

# **Rural Desert Southwest Brownfields Coalition Assessment and Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund Program**

## **Quarterly Meeting Summary**

**June 5, 2025, 10:00 – 10:45 Pacific Time**

**Zoom Conference Call**

**Topic: RDSBC Quarterly Meeting**

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**Attendees:** John Klenke – Nye County  
Megan Labadie – Nye County  
Melissa Stepp – Nye County  
Stephanie Urga – Nye County  
Mike Kelly – Arizona State University  
Travis Pruitt – Bullhead City  
Bill Brewer – Nevada Rural Housing  
Kathy Workman – White Pine  
Stephanie Stienbrecher – Environmental Protection Agency  
Eileen Christensen – BEC Environmental, Inc. (BEC)  
Stefanie Costa Rica – BEC

### **I. Announcements**

1. 2025 Brownfields Conference is scheduled for August 5-8 in Chicago!
  - a. Registration is open!! <https://gobrownfields.org/>

### **II. General Discussion**

1. Public Outreach
  - a. Outreach Information Located Here: <https://www.rdsbc.org/outreach/>
  - b. Ideas for Improvement to Outreach Efforts?
2. RDSBC Website Updates
  - a. RDSBC website updated with agenda and meeting summary for previous meeting.
  - b. Reminder to review and comment when drafts go out.
3. Michael Kelly with Arizona State University provided a presentation on the Future Engines Initiative. The Future Engines covers Nevada, Arizona and Utah and is focused on Sustainability, specifically energy, air and water. This is an economic development activity to address climate challenges across the southwest.
  - a. The presentation is attached. Please reach out if you have any questions.  
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### **III. Coalition Updates**

1. Duckwater Shoshone, Inyo, Lincoln, Mineral, and White Pine Counties – No update

2. Esmeralda County – The County Commissioners are working with NDEP to abate the LaBarthe House, located in Goldfield for reuse as an office.
3. Nye County
  - a. RLF Funding Available for Use on NyECC Projects as Appropriate based on result from Phase II Testing
  - b. The Finance Building in Pahrump was enrolled into the NDEP Brownfields Program to complete an asbestos/lead survey.
4. Nevada Rural Housing Authority
  - a. NRHA Pioche Housing Project (Lincoln County) - Abatement and demolition are complete! Construction should be completed this year.
5. Nye Communities Coalition
  - a. Silver Rim Elementary School Phase I is complete
  - b. Amargosa Library USDA ER and Phase I ESA – Phase I is completed. USDA ER is close to completion.
6. Northern Nevada Development Authority
  - a. Brewer heard from NNDA that they did not win the Brownfields Assessment Grant.
  - b. Christensen stated that NDEP has funds available in their Brownfields program!

#### **IV. Open Discussion**

1. None.

#### **V. Action Items**

1. Stefanie Costa Rica to distribute draft meeting summary and today's presentation for review.

#### **VI. Next Meeting**

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

#### **Acronyms:**

ASU – Arizona State University  
 EA – Environmental Assessment  
 EPA – Environmental Protection Agency  
 ESA – Environmental Site Assessment  
 NDEP – Nevada Division of Environmental Protection  
 NNDA – Northern Nevada Development Authority  
 NRH – Nevada Rural Housing  
 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