



EPA Region 9 2025 Tribal Clean Water Act Workshop FINAL Agenda

Co-sponsored by US EPA and The Fallon-Paiute Shoshone Tribe

May 19-23, 2025

Fallon Convention Center

100 Campus Way

Fallon, NV 89406

Workshop Webpage:

<https://www.epa.gov/tribal-pacific-sw/r9-2025-tribal-cwa-workshop>

Monday, May 19 Arrival Day	
5:00 – 7:00 pm	OPTIONAL: Tribal Cultural Event hosted by Fallon Paiute-Shoshone Tribe at (Fallon Paiute-Shoshone Tribe Gym, 8955 Mission Road, Fallon, NV)

Tuesday, May 20 Workshop Day 1 (Fallon Convention Center)	
8:00 – 8:15 am	Tribal Invocation <i>Millie Brigham</i>
8:15 – 8:30 am	Welcome / Opening Remarks <i>Chairwoman Catherine Williams-Tuni, Fallon Paiute-Shoshone Tribe</i>
8:30 – 8:45 am	Morning Mixer and Introductions <i>Fallon Paiute-Shoshone Tribe, Environmental Protection Department</i>
8:45 – 9:00 am	Workshop Overview and Expectations <i>Larry Maurin and Nico Anderson, US EPA</i>
9:00 – 9:30 am	Introduction to Clean Water Act (CWA) Programs <i>Larry Maurin and Nico Anderson, US EPA</i>
PART I: Clean Water Act Section 106	
9:30 – 9:45 am	Tribal Monitoring Goals, Strategies, and Objectives <i>Krystal Moreno and Zach Gigone, Shingle Springs Band of Miwok Indians</i>
9:45 – 10:15 am	Establishing a Water Quality Monitoring Program <i>Sean Parker, White Mountain Apache Tribe</i>
10:15 – 11:15 am	Supporting Klamath River Restoration with CWA Programs <i>John Oberholzer, Karuk Tribe</i> <i>Josh Cahill, Yurok Tribe</i>
11:15 am – 12:15 pm LUNCH BREAK	
12:15 – 12:30 pm	Afternoon Mixer <i>Fallon Paiute-Shoshone Tribe, Environmental Protection Department</i>

12:30 – 1:00 pm	Outreach and Education under CWA Programs <i>Elizabeth Mast, Summit Lake Paiute Tribe</i>
1:00 – 1:30 pm	Developing a Quality Assurance Program Plan <i>Jeanne BenVau, Rincon Band of Luiseño Indians</i>
PART II: Clean Water Act Section 106 & Data	
1:30 – 2:30 pm	Organizing Water Quality Monitoring Data and submitting to Water Quality Exchange Network (WQX) <i>Kate Pinkerton, US EPA</i>
2:30 – 3:15 pm	Analysis of Water Quality Monitoring Data / Water Quality Assessment <i>Brianda Hernandez, Bishop Paiute Tribe</i>
3:15 – 3:30 pm BREAK	
3:30 – 4:00 pm	GIS Data and Tools for Water Quality Modeling <i>Jeanne BenVau, Rincon Band of Luiseño Indians</i>
4:00 – 4:50 pm	CWA Section 104(b)(3) Wetland Program Development Grants <i>Russ Huddleston, US EPA</i> <i>Petra Silverman, Buena Vista Rancheria</i>
4:50 – 5:00 pm	Daily Wrap-Up and Overview of Part III & IV of Workshop <i>US EPA Staff</i>
5:00 pm Adjourn	

Wednesday, May 21	
Workshop Day 2 (Fallon Convention Center)	
8:00 – 8:15 am	Morning Starter <i>Fallon Paiute-Shoshone Tribe, Environmental Protection Department</i>
PART III: Clean Water Act Section 319 – Nonpoint Source Program	
8:15 – 8:35 am	Identifying Nonpoint Sources (NPS) of Pollution <i>Larry Maurin, US EPA</i> <i>Margot Buckelew, US EPA</i>
8:35 – 9:15 am	PANEL: How Does the CWA 319 Program Support Tribal Goals and Objectives <i>Larry Maurin, US EPA</i> <i>Roy Begay, Walker River Paiute Tribe</i> <i>John Sterling, Yavapai-Prescott Indian Tribe</i> <i>Martin James, Yavapai-Prescott Indian Tribe</i>
9:15 – 10:00 am	Developing a NPS Assessment Report and Management Plan <i>Larry Maurin, US EPA</i>
10:00 – 10:15 am BREAK	
10:15 – 11:00 am	Using CWA 319 Funding for Wildfire Mitigation and Recovery <i>Cale Pete, Washoe Tribe</i>
11:00 – 11:45 am	Managing Harmful Algal Blooms <i>Yeana Kwagh, US EPA</i>
11:45 am – 1:00 pm LUNCH BREAK	
1:00 – 1:45 pm	Indigenous Watershed Restoration Methods <i>Carmen Gonzales, Indigenous Water Wisdom</i>

PART IV: Field Trip – Fallon Paiute-Shoshone Reservation	
1:45 – 2:00 pm	Overview of Field Tour and Sites <i>Richard Black, FPST Environmental Manager</i> <i>Ileana Henry, FPST Environmental Specialist</i> <i>Sandra Williams, FPST Environmental Specialist</i> <i>Carmen Gonzales, Indigenous Water Wisdom</i>
2:00 pm – 2:15 pm BREAK (Board buses during break)	
2:15 – 4:45 pm	Field Trip: Fallon Paiute-Shoshone Tribal Wetlands (Buses leave Fallon Convention Center at 2:15 pm sharp)
4:45 – 5:00 pm	Return on buses to Fallon Convention Center
5:00 pm Adjourn	
NOTE: Lunch <u>NOT</u> Provided for Thursday 5/22 Field Trip to Pyramid Lake – <u>Make your lunch preparations in advance</u>	

Thursday, May 22 Workshop Day 3 (Fallon Convention Center)	
PART V: Field Trip – Pyramid Lake Paiute Reservation NOTE: Lunch <u>NOT</u> Provided – Bring your own packed lunch in the morning	
8:30 – 9:00 am	Morning Starter and Overview of Field Tour and Sites <i>Richard Black, FPST Environmental Manager</i> <i>Ileana Henry, FPST Environmental Specialist</i> <i>Sandra Williams, FPST Environmental Specialist</i> <i>Adrienne Juby, PLPT Water Quality Manager</i>
9:00 am – 12:30 pm	Meet at buses at 9:00 am sharp with assigned Field Trip group number, travel from Fallon Convention Center to Pyramid Lake Paiute Reservation Field Tour - Groups A and B at Numana Wetlands and Fish Hatchery Groups C and D at Pyramid Lake
12:30 – 1:30 pm	Lunch at Field Trip Locations (Lunch Not Provided – Bring Your Own Packed Lunch)
1:30 – 5:00 pm	Field Tour – Groups A and B at Pyramid Lake Groups C and D at Numana Wetlands and Hatchery Travel back to Fallon Convention Center following field trips

Friday, May 23 Workshop Day 4 (Fallon Convention Center)	
8:00 – 8:15 am	Morning Starter <i>Fallon Paiute-Shoshone Tribe, Environmental Protection Department</i>
PART VI: Overview of Water Quality Standards and Certification Programs	
8:15 – 8:45 am	Applying for Treatment in a manner similar as a State (TAS) for CWA 303(c) and 401 <i>Nico Anderson, US EPA</i> <i>Russ Huddleston, US EPA</i>

8:45 – 9:30 am	Tribal Water Quality Standards Overview <i>CJ Tawiah, US EPA</i> <i>Camille Merchant, Rincon Band of Luiseño Indians</i>
9:30 – 10:15 am	Model Water Quality Standards Template <i>CJ Tawiah, US EPA</i>
10:15 – 10:30 am BREAK	
10:30 – 11:15 am	Introduction to 401 Certification <i>Russ Huddleston, US EPA</i> <i>Camille Merchant, Rincon Band of Luiseño Indians</i>
11:15 am – 12:00 pm	Case Study: 401 Certification Program <i>Russ Huddleston, US EPA</i>
12:00 – 12:15 pm	Closing Remarks and Evaluations <i>FPST Environmental Protection Department and US EPA</i>
12:15 pm – Adjourn and Departure	