be found at: <https://www.rdsbc.org/outreach/>
- 2. RDSBC Website Updates
 - a. Agendas and Meeting Summary from last quarter were uploaded in March 2023.
 - b. RDSBC webpages and project profiles are being reviewed and updated.

III. Region Specific Updates

- 1. Duckwater Shoshone
 - a. Solid Waste Area – Tribal council has decided to keep the transfer station at the current location.
 - b. This site was submitted for future assessment consideration under the NyECC Assessment Grant.
- 2. Esmeralda
 - a. Fish Lake Valley Community Center expansion and Goldfield and Silver Peak Community Center HVAC projects are now complete! These were completed through CDBG Grants and NDEP Subgrants.
- 3. Inyo
 - a. Green Space Project near Olancho soda ash pile
 - b. Mt. Whitney Fish Hatchery (Tribal Application)
 - 1. The Phase I Environmental Assessment is planned to occur in September.
- 4. Lincoln
 - a. NRHA Pioche Housing Project (See NRHA Item #8, below)
- 5. Mineral
 - a. Babbitt Industrial Park Update
 - 1. Groundbreaking for Tire Plant
 - 2. 27 parcels going through the Due Diligence process.
 - a. A Cleanup Grant through Mineral County has been won!

- 6. Nye
 - a. Nye County Courthouse (EPA Targeted Brownfields Assessment)
 - 1. Project funding for cleanup on hold pending facilities study by Nye County
 - 2. Dellinger reported that the Facilities Master Plan was not approved by the Board.
 - b. Nye Regional Medical Center – Buildings with hazardous materials (asbestos/lead) to be demolished (2020 Revolving Loan Fund)
 - 1. NNCHD was approved by the Nye County Board of Commissioners to pursue a loan for \$800,000 from the RDSBC Brownfields program. Loan package to be submitted to the NV Department of Taxation (DTAX) review and approval.
 - 2. Elliott reported that the Hospital District has not yet approved their budget. After a budget is approved, the DTAX request process will continue.
- 7. White Pine
 - a. Ruth Church and McGill Standard Market
 - 1. NDEP is providing funding for assessment work for these two buildings. Both are anticipated to be demolished.
 - 2. Hamilton updated that approval was received for these projects to begin.
 - b. McGill Slag Ditch
 - 1. Field Work & Sampling
 - c. Centennial Fine Arts Center Project (2014 RLF)
 - 1. Fong Construction has been selected for the roof replacement.
- 8. Nevada Rural Housing Authority
 - a. NRHA Pioche Housing Project (Lincoln County)
- 9. Nye Communities Coalition
 - a. Workforce and Job Training sessions.
 - 1. Second cohort was held in March
 - 2. Third cohort scheduled between August and December 2023
 - a. May include water/wastewater training.
 - b. Elliott let Odegard know that a new Nye County Water District General Manager is now in place, they may be interested in graduates from this course.
 - b. NyECC Assessment Grant
 - 1. Award effective October 2023,
 - 2. RFP will not be scheduled to go out until October 2023
 - 3. Several projects already in line for assistance
 - a. Old Pahrump Animal Hospital

- b. Nye County Hospital (for petroleum)
- c. Nye County Grade School in Tonopah
- d. Others?

IV. Open Discussion

V. Action Items

VI. Next Meeting

1. Next meeting is in September – will send out a Google Poll