

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

**Quarterly Meeting Agenda**  
**June 9, 2022; 11:00 am – 12:00 pm Pacific Time**

**Zoom Conference Call**  
**Topic: RDSBC Quarterly Meeting**

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**Attendees:** De Winsor – Esmeralda County  
Lorina Dellinger – Nye County  
Stephani Elliot – Nye County  
John Klenke – Nye County  
Arnold Knightly – Nye County  
Amy Miller – Mineral County  
Tabatha Hamilton – White Pine County  
Bill Brewer – Nevada Rural Housing Authority (NRHA)  
Tammi Odegard – NyE Communities Coalition  
Lisa Hanusiak – Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)  
Eileen Christensen – BEC  
Stefanie Costa Rica – BEC  
Vivian Sam – BEC

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

**I. Announcements**

1. NyE Communities Coalition (NyECC) submitted **AND WON** a Community-wide Assessment Grant!

2. NyECC Environmental Workforce Development and Job Training sessions are slated to begin mid-July. These job training sessions will provide 40-hr HAZWOPER training and CPR, among other courses coordinated through local employers

## **II. General Discussion**

1. Public Outreach
  - a. Outreach Information has been posted to the website and is located here: <https://www.rdsbc.org/outreach/>
2. RDSBC Website Updates
  - a. Agendas and Meeting Summary from last quarter were uploaded on 6/8/2022

## **III. Region Specific Updates**

1. Duckwater Shoshone
  - a. Solid Waste Area – This site was submitted for future assessment consideration under the NyECC Assessment Grant
  - b. Tribal council is working on where to place the transfer station – expects to have an answer within a month
2. Esmeralda County
  - a. NDEP Subgrant award to provide asbestos abatement within project areas of the Fish Lake Valley and Silver Peak Community Centers
  - b. NDEP Brownfield grant awarded to complete a Phase I Environmental Site Assessment in Silver Peak
    1. Esmeralda County is in discussions with Albemarle Corporation to continue with the public facilities project
3. Inyo County
  - a. Green Space Project near Olancha soda ash pile
    1. California Fish and Wildlife is taking the lead on this.
    2. Hanusiak reported that the project will undergo assessment through a grant from EPA Brownfields.
      - a. EPA's contractor is developing a sampling and analysis plan
      - b. Sampling to occur in fall
  - b. Mt. Whitney Fish Hatchery
    1. Hanusiak reported that EPA is awaiting submission of a Targeted Assistance to Brownfields grant application from the Tribe
4. Lincoln County
  - a. Gem Theatre

- b. NRHA Pioche Housing Project (See NRHA Item #8, below)
- 5. Mineral
  - a. Courthouse – to be removed as a project as the County is holding off on this
  - b. Babbitt Industrial Park Update
    - 1. Work to occur June 10, 2022
    - 2. 27 parcels going through the Due Diligence process
- 6. Nye
  - a. Nye County Courthouse (EPA Targeted Brownfields Assessment)
    - 1. Phase II activities occurred in December 2021.
    - 2. Analysis of Brownfield Cleanup Alternatives (ABCA) completed May 2022.
      - a. The best alternative and course of action will be to conduct abatement
      - b. The County is looking into funding options, with the first priority being NDEP, then CDBG and other County funding sources
  - b. Nye Regional Medical Center – Building with hazardous materials (asbestos/lead) need to be demolished
    - 1. Christensen spoke with Russel Pillars on June 8. The Northern Nye County Hospital District Board would like to move forward with using funds. An agenda item will be presented to the Board for approval to use RLF for RDSBC
  - c. Tonopah Library Expansion Project (See 2014 Revolving Loan Fund (RLF), below)
- 7. White Pine
  - a. McGill Slag Ditch
    - 1. Hanusiak reported that the EPA is starting land revitalization technical assistance for this project. Possible resource options and funding sources for redevelopment are being investigated.
    - 2. NDEP planning to conduct assessment and possible cleanup
    - 3. Hamilton stated that during public scoping McGill Town Council liked the idea of a bike/walking trail along the site.
    - 4. Hamilton also stated the Town is concerned about a sewer structure inside the ditch and infrastructure concerns. Looking into options to address this
  - b. Centennial Fine Arts Center Project (See 2014 RLF, below)
- 8. Nevada Rural Housing Authority

a. Babbitt Houses in Tonopah - Per Dr. Pillers (Biowerx), the Northern Nye County Hospital District is planning to return the houses to the DoD. These are the houses NRHA had attempted to re(Nye County)

b. NRHA Pioche Housing Project (Lincoln County)

1. Hanusiak reported that the EPA has approved this project for assessment

The contractor is beginning to set up work to occur over the next nine months

9. Nye Communities Coalition

a. Received the EPA Community-wide Brownfields Assessment Grant!

b. Job Training Grant

1. Training is expected to begin for the first cohort in mid-July
2. A curriculum is being developed and they are open to ideas
3. NyECC is planning for future training for Northern Nye County
4. Christensen suggested looking into the training needs of Republic Services after the acquisition of US Ecology

#### **IV. 2014 Revolving Loan Fund (RLF)**

1. Includes Esmeralda, Lincoln, Nye, and White Pine Counties, Nevada
2. Status of the Tonopah Library Expansion
  - a. Work is in progress! The project is anticipated to finish this month!
3. Status of the Centennial Fine Arts Center
  - a. Encompass Studios selected as Architect for the roof removal/replacement.
  - b. SHPO requested additional information and modifications to the design and have asked for a follow-up letter from EPA.
  - c. Currently creating bid documentation to select contractors

#### **V. 2018 Revolving Loan Fund (RLF)**

1. Includes current members of the RDSBC: Duckwater Reservation; Esmeralda, Lincoln, Mineral, Nye, and White Pine Counties, Nevada; and Inyo County, California
2. Up to five projects are anticipated to be completed over the next three years
3. Marketing Strategies
4. Priority Sites
5. Tracking 20% Match
6. Projects that may be 2014 or 2018 RLF opportunities
  - a. Green Space Project: Olancha soda ash pile and Wildlife Trail (Inyo)
  - b. Nye Regional Medical Center
  - c. Tonopah Airport Mobile Home Park

#### **VI. Open Discussion**

#### **VII. Action Items**

## **VIII. Next Meeting**

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