



United States Department of Agriculture  
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Nevada State Office

## **Agenda for Events and Project Announcements Thursday, April 22, 2010**

*Featuring an honored guest from Washington, D.C.*  
**Cheryl Cook, Deputy Under Secretary for Rural Development**

Note: Members of Nevada's Congressional Delegation are invited to attend all events; anticipate staff members' participation at minimum.

**7:30 a.m. "Know Your Farmer, Know Your Food" Local Foods and Small Farms Discussion**

**Who:** Small Farms, Farmers Markets, Local Foods advocates, Nevada Department of Agriculture, USDA officials

**Where:** Food Bank of Northern Nevada (FBNN), Tahoe Reno Industrial Center

**8:30 a.m. Celebration and Load-in of ARRA Refrigerated Food Truck -**

**Who:** Organizations listed above, other area food banks

**Where:** Food Bank of Northern Nevada (FBNN), Tahoe Reno Industrial Center

*---- truck and vehicles travel to Yerington ---*

**10:30 a.m. Arrival Celebration and Load-out at B&G Club Food Bank**

Leaders In Training, FFA students and RD personnel unload truck; tour Boys and Girls Club of Mason Valley and its commercial kitchen (both Community Facilities loan projects).

**Who:** B&GCMV Leader in Training students, B&GCMV staff and board members, City of Yerington and Lyon County elected officials and staff.

**Where:** Boys and Girls Club of Mason Valley, 124 N. Main Street, Yerington

Refreshments provided

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**11:30 a.m. Grant Award Ceremony for Mason Valley Fire District (MVFD) Haz Mat Trailers and Emergency Response Discussion**  
Tour Mason Valley Fire District station (Community Facilities loan) and meet with local police, fire, and emergency responders. USDA Rural Development and ARRA funding have supported the community with emergency vehicles and responder equipment. Also on view for celebration, two City of Yerington Public Works vehicles purchased with City funds and ARRA funding.

**Who:** MVFD Chief Scott Draper, City of Yerington Police Chief Darren Wagner, other fire district chiefs and emergency responders of Lyon County, Roy MacDonald, City Public Works Director

**Where:** MVFD Station, 118 S. Main Street, Yerington

**12:15 p.m. Tour of Yerington Paiute Tribe Colony and Housing Discussion**  
Brief tour and meeting to see the results of USDA RD housing Preservation Grants made to Yerington tribe and HUD funded new subdivision. The Yerington Paiute Tribal Housing Authority has been a very successful recipient of USDA grants.

Joining in the visit will be owners and managers of USDA funded multifamily housing in the community.

**Who:** Yerington Paiute Tribal Housing Authority Development Coordinator Lee Shaw, colony residents, tribal leadership, HUD officials, Nevada Rural Housing Authority staff and Weststates Management Company

**Where:** Willow Ct. and South Street, Yerington

Refreshments provided

**12:45 p.m. Tour of South Lyon Medical Center (SLMC) and**

**1:00 p.m. Critical Community Infrastructure Discussion**

Tour the hospital (CF loan for expansion) and use location as an opportunity to discuss the concept of 'critical community infrastructure' networks (health care, education, libraries, local government, public safety) as being essential to rural community sustainability and success.

**Who:** SLMC Administrator Joan Hall and board members, Lyon County School Superintendent Caroline McIntire, Nevada Office of Rural Health Leaders, City of Yerington and Lyon County elected officials and staff, Nevada State Assemblyman Tom Grady; leaders of Yerington Paiute Tribe.

**Where:** South Lyon Medical Center, 213 Whitacre St., Yerington

*--- 1:45- leave Yerington (city); travel to Campbell Ranch reservation and Rite of Passage Silver State Academy ----*

**2:00 p.m. Tour of Rite of Passage Silver State Academy**

Rite of Passage (ROP) schools is a national leader in juvenile reform and rehabilitation models; ROP leases property from the Yerington Paiute Tribe for the Silver State Academy campus, which will be served by the water system improvements (Earth Day Celebration).

**Who:** ROP Leadership, board members, and leadership students, Yerington Paiute Tribe leaders, City and County leadership

**Where:** Silver State Academy, 100 Rosaschi Rd., Yerington

**3:00 pm. Earth Day Celebration of Water System Partnership**

USDA Rural Development has worked closely with the Yerington Paiute Tribe, the Indian Health Service, and the Environmental Protection Agency to accomplish a multi-million dollar water project that mitigates arsenic and uranium in the water system for tribal members and lessee ROP schools, and extends the system to allow for additional community and economic development. This is a real celebration of partnership and commitment to clean water.

**Who:** Yerington Paiute Tribal Council, Tribal Members, and their partners: Indian Health Services, Nevada Rural Water Association, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Rite of Passage School

**Notes:** Ceremony will begin at 3:15 p.m., with remarks by Chairman Elwood Emm and Deputy Under Secretary Cheryl Cook. Ceremony will be followed by refreshments and by a groundwater modeling demonstration for youth in attendance by Nevada Rural Water Association. Catering for the event will be provided by Rite of Passage schools culinary students.

**Where:** Park adjacent to Yerington Paiute Tribe headquarters, Campbell Ranch Reservation, Yerington