

NEVADA RURAL WATER ASSOCIATION

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SYSTEM MEMBERSHIP

Who is NvRWA?

The Nevada Rural Water Association is a nonprofit membership organization providing water and wastewater technical assistance and watershed protection coordination programs statewide. We reach out to offer an extensive training calendar that includes practical, hands-on training, individual instruction and mentoring, management training, and classroom and board room training. In addition to our annual training conferences, training is offered by request at your location and on your schedule.

Whether a water/wastewater system needs assistance or training for operators, office staff, management or board members, our focus is on making systems stronger and more sustainable. We embrace a learn-by-doing approach to deliver appropriate assistance in the technical, managerial and financial aspects of your utility business. Small water and wastewater systems are able to tap into our depth of knowledge that may not be otherwise available. Larger systems do the same, by taking advantage of staff development opportunities and on-site assistance.

Here are just a few examples of assistance and training we are ready to deliver:

- Using GIS for mapping and utility management and planning
- Budget Reviews and Rate Setting Assistance
- Community Based Watershed Protection Planning
- Household Income Surveys (fee based)
- Operator Training / Certification Preparation
- Training for Board Members (multiple subjects)
- Understanding your system and its components
- Water and Wastewater Regulations Compliance
- Long-Range Capital Improvement Planning
- Maintenance Management Programs
- Operation and Maintenance Manuals and Emergency Recovery Plans
- Implementing Your Cross-Connection Control Program
- Public Outreach and Education
- Administrative and Office skills

MEMBER BENEFITS

MEMBERSHIP DISCOUNTS

Member systems can use up to three discounted conference registrations. For example, the non-member rate for conference registration cost is two times that of the member rate. This means that membership can rapidly pay for itself.

TRAINING

NvRWA delivers water/wastewater specialists, managers, board members and office staff formal classroom education or hands-on training upon request. We conduct trainings throughout the year on compliance, operational, financial and managerial topics at your location. We host an annual conference held in northern Nevada in March. Most of the conference sessions are approved through NDEP-BSDW to help meet your license renewal needs. Along with training, our conferences provide valuable networking opportunities with other systems and equipment and services vendors.

ON-SITE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

NvRWA provides free on-site technical assistance to water and wastewater systems in Nevada. Whether you need help with water loss calculation, leak detection, pipe and valve location or operational matters such as water treatment or analysis, our staff works directly with you to identify needs, and then provides assistance designed to improve system capabilities. Our specialists can keep you up-to-date with ways to integrate GIS and asset management, using the most recent means of entering and accessing your own data. We can also assist with various reports/compliance needs and can be your guide through budgeting, water rates development, loan and grant applications, board communications, and other managerial tasks.

SOURCE WATER PROTECTION

Our team-building approach results in development of community supported source water protection plans at the watershed level. Please contact us about protecting your water sources now so that future contamination and costly cleanup can be avoided.

WATER LOGGED

Membership includes a subscription to our quarterly publication, Water Logged. The magazine includes current information on water and wastewater related issues, training, equipment and services.