

Nevada Tribal Interagency Solid Waste Workgroup Meeting

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Solid Waste Management

- In Nevada, recycling programs are a part of solid waste programs
- NDEP's Solid Waste Program receives no federal funding or state general fund money
- Our solid waste and recycling programs are funded solely through the state tire fee (\$1/new tire sold)
- NDEP administers solid waste and recycling programs statewide, except Clark and Washoe Counties who statutorily are responsible for their own programs



Recycling Program

- Current Priorities
 - Development and implementation of NDEP's Recycling Strategic Plan
 - New Recycling Curriculum
 - Single-stream Recycling
 - Outreach



Recycling Strategic Plan

- Provides program guidance for NDEP to implement statutory requirements
- Goals of plan:
 - Increase recycling participation
 - Assist in creating and expanding sustainable markets to support diversion efforts
 - Educate the public to better understand and participate in resource conservation
 - Promote “zero waste” public events



Recycling in the Schools

- NDEP will Continue to work with the Nevada school districts, administrators and teachers to implement recycling programs in the schools
 - We have a guidance on nevadarecycles.gov to help teachers and students with setting up recycling in their schools



Recycling in the Schools

- NDEP is implementing a statewide recycling curriculum beginning in the Fall of 2008
 - The curriculum is aligned with the Nevada standard course of study.
 - The curriculum is an integrated approach that meets various science, math, language arts, and social studies objectives
 - Will offer recycling workshops for teachers to present our curriculum



Single-Stream Recycling

- NDEP is encouraging implementation of single-stream recycling programs statewide where feasible
 - In Washoe County, a 4-month pilot project in Reno began in October 2007. As of February 2008, recycling participation had increased 95% and the recycling rate over 350%
 - Elsewhere in Washoe County, Incline Village implemented their single-stream program a month ago



Single-Stream Recycling

- In Clark County, a pilot study is planned for spring 2009
- A pilot project at Nellis AFB began in January 2008. As of April, the NAFB residential recycling rate had increased over 650%.



Outreach

We are:

- Continuing development of NDEP's new web page: nevadarecycles.gov
- Providing support through our Nevada Solid Waste Grant Program
- Nevada Rural Water Association also has a grant program available to tribes
- Encouraging and assisting local businesses and non-profits in starting or expanding recycling programs
- Assisting rural Nevada counties as they expand their recycling programs



Rural Recycling Programs

- Winnemucca's Recycling Program is collecting multiple truck loads of baled cardboard and mixed paper each month
- The City of Elko's program is expanding with a residential recycling drop-off center
- Ely has expanded its collection of cardboard for mines and local business to use
- Caliente started a recycling program at their elementary school with bins available to the community
- Continuing to participate in Earth Day and America Recycles Day events around the state



Results

- Our programs are starting to show results. Preliminary data for 2007 indicates that the statewide annual recycling rate has increased 4.4% compared to 2006.
- Recycling Rate for 2007 – **21.6%**

Thank you...

