



*Nevada Weed Management Association
&
Nevada Association of Conservation Districts*



Conference / Trade Show Agenda

Nov 19th and 20th

Grand Sierra Resort & Casino
2500 E 2nd St., Reno, NV 89595

Pesticide CEUs Approved / Pending from states:
Nevada, California, Oregon, Arizona, Plus: CCA & SRM units.

Conference Registration: \$250 (Covers Banquet & Bus Tour)

To Register: <https://nacdnet.app.neoncrm.com/np/clients/nacdnet/eventRegistration.jsp?event=2420&>

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NV Assoc. of Conservation Districts and NV Weed Management Association AGENDA

2024 Conference Agenda for Tuesday November 19th at the Grand Sierra Resort in Reno, NV

<i>Time</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Location</i>
7:00 – 9:30	Registration Opens	Exhibit Hall (NV Room)
7:00 – 8:30	Continental Breakfast	NV Room
8:30 – 9:15	Conference Opening: Welcome Speaker; Heidi Ramsey w/ NRS and NDA Director, J.J. Goicoechea	NV Foyer

NV Association of Conservation Districts	NV Weed Management Association-Pesticide CEU track
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Time	Title	Speaker	Location	Time	Title	Speaker	Location
9:30 – 10:00	NRCS	Max Kittel	N6 / N7	9:30 – 10:30	Rangeland Invasive Annual Grass Controls	Tom Getts UC Coop Extension	N8-N10
10:00 – 10:30	Reno Food Systems	Lyndsey Langsdale	N6 /N7				
10:30 – 10:50	COFFEE BREAK			10:30 – 10:50	COFFEE BREAK		
10:50 – 11:20	Desert Farm Initiative	Jill Moe	N6 / N7	10:50 – 11:50	Alligare’s Range & Pasture Herbicide Offerings	James Jackson Alligare	N8-N10
11:20- 11:50	Lotspeich Family Farm	Leslie and Dan Lotspeich	N6 /N7				
11:50-1:20 (1 hr, 40 mins) Lunch on your own				11:50-1:20 (1 hr, 40 mins) Lunch / Group Seminar “Current Regs Changes” By Beau Miller			
1:20 – 1:40	DCNR	James Settlemeier	N6 /N7	1:20 – 2:10	Aquatic Weed Control in Irrigation Canals	Aspen Kenyon Clear Channel	N8-N10
1:40 – 2:10	National Assoc of Conservation Districts	Bill Simshauser	N6 /N7	2:10 – 3:00	Noxious Weed Controls in Riparian Areas and Associated Pesticide Regulations	Beau Miller Corteva	N8-N10
2:10 - 2:30	Nv Coop Extension	Staci Emm	N6 / N7	3:00 – 3:20	COFFEE BREAK		Exhibit Hall
2:30 – 3:00	Nv Coop Extension	Jacob DeDecker	N6 /N7	3:20 – 4:10	Selecting the Appropriate Surfactants and Benefits of Water Conditioners	Lyle Gibbs Nutrien Ag Solutions	N8-N10
3:00 - 3:20	COFFEE BREAK		Exhibit Hall				
3:20 - 4:00	Comstock Seed	Ed Kleiner	N6 /N7	4:10 – 5:00	Tools to Successfully Restore Rangelands Dominated by Invasive Winter Annual Grasses	Dr. Derek Sebastian Envu	N8-N10
4:00 - 5:00	Farming for Wildlife	Panel of Speakers	N6 /N7				

5:30 – 6:30 pm Social Hour in the Banquet room

6:30 pm Banquet / Auction

<i>Time</i>	<i>Bus Tour Day</i>	<i>Speakers</i>
AM – 8:45	Breakfast on your own	NA
8:45	Load Bus for Tour	NvACD & NWMA
9:00	Bus Tour Starts	NvACD & NWMA
9:30 – 10:30	(Stop 1) Reno Food Systems	Lyndsey Langsdale
10:30	Depart Stop 1	NA
11:00 – 12:30	(Stop 2) UNR Valley Road Ag Experiment Station: *DFI Program & Winter Crops *NDA Biological Control for Noxious Weeds <u>(.5 Pesticide CEU)</u> *Geto Drone Demo *Wildlife Management & Pollinators	DFI, Andrea Moe, Getto, CABNR
12:30 – 1:00	(BOX LUNCH) Noxious Weeds Presentation from NDA <u>(.5 Pesticide CEU)</u>	Jake Dick
1:00	Depart Stop 2	NA
1:30 – 2:30	(Stop 3) Soulful Seeds	Farm Manager & Co-Founder
3:00	Bus Tour Ends Back at GSR	NvACD & NWMA
3:00 – 4:00	End of Conference (Closing Comments)	NvACD & NWMA
4:00 – 5:30	NWMA & NvACD Business Meetings / Elections	NvACD & NWMA



Tuesday's Opening Speaker

8:30 – 9:15 (NV Foyer Room)



J.J. Goicoechea

J.J. Goicoechea, DVM is a native Nevadan, raised in Eureka and attended the University of Nevada before being accepted into Colorado State University and earning his professional degree as a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine in 1999. From there he spent over twenty years practicing Veterinary Medicine in central Nevada and rural America.

From 2016 to 2019, he was the Deputy Administrator of the Animal Industry Division as well as the State Veterinarian for the Nevada Department of Agriculture then returned as the interim State Veterinarian in September of 2022.

He served as the Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners for ten years. He has also served as the Nevada Sagebrush Ecosystem Council Chair for a decade, President of the Nevada Veterinary Medical Association, and is a Board member of the Public Lands Council and NCBA Executive Committee, serving as Region 6 Vice President.

In January 2023, Dr. Goicoechea was appointed by Governor Lombardo as the Director of the Nevada Department of Agriculture where he leads the department in fulfilling its' mission to "preserve, protect, and promote Nevada Agriculture", after leaving local government in Eureka County.

When he is not doing business on behalf of the NDA, he can be found on his family's fourth-generation cattle ranch in White Pine and Elko Counties with his wife and two daughters, happily bringing up the fifth generation of ranchers.





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8:30 – 9:15 (NV Foyer Room)



Heidi Ramsey

Nevada State Conservationist, Heidi Ramsey began her career with USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service in 2009 as a student intern in Española, New Mexico. She later served as a Rangeland Management Specialist in Susanville, California, District Conservationist in Holden, Massachusetts, Western Governors' Association Liaison and Watershed Programs Manager out of Denver, Colorado, and Assistant State Conservationist for Field Operations out of Red Bluff, California. Heidi has served in numerous detail capacities at the local, state, national, and departmental levels. Her most recent detail in 2022 was serving as the National Drought Resilience Partnership Executive Officer. Prior to Federal Service, Heidi spent over a decade in the private sector specializing in both business marketing and customer service. Heidi received her BS in Rangeland Resource Science from Cal Poly Humboldt, California and her MS in Management and Leadership from Western Governors' University, Utah.

During Heidi's opening remarks, she'll discuss the importance of Conservation Districts and locally lead conservation.



Tom Getts

Tom Getts is the Weed Ecology and Cropping systems Advisor for UC Cooperative Extension in the Intermountain region of NE California. Currently his research and extension program focuses management in the forage-based cropping systems of his region, and noxious weed control research wherever they may grow. He completed his technical training at Colorado state university obtaining a bachelor's degree in Forestry Management, and a master's degree in Weed science. When not working you will often find him with a fly rod in hand at one of the local lakes.

His presentation will focus on winter annual grass control at multiple sites, across multiple years with various herbicide applications. The effect of the treatments across time will be shared as well as the impacts to the desirable plant species on site.





Tuesday's Speaker

9:30 – 10:00

Room N6-N7



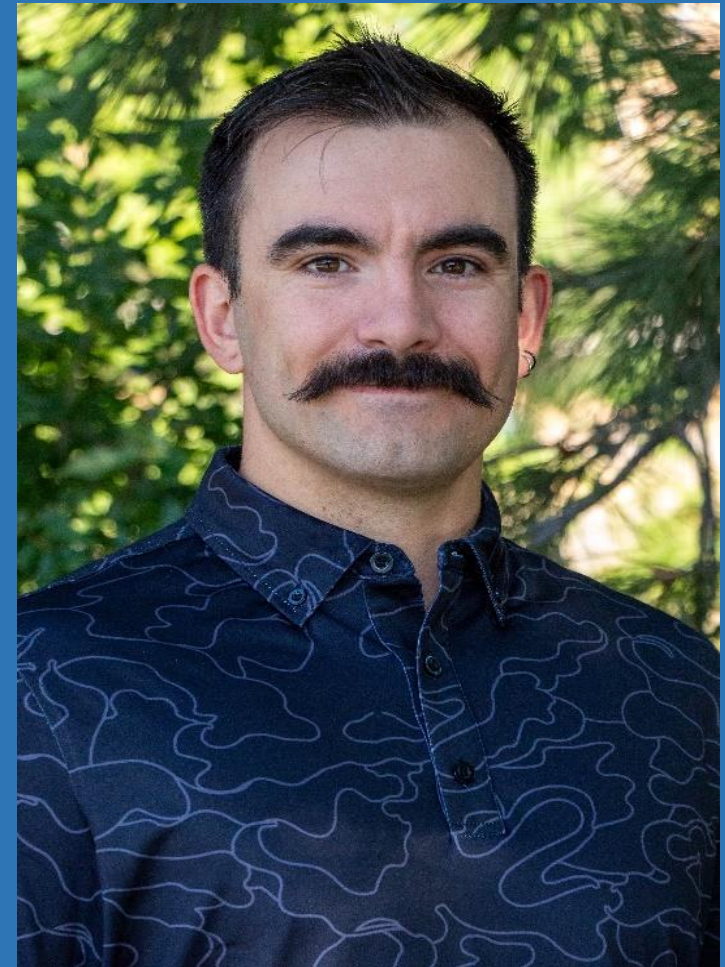
Max Kittel

Max Kittel is a Natural Resource Specialist with the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service. He began his career there in 2024 and specializes in Urban Agriculture. Previously, he worked as a fisheries biology intern and helped spawn endangered Coho salmon in northern California.

Max received his Bachelor of Science in Environmental Management and Protection from Cal Poly Humboldt, California.

Max was born in Seattle, Washington, and raised in northern California but has deep ties to several western states. He enjoys many outdoor activities including rock climbing, hunting, fishing, golf, and camping. He has also worked as a registered emergency medical technician in the emergency room in Reno and is still currently a registered EMT

Max will discuss Urban Agriculture in Nevada and how USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service supports producers in this expanding space.





Tuesday's Speaker

10:50 – 11:50 (1 Pesticide CEU)

Room N8-N10



James Jackson

James Jackson serves as the Range and Pasture Market Development Specialist for Alligare herbicide company, a position that he has held since November of 2020. In this position his job is to provide technical expertise to the sales reps and customers regarding the range and pasture products throughout the country as well as overseeing any product development for range and pasture.

Prior to coming to Alligare, James worked as an Extension Program Specialist for Texas A&M AgriLife Extension based out of Stephenville, Texas for 8 years. James's primary job was to provide range management knowledge and expertise to county extension agents and landowners throughout Texas. His interests lie in weed and brush management and applied herbicide science on rangelands. He has worked on rangelands throughout the United States helping rangeland managers with invasive weed and brush management as well as maximizing their forage production.

James currently lives in Weatherford, Texas with his wife Everly and three children Macy, Madison and Cade.



Lyndsey Langsdale

Lyndsey Langsdale, is the Executive Director and Farm Manager, for the Reno Food Systems. She is also a cultural anthropologist, farmer and artist based in Reno, Nevada. She holds a master's degree in Applied Anthropology and has worked both locally and internationally in urban agriculture, food security, food justice, food systems development, ethnography, folklife studies, human rights advocacy and physical theater.

Lyndsey co-owned and operated Lost City Farm, an urban farm in downtown Reno that set the precedent for urban farms to be allowable in Reno's zoning codes. Two years later, she and a group of brilliant and beloved friends launched Reno Food Systems, a non-profit organization and 5-acre urban farm on a protected parcel of historic ag land. Passionate about transforming trash into treasures, she aims to turn vacant public and private lands into vibrant and productive green spaces throughout the community."





Tuesday's Speaker

10:50 – 11:20

Room N6-N7



Jill Moe

Jill Moe is the Director of the Desert Farm Initiative at UNR. She has a Masters degree in environmental policy from the University of Washington and a Master certificate in Sustainable Agriculture from Washington State University's Global Campus, and 20 years of experience in her field of study. Jill comes from a family with agricultural roots in the Midwest and became interested in desert farming as a US Peace Corps agroforestry volunteer in West Africa. She has managed projects, has hands-on experience in market farming in the US and , and Europe, and enjoys working directly with landowners and growers. Her key interests are advancing climate smart farming and food sovereignty in the region, and building healthy resilient food systems.





Tuesday's Speaker

11:50 – 12:50 & 2:10 – 3:00 (2 pesticide CEU)

Room N8-N10



Beau Miller

Beau Miller PCA, QAL has been with Corteva for 28 years as an integrated vegetation management specialist on the West Coast. Miller is a certified range and restoration specialist who covers Nevada, Northern California, and Hawaii.

Beau, lives in Nevada and received his bachelor's degree in agriculture from the University of Minnesota where he grew up and learned how to farm. He is a member of the Nevada Weed Management Association, California Weed Science Society, Eastern Nevada Landscape Coalition, California Invasive Weeds Awareness Coalition, California Invasive Plant Council, Pesticide Applicators Professional Association and California of Pest Control Advisors.





Tuesday's Speaker

1:20 – 1:40

Room N6-N7



James Settelmeyer

James A. Settelmeyer was appointed as Director of the Nevada Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (NDCNR) by Governor Joe Lombardo on January 6, 2023. Settelmeyer is a fourth-generation Nevada rancher with over 25 years of public policy experience spanning all aspects of natural resources and agriculture at the state and local level. He graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Education/Agricultural Science from the California Polytechnic State University in 1994. He was a Nevada legislator for 16 years and held several leadership roles on multiple committees and subcommittees throughout his tenure. Prior to becoming an elected representative, Settelmeyer served as the Chair of the Carson Valley Conservation District, as well as Chair of the Nevada State Conservation Commission. Additionally, he was on the Small Business Administration Ombudsman as a representative for Region IX from 2008-2012.



Bill Simshauser

Bill Simshauser is the Second Vice President for the National Association of Conservation Districts. Bill grew up and still lives on his family's farm in Kearny County, in the southwest portion of Kansas and in the heart of the region impacted by the 1930s dust bowl.

He graduated from Garden City Community College with an associate's degree before returning to the family operation to farm and ranch with his father. Simshauser took over the farming and ranching operation in 1987 when his father retired.

Simshauser has served on the Kearny County Conservation District board going on 30 years and counting. He has held all positions on the district board including treasurer, vice chair, and chairperson. He also serves with the Kansas Association of Conservation Districts (KACD) and has for 10 years in various positions, including his current role as state president. He has testified to the Kansas Senate Agriculture Committee on behalf of conservation districts and has spent many hours visiting with Kansas representatives and senators in the Kansas capital, Topeka.



Aspen Kenyon

Aspen Kenyon is a Technical Specialist for ClearChannelVM, specializing in weed control in and around irrigation systems across the West.

Aspen was raised on a cattle ranch in Northern California where her love of agriculture began. She earned her Bachelor's Degree in Agricultural Science from the University of Nevada, Reno, with a minor in Rangeland Ecology and Management.

Aspen had worked extensively in lakes, ponds, and with canal and irrigation managers to combat aquatic weed and algae problems. She currently resides in Ripon, California, where she enjoys golfing, hiking, and exploring all of California's natural beauty





Tuesday's Speaker

2:10- 2:30

Room N6-N7



Staci Emm

Staci Emm has been with the University of Nevada, Reno Extension since July of 2000. She coordinated the Federally Recognized Tribes Extension Program from 2000 to 2004 and 2021 to Present. She was the Extension Educator in Mineral County from 2004 to 2024. She recently transitioned into a statewide role for statewide agriculture and tribal programs. Emm is nationally recognized for agricultural and American Indian Extension programs. Currently, she works with several team members to deliver agricultural Extension programs across Nevada including the creation of the Southwest Food Business Center, and works with American Indian tribes in the United States and Nevada on land, water, and agriculture issues.





Tuesday's Speaker

2:30 – 3:00

Room N6 – N7



Jacob DeDecker

DeDecker began his career with Extension at Michigan State University as the 4-H Science, Engineering and Technology Program leader in 2006, and became the associate state leader of MSU's 4-H programs in 2014, before serving as associate director of the Children & Youth Institute and the state leader of MSU Extension's 4-H Youth Development Program. At the helm, DeDecker provided leadership, vision and direction to MSU 4-H program's more than 150 faculty and staff, and 10,000 volunteers.

He earned a bachelor's degree, master's degree and doctorate in animal sciences, as well as a certificate in business administration, from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

He also serves on a number of national and regional committees, and has taken advantage of a host of special trainings and programs to broaden his knowledge and extend the reach of his work in Extension. He is a graduate of Coming Together for Racial Understanding, a national Extension program that helps participants develop competencies around multicultural communication and interaction, so that they can help organize, convene and lead efforts to bring people together for conversations around challenging issues.



Tuesday's Speaker

1:20 – 2:10 (1 Pesticide CEU)

Room N8-N10

Lyle Gibbs

Lyle was born and raised in Lebanon Oregon, located in the Willamette Valley known as the Grass Seed Capital of the World. At 14 he got his first job at a grass seed warehouse and by 16 started working at the local golf course. After 8 years in the golf industry and obtaining his degree in Turf Management from Oregon State, he accepted an agronomist position with Nutrien in 2014. In March of 2023 he accepted a promotional position as Nutrien's Turf, Ornamental, and Veg Management Representative for the greater Reno/Tahoe area. When not working you will find him meticulously caring for his lawn at home, fly fishing, exploring new areas, and most importantly spending quality time with his wife and two kids.



Dr. Derek Sebastian

Dr. Derek Sebastian is the Envu Range and Pasture Government Stewardship & Relations Manager. He completed his MS and PhD at Colorado State University with his main research focus on the development of new innovative tools for range and pasture, and industrial vegetation management. This includes detailed research and development of tools such as Rejuvra, Esplanade 200 SC, Plainview, Method, and Telar.

He continues to focus on innovative tools to increase the efficiency and success of the rangeland, natural areas, and wildlife habitat restoration projects.





Tuesday's Speaker

3:20 – 4:00

Room N6 – N7



Ed S. Kleiner

Following an Arts Degree in Economics at UNR, Ed opened his seed company 40 years ago. As company president, he has worked in most sectors of the reclamation industry from traditional mining ventures to new age solar projects. Focusing on supplying local genetic sources of seed for projects in the western Great Basin, he has supplied seed for the Carson City freeway, the I-580 corridor, the Southwest Intertie Project, the Tuscarora pipeline, as well as multiple projects in the Lake Tahoe Basin and the Truckee Meadows. Current sales emphasis includes urban drought tolerant landscape conversions and fire seedings. For the last 24 years he has been applying much of his experience to developing his 43 acre seed farm in Gardnerville, NV.

Ed will present on preservation of agricultural open space in the Carson Valley includes improving the viability of small farm parcels which are not large enough to support the infrastructure that relies solely on hay and cattle operations. Comstock Farm has always been open to novel opportunities that create income derived from our farm. This presentation will review our farm activities over the last 24 years that go beyond traditional agricultural practices.



Wednesday's Bus Tour Speakers

Pesticide (CEU Speakers)

Noxious Weeds



Andrea Moe

Andrea Moe graduated from the University of Nevada, Reno with a Bachelor of Science in Forest Management and Ecology and a minor in Rangeland Ecology and Management. She has worked at the Nevada Department of Agriculture with the noxious weed program since 2015. Her current areas of focus include the operation of the biological control program and the Certified Weed Free Forage, Gravel, and Mulch program, as well as noxious weed identification, education, and outreach.



Jake Dick

Jake is the noxious weed coordinator position with the Nevada Department of Agriculture. Primarily responsibilities include initiating regulatory actions on noxious weed species throughout the state, coordinating with partnering agencies to address invasive plants and providing outreach and education on Nevada listed noxious weed species.

Sage Tomita

Sage Tomita has been an organic farmer for over a decade, with extensive experience in Korean Natural Farming, which he studied in Hawaii. His farming journey has taken him across northern and southern California, where he has focused on improving food access in various food deserts. Sage's commitment to sustainable agriculture is driven by his belief that food is a fundamental human right. As the Garden Manager at Soulful Seeds, Sage oversees crop planning and farm operations across all garden and orchard sites. He is passionate about urban agriculture and its potential to strengthen communal networks. Sage's work is dedicated to fostering resilient communities through the power of local, sustainable food systems.

