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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF NATIVE AMERICAN AFFAIRS

Tuesday, March 17, 2026
1 PM – 4:30 PM

Shoshone-Paiute Tribes of the Duck Valley Indian Reservation
Tribal Council Chambers
1825 Idaho Street, Owyhee, NV 89801

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AGENDA

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- I.** Convene meeting, roll call, and establish quorum – Chair Staci Emm
DNAA Executive Director Stacey Montooth
- II.** Invocation – Dr. Art Martinez
- III.** Welcome and Land Acknowledgement – Chair Emm
“I would like to begin our Nevada Department of Native American Affairs (DNAA) meeting by acknowledging that we gather today on the ancestral homelands of the Numu, and the Newe who have lived in the Great Basin since time began. Please join me in expressing our deepest respect and gratitude to all five of our major Indigenous groups; the Mojave, the Northern Paiute, the Shoshone, the Southern Paiute, and the Washoe--not just the original caretakers of the land we now call Nevada--but for their enduring stewardship and protection of our shared lands and waterways. Today, the DNAA reaffirms its commitment to improve the quality of life for our 28 Tribal Nations, Bands, Colonies, and the 62,000-plus Urban Indians who choose to make Nevada their current home.”
- IV.** Initial Public Comments
- V.** Approval of Meeting Minutes from quarterly meeting: Dec. 22, 2025, and Jan. 30, 2026
(For Discussion and Possible Action) – Chair Emm
- VI.** Strategic Plan Next Steps – Dr. Joshua Bonde
(For Discussion and Possible Action)
- VII.** Commissioners – Oral Reports
(For Discussion)
Agriculture and Natural Resources – Chair Emm
Economic Development – Commissioner Andrea Martinez
Education – Dr. Arlie Stops
Health and Human Services – Dr. Martinez
Sovereignty, Civic Engagement, Remediation and Inequities – Commissioner Tiger
- VIII.** Executive Director’s Report – Stacey Montooth (For Discussion)
- IX.** Stewart Indian School Cultural Center & Museum Director’s Report – Dr. Bonde
(For Discussion)
- X.** Powwow Report – Sarina Nez
- XI.** American Rescue Program Act Subgrants Report – Management Analyst Janet Davis
(For Discussion)
- XII.** Presentation: U.S. Census Bureau – Tribal Relations Program Overview and 2030
Census Update – Alaina Capoeman Davis
- XIII.** Presentation: Congressionally Directed Spending Request – Ashley Martinez, Regional
Representative and State Community Development Coordinator

- XIV.** Presentation: Western Resource Advocates – Nadene Hubbard (Navajo), Tribal Engagement Fellow, Sydney Welter, Regional Markets Policy Advisor
- XV.** Introduction to The Carter Center – NEON (Nevada Election Observation Network) – Stacy Shinn, Democracy Program Consultant and Andrea Martinez, Nevada Deputy Manager and Tribal Liaison
- XVI.** Final Public Comment
- XVII.** Adjournment – Chair Emm

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Nevada Department of Native American Affairs

Meeting Minutes

Monday, December 22, 2025

8:00 AM

DNAA Conference Room
5366 Snyder Avenue Building #3
Carson City, Nevada 89701
And Virtual via Zoom

Commissioners

Chair Staci Emm, Yerington Paiute Tribe

Vice Chair Tammi Tiger, Choctaw Nation, Descendant Muscogee and Seminole Nation

Dr. Art Martinez, Chumash

Dr. Arlee Stops, Crow

Andrea Martinez, Walker River Paiute Tribe

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Stacey Montooth, Director, Walker River Paiute Tribe

Lawanda Jones, Opioid Prevention Specialist, Washoe Tribe of Nevada & California

Lori Arrive, Office Manager, Te-Moak Tribe of Western Shoshone

Josh Bonde, Director Stewart Indian School Cultural Center & Museum, Te-Moak Tribe of Western Shoshone

Other Participants

Asia Goins, Tribal Liaison, DCFS, ICWA, Social Service Manager Family Program Office

Bruno Bevilacqua, Rural Health Liaison, Caresource

Cal Boone, Tribal Liaison, SOS

James Phoenix, Veteran Services, Tribal Liaison, Washoe County School District, Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe

Karina Fox, National Health Program Specialist, NOMHE, One Adult Minority, Health and Equity

Lorinda Antone

Mitch DeValliere, Tribal Liaison, Nevada Division of Public and Behavior Health

Monica Schiffer, Nevada Health Authority

Sara Portillo, Tribal Liaison, Health Plan of Nevada

Sara Horsman, Program Manager, NV Early Intervention Services

Shana Merrick, Tribal Liaisons, Caresource

Tiffany Day, Governor's Office

Gerald Dixon, Te-Moak Tribe of Western Shoshone, Duckwater Tribe Tribal Manager

Vanessa Justice, Tribal Liaison, Division of Social Services

Nahayvee Flores-Rosiles, Tribal Liaison, Nevada Health Authority

Tarina Elliott, Duckwater Shoshone Tribe

Meeting Overview

The Nevada Department of Native American Affairs Commissioners meeting was convened by Chair Staci Emm, with quorum established after roll call. Dr. Art Martinez gave the invocation, Chair Emm welcomed participants and provided a land acknowledgement, and those attending introduced themselves. During initial public comment,

James Phoenix outlined his roles with the Washoe County School District and veterans services and invited future collaboration with DNAA and tribal partners.

The meeting's central focus was review of the draft Strategic Plan and the next steps needed for adoption and implementation. Discussion centered on how to incorporate public comments, ensure the plan remained aligned with DNAA's statutory mission, and preserve a balance between long-range strategic direction and practical accountability. Commissioners consistently emphasized that the plan should remain measurable, understandable, and flexible enough to reflect real conditions without becoming overly operational.

Strategic Plan Discussion and Decisions

Dr. Joshua Bonde guided the Commission through submitted comments on the draft Strategic Plan. Director Montooth added important context throughout the discussion, especially when comments touched on tribal health authority relationships, mapping projects, and advisory structures that were already developing within state systems. Commissioners agreed that the final plan should do a better job of documenting the public comment process, showing how feedback was collected, and clarifying that the plan would be reviewed annually rather than only every two years.

The Commission also discussed how amendments should occur. Chair Emm and several commissioners favored keeping the amendment process practical and board-driven rather than building a burdensome formal procedure into the document. There was strong support for using quarterly oral reports and at least one annual strategic review to measure progress. Director Montooth proposed a written quarterly reporting system that would capture the work of staff, commissioners, tribal liaisons, and advisory committees in a more consistent way. This proposal helped connect the Strategic Plan to implementation, not just adoption.

Additional discussion addressed advisory boards, references to statutory responsibilities, and the need to acknowledge the Stewart Indian School 20-year master plan. Some suggestions raised during public comment were recognized as worthwhile but better suited for operational follow-up than inclusion in a high-level strategic document. At the close of the discussion, the commissioners approved the proposed changes by unanimous vote, signaling consensus around both the structure of the plan and the need for clearer performance tracking.

Commissioner Contributions

Chair Staci Emm

- Called the meeting to order, established direction for the day, and helped frame the Strategic Plan conversation around public accountability and practical governance.
- Emphasized documenting the comment period and supported quarterly and annual review points so the plan remains active rather than symbolic.
- Reported on water rights, emergency management, animal disease preparedness, drought concerns, and wolf impacts affecting livestock and tribal communities.

Vice Chair Tammi Tiger

- Pushed for tighter alignment between background narrative in the Strategic Plan and the plan's actual strategic purpose.
- Supported annual review language, clearer treatment of advisory boards, and stronger documentation of who is doing the work across committees, staff, tribal liaisons, and commissioners.
- Reported significant progress with the Civic Engagement Advisory Committee, including statewide coordination around elections, census preparation, legislation, and community organizing.

Commissioner Andrea Martinez

- Recommended adding one-year, two-year, and three-year benchmarks to improve visibility into progress and accountability.
- Supported annual review of the Strategic Plan and encouraged a structure that would remain useful for future tribal and agency leadership.
- Reported on the Secretary of State's Indigenous Relations webpage and tribal economic development outreach completed in partnership with other Native and state leaders.

Commissioner Dr. Arlie Stops

- Moved approval of the Strategic Plan changes discussed during the meeting.

- Shared that he is taking a listening and learning approach with the Indian Education Advisory Committee while helping shape its direction.
- Reported optimism about Native-developed lesson plan work, especially for elementary education and greater long-term progress in Indian education.

Commissioner Dr. Art Martinez

- Gave the invocation and strongly supported annual review of the Strategic Plan with flexibility for board action when future priorities require adjustment.
- Agreed that highly detailed cost estimates for each strategic goal could become too operational for the plan itself, and seconded the motion approving the discussed revisions.
- Reported urgent concerns in health and human services, including substance use, public health, and Indian Child Welfare Act compliance, and closed the meeting by making the motion to adjourn.

Report from the Executive Director

- Explained key Strategic Plan comments and clarified which proposed additions were already underway, especially the Tribal map project and the evolving health-related advisory structure.
- Committed to documenting the public comment process and preparing a comment timeline showing when drafts were circulated and to whom they were distributed.
- Supported creation of a quarterly written reporting system so staff, commissioners, tribal liaisons, and advisory bodies could show measurable progress toward Strategic Plan goals.
- Provided detailed context for the Indian Education Advisory Committee, including its request for clearer direction, its recent two-day meeting, and promising work on Native-developed Great Basin lesson plans.
- Requested the agenda items on 2026 meeting dates, reminded commissioners of statutory meeting requirements, and pushed to activate the Strategic Plan early in 2026 through timely scheduling.

Operational and Program Updates

In the ARPA subgrants report, Janet Davis explained that several projects had been defunded after extended lack of progress or communication, including Battle Mountain, Elko, Fort Mojave, Wells Band, and Yomba. Approximately \$2.4 million was therefore made available for second-round enhancement proposals. The discussion clarified that the reallocation process was intended to free up unused funds so that active projects could move forward within required timelines.

The meeting also included planning for the 2026 calendar. Director Montooth noted that state statute requires at least four meetings each year and encouraged scheduling that would allow the newly revised Strategic Plan to be activated quickly. The Commission identified dates for January, March, June, August, and November 2026, including a possible Duck Valley gathering and a tentative meeting in Duckwater.

Closing and Next Steps

Final public comment again came from James Phoenix, who thanked the Commission and raised Native veteran priorities, including the Native American copay exemption, direct loan opportunities for building on trust land, and reimbursement pathways for tribal clinics serving veterans enrolled in VA health care. He also urged attention to collaboration between the VA and Indian Health Service.

The meeting closed with a unanimous motion to adjourn. Overall, the session advanced the Commission's work in three clear ways: it moved the Strategic Plan closer to final adoption, identified stronger systems for measuring progress, and highlighted the active leadership roles being carried by commissioners, Director Montooth, staff, and external tribal and state partners. The resulting direction was not merely procedural; it positioned DNAA to begin 2026 with a more organized planning framework, clearer reporting expectations, and stronger coordination across its major service areas.

Nevada Department of Native American Affairs

Meeting Minutes

January 30, 2026

2:00 PM

Virtual Meeting
via Zoom

Commissioners

Chair Staci Emm, Yerington Paiute Tribe

Vice Chair Tammi Tiger, Choctaw Nation, Descendant Muscogee and Seminole Nation

Dr. Art Martinez, Chumash

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Stacey Montooth, Executive Director, Nevada Department of Native American Affairs, Walker River Paiute

Dr. Joshua Bonde, Director, Stewart Indian School Cultural Center & Museum, Te-Moak Tribe of Western Shoshone

Lori Arrive, Office Manager, Te-Moak Tribe of Western Shoshone

Sarina Nez, Management Analyst, Washoe/Paiute

Lawanda Jones, Opioid Prevention Specialist, Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California

Other Attendees

Fergus Laughridge, Health Director Fort McDermitt Paiute Shoshone Tribe

Theresa Arrive, Tribal Admin Assist FPST, Te-Moak Tribe of Western Shoshone

Monica Schiffer, Tribal Liaison, Nevada Health Authority

Shari Davis, Tribal Liaison, Governor's Office of Economic Development

James Phoenix, Veteran Services, Tribal Liaison, Washoe County School District, Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe

Sara Portillo, Tribal Liaison, Health Plan of Nevada

Fran Maldonado, Tribal Liaison, Education Programs Professional for ESSA Tribal Consultation, Nevada Department of Education

Melyssa Dolan, Tribal Liaison, Humbolt-Toiyabe National Forest

Lori Lutu, Tribal Liaison, Aging and Disability Services Division

Hope Johnson, Indian Health Service, Director, Office of Self-Determination & Tribal Liaison, Phoenix Area

Stacie Chase Bernard, Tribal Liaison, Executive Grant Analyst with Governor's Office of Federal Assistance

Patricia Olmstead, Tribal Liaison, Public Information Officer Department of Taxation

Jason Molino, Tribal Liaison, Health Program Specialist, Cultural Navigator

Phoebe Mcknight, Deputy Director, Governor's Office of Federal Assistance (OFA)

Josh Marhevka, Tribal Liaison, Deputy Director, NV Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation

Randi Lone Eagle, Tribal Chairwomen Summit Lake Paiute Tribe

Tarina Elliott, Government Affairs & Public Relations Manager, Duckwater Shoshone Tribe

Vanessa Justice, Tribal Liaison, Division of Social Services
Autumm Blattman, Tribal Liaison, Aging and Disability Services Division
Karina Swqueira
Cecilia Alonso, Aging and Disability Services Division
Amos Murphy, Tribal Chairman Confederated Tribe of the Goshute Reservation

I. Convene meeting, roll call, and establish quorum

Chair Staci Emm called the meeting to order at 2:04 pm. A roll call was conducted and quorum was established.

II. Invocation

Dr. Art Martinez gave an invocation.

III. Welcome and Land Acknowledgement

Chair Emm welcomed everyone and provided a land acknowledgement.

IV. Initial Public Comments

James Phoenix who is the Washoe County School District, Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe, Tribal Liaison, as well as works with the Department of Veterans Services. He noted his appearance and is interested in what the meeting will uncover.

Melyssa Dolan with the Humboldt-Tabby National Forest introduced herself and shared that there is a Fire Adapted Nevada Summit taking place at UNR on February 23rd and 24th. If anyone is interested in participating in this, she will share the flyer.

V. Strategic Plan Next Steps

Dr. Joshua Bonde stated that next steps were to confirm that everyone had a chance to review the edits that were made from the last meeting which were highlighted in red. He noted if these were acceptable, the next step would be either to make a motion to approve and adopt the plan or come back with more edits and reconvene later for approval and adoption.

Dr. Bonde started with the first edit to the Strategic Plan from the last meeting which was to add an open comment period from the planning session until December 22nd, when the Nevada Indian Commission (NIC) held an open public meeting to address comments received prior to that time. Dr. Bonde believes that this request was requesting the Commission to include more details about planning procedures.

Dr. Bonde moved to the second edit request and explained that as part of the Strategic Plan, the Department is committed to regular assessments and transparent reporting to measure progress and adapt strategies in written format annually, and as verbal reports during NIC quarterly meetings. Upon approval of the NIC, the Strategic Plan can be modified upon annual review. So, he believes the comment was codifying when we review our Strategic Plans for revisions.

Chair Emm asked what NIC stood for. Dr. Bonde replied, Indian Commission. He noted that if it wasn't already included, he would spell it out. A discussion ensued on which acronym is appropriate and whether the Nevada Department of Native American Affairs should have one separate from NIC. Director Stacey Montooth agreed that it was confusing and provided background on the Commission.

Director Montooth explained the Nevada Indian Commission, as well as the new standalone agency, the Department of Native American Affairs, is still governed by this five-person, governor-appointed leadership board. That's what you all serve as. And in statute, you were referred to as Commissioners. However, internally, we still use Nevada Indian Commission, because as a Department of Native American Affairs, we have the Division of the Stewart Indian School Cultural Center and Museum, and that has a staff with its own budget and its own fiscal labels, and we also have the Nevada Department of Native American Affairs, which is the administrative side, which again includes a completely different budget coding and numbers. We don't use Nevada Indian Commission very much. We don't do it publicly, but for internal purposes, it's important, because it differentiates where funding goes, even though we're one big, big happy family.

Director Montooth went on to say it certainly would be appropriate. We can find a place in the document, besides mentioning that we were established in '65, at the beginning, would it be appropriate to note that the name of the organization changed in July of 2024, and this is who we are now.

Chair Emm noted a chat comment that requested an appendix with the acronyms. Chair Emm asked Director Montooth about this and asked if there were any flowcharts. Dr. Bonde believes it already exists but could easily be incorporated into an appendix.

Chair Emm asked to move to the next comments about the Strategic Plan. Dr. Bonde explained included in the strategic plan that we were going to report on various topics at our quarterly meetings. It was suggested that we define who is going to be representing which topics. This identifies the topic area for advisory topics, and then who currently is reporting on those. And as people cycle on and off the commission or staff and all of that, this will be one of those things that change regularly. Commissioner Tiger asked for her name to spell correctly, with two Ms.

Chair Emm moved to the next item. Dr. Bonde explained that there was a request for a mention of the 20-year master plan for the Stewart Campus.

Vice Chair Tiger noted, before passing civic engagement, that entire section was in development with our committee. That was still not set yet, and a draft is being worked on. Chair Emm noted that it may need to be held for the next meeting and asked Vice Chair Tiger if they would be finished by then. Vice Chair Tiger noted that they should be and are just waiting for a meeting with Staff.

Director Montooth was able to locate current flow charts for the Department and share them with the group. Chair Emm stated that this would be a great addition to the appendices.

Chair Emm wanted to entertain a motion to approve all the additions in red noting that there will be some appendices for acronyms and organizational charts. She believes that the Commission will reconvene one more time and that will allow time for potential language changes to civic engagement.

Motion: Approve all additions in red noting that there will be appendices for acronyms and organizational charts added.
By: Commissioner Andrea Martinez
Second: Commissioner Dr. Art Martinez
Vote: Motion passed unanimously

Director Montooth went through some current organizational charts, noting that civic engagement would need to be added. Dr. Martinez is in support of including appendices but noted that they should be considered living documents as they will change. Director Montooth will be forwarding what she has to the Commission. She then provided more background to the Commission.

Chair Emm noted that there was an approved motion to accept the changes. She noted that this will come back to the agenda when the meeting in Duck Valley is held in March. She thanked the Commissioners for their efforts.

Vice Chair Tiger asked Director Montooth to update the charts that were shown with the Civic Engagement Advisory Committee and to include a reference to NRS for the advisory committees.

Director Montooth also noted that she would like to include a history of the Great Basin people.

Chair Emm noted a chat comment asking for each tribe to be responsible for their own subject matter. Vice Chair Tiger agreed and provided further insight and thoughts and asked if it would be the NIC history or history related to the Tribe.

Dr. Martinez made suggestions on how documenting the Tribe history could be developed. He noted that for now it could be tabled, but a document could be created for review. Dr. Stops commented that in the creation of the Commission, in the government documents there should be something as to its origin or purpose, as well each one of these Tribes, on their own website, should probably have a little historical information already that we can borrow still, and so forth to add to our document.

Chair Emm noted the feedback and tabled the discussion for the next meeting in Duck Valley in March.

VI. Commissioners Oral Reports (For Discussion)

Chair Emm noted a request to table the Commissioner oral reports due to time and scheduling constraints. She noted Staff asked that the reports be written in the future for easier note taking.

Vice Chair Tiger made a motion to table oral reports and if in the future there is a special meeting with a specific purpose, then the oral reports need not be agendized.

Motion: Table oral reports for this meeting but also for any special meeting with a specific purpose, oral reports will not be agendized.
By: Vice Chair Tammi Tiger
Second: Commissioner Dr. Art Martinez
Vote: Motion passed unanimously

VII. American Rescue Program Act Subgrants Report

Janet Davis explained the report and associated spreadsheet. She noted that the Tribes with completed projects are Carson Colony, Dresslerville, Duck Valley, Ely, Fallon Paiute Shoshone Tribe, Moapa Band of Paiutes, Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe, Reno-Sparks Indian Colony, South Fork Band Council, Winnemucca Indian Colony and Woodsford Community Council. There are other Tribes close to completion Lovelock Paiute Tribe, Stewart Community Council, Washoe Tribe, and Yerington Paiute Tribe.

Ms. Davis explained that they expect all projects to be wrapped up by October of 2026. She met with a lot of Tribes at the past summit and are moving things along. She noted future meetings with other organizations and an upcoming audit.

Ms. Davis went over enhancement projects and what they consisted of. She noted 11 Tribes apply for the enhancement projects with the redirect funds. Out of those 11 Tribes, we had eight Tribes who were selected for allocation of the \$2.4 million available. What they originally applied for was \$8.4 million. Their projects had to be reviewed and come up with an amount of what would be approved. Then you see the final approval amount offered to the Tribes. Communication was made with the Tribes and right now,

they are waiting on a revised budget and a scope of work for those eight Tribes. We have received the revised budget and scope of work back from Stewart and Duck Valley. They sent us a revised budget. They can work with what we gave them at the Summit, and through emails I have spoken with all the chairman and all our contacts, and we gave them a deadline of February 5th to get those into us, so we could have it signed at least by the IFC meeting in February.

Chair Emm noted that this shows so much need out there is the request for \$8.4 million, and just the number of projects that were chosen, that are being implemented within a few months, just shows us that the Tribes are setting on a lot of shovel-ready projects. Very necessary projects for quality of life and, no pressure, but can we go back to the State for more infrastructure money? There's no argument, right, after 2026? Ms. Davis responded that it would be pushing it. If you guys knew what we went through, even to be justifying what we got, and having to continuously answer the State for it and always reporting. The need is there, and I'm glad that we're able to help the Tribes as much as we can. All the Tribes are grateful for what we have given them, and their contacts and everyone that we work with and collaborate with have been very good.

Vice Chair Tiger applauded Ms. Davis's work over these last three years in keeping everything on track. Excellent job. And just to piggyback on what Commissioner Emm said, the Tribes can apply for these funds directly, maybe through some assistance with organizations like Nevada Grant Lab, or I think the State even has a grant liaison directly, and would love to see them be able to acquire more resources for these projects. Ms. Davis noted she's always getting emails from the Tribes asking me for resources or additional funding, she notes, I help them the best I can.

Commissioner Martinez echoed the comments of Vice Chair Tiger. She noted an amazing job working with all the tribes. She knows how hard it is working with one Tribe, but working with all 28 Tribal Nations, Bands, and Colonies, and then also providing the very comprehensive and concise reports. She really appreciates that as Commissioner. Dr. Martinez also congratulated Ms. Davis on the work and her commitment to this project. While it may be an arduous task to come back to the State and ask for new allocation pathway in coming years, they may be more open to continuing the positions as navigators for Tribes to access funds like this that might exist in either federal or state offerings that are out there. Ms. Davis agreed and noted, because this is a once-in-a-forever thing that they gave us money to do this with. And basically, it opens the door to let them know that, yes, perhaps we can continue with new funding and new grant opportunities for our Tribes. Dr. Martinez encourages that effort. And any way that we can be supportive, you're welcome to bring that before us.

Vice Chair Tiger asked if as a department, could they apply for federal grants or are they eligible for any. Director Montooth stated that we are eligible for ill shared with most of you, I'm right there with you. I don't think that there are anybody else in the entire Indian

Country, who could have gotten this done besides Janet, because of her history in Tribal government and education.

Director Montooth further explained, upon learning that the State was willing to provide direct assistance to our governments. One of the things that I have learned is that the State has requested that, depending on the amount the grant, we must hire staff to administer it. It's going to be out of this office you must at least have one and a half full-time people just dedicated to this. So, even if we qualify for grants, sometimes we have to consider our infrastructure and the capacity and bandwidth of our agency, unless we already have somebody lined up, which is a—I mean, if we can find fellows, if we can find folks that have retired, or maybe folks that didn't get reelected to council that all of a sudden have time on their hands, you know, that's certainly an option.

Vice Chair Tiger closed out the agenda item on the American Rescue Program Act Subgrants Report, for discussion only. No action is necessary on this agenda item. Thanks were given to Ms. Davis.

VIII. Future Meeting Dates

Vice Chair Tiger confirmed the next meeting dates would be March 16th to March 18th which includes some travel to Sho-Pai Nation of Duck Valley. Discussion ensued on travel times and distance of travel from Elko to Owyhee.

IX. Final Public Comment

James Phoenix stated that he appreciates the work gone into putting on the meeting. He looked at the plans and asked for digital versions so everyone could see it and a 1-2 pages version. He further pointed out his appreciation for the discussion and asked to be included in additional information.

Tarina Elliott with the Duckwater Shoshone Tribe thanked Director Montooth and Management Analyst Janet Davis for their work in getting Tribes their funding. She further went on to say that because so many Tribes have been in re-election, and different things happening internally, it's been awesome to work with them, and they are understanding the hurdles that Tribes must go through in terms of funds.

Ms. Elliot has sat in a few of these meetings and as Tribes, we appreciate the reaching out, but just kind of keeping us in the loop, as well as letting us have our own voice is appreciated. So, if you guys do anything on history of the Tribes, please don't just Google us, because a lot of that is put out there by people that are non-Tribal members that took their interpretation of it.

I am going to request again that you reach out directly to the Tribes for their own history,

because I do know if you Google some of us, it comes up a little bit different than what it is. And so, now that we are open to putting things in writing, where in history as Native people we were not, I think now would be a good time to kind of reach out and make sure you understand the Tribal history from their version.

So, I just want to kind of reiterate that for everyone's sake on that, because I know some backlash would come if you did not do that. But thank you again, all of you, for including us, and we look forward to seeing you guys when you come out to Duckwater.

X. Adjournment By Vice Chair Tammi Tiger at 3:12 pm

Motion: Adjournment of Meeting
By: Commissioner Andrea Martinez
Second: Commissioner Dr. Art Martinez
Vote: Motion passed unanimously



Executive Director Report

March 17, 2026

BUDGET

Indian Commission—2600

Approved Budget = \$8,835,661

Balance = \$5,355,935.14

Stewart Indian School Cultural Center—2601

Approved Budget = \$596,201

Balance = 271,693.57

Gift Fund

Balance = \$53,091.88

NOTABLES

- Bureau of Indian Affairs Superintendent, Dr. Jane Jackson-Bear confirmed federally recognized leadership for Te-Moak Bands: South Fork, Wells, Battle Mountain, Elko and Te-Moak Nation, Jan. 28
- Rewrote / updated travel policy with guidance from Administrative Services Division
- Four (4) follow up opportunities from industry professionals after Elements of Change panel discussion to build relationships with Tribal Nations
- Per SB 97, again identifying Native American health professional through Nevada State Board application process for newly designated slot on Silver State Health Exchange board; Previous nominee took new opportunity out of state
- Connected Western Governors' Association Policy Advisor with Nevada Public Safety Tribal Liaison to compare / contrast policies, procedures, and prevention measures for Missing & Murdered Indigenous People
- Arranged, held, now attending regularly scheduled fiscal meeting check-ins with new Administrative Services leadership, staff, plus Governor's Finance Office budget officer, to review policies, procedures, address gaps in services, and build collaborative working relationship
- Per Senate Bill 312, our interlocal contract with Department of Human Services moves to Nevada Board of Examiners on April 7. If approved, \$141,106, renewable annually, will fund new position to standup Tribal Health Authority to improve healthcare access and address health disparities within our tribal communities
- Orchestrated meeting with Nevada Division of Minerals and Alliance for Tribal Clean Energy, to review comments on proposed geothermal regulation updates per NAC 534A
- With Nevada Department of Education, hosted education professionals for review of Great Basin Tribal lesson plans regarding NRS 389-150 (Nov. 18-19)

- Debuted first internally curated art exhibit at Stewart Indian School Cultural Center & Museum (Jan. 8)
- Working with Governor's Office of Technology and Capital Police got \$32,999.79 estimate for new, security cameras for cultural center
- Twelve (12) Tribes completed their \$714,000 ARPA Sub-Grants to Tribes projects; Seven (7) new expanded applications submitted, reviewed, accepted

STAFFING

- Signed notice of subaward from the Fund for a Resilient Nevada which pays for Tribal Opioid Prevention Coordinator position and associated costs; Subaward for \$247,582 for July 1— June 30, 2027.
- Seven of 9 staffers completed federal Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) state training to work around Department of Corrections trustees as inmates provide buildings and ground maintenance. Director, Education Curator attending training on March 16
- Nine staffers completed mandatory training (Oct. 23) from the Nevada Commission on Ethics per Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) Chapter 281A

STANDING MEETINGS

- *Governors' Interstate Indian Council (April 3)*
- *All Cabinet Meeting (Sept. 9)*
- *Inter-Tribal Council of Nevada (ITCN) (Sept. 29)*
- Western Governors' Association State-Tribal Liaison Network (Dec. 12)
- State of Nevada, Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), Division of Health Care Financing and Policy (DHCFP) HCFP Tribal Consultation - 2nd Quarter Tribal Health Specialist attended / proxy (Jan. 8)
- Inter-agency Council on Veterans Affairs (Feb 5)
- Bi-Monthly Meeting with DNAA Liaison to Governor's Office, Gracie Garrett (Feb. 6)
- Staff Meeting (Feb.12)
- National Governors' Advisors Network for Native Americans and Tribal issues (Feb. 26)
- Fiscal Team Meeting (March 2)
- Nevada Tribal Emergency Coordinating Council (March 3)

No new meeting since Oct 2025 report

MEDIA COVERAGE

[Local Natives in Nevada tackle the MMIP crisis](#)

By Jimmy Romo-Buenrostro, *Nevada Public Radio*, Oct. 1

[Nevada secretary of state launches Indigenous relations webpage](#)

By Staff, *Las Vegas Sun*, Oct. 15

[Pining for a Good Harvest](#)

By Tony Tekaroniaka Evans, *Magazine of Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian*, Fall 2025 / Vol. 26 No.3

[Must-visit Native American museums to celebrate culture, history, and more](#)

By Michele Herrmann, *USA Today*, Nov. 25

[This is Carson City: Stewart Indian School remembers, restores tribal tenacity](#)

By Jessica Garcia, *Nevada Appeal*, Jan. 7

[Three years after grisly murder, Washoe County Sheriff's Office still won't provide basic answers to community](#)

By Kelsey Penrose, *Carson NOW*, Feb. 7

[The essential guide to visiting Nevada's Reno-Tahoe region](#)

By Suzanne Roberts, *National Geographic On-Line at Yahoo News*, March 2

[Sydney K. Williams named Nevada's Udall institutional nominee](#)

By Mary Ingram-Waters, *Nevada Today*, March 9

PRESENTATIONS / PANELS / WELCOMES

- *On Indigenous Peoples Day: What You Should Know About Our Tribal Nations and Tribal communities*
UNLV, Boyd Law School, Oct. 13
- *What Is the DNAA?*
University of Nevada Office of Indigenous Relations, Tribal Leaders Meetings, Jan. 27
- *The Do's and Don'ts to Effective Tribal Consultation*
Nevada Chapter of the American Planning Association, Feb. 5
- *Native America 101: What Every Nevadan Should Know About the Great Basin Tribal Communities & Why Every Child Advocate Needs to Know About ICWA*
University of Nevada, Beginning Social Work class, Feb. 27

OTHER HIGHLIGHTS / ONGOING PROJECTS

- Hosted Three Sticks Productions' film crew for video footage to be used by Nevada Division of Human Resource Management for employee training video, Jan. 29
- Introductory meeting held with new Nevada Superintendent of Public Instruction, Dr. Victor Wakefield, Feb. 3
- Accommodated / hosted American Indigenous Tourism Association with use of conference room / building facilities, Feb 24-26
- Brainstorming session with Nevada Department of Ag to incorporate Native culture into Nevada State Fair, March 9
- Staff Kickoff training for New Employee Onboarding HR software (NEONV) March 11
- Due to transcription service staff change, testing new meeting minutes format

STATE OF NEVADA
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Budget Status Report - Obligations

Fiscal Year: 2026

Fund: 101 GENERAL FUND **Department:** 140 DEPT NATIVE AMERICAN AFFAIRS

Unit: 2600 INDIAN COMMISSION **Activity:** 2600 HR-INDIAN COMMISSION

| | YTD Actual | Work Program | Difference |
|-------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Total Expenditures | 3,542,304.86 | | |
| Total Encumbrances | .00 | | |
| Total Pre-encumbrances | .00 | | |
| Total Obligations | 3,542,304.86 | 8,898,240.00 | 5,355,935.14 |

| Category | Description | Expended | Encumbered | Pre-encumbered | Obligated | Work Program | Difference |
|--------------------|--------------------------------|--------------|------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| 00 | INDIAN COMMISSION | 2,591.20 | .00 | .00 | 2,591.20 | .00 | -2,591.20 |
| 01 | PERSONNEL SERVICES | 290,321.12 | .00 | .00 | 290,321.12 | 837,053.00 | 546,731.88 |
| 02 | OUT OF STATE TRAVEL | 3,019.95 | .00 | .00 | 3,019.95 | 6,778.00 | 3,758.05 |
| 03 | IN STATE TRAVEL | 11,860.79 | .00 | .00 | 11,860.79 | 23,947.00 | 12,086.21 |
| 04 | OPERATING | 54,026.69 | .00 | .00 | 54,026.69 | 72,417.00 | 18,390.31 |
| 15 | GRANTS TO TRIBES PRGM SUBGRANT | 2,888,835.18 | .00 | .00 | 2,888,835.18 | 7,390,849.00 | 4,502,013.82 |
| 16 | GRANTS TO TRIBES ADMIN | 119,154.51 | .00 | .00 | 119,154.51 | 338,630.00 | 219,475.49 |
| 26 | INFORMATION SERVICES | 25,452.17 | .00 | .00 | 25,452.17 | 31,956.00 | 6,503.83 |
| 35 | EDUCATION SUMMIT | 45,300.50 | .00 | .00 | 45,300.50 | 59,612.00 | 14,311.50 |
| 82 | DHRM COST ALLOCATION | 99,731.25 | .00 | .00 | 99,731.25 | 132,975.00 | 33,243.75 |
| 88 | STATEWIDE COST ALLOCATION PLAN | 2,011.50 | .00 | .00 | 2,011.50 | 4,023.00 | 2,011.50 |

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Budget Status Report - Obligations

Fiscal Year: 2026

Fund: 101 GENERAL FUND

Department: 140 DEPT NATIVE AMERICAN AFFAIRS

Unit: 2601 STWT INDN SCHOOL LIVING LEGACY

Activity: 2601 HR-STEWART INDIAN SCHOOL LEGA

| | YTD Actual | Work Program | Difference |
|-------------------------------|------------|--------------|------------|
| Total Expenditures | 324,507.43 | | |
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| Total Obligations | 324,507.43 | 596,201.00 | 271,693.57 |

| Category | Description | Expended | Encumbered | Pre-encumbered | Obligated | Work Program | Difference |
|--------------------|--------------------------------|------------|------------|----------------|------------|--------------|------------|
| 01 | PERSONNEL | 256,733.39 | .00 | .00 | 256,733.39 | 381,828.00 | 125,094.61 |
| 02 | OUT OF STATE TRAVEL | 3,425.10 | .00 | .00 | 3,425.10 | 6,164.00 | 2,738.90 |
| 03 | IN STATE TRAVEL | 2,022.82 | .00 | .00 | 2,022.82 | 6,749.00 | 4,726.18 |
| 04 | OPERATING | 50,166.79 | .00 | .00 | 50,166.79 | 151,819.00 | 101,652.21 |
| 08 | EXHIBITS | 1,719.24 | .00 | .00 | 1,719.24 | 2,231.00 | 511.76 |
| 09 | COLLECTIONS | 1,527.10 | .00 | .00 | 1,527.10 | 12,655.00 | 11,127.90 |
| 10 | EDUCATION | .00 | .00 | .00 | .00 | 18,388.00 | 18,388.00 |
| 26 | INFORMATION SERVICES | 3,509.99 | .00 | .00 | 3,509.99 | 9,163.00 | 5,653.01 |
| 82 | DEPARTMENT OF ADMIN COST ALLOC | 5,403.00 | .00 | .00 | 5,403.00 | 7,204.00 | 1,801.00 |

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Report to the Commissioners

March 17, 2026

Stewart Indian School Cultural Center & Museum

Museum Director, Joshua Bonde Ph.D.

Curator of Collections Chris Ann Gibbons & Curator of Education Melanie Smokey

Visitors

- FY26 or July 1, 2025-Present – 3,225
- January 1 – March 15, 2026 – 959
- How did you hear about us?
 - 34% Word of Mouth
 - 26% Internet/Social Media
 - 6% Visit Carson City (Tourism Authority)
- Connection to Stewart?
 - 77% No Affiliation
 - 9% Descendents of former students
 - 7% Former students
 - 7% Descendents of employees
- Tribal Affiliation?
 - Numu most identified
 - Newe next
 - Washoe third
 - 1 party of Nuwuvi
 - Other tribes of note: Pueblo, Cherokee, and Navajo

Collections Stewardship

- We have two new volunteers, Dan Allen and Nancy Clark, and two returning volunteers, Teri Burns and Lorraine Cook. Currently, the SISCCM has 21 volunteers.
- Completed four research requests on former Stewart Indian School students, one research request on a former teacher, and one request on students who attended from Churchill County.
- Completed one request for photos of Stewart from a documentary filmmaker and one request from an alumni.

- Received donations to the collections from four individuals. Items included a set of beaded salt and pepper shakers, small, beaded basket and two small coiled baskets, a photo of Stewart Coach James Oliver and the basketball team, an original copy of a Stewart student's report card, and a set of dolls for use in educational programming.
- SISCCM staff have met twice with alumni to plan the 2026 Stewart Indian School Reunion that will be held during the upcoming Stewart Father's Day Powwow. This year the SISCCM will be hosting the brunch and expanding activities to include a late lunch and a possible film screening.
- Continue to work on rehousing, organizing, and scanning archival materials on loan to the SISCCM from the Bureau of Indian Affairs Museum Program. Next Step is cataloging. The materials are from the former Stewart Indian School Museum. Currently, four SISCCM volunteers are assisting with the project. Planning to have as many photos as possible scanned and ready for viewing and possible identification during the Stewart Indian School Reunion brunch.

Education and Interpretation

- Opening of the basketry exhibit
 - 3 openings in January
 - QR codes & photos
 - Basketry scavenger hunt
 - Hands-on station with coloring pages
- Admission to the SISCCM is free, with suggested donation of \$5 youth, \$12 adult for a maximum of 2 hours
- UNR students 12
- Public Schools
 - Mark Twain Elementary School, Carson
 - 3rd grade – 91 participants
 - 5th grade – 80 participants
 - 5th grade Tahoe Truckee Unified School District, Placer County California
- 2 private schools
 - 24 8th grade students/8 adults learning about federal policies- Dawes Act
 - 13 Kindergarten students, 6 adults from kindergarten class - Basketry
- Garden:
 - Book release: *Desert Friends* – creating activities
 - weeding, hand-watering, planting indoors
 - Preparing for 2 upcoming tours
- Storytelling *Who Am I*
 - Two sessions, 28 attended
- WRPT Youth Group
 - 15 participants
 - basketry
- Storytelling Room has new QR codes
 - pinenuts
 - Nevada Tribes
 - basketry
- 2 Outreach Presentations
 - Josh & Frank – Good Governance Group in Minden
 - Melanie – Nevada Farmer's Forum at UNR discussions on SISCCM Garden

Great Basin Native Artists Gallery

- From Jan-mid-June 2026 The Gallery is hosting- Basketry: Resilience, Beauty and Ingenuity in the Great Basin, curated by Melanie Smokey
- Melissa Melero-Moose will be curating the next show in summertime
- The basketry show has been met with great praise so far

Communication and Marketing

- Majority of Cultural Center marketing is via social media
- Facebook: 4,893 Followers, up 737 over FY26
- Instagram: 394 Followers, up 71 over FY26
- LinkedIn: 171 up 60 since last board meeting
- The Cultural Center now has a Yelp page. Please check it out and leave a review
- The reprint of *Desert Friends* has been highlighted by the Nevada Museum of Art, the volume includes text by Director Montooth, Museum Director Bonde, and former Museum Director Bobbi Rahder

In addition to social media, the Cultural Center has been featured in *Conde Nast Traveler*, *USA Today*, *Nevada Appeal*, and KOLO Channel 8 Reno.

Store Sales

- Store sales and donations FY26 \$24,170
- Store sales and donations year to date \$5,542
- Sales from FY26, ~1/3 come from the new credit card reader, by comparison YTD sales are 2/3 credit card reader. The addition of this unit has greatly improved sales!
- We now carry Native Nevada stuffed animals
- We entered into a partnership with a local book vendor to increase our book offerings in the store
- Working with the Nevada Museum of Art we are now selling the reprint of *Desert Friends*

Nevada Department of Native American Affairs

Stacey Montooth
Executive Director



Joe Lombardo
Governor

5500 Snyder Ave, Building #3 Carson City, NV 89701

Stewart Father's Day Powwow Report

June 19-21, 2026

The 2026 Stewart Father's Day Powwow is scheduled for June 19-21, 2026.

The Downtown Carson Banner has been approved and will be posted during the week of June 15-21, 2026.

Waste Management has confirmed the "in kind donation" of dumpster scheduled to be delivered Friday June 19, 2026.

Western Nevada Supply has confirmed the use of the two large (20x20) tents for host drums and alumni/elder seating, will be delivered and set up Friday June 19 and pick up Monday June 22, 2026.

Vendor applications have been sent out, and we have received several inquiries.

Met with State Buildings & Grounds and Department of Corrections staff to schedule set up of grounds and to discuss the impact of Friday June 19th being a State Holiday and their staff will not be on campus to assist as they have been in previous years. B&G staff will work to have their portion of set up and mowing complete by Thursday June 18.

Letters to potential donors have been sent.

Connected with Washoe Tribe for on-site medical van – pending confirmation.

Pending quote for portable restrooms from Quick Space – this cost was \$8,000 last year. Due to increase in attendance and campers I have requested a quote for additional units and handwashing stations.

Received quote for generator from Rental Guys, \$500.

To Do:

Confirm Powwow Staff:

Host Drums (Southern/Northern)

Sound

Arean Director

Head Judge

Tabulator

Emcee

Color Guard

Order Cakes

Host Hotel/Staff Rooms

| TRIBE | CFE'S REQUEST | PROJECT |
|--|---------------|--|
| Battle Mountain Band Council | 714,000.00 | Deobligated- Clawback Allocation |
| Battle Mountain Band Council (Te-Moak) | 178,500.00 | Deobligated- Clawback Allocation |
| Carson Colony Community Council 4/3 | 714,000.00 | COMPLETED initial project, starting Enhancement Project (Demo & Asbestos abatement) |
| Confederated Tribes of Goshute | 573,098.07 | Continue to work closely with Tribe on justifying expenditures. Food Distribution program making purchases and paying wages. Encouraged tribe to make other purchases |
| Dresslerville Community Council 1/30/ | 714,000.00 | COMPLETED initial project, starting Enhancement Project (Gym Flooring) |
| Duck Valley Shoshone Paiute Tribe 11/; | 714,000.00 | COMPLETED initial project, starting Enhancement Project (Lift Station) |
| Duckwater Shoshone Tribe | 714,000.00 | Completed purchase of trash truck & vehicle. Currently switched their efforts to towards Community Building Project, moved all remaining funds to Contractual line item. |
| Elko Band Council 08/30/25 | 714,000.00 | Deobligated- Clawback Allocation |
| Elko Band Council (Te-Moak Split) | 178,500.00 | Deobligated- Clawback Allocation |
| Ely Shoshone Tribe 11/30/25 | 714,000.00 | COMPLETED |
| Fallon Paiute Shoshone Tribe | 712,700.00 | COMPLETED initial project, starting Enhancement Project (Education Van w/cameras and gravel for driveways) |
| Ft. McDermitt Paiute Shoshone Tribe 1/ | 714,000.00 | Broadband project continues. Assisting homeowners with utilities, internet and repair, this project continues. Performance period ending at the end of March. |
| Fort Mojave Indian Tribe | 714,000.00 | Deobligated- Clawback Allocation |
| Las Vegas Paiute Tribe | 565,000.00 | Working on gate completion project currently. Performance period ending. |
| Lovelock Paiute Tribe 11/30/25 | 714,000.00 | Project close to completion, closing out project, confirming expenditures for closeout. |
| Moapa Band of Paiutes | 539,188.00 | Projects complete, closing out project, confirming expenditures for closeout. |
| Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe | 714,000.00 | COMPLETED |
| Reno-Sparks Indian Colony 11/30/25 | 714,000.00 | COMPLETED initial project, starting Enhancement Project |
| South Fork Band Council | 714,000.00 | Deobligated- Clawback Allocation |
| South Fork Band Council (Te-Moak Spli | 178,500.00 | COMPLETED |
| Stewart Community Council 4/30/25 | 714,000.00 | COMPLETED initial project, starting Enhancement Project |
| Summit Lake Paiute Tribe | 713,259.00 | Pantry staff and pantry expenditures continue. |
| Te-Moak Tribe of Western Shoshone | xxxxxxx | xx |
| Timbisha Shoshone Tribe | 714,000.00 | Project close to completion, closing out project, confirming expenditures for closeout. |
| Walker River Paiute Tribe | 714,000.00 | Balfied project continues. Pantry staff continue. |
| Washoe Tribe of Nevada & California 4/ | 714,000.00 | COMPLETED initial project, starting Enhancement Project |
| Wells Band Council | 714,000.00 | Deobligated- Clawback Allocation |
| Wells Band Council (Te-Moak Split) | 178,500.00 | Deobligated- Clawback Allocation |
| Winnemucca Indian Colony | 714,000.00 | COMPLETED initial project, starting Enhancement Project |
| Woodfords Community Council 11/30/; | 714,000.00 | COMPLETED |
| Yerington Paiute Tribe | 714,000.00 | Project complete, waiting on justification of expenditures. |
| Yomba Shoshone Tribe | 714,000.00 | Deobligated- Clawback Allocation |
| TOTAL | 19,525,245 | |
| | 19,525,245 | |
| Denotes Approved Extension Date | | |
| Denotes Completed Project | | |

| TRIBE | CFE's REQUESTED | Total EXP reported | Budget Balance | Payments | % Expended |
|---|-------------------|--------------------|------------------|-------------------|------------|
| Battle Mountain Band Council - DEOBLIGATED | 4,200 | 4,200 | - | 107,100 | 100% |
| Battle Mountain Band Council - DEOBLIGATED | - | - | - | 178,500 | N/A |
| Carson Colony Community Council - Enhancement | 844,299 | 714,000 | - | 713,920 | 85% |
| Confederated Tribes of Goshute | 573,098 | 135,137 | 437,961 | 135,137 | 24% |
| Dresslerville Community Council - Enhancement | 849,210 | 714,000 | - | 714,000 | 84% |
| Duck Valley Shoshone Paiute Tribe - Enhancement | 1,446,797 | 714,000 | - | 691,813 | 49% |
| Duckwater Shoshone Tribe | 714,000 | 342,005 | 371,995 | 342,005 | 48% |
| Elko Band Council - DEOBLIGATED | 637,665 | 637,665 | - | 637,665 | 100% |
| Elko Band Council - DEOBLIGATED | 62,674 | 62,674 | - | 178,500 | 100% |
| Ely Shoshone Tribe - COMPLETE | 714,000 | 714,000 | - | 714,000 | 100% |
| Fallon Paiute Shoshone Tribe - Enhancement | 844,794 | 712,211 | 489 | 712,211 | 84% |
| Fort Mojave Indian Tribe - DEOBLIGATED | - | - | - | 107,100 | N/A |
| Ft. McDermitt Paiute Shoshone Tribe | 714,000 | 105,278 | 714,000 | 107,100 | 15% |
| Las Vegas Paiute Tribe - END OF AWARD | 565,000 | 380,299 | 184,701 | 257,070 | 67% |
| Lovelock Paiute Tribe - END OF AWARD | 714,000 | 689,175 | 24,825 | 503,833 | 97% |
| Moapa Band of Paiutes - COMPLETE | 539,188 | 532,898 | 6,290 | 277,618 | 99% |
| Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe - COMPLETE | 714,000 | 707,998 | 6,002 | 708,149 | 99% |
| Reno-Sparks Indian Colony - Enhancement | 1,133,260 | 714,000 | - | 714,000 | 63% |
| South Fork Band Council - COMPLETE | 178,500 | 178,500 | - | 178,500 | 100% |
| South Fork Band Council - DEOBLIGATED | 180,316 | 180,316 | - | 180,316 | 100% |
| Stewart Community Council - Enhancement | 874,453 | 713,423 | 577 | 713,982 | 82% |
| Summit Lake Paiute Tribe | 713,259 | 448,518 | 264,741 | 355,574 | 63% |
| Timbisha Shoshone Tribe | 714,000 | 621,161 | 92,839 | 621,154 | 87% |
| Walker River Paiute Tribe | 714,000 | 559,083 | 154,917 | 714,000 | 78% |
| Washoe Tribe of Nevada & California - Enhancement | 775,341 | 708,643 | 5,357 | 679,549 | 91% |
| Wells Band Council - DEOBLIGATED | - | - | - | 107,100 | N/A |
| Wells Band Council - DEOBLIGATED | - | - | - | 178,500 | N/A |
| Winnemucca Indian Colony - Enhancement | 1,418,486 | 595,701 | 118,299 | 714,000 | 42% |
| Woodfords Community Council - COMPLETE | 714,000 | 714,000 | - | 617,179 | 100% |
| Yerington Paiute Tribe | 714,000 | 691,938 | 22,062 | 691,938 | 97% |
| Yomba Shoshone Tribe - DEOBLIGATED | - | - | - | 433,541 | N/A |
| TOTAL | 18,066,540 | 13,290,825 | 2,405,054 | 13,985,054 | |

Revenue Loss: Advanced funds outstanding 1,223,468
19,290,008

American Community Survey (ACS) Features

- Tribal Specific ACS Resource
- 3.5 million addresses
- \$675 billion Federal Spending
- 40 topics
- 300+ evidence-based Federal government uses
- 11 billion estimates each year
- Three key annual data releases:
 - 1-year Estimates (65K+ Population)
 - 1-year Supplemental Estimates (20K+ Population)
 - 5-year Estimates (all areas)



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My Tribal Area



- Features statistics for each of the nation's tribal areas.
- Allows easy access to selected demographic and economic statistics.
- Provides maps and downloadable statistics.



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Narrative Profile

American Community Survey

Data Profiles

Narrative Profiles
Narrative Profiles are short, analytic reports derived from the ACS 5-year estimates. Each Narrative Profile covers 15 different topic areas and provides text and bar charts to display highlights of selected social, economic, housing and demographic estimates for a selected geographic area.

2019 2018 2017 2016 2015 2014

2019

2015–2019 ACS 5-Year Narrative Profile

Select a Geography Type

Nation
 State
 County
 ZIP Code Tabulation Area
 Metropolitan/Micropolitan Statistical Area
 American Indian Area/Alaska Native Area/Hawaiian Home Land

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<https://www.census.gov/acs/www/data/data-tables-and-tools/>

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Local Update of Census Addresses

- Why participate?
- Timeline for 2030
- New for 2030
- How to prepare now
 - LUCA 2030 Website
 - Current Address Count Listing File Viewer



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Ask Data

DDS

1-844-ASK-DATA or census.askdata@census.gov
and copy alaina.j.capoeman@census.gov

We want your feedback! Is there anything
you'd like to see from Census?



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TRIBAL CENSUS 101

ESSENTIALS FOR INDIAN COUNTRY

VIRTUAL SERIES (1 HOUR EACH)



U.S. Census Bureau data inform how federal funding and resources are allocated in Indian Country each year. Attend this workshop to receive crucial updates and learn about the 2030 Census, ongoing surveys, job opportunities, tribal geography, and other resources. This event is essential for tribal nations, elected officials, urban Indian leaders, tribal officers, community planners, and grant writers

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CONGRESSIONALLY DIRECTED SPENDING REQUESTS

Explainer

BACKGROUND

Previously known as "earmarks." Refers to the process for Members of Congress to **request funds for specific projects in their States** or Districts, with added requirements to ensure transparency and accountability.

- Members must ensure there are **no conflicts of interest**. Members will also **disclose the purpose and recipient of each funding request** (and post their requests + financial certification disclosures on their websites).
 - Referred to as **Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS)** in the Senate. House offices may refer to it as Community Project Funding (CPF).
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FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR

The federal fiscal year runs between October 1st and September 30th of the following year. We are currently in FY26. October 1, 2026 is the start of FY27.

- Continuing resolutions (CRs) may extend previous years' funding for agencies for brief periods of time but we've seen year-long CRs more frequently. When a CR is in effect, funding levels remain the same.
- The Senate Appropriations Committee accepts appropriations requests from Senators, usually in the spring, for the upcoming fiscal year. Our office accepts two types of appropriation requests: programmatic requests and Congressionally Directed Spending requests.

PROGRAMMATIC REQUESTS

Request to fund an authorized federal program at a specific level or to include language directing a federal agency to implement a program in a specific way.

Our office accepts requests from any entity, including non-profits and businesses. These requests usually come from entities who have successfully received funding from that particular program.



Example: Nevada HAND supports general funding for several federal programs, including Neighborworks or the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG).

CDS REQUESTS

Request to fund a specific project in Nevada. Please note our office does not accept CDS requests from nonprofits or businesses. **Only local, state, or Tribal governments may apply.** Quasi-government entities can also apply but will be affiliated with their closest local jurisdiction (City of North Las Vegas, etc.).

Nonprofits are ineligible to apply for CDS unless they partner with a government entity to sponsor their request. Even so, the government entity will be responsible for administering the funds. Partnerships must include a significant aspect completed by the government entity.

There are specific guidelines for each agency that manages a CDS request, so **not all project types are eligible for funding.**



Example: Churchill County requests funds to develop a secondary water treatment plant and provide safe drinking water.

GRANTS VS CDS REQUESTS

State Point of Contact:
Molly Rose Lewis
MollyRose_Lewis@rosen.senate.gov

State Point of Contact:
Ashley Martinez
Ashley_Martinez@rosen.senate.gov



Grants@rosen.senate.gov

- Application and money allocated by leading agency (USDA, EPA, etc.)
- Nonprofits may apply
- Process is subject to agency timeline

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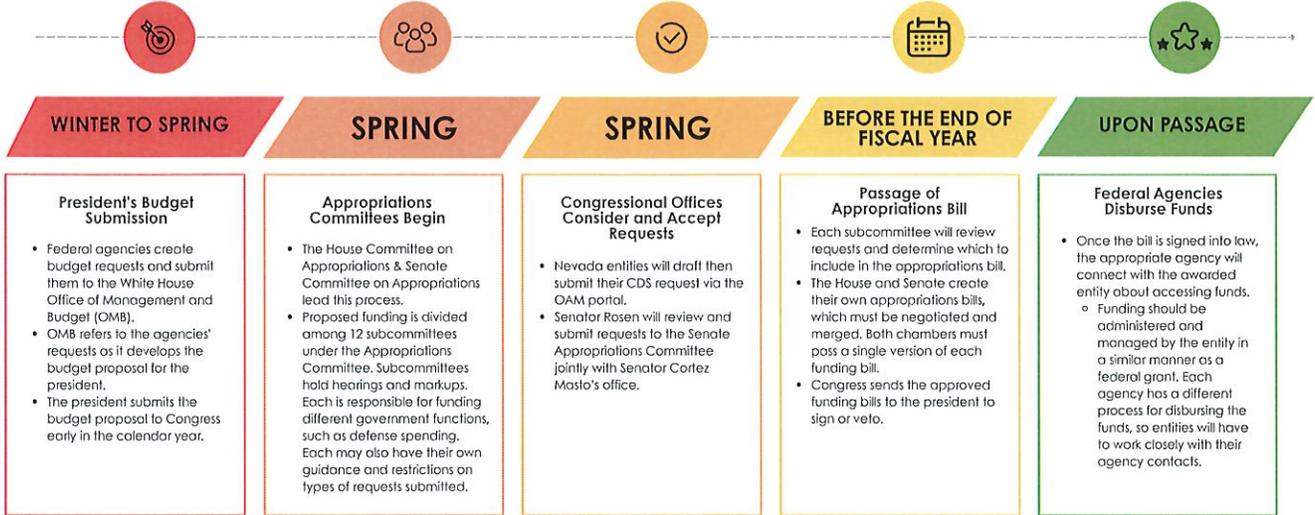
Upon receiving funds, funding should be administered and managed by the entity in a similar manner.

AppropriationsRequests@rosen.senate.gov

- Money allocated by Congress, via appropriations legislation, for specific projects
- No nonprofits can apply (unless partnering with a government entity)
- Process is subject to Congress and timelines are variable

TIMELINE*

*can vary year by year



GUIDANCE, ACCOUNTS, & SUPPLEMENTAL QUESTIONS

The CDS team will update the website and guidance documents each fiscal year. Visit www.rosen.senate.gov/services/appropriations-requests/ for the latest information.

The screenshot shows a website navigation menu with the following items:

- FOR NEVADANS
- ABOUT JACKY
- NEWS
- CONSTITUENT SERVICES
- RESOURCE GUIDES
- FEDERAL FUNDING
- GRANT REQUESTS
- APPROPRIATIONS REQUESTS (highlighted)
- COMMUNITY PROJECT FUNDING

Below the menu, there is a section titled 'APPROPRIATIONS REQUESTS' with a background image of a desert landscape. It includes a 'Thank you for your interest...' message and a 'Please contact us...' message.

First Time Here?

Thank you for your interest in submitting an FY2026 Community Project Request to the Offices of Senator Jacky Rosen and Senator Cortez Masto.

Before proceeding, please read the [guidance](#) and [supplemental questions](#) documents. These include important information which will be necessary for completing the application.

If you have any questions, please contact AppropriationsRequests@rosen.senate.gov or Appropriations@cortezmastosenate.gov.

The document is titled 'FY24 Community Project Funding Guidance and Account'. It includes sections for 'General Information', 'Appropriations Request Process', and 'Additional Rules & Considerations'. It provides detailed instructions on how to submit a request and what information is required.

This section of the document lists 'Additional Rules & Considerations' for the FY24 Community Project Funding. It includes items such as 'General Information', 'Appropriations Request Process', and 'Additional Rules & Considerations'. It provides detailed instructions on how to submit a request and what information is required.

FURTHER GUIDANCE

Below: www.appropriations.senate.gov



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OAM PORTAL APPLICATION

✓ About the Requester

Applicant contact information, federal tax identification number, applications with other delegation members, and non-profit/for-profit status

✓ Program Information

Senate subcommittee and account the CDS request will fall under

✓ Project Request

Project name, project address, priority (if submitting multiple projects), if it was previously requested in other fiscal years, project summary, justification/description, amount requested, budget breakdown, project status, partners, and supplemental questions for applicable subcommittee. Letters of support and additional documents can also be uploaded.



Above: FY2027 OAM Plus Portal Application for Senators Rosen & Cortez Masto

MARCH 2026

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Scan to be redirected to the Appropriations Request page.



The application deadline for both programmatic and CDS requests is tentatively March 20, 2026 at 11:59PM Eastern. As in previous year, Senators Rosen and Cortez Masto are using a joint form for both offices and will submit all projects jointly. The deadline may be updated as we receive more information from the Senate Appropriations Committee.

FY26 STATE OF PLAY

Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration and Related Agencies (AG)

Passed into law on 11/12/25. \$3,100,000 for 1 project.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies (CJS)

Passed into law on 01/23/26. \$15,474,000 for 12 projects.

Subcommittee on Department of Defense (Defense)

Passed into law on 02/03/26.

Subcommittee on Department of Homeland Security (HMLND)

Continuing resolution expired on 02/13/26.

Subcommittee on Department of Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies (Interior)

Passed into law on 01/23/26. \$30,693,766 for 18 projects.

Subcommittee on Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies (LHHS)

Passed into law on 02/03/26. \$22,442,000 for 13 projects.



Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development (EWD)

Passed into law on 01/23/26. \$2,858,000 for 2 projects.

Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government (FSGG)

Passed into law on 02/03/26. \$2,000,000 for 3 projects.

Subcommittee on Legislative Branch (Legislative)

Passed into law on 11/12/2025.

Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies (MILCON or MILCON VA)

Passed into law on 11/12/2025. \$11,400,000 for 3 projects.

Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs (SFOPS)

Passed into law on 02/03/26.

Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies (THUD)

Passed into law on 02/03/26. \$59,781,000 for 34 projects.

ROSEN SECURES CRITICAL FUNDING FOR NEVADA SERVICEMEMBERS, HOUSING, HEALTH CARE, AIRPORTS

■ FEBRUARY 3, 2026

This Bipartisan Government Funding Package Includes A Nearly Four Percent Pay Raise For Servicemembers And More Than \$84 Million for Rosen-Requested Community Projects In Nevada

WINS FOR NEVADA

All previous requests are published at [Rosen.Senate.gov](https://rosen.senate.gov). Some featured wins from the latest funding package:

- **\$7.8 million** to construct a much-needed community center in West Wendover.
- **\$4 million** for the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribal Health Clinic Expansion.
- **\$3 million** for the University of Nevada, Reno School of Medicine Cancer Research Center.
- **\$2.5 million** to renovate and modernize a library in North Las Vegas.
- **\$531,000** for a Computer Aided Dispatch for the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office.

I APPLIED! WHAT COMES NEXT?

● **Application Received**

Senators Rosen and Cortez Masto's offices will confirm your eligibility and submit your request to the Senate Committee on Appropriations.

● **Subcommittee Reviews Request & Draft Bills**

The respective subcommittee will review the request and may send feedback for scalability, most appropriate accounts, etc. Each subcommittee will draft and markup a bill until it is ready to move forward to the full committee.

● **Work of the Appropriations Committees**

The full Appropriations Committee will markup and amend each bill. The committee will vote to report a bill for further consideration by the entire chamber.

● **House and Senate Conference Action**

After the House and Senate both consider each appropriations bill, both chambers will resolve any disagreements. Once a final vote is complete, the bill will be sent to the President.

● **Executive Action**

Once the bill is signed into law, agencies will reach out to your listed Points of Contact and begin the process for disbursement. You are expected to administer and manage the funds similar to a federal grant.



AGENCY COMMUNICATION

Once the bill is signed into law, you can expect to receive more information directly from the agency in the following weeks/months. The agency will reach out about the project, paperwork, and compliance needed to move forward. **This process may look similar to a federal grant application, though the funds are already guaranteed to go to you.**

If you need further assistance or have not heard about your fund, please reach out to either office.

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VIEW GRANT OPPORTUNITY

FG 24-079

Congressional Directed Spending Projects

Department of Health and Human Services

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

SYNOPSIS VERSION HISTORY RELATED DOCUMENTS PACKAGE

General Information

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| Document Type: | Grant Notice | Version: | Synopsis 7 |
| Funding Opportunity Number: | FG 24-079 | Posted Date: | Apr 22, 2024 |
| Funding Opportunity Title: | Congressional Directed Spending Projects | Last Updated Date: | Apr 25, 2024 |
| Opportunity Category: | Discretionary | Original Closing Date for Applications: | Jun 21, 2024 |
| Opportunity Category Explanation: | | Current Closing Date for Applications: | Jun 21, 2024 |
| Funding Instrument Type: | Grant | Archive Date: | Jul 21, 2024 |
| Category of Funding Activity: | Health | Estimated Total Program Funding: | \$4,500,000 |
| Category Explanation: | | Award Ceiling: | \$450,000 |
| Expected Number of Awards: | 52 | Award Floor: | \$3 |
| Assistance Listings: | 91-413 - Congressional Directives | | |
| Cost Sharing or Matching Requirements: | No | | |

Eligibility

Eligible Applicants: Others (see text field entitled "Additional Information on Eligibility" for clarification)

Additional Information on Eligibility: Eligibility is limited to CDS Projects authorized under the Further Consolidated Appropriation Act, 2024 (P.L. 118-47)

Above: Grants.gov page for CDS funds through the Department of Health and Human Services - Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Admin

Congressional Directed Spending Requests FAQ

Office of Senator Jacky Rosen

What are Congressional Directed Spending (CDS) requests?

Since Fiscal Year 2020, the Senate Appropriations Committee has selected Senator's Community Direct Spending (CDS) requests, also known as Congressional Directed Spending (CDS) project requests. CDS requests are for funding for specific, vetted projects by local, state, and Tribal governments in Nevada. In addition to accepting programmatic requests below are the overall rules for government programs that the Senate Appropriations Committee will likely accept CDS requests for the Fiscal Year 2027 appropriations cycle.

Who can apply for CDS requests?

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None. Senate Appropriations Committee requests that do not pass through offices where the funding is going directly from government entities to non-profit organizations, as partnerships must adhere to a grant award completed by the government entity.

How does the CDS process work?

None of the Senate subcommittees within the Senate Appropriations Committee accept CDS requests. In Nevada, and each have their own range of responsibilities. Only those CDS requests that meet all of the requirements of a given subcommittee, and are deemed appropriate by a third request, will be considered for funding. Entities who submit CDS requests through Senator Rosen should be aware that some projects may not meet certain funding, and there is no guarantee that CDS requests will be included in future government funding bills.

Although we cannot guarantee which submitted CDS requests will ultimately receive funding, the CDS office/Senator Rosen will advocate for eligible projects. Applicants should be prepared to manage appropriated funding in a timely manner as they would for any other federal grant.

What type of projects can I submit for a CDS request?

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When is the deadline for CDS requests?

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If you have any questions, please contact us at

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Scan for more information



RESOURCES

- **CDS Handout:** Similar content as this presentation.
- **Website:** Our website will link the application for all entities to fill out via OAM.

Please contact the appropriations routing email (AppropriationsRequests@rosen.senate.gov) for more questions or to schedule a meeting with the CDS team.

Above: CDS Requests FAQ Handout

QUESTIONS?

Thank you!

AppropriationsRequests@rosen.senate.gov

Washington DC

Megan Thompson & Abigail Hobson

State

Ashley Martinez

Congressionally Directed Spending Requests

FAQ

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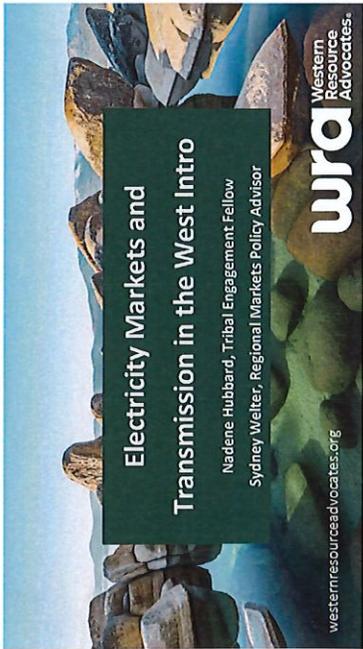
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Electricity Markets and Transmission in the West Intro

Nadene Hubbard, Tribal Engagement Fellow
Sydney Welter, Regional Markets Policy Advisor

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Agenda

1. WRA Introduction
2. Wholesale Energy Markets
3. Workshop Invitation



About Western Resource Advocates

Our mission is to protect the West's land, air, and water to ensure that vibrant communities exist in balance with nature.

Western Lands
Protect lands and habitat



Healthy Rivers
Keep water in rivers and streams



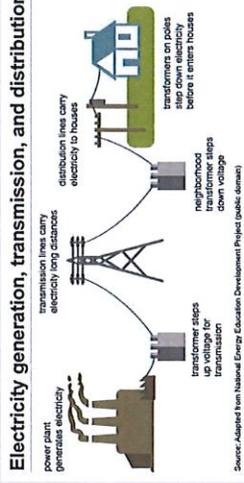
Clean Energy
Decarbonize the energy sector



Wholesale Electricity Markets in the West



Electricity generation, transmission, and distribution



power plant generates electricity

transformer steps up voltage for transmission

transmission lines carry electricity long distances

distribution lines carry electricity to houses

transformers on poles step down voltage before it enters houses

neighborhood transformers step down voltage

Source: Adapted from National Energy Education Development Project (public domain)



Western Interconnection

- 14 states, 2 provinces, and Baja California
- 80 million+ people
- 134,000 miles of transmission
- 87% public or protected land, including Tribal lands
- Benefits: diverse solar, wind, and hydro resources
- Challenges: renewable resources remote from population centers; wildfires and other risks



Data: WRA; WEC; State of the West Commission

Regional Transmission Organizations

Map labels: CALIFORNIA ISO, SOUTHWEST POWER POOL, MOUNTAIN WEST POWER POOL, HOUSTON ENERGY, WESTERN ENERGY, PACIFIC NORTHWEST ENERGY, ENCOFF, and the states of CALIFORNIA, NEVADA, and IDAHO.

Centralized Grid Operations

- Centralized energy markets (aka RTOs or ISOs) cover the U.S. and Canada
- In centralized energy markets, consolidated market planning and operations happen
- Benefits: automation, efficiency, clean energy development

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Tribal Impacts of Wholesale Markets

- Broader market for energy resources
- Potential for lower cost, lower emissions power
- Mitigate undesirable impacts for Tribal, co-op, rural utilities
- Participate in grid regionalization, transmission planning efforts

Current & Developing Markets: CAISO

- CAISO (California Independent System Operator)
 - Serves most of CA and one co-op in NV
 - West-Wide Governance Pathways Initiative / Regional Organization for Western Energy
- WEIM (Western Energy Imbalance Market)
 - ~82% of the load in West, \$8.25 billion in net benefits since 2014
 - 3 planned, 22 current participants including PacifiCorp, NV Energy
- EDAM (Extended Day-Ahead Market)
 - Launching May 2026 w/ PacifiCorp
 - Planned participants include NV Energy, Public Service Company of New Mexico

Current & Developing Markets: SPP

- SPP (Southwest Power Pool)
 - Serves Central US
 - Expanding into the West in April 2026
 - Mostly parts of CO and WY, three WAPA regions
 - WEIS (Western Energy Imbalance Service)
 - Feb 2021 – April 2026
- Markets+
 - To launch Oct 2027
 - Primarily AZ, CO, WA, and OR utilities

Upcoming Opportunity



Tribal Engagement in Western Energy Markets & Transmission Workshop 1 – Fall 2025

- Held in Albuquerque, New Mexico and Chandler, Arizona
- Brought together Tribal leaders, energy staff, and regional experts
- Focused on foundational understanding of Western energy markets and transmission planning
- Created space for Tribal-to-Tribal dialogue and peer learning



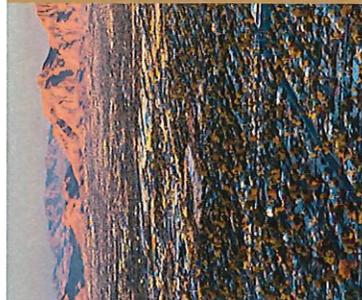
Workshop 1 – What We Heard

- Strong interest in better understanding regional energy markets
- Questions about how transmission planning affects Tribal lands and energy development
- Need for early Tribal engagement in regional decision-making
- Value of peer learning and shared experiences among Tribes



How Feedback Shaped Workshop 2

- Expanded focus on regional transmission planning
- Added in-depth discussion on market governance and decision-making
- Created more time for peer discussion and Tribal perspectives
- Continued emphasis on accessible, non-technical dialogue



Why This Conversation Matters

- Major transmission and market decisions are happening now
- These efforts will influence energy development across the West
- Tribal Nations have a unique perspective and role in these discussions
- Early engagement helps ensure Tribal priorities and sovereignty are respected



You're Invited: Workshop 2 Tribal Engagement in Western Energy Markets & Transmission

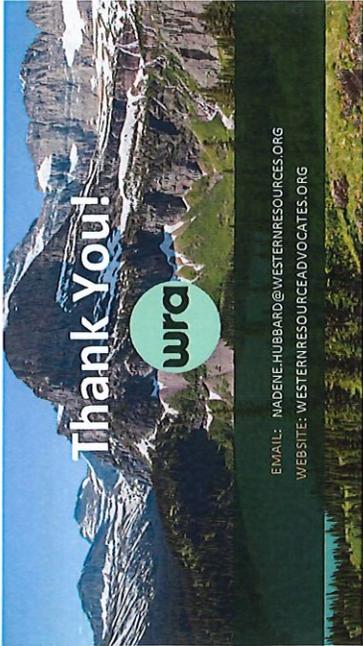
Palms Casino & Resort, Las Vegas, Nevada
April 28-29, 2026 (1.5 day convening)

- Topics will include:
- Western transmission planning (WestTEC)
 - Regional market governance (RWEG)
 - Emerging intertribal energy collaboration
 - Peer dialogue among Tribal leaders

****Travel support provided**

Questions?





Thank You!



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You're Invited: Tribal Engagement in Western Energy Markets & Transmission Workshop Series

APRIL 28-29, 2026

PALMS CASINO & RESORT, LAS VEGAS, NEVADA

Tribes have long advocated for energy sovereignty and sustainable infrastructure. Today, shifts in energy markets and transmission planning present a critical window to ensure Tribal priorities are reflected in systems that have historically excluded them.

This workshop series offers a space to engage with emerging opportunities, strengthen strategic positioning, and build collective momentum in energy policy and planning.



RSVP by March 18, 2026

This workshop will:

- Discuss Western transmission planning and where tribes can engage in the process early
- Explore how regional energy markets are shaping up
- Hear from emerging intertribal energy forums and where to plug in
- Engage in peer learning and discussion

*****Travel Support Provided***

Questions: Nadene Hubbard, WRA Tribal Engagement Fellow,
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The Case for Nonpartisan Election Observation



Background

Growing sectors of the American public are increasingly distrustful of many of our democratic institutions, including political parties, mass media, and governmental bodies. As citizen-led initiatives, nonpartisan election observation networks have the potential to serve as independent and trusted sources of information. Since 2020, The Carter Center has worked to introduce these networks to the domestic election space to bolster understanding and trust. Observation — whether in a limited number of jurisdictions or across a state — supports a communal awareness of elections and provides unbiased assessments that help average voters know if they can trust an election and its results.

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| What Is Nonpartisan Election Observation? | Who Participates? |
| Nonpartisan election observation is an impartial process where citizens systematically gather data about an election to determine whether it was conducted in accordance with appropriate federal, state, and local laws and procedures – as well as whether it was peaceful and secure. | Nonpartisan observers are your neighbors. They're fellow citizens, voters, and community members. Observers cannot be party actors or advocates. In fact, observers agree to follow a strict code of conduct that ensures they remain impartial and don't interfere with the voting process. They are also required to attend robust training on standard election conduct and observer duties. |
| How Does Election Observation Work? | What Is the Impact? |
| Observers are stationed at polling places, election offices, and other satellite locations where election operations take place. Each observer collects data on a standardized set of questions about the election process and records general observations about anything noteworthy they see. This data is collected, analyzed, and released to the public in an official assessment. Grounded in facts and evidence, trained observers validate the critical work being done at the frontlines of our democracy. | <i>"I was struck by the immense dedication, volunteering, and hard work required to make Election Day a success. It was truly enlightening. There were smiles, kindness, and a real sense of community... Because of my experience yesterday, today I feel hopeful."</i> ~ Election Day Observer, Montana Election Observation Initiative |



Nonpartisan Observation at
The Carter Center



U.S. Elections at The Carter Center



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Montana Election Observation
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Important Dates 2026

March

- DNAA Indian Commissioners Meeting, Duckvalley Sho-Pai Reservation, 1pm, **March 17**
- Churchill County Museum, Spring Lecture Series with Shannon Hooper 'Becoming a Kwesedu Basket Maker', 6pm, **March 24**
- Nevada Veterans Legislative Symposia, 646 VFW Dr, Elko NV, 4pm-7pm, **March 26**
- Indian Education Summit, University of Nevada Joe Crowley Student Center, **March 26-27**
- 5th Annual Red Dress Powwow, Boys & Girls Club 1300 Foster Dr. Reno, **March 28**

April

- Honoring our Future Scholars Day, 9am-3pm, **April 3**
- University of Nevada Reno (UNR) Powwow on the Quad, 12pm-5pm, **April 4**
- Nevada Museum of Art Environment Summit, Reno, **April 16-18**
- UNLV Las Vegas Powwow, **April 18-19**
- FPST 27th Annual Earth Day Celebration, Oat Park Fallon, 10am-2pm, **April 25**

May

- Washoe Environmental Protection Dept, Earth Day, Stewart Community Gym Carson City, 10am-2pm, **May 2**
- 5th Annual Missing and Murdered Indigenous People Awareness Conference, Elko Convention Center, **May 3-5**
- Tribal Summit on Age-and Dementia-Friendly Care, Nixon NV 10am-4pm, **May 5**
- National Day of Awareness and Remembrance for the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, **May 5**

June

- DNAA Indian Commission Meeting, DNAA Conference Room (5366 Snyder Ave, Carson City), **June 18**
- Stewart Father's Day Powwow, Stewart Indian School Campus Carson City, **June 19-21**

July

- 4th of July Powwow, Owyhee NV, **July 3-5**

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August

- Ku Stevens Remembrance Run 2026, **August 14-16**
- NV Emergency Management Regional Integrated Preparedness Symposium (RIPS), Las Vegas, **Aug 18-19**

September

- Numaga Indian Days Powwow & Handgames, Hungry Valley Reno, **Sept 4-6**
- Sacred Visions Powwow, Wadsworth Nevada, **Sept 11-13**
- Resilience: Voices of Basket Weaving in the Great Basin, Reno Tahoe International Art Show at the Reno-Sparks Conventional Center, **Sept 12 12:30pm, Sept 13 4pm, Sept 14 12:30pm**
- Shoshone Reunion 2026, Wendover NV/UT, Hosted by Confederated Tribes of the Goshute Reservation, **Sept 13-17**
- NV Emergency Management Regional Integrated Preparedness Symposium (RIPS), Las Vegas, **Sept 15-16**

October

- NV Emergency Management Regional Integrated Preparedness Symposium (RIPS), Elko NV, **Oct 6-7**
- 34th Annual Snow Mountain Powwow, Las Vegas Paiute Tribe, **Oct 9-11**
- 4th Annual Tribal Leadership & Management Conference, South Point Hotel & Casino Las Vegas, **Oct 14-15**

November

- Moapa River Powwow, **Nov 6-7**

Tribal Election Dates 2026

| Tribal Election Dates 2026 | | | | | |
|------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------|---|-------------------------------------|
| Ely Shoshone Tribe Jan 24 | Washoe Tribe of NV&CA, Oct 10 | Reno Sparks Indian Colony Nov 1 | Te-Moak Bands Dec 2 | Duckwater Annual on 3 rd Saturday of Dec | Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe Dec 27 |
| Fort McDermitt Nov 8 | | | | | |