NRCS Update for SEC Meeting- 10/20/26

FY26 obligations

- Total $20.98 million on all programs
- Record year for EQIP, $16.8 million
- CSP spending was

Priorities for FY27 are the Conservation Stewardship Program, Regenerative Pilot Program and public lands

- Nevada is planning on doubling the size of its CSP program in FY27 to $3 million
- Action plan for public lands is in development, refining the draft and hope to have it out to partners for review by the end of October

Emergency Work- Emergency Watershed Protection Program (EWP) and Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)

- We have received 4 applications for the EWP program to assist with recovery from the Bug, Fred, Stallion and S-1 fires. Working with Washoe County Emergency Management and will be conducting our damage surveys over the next couple of -weeks.
- We have also received an EWP request from the City of Reno for assistance with preventing future damage to the water reclamation facility following mudslides that took place in August.
- We have also worked with individual producers on EQIP contracts related to fire recovery totaling $1.7 million

Staffing

- Engineering Pathways Intern position is open. Applications close 11/17/26 https://www.usajobs.gov/job/889087900
- Selected a new range management specialist in Elko
- The offer for the district conservationist position in Winnemucca was turned down
- Reviewing candidates for the district conservationist position in Elko
- Interviewing for two Pheasants Forever positions next week, talking with NVACD about new positions next week

Other

- The NRCS NV State Technical Committee Meeting is scheduled for Nov. 10
- The agenda and supporting documents will be posted when available to https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/state-offices/nevada/technical-committee