Notice of Public Meeting
Humboldt County Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting
Tuesday, January 3, 2023
8:45 AM

Humboldt County Courthouse Meeting Room 201
50 West Fifth Street, Winnemucca, Nevada 89445

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1. CALL TO ORDER

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. PUBLIC COMMENT:

   General public comment is designated for discussion only. The public has the opportunity to address the Commission on any matter not appearing on this agenda; however, no action may be taken on a matter raised until the matter itself has been specifically included on the agenda as an item upon which action may be taken.

4. FIX THE TERM OF THE CHAIR AND THE VICE-CHAIR, NOMINATE AND ELECT CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)

   Consideration, discussion and possible approval to set the term of the office of Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Board for the Humboldt County commission and to include nomination and election of chairman and vice chairman of the board pursuant to NRS 244.070. Discussion and Possible action.

5. DETERMINATION OF COMMISSION ASSIGNMENTS FOR 2023, INCLUDING THE CHAIRMAN'S DESIGNATION FOR CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)

   a.Consideration, discussion and possible approval of specific assignments for individual Commissioners regarding other Boards and Committees on which they serve, including Nevada Association of Counties (NACO), Regional Airport Board, Central Nevada Water Authority (CNWA), Humboldt River Basin Water Authority (HRBWA), Western Interstate

Region (WIR), Legislative Interim Land Council, Humboldt Development Authority (HDA), Winnemucca Convention & Visitors Authority (WCVA), Hospital Board, Humboldt Foundation, Northeastern Nevada Regional Development Authority (NNRDA), and Humboldt County Elk Planning Steering Committee, Nevada Works Board and the State Land Use Planning Advisory Council (SLUPAC) and other boards of which Commissioners have historically served on. Discussion and possible action.

b.Consideration, discussion and possible designation of Ron Cerri to serve as the Chairman of the County Board of Equalization per NRS 361.340(4) by the Chairman of the Humboldt County Board of Commissioners. Discussion and possible action.

5.A) Board Assignments

Staff Agenda Report BOE Appts.pdf
COMMISSIONERS_APPOINTMENTS_agenda_12-12-2022.pdf

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)

Discussion and action on correction/approval of minutes for discussion and action on correction/approval of minutes for March 27, 2017 (Budget Hearing); April 3, 2017; May 1, 2017 (Joint); May 15, 2017; June 19, 2017; July 10, 2017; August 7, 2017 (Joint); August 21, 2017; December 11, 2017 (Joint); January 16, 2018; January 29, 2018 (Retreat); February 5, 2018; February 20, 2018; March 5, 2018; April 2, 2018 (Budget Hearing); April 9, 2018; August 6, 2018; August 20, 2018; September 17, 2018; October 1, 2018; October 15, 2018; March 18, 2019; March 25, 2019 (Budget Hearings); April 1, 2019; May 6, 2019; May 15, 2019 (Special); May 20, 2019; June 3, 2019; June 17, 2019; June 25, 2019 (Special); August 5, 2019; August 19, 2019; September 3, 2019; September 16, 2019; October 21, 2019; November 4, 2019; November 25, 2019 (Special); December 16, 2019; January 6, 2020; January 21, 2020 (Combined Regular and Retreat); February 3, 2020; March 2, 2020; March 19, 2020; April 6, 2020; April 14, 2020 (Special); April 20, 2020; May 4, 2020; June 15, 2020 (Joint); July 17, 2020 (Special Joint); July 20, 2020; August 17, 2020; August 20, 2020 (Special Meeting); September 8, 2020; September 21, 2020; September 30, 2020 (Special); October 5, 2020 (Special Joint Meeting); October 19, 2020; November 9, 2020; November 13, 2020 (Special Canvass); November 23, 2020; December 14, 2020; January 4, 2021; January 25, 2021 (Special Meeting); February 8, 2021; February 22, 2021 (Special Joint Meeting); February 22, 2021; March 22, 2021; March 29, 2021 (Budgets); April 8, 2021 (Special Meeting); June 21, 2021; July 19, 2021; August 9, 2021; August 12, 2021 (Special Meeting); August 23, 2021; September 20, 2021; November 8, 2021; and November 22, 2021; January 3, 2022; January 24, 2022 (Commission Retreat), March 7, 2022, March 21, 2022; May 2, 2022; May 16, 2022; September 19, 2022 (Regular Meeting); November 7, 2022; November 21, 2022; and December 12, 2022. Discussion and possible action.

7. APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES FOR HUMBOLDT COUNTY FOR DECEMBER 12, 2022 THROUGH JANUARY 3, 2023 (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)

8. REAPPOINTMENT AND/OR APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO SPECIAL DISTRICTS AND BOARDS (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)

Consideration, discussion and possible approval of the following board

reappointments/appointments:

McDermitt FD

Hank Kershner – Reappoint to Seat B with term to expire January 6, 2025

Fortino Alvarez – Appoint to Seat C with term to expire January 6, 2025

Kings River GID

Pat Morris – Reappoint to Seat A with term to expire January 6, 2025

Diana Lopez - Reappoint to Seat B with term to expire January 6, 2025

Danica Lopez – Reappoint to Seat D with term to expire January 6, 2025

Martha Lopez – Reappoint to Seat C with term to expire January 6, 2025

Seat E – Vacant

Pueblo FD

Josh Dufurrena – Reappoint to Seat A with term to expire January 6, 2025

John Peter - Reappoint to Seat B with term to expire January 6, 2025

Michael Jeffries – Reappoint to Seat D with term to expire January 6, 2025

Henry "Hank" Dufurrena – Reappoint to Seat C with term to expire January 6, 2025

Stephen Egger – Reappoint to Seat E with a term expire January 6, 2025

8.A) Staff Memo - Board Appointment/Reappointment
Staff Memo Board Reappointments.pdf

9. COMPTROLLER: FINANCIAL REPORT (INFORMATIONAL ONLY)

Humboldt County Comptroller Gina Rackley will provide an overview of current conditions with respect to Humboldt County revenues and expenditures for fiscal year 2023 (July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023), including an update on the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) and other funding available to the County. Information Only.

10. CLOUD SEEDING GRANT WITH HUMBOLDT RIVER BASIN WATER AUTHORITY

(FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)
Consideration, discussion and possible approval of grant in the amount of $3,500 as part of a cloud seeding project sponsored by the Humboldt River Basin Water Authority (HRBWA) in partnership with members of the HRBWA, local mining interests and other non-governmental agencies in northern Nevada. Discussion and possible action.

10.A) Staff Memo - Cloud Seeding Funding Request
Staff Memo - Cloud Seeding Funds Request.pdf
Humboldt_WY22_final_report.pdf
HRBWA County cloud seeding letter 12_22_22.pdf

11. CLERK'S OFFICE: REQUEST TO WAIVE THE ATTRITION POLICY (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)
Consideration, discussion and possible approval of a request to waive the attrition policy to hire for the position of Administrative Clerk I, II, III. The position became vacant due to the resignation of an employee effective December 23, 2022. Discussion and possible action.

11.A) Staff Memo - Clerk's Office - Waive Attrition Policy
Clerk - Staff Agenda Report Request for Waiver of Attrition Policy 010323.pdf

12. SHERIFFâ€™S OFFICE: REQUEST FOR WAIVER OF THE ATTRITION POLICY FOR ONE ADMINISTRATIVE CLERK IV AND THREE DEPUTY SHERIFF POSITIONS (FOR POSSIBLE APPROVAL)

Consideration, discussion, and possible approval or a request from the Sheriff's Office for a waiver of the attrition policy for one Administrative Clerk IV position to fill a clerical vacancy left following a promotion of a staff member to Office Manager and three Deputy Sheriff positions following a Deputy taking office as Sheriff and the promotion of two other Deputies to command staff positions. For possible approval.

12.A) Staff Memo - Sheriff's Office Waiver of Attrition
20221227 Staff Report for Request for Sheriff's Office.pdf

13. PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT: REQUEST TO WAIVE ATTRITION POLICY (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION) AND GENERAL ROAD PROJECTS (FOR INFORMATION ONLY)

a. Consideration, discussion and possible approval to waive the attrition policy to fill a Road Maintenance Equipment Operator position that will become vacant in January 2023 due to retirement. Discussion and possible action.
b. A presentation by Humboldt County Public Works Director Don Kalkoske to update the Board on Road projects within Humboldt County, however, no action may be taken on a matter raised until the matter itself has been specifically included on the agenda as an item upon which action may be taken.

13.A) Staff Memo - Waiver of Attrition Policy
Staff Report Attrition Policy Waiver 12-13-2022.pdf

14. FACILITY OPERATIONS: REQUEST TO REPLACE CMA DISHWASHER AND

APPROVAL TO CONTRACT WITH ADVANCE INSTALLATIONS TO CONDUCT ASBESTOS ABATEMENT (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)
Consideration, discussion and possible approval for the following:

a. To replace the CMA dishwasher in the Humboldt County Detention Center kitchen in an amount not to exceed $8,387.34 by T.L. Snyder Enterprises or an approximate amount of $5,700 by Burney's Commercial Service. Discussion and possible action.
b. To contract Advance Installations, Inc. to conduct the asbestos abatement at the residence located at 543 Melarkey Street in an amount not to exceed $13,928. Discussion and possible action.

14.A) Staff Memo - Dishwasher Replacement & Asbestos Abatement
Staff Report and Proposals- Detention Center Kitchen CMA Dishwasher Replacement.pdf
Asbestos Abatement Staff Report and Proposal-543 Melarkey St.pdf

15. MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN BLM AND HUMBOLDT COUNTY REGARDING SOLDIER MEADOWS ROAD REROUTE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)
Consideration, discussion and possible approval of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and Humboldt County regarding the Soldier Meadows ACEC Road Reroute Environmental Assessment for cooperating agency status, and to authorize County Manager Dave Mendiola to sign the MOU. Discussion and possible action.

15.A) Staff Memo - Soldier Meadows MOU
Staff Agenda Request - Soldier Meadows Road Reroute_MOU.pdf
20221201_HUCO_MOU_draft.pdf

16. APPROVAL OF COMMENTS FOR SANTA ROSA RANGELAND MANAGEMENT PROJECT (SRRMP) (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)
Consideration, discussion and possible approval of a letter of comments from Humboldt County to the United States Forest Service (USFS) for its Environmental Assessment and Draft Decision of Notice and Finding of No Significant Impact (DN/FONSI) for the Santa Rose Management Plan. Discussion and possible action.

16.A) FONSI Comments
2022-12-27 DRAFT Ltr HU Co Comments to Final SRRMP FLM 21-329.1 Humboldt l-jm L12-38.pdf

17. MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE
a. Other information and upcoming meetings

January 9, 2023 Winnemucca Regional Airport Meeting

January 10, 2023 Winnemucca City Council Meeting

January 12, 2023 Regional Planning Commission

January 17, 2023 Humboldt County Commission Meeting

January 30 & 31, 2023 Humboldt County Commission Retreat

b. Reports from Commissioners regarding other Boards and Committees on which they serve, including POOL/PACT Board, National Wild Horse & Burro Advisory Board, Nevada Association of Counties (NACO), Regional Airport Board, Humboldt River Basin Water Authority (HRBWA), Western Interstate Region (WIR), Legislative Interim Land Council, Humboldt Development Authority (HDA), Winnemucca Visitors & Convention Authority (WCVA), Hospital Board, Humboldt Foundation, Northeastern Nevada Regional Development District (NNRDA), Humboldt County Elk Planning Steering Committee, Paradise Conservation District and the State Land Use Planning Advisory Council (SLUPAC).

18. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS
Whether an item will be placed on a future agenda will be subject to the chairman and/or legal counsel's determination.

19. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Public Comments: General public comment is designated for discussion only. The public has the opportunity to address the Commission on any matter not appearing on this agenda; however, no action may be taken on a matter raised until the matter itself has been specifically included on the agenda as an item upon which action may be taken.

20. ADJOURNMENT

21. NOTICE:

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whom a member of the public may request the supporting material for this meeting and the County Manager's Office is the location where the supporting material is available to the public.

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MEETING DATE: _____ **POSTED BY: _Dave Mendiola**

DATE POSTED: _____

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HUMBOLDT COUNTY

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Winnemucca, Nevada 89445
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STAFF REPORT

DATE: Wednesday, December 14, 2022

TO: County Commission

FROM: Humboldt County Clerk

SUBJECT: Appointment of Chairman of the Board of Equalization and Re-appointment of Board Member

REQUESTED AGENDA DATE: January 3, 2023

SUMMARY

Request per the requirements of NRS 341.340(4) for the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners for designation of Commissioner Ron Cerri to serve as the Chairman of the County Board of Equalization.

WHY ARE YOU BRINGING THIS BEFORE THE BOARD NOW:

The designation of the Chairman is an annual requirement. Commissioner Cerri has agreed to serve in said capacity for the 2023 cycle

PREVIOUS ACTION

N/A

BACKGROUND

N/A

FISCAL IMPACT

None

RECOMMENDATION

To designate Commissioner Ron Cerri as the Chairman of the County Board of Equalization for 2023.

LIST SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS IF APPLICABLE:

N/A

POSSIBLE MOTION

To designate Commissioner Ron Cerri as the Chairman of the County Board of Equalization for 2023.

HUMBOLDT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
2023 APPOINTMENTS/COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Jesse Hill County Commission Seat A	**Tom Hoss** County Commission Seat B	**Ron Cerri** County Commission Seat C	**Ken Tipton** County Commission Seat D	**Mark Evatz** County Commission Seat E
Debt Management Commission	Local Emergency Planning Committee	Winnemucca Convention & Visitors Authority		State Land Use Planning Committee (SLUPAC)
Humboldt Development Authority	Landfill Committee (quarterly)	The Humboldt Foundation	Public Lands Steering Committee	Landfill Committee (quarterly)
Paradise Valley/Sonoma Conservation District Board - 2 yr. term	Airport Board	Humboldt River Basin Water Authority	Welfare and Indigent Services Committee (Not currently meeting as of 01/05/2022) [HCC 8.36.030]	State Hospital Indigent Board
ATV Advisory Board	Humboldt Museum Board	Elk Management Committee (Coordination Oversight Team)	Humboldt River Basin Water Authority (Alternate)	Indigent Accident Fund (IAF-NACO)
NACO Board of Directors *(alternate)*	NACO Board of Directors (*alternate)*	NACO Board of Directors *(alternate)*	NACO Board of Directors **(primary)**	NACO Board of Directors **(alternate #1)**
Broadband Action Committee		Regional Transportation Commission	Western Interstate Region (WIR-NaCo) Commission	Regional Transportation
Central NV Water Authority (Alt.)	Central NV Water Authority	Board of Equalization	Hospital Board	National & State Public Lands and Natural Resources Steering Committees
Opioid Committee	Pool/PACT	Budget and Expense Review Committee	WNDD	
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Building Board of Appeals [HCC 15.04.160]	Building Board of Appeals [HCC 15.04.160]	Building Board of Appeals [HCC 15.04.160]	Building Board of Appeals [HCC 15.04.160]	Building Board of Appeals [HCC 15.04.160]
Humboldt County Fire Protection District	Humboldt County Fire Protection District	Humboldt County Fire Protection District	Humboldt County Fire Protection District	Humboldt County Fire Protection District
Board of Health	Board of Health	Board of Health	Board of Health	Board of Health
Liquor Board	Liquor Board	Liquor Board	Liquor Board	Liquor Board
McDermitt GID	McDermitt GID	McDermitt GID	McDermitt GID	McDermitt GID
Paradise Valley Sewer Board	Paradise Valley Sewer Board	Paradise Valley Sewer Board	Paradise Valley Sewer Board	Paradise Valley Sewer Board

NOTES:
***** Chairman and Vice Chairman elected by Board of Commissioners to one-year terms
****** All five Commissioners serve on these Boards
Dave Mendiola, County Manager, will be the County's representative for the NevadaWorks Board
Gina Rackley, Comptroller, will be the County's representative for the POOL/PACT Executive Committee
Jim French will serve on the Wild Horse and Burro National Board

HUMBOLDT COUNTY

50 W. 5th Street
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STAFF REPORT

DATE: Friday, December 23, 2022

TO: County Commission

FROM: County Manager's Office

SUBJECT: Appointment and Reappointment of Board Members

REQUESTED AGENDA DATE: December 12, 2022

SUMMARY

Approve the reappointment/appointment of the following boards:

McDermitt FD

Hank Kershner – Reappoint to Seat B with term to expire January 6, 2025

Fortino Alvarez – Appoint to Seat C with term to expire January 6, 2025

Kings River GID

Pat Morris – Reappoint to Seat A with term to expire January 6, 2025

Diana Lopez - Reappoint to Seat B with term to expire January 6, 2025

Danica Lopez – Reappoint to Seat D with term to expire January 6, 2025

Martha Lopez – Reappoint to Seat C with term to expire January 6, 2025

Seat E – Vacant

Pueblo FD

Josh Dufurrena – Reappoint to Seat A with term to expire January 6, 2025

John Peter - Reappoint to Seat B with term to expire January 6, 2025

Michael Jeffries – Reappoint to Seat D with term to expire January 6, 2025

Henry "Hank" Dufurrena – Reappoint to Seat C with term to expire January 6, 2025

Stephen Egger – Reappoint to Seat E with a term expire January 6, 2025

The nominated persons terms have expired or are about to expire.

WHY ARE YOU BRINGING THIS BEFORE THE BOARD NOW:
Board Members' terms have expired or are about to expire, or to fill a vacant seat.

PREVIOUS ACTION

McDermitt FD
Hank Kershner – Reappoint to Seat B

Kings River GID
Pat Morris – Reappoint to Seat A
Diana Lopez - Reappoint to Seat B
Danica Lopez – Reappoint to Seat D
Martha Lopez – Reappoint to Seat C
Seat E – Vacant

Pueblo FD
Josh Dufurrena – Reappoint to Seat A
John Peter - Reappoint to Seat B
Michael Jeffries – Reappoint to Seat D
Henry "Hank" Dufurrena – Reappoint to Seat C
Stephen Egger – Reappoint to Seat E

BACKGROUND
These boards were created with the intent to assist their local communities in administering, maintaining and operating various public safety and improvements functions.

FISCAL IMPACT
N/A

RECOMMENDATION
To re-appoint all members to new terms on the Paradise Valley Weed District

LIST SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS IF APPLICABLE:
Letters and emails requesting reappointments.

POSSIBLE MOTION
Move to approve the reappointment of all members to new terms on their respective Boards and Districts.

To whom it may concern:

I, George H. Kershner (Hank), would like to be reappointed to the McDermitt Fire Board Seat C.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

George H. Kershner

Appointment request to McDermitt Fire Protection District Seat C .

I Fortino Alvarez request the Humboldt County Nevada Commission Board to be placed on the Jan. 2023 Agenda and appointed to the McDermitt Fire Protection District Seat **C** .

Email address fortinoalvarez@hotmail.com

Mailing address ~~355~~ 355 Jeca Dr Box 344 McDermitt, NV 89421

Phone # 661-619-6085

Signed Fortino Alvarez

Date 11-15-2022

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Administrative / Commissioners

12/01/22

We. the undersigned, are currently appointed to the board of the Kings River GID and would like to be considered for reappointment by the Humboldt County Board of Commissioners.

Seat A	Diana Lopez	11/30/22 Date
Seat B	Danica Lopez	11/30/22 Date
Seat C	Pat Morris	11-30-22 Date
Seat D	Martha Lopez	11/30/22 Date
Seat E	[Name]	Date

Pueblo Fire District
PO Box 188
Denio, NV 89404

11-14-2022

Dear Commissioners,

This letter is to inform you that Josh A. Dufurrena would like to be added as a new board member and the following members would like to be reappointed to the Pueblo Fire District Protection Board:

Josh A. Dufurrena – Pueblo Fire Protection District Board – Seat A, for a 2 year term.

John S. Peter – Pueblo Fire Protection District Board – Seat B, for a 2 year term.

Michael C. Jeffries – Pueblo Fire Protection Board – Seat C, for a 2 year term.

Henry A. "Hank" Dufurrena – Pueblo Fire Protection District Board – Seat D, for a 2 year term.

Stephen R. Egger – Pueblo Fire Protection District Board – Seat E, for a 2 year term.

_____ Date: 11/14/22
Josh A. Dufurrena

_____ Date: 11/14/22
John S. Peter

_____ Date: 11-14-22
Michael C. Jeffries

_____ Date: 11/14/22
Henry A. "Hank" Dufurrena

_____ Date: 11-14-22
Stephen R. Egger

Thank you.
Regards,

David Reis
Pueblo Fire District-Secretary/Treasurer
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Cell 925-864-5147

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AGENDA REQUEST FORM

DATE:

TO: County Commission

FROM: Humboldt River Water Basin Authority

SUBJECT: Cloud Seeding funding request

REQUESTED AGENDA DATE: January 3, 2023

SUMMARY AND BACKGROUND:
In September 2021, the Humboldt River Basin Water Authority (HRBWA) requested a donation from Humboldt County to provide funding for a cloud seeding operation in the Ruby and Santa Rosa Mountain ranges. The County approved $3,000. HRBWA is asking the County to contribute $3,500 this year.

WHY ARE YOU BRINGING THIS BEFORE THE BOARD NOW:
A request from HRBWA has been made for contributions.

PREVIOUS ACTION:
The County approved $3,000 in September, 2021.

HAS DISTRICT ATTORNEY REVIEWED AGREEMENT/CONTRACT IF APPLICABLE:
N/A

FISCAL IMPACT IF APPLICABLE:
A contribution of $3,500 for cloud seeding efforts.

RECOMMENDATION:
Recommend that the Board approve the request for funds.

LIST SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS IF APPLICABLE:
None

POSSIBLE MOTION:
Motion to approve the request for funds in an amount not to exceed $3,500 for cloud seeding efforts.


Humboldt River Basin
Cloud Seeding Project
Water Year 2022 Report
Frank McDonough
Desert Research Institute
DRI
Desert Research Institute

Final Report

Cloud Seeding Project for Ruby and Santa Rosa Mountains for WY2022

Submitted to

The Humboldt Basin Stakeholders and the William N. Pennington Foundation

By

Frank McDonough, Project Manager
Division of Atmospheric Sciences
Desert Research Institute

October 28, 2022

Cloud Seeding Project for the Ruby and Santa Rosa Mountains/Humboldt River Basin for Water Year 2022
Final Report

Summary

The William N. Pennington Foundation generously provided a $60,000 grant to co-sponsor a cloud seeding program targeting the Ruby and Santa Rosa Mountains. Numerous co-sponsors within the Humboldt River Basin provided funding to match the Pennington Grant providing $120,000 of total funds for the project. Additional funds were raised by the Humboldt Basin sponsors and was used to create a model-based cloud seeding analysis for the other non-project mountain ranges within the Humboldt Basin during winter 2021-2022.

The project operated 8 cloud seeding generators, 6 in the Ruby Mountains and 2 in the Santa Rosa Mountains. All of the generators were serviced and re-installed, filled with cloud seeding solution, communications systems were established and made fully operational.

The project started on December 1, 2021 and continued though the second week of May. In the Ruby Mountains 26 storm periods were seeded, while 24 storm periods were seeded in the Santa Rosa Mountains. The project produced 704 generator-hours and an estimated **19,712 acre-ft** of additional snow water equivalent (SWE) in the Ruby Mountains and 177 generator-hours and **4,956 acre-ft** of SWE in the Santa Rosa Mountains. The cost to produce this additional SWE was **$4.86 per acre-foot**.

Project Report

Preseason Work

The Humboldt River Cloud Seeding Project for winter 2021-2022 occurred in both the Ruby Mountains (Figure 1) and the Santa Rosa Mountains (Figure 2). The generators were installed and repaired as necessary, serviced, provided with propane, and filled with cloud seeding solution. The communications systems were set up, using a combination of cellular and satellite modems, as well as back up radio communications from the webcam master site on Elko Mountain. Accounts for the modems were established and all of the equipment was

operational by December 1, 2022. Figure 3 shows a fully operational cloud seeding generator at the Ruby Mountains Cottonwood site during midwinter and Figure 4 show the Buffalo Creek generator in the Santa Rosa Mountains.

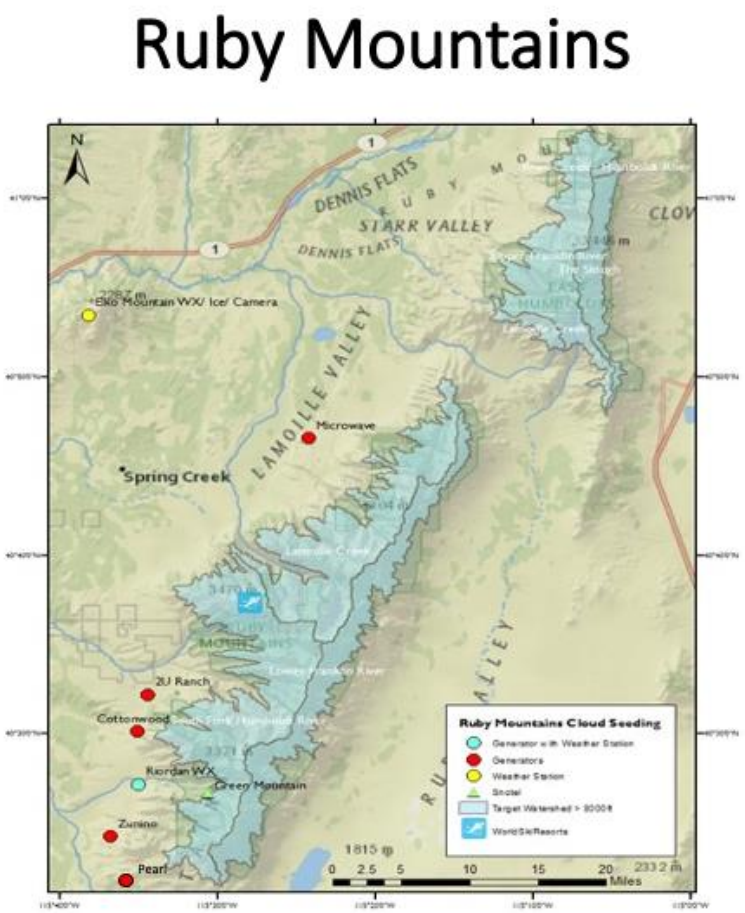


Figure 1.The Ruby Mountain Project target area (green shading) and generator sites (red and green (weather station) dots.

Santa Rosa Mountains

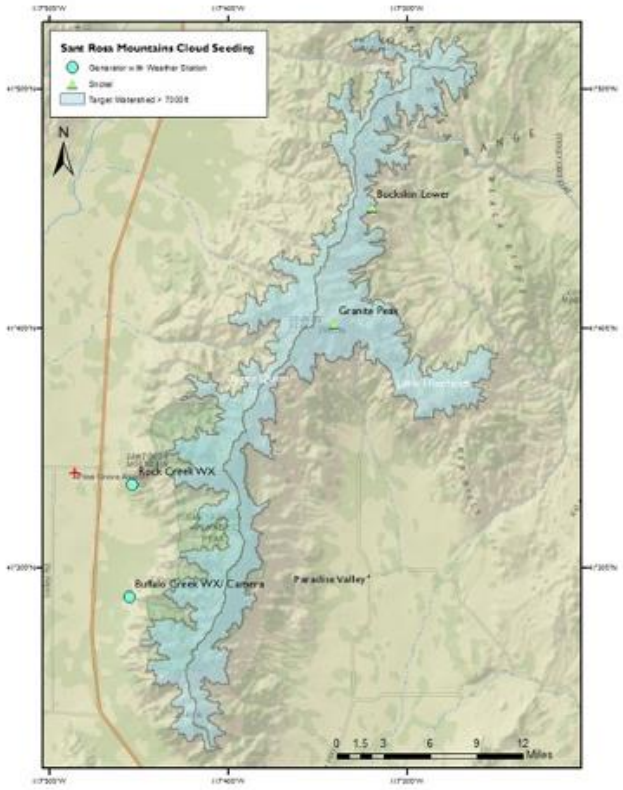


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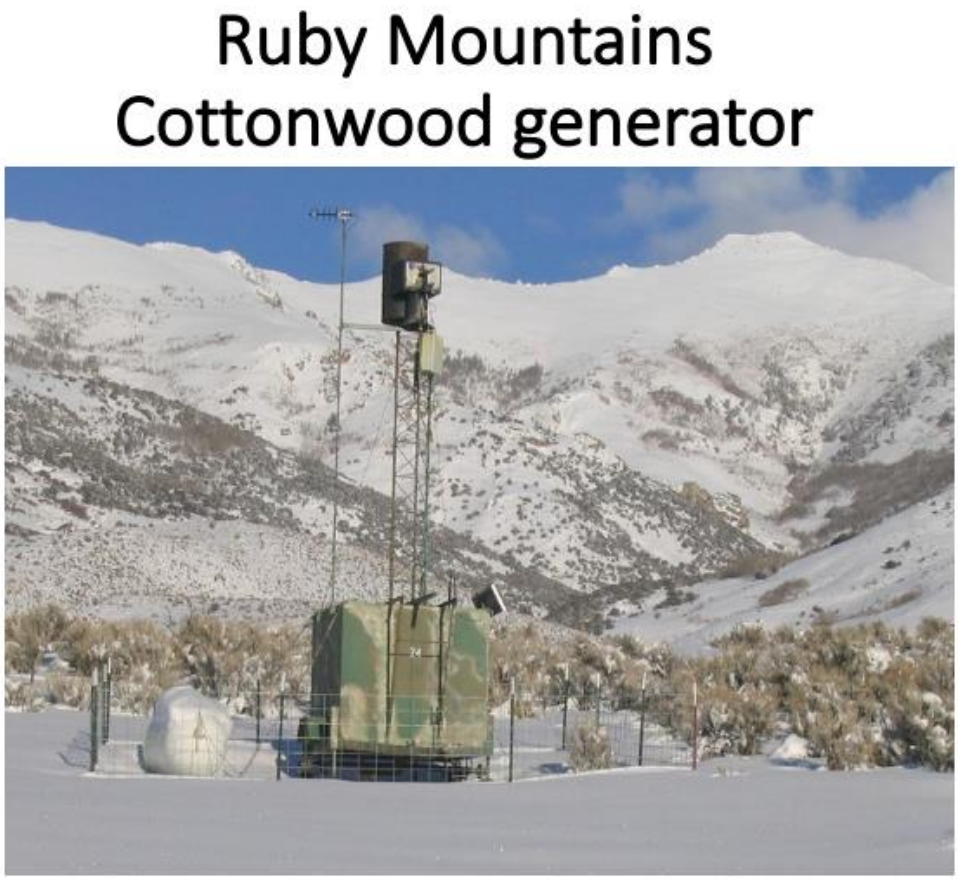


Figure 3. Cloud seeding generator at the Ruby Mountains Cottonwood site ready in midwinter.

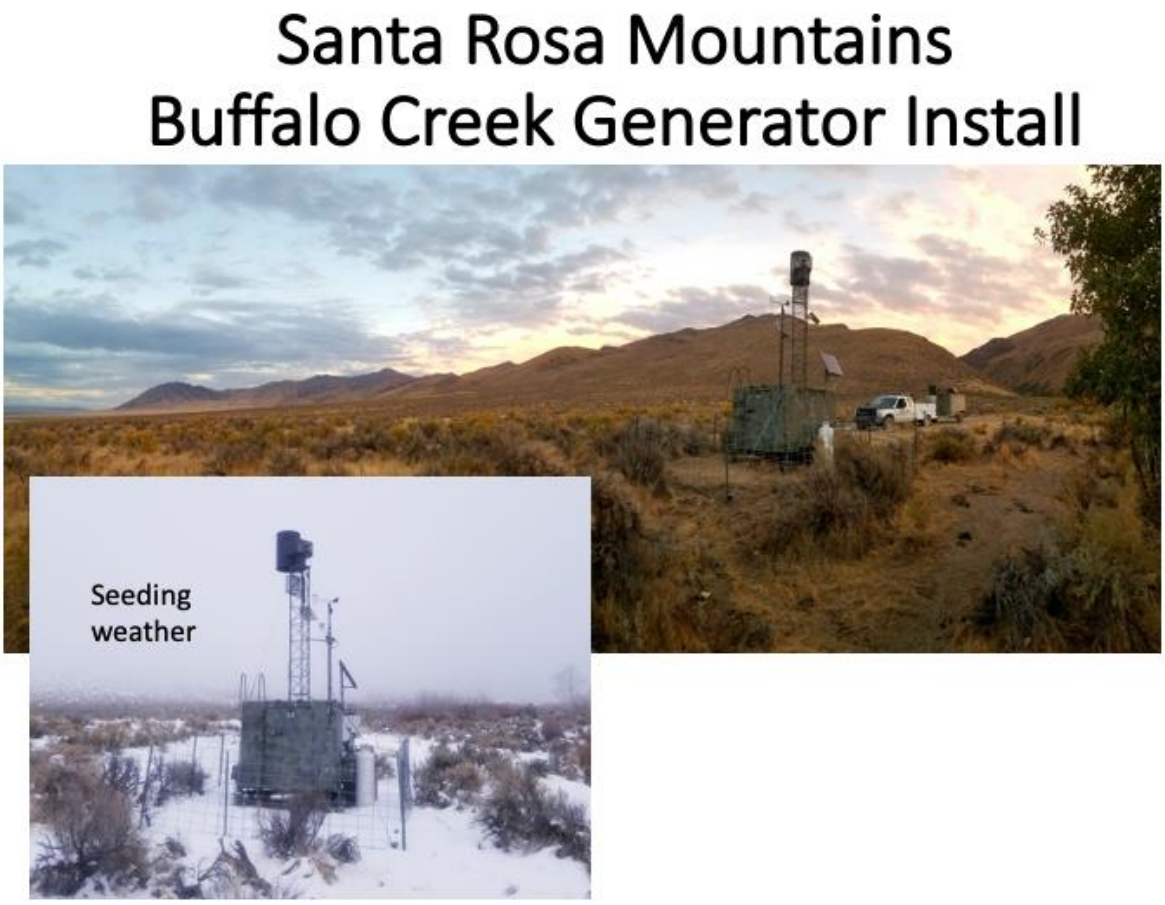


Figure 4 Santa Rosa cloud seeding generator

Identification of cloud seeding conditions

A new analysis of all available forecasts tools was conducted. The tools, which include satellite, radar, surface, mountain top weather stations, and numerical models, were used to identify that the seeding criteria was present. These include:

1. Cloud bases below the ridge tops.
2. Clouds at ridge top need to have subfreezing liquid water drops.
3. Temperatures at 10,000' MSL needs to be below -5°C and above -16°C.
4. Wind directions from the south through north-northwest (generator and mountain range dependent).
5. The low-level atmospheric stability such that the cloud seeding plume can be mixed from the generator to the ridge tops in the target area.

Snowfall during Winter 2021-2022

Ruby Mountains

Figure 5 shows a time series of snow water equivalent (SWE) at four National Resources Conservation Services (NRCS) SNOw TELemetry (SNOTEL) sites in the mountains. The winter snowfall started out slowly, but a set of big storms in mid-later December boosted the snowpack to slightly above the 30-year median by early January 2022. A 5-week mostly dry period followed, with additional snowfall from mid-February through mid-late-March. An analogous warm period in late March and early April melted much of the snowpack much earlier than is typical. A set of storms in April replaced some of this snow and slowed the melting. With all of the SWE summed up the total snowpack ended up near the 30-year median, but the late March loss of snowpack didn't allow this to be realized in the runoff.

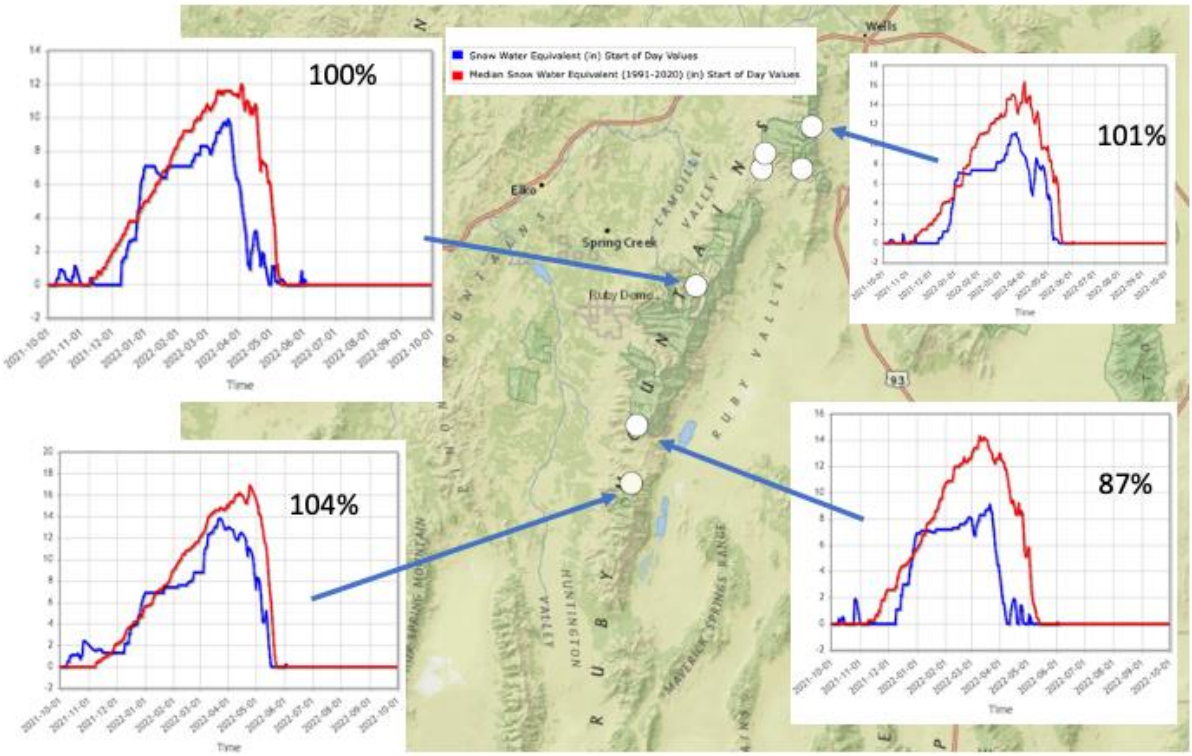


Figure 5 The seasonal cumulative water year 2022 (WY22) snow water equivalent across the Ruby Mountains.

Conditions were similar in the Santa Rosa Mountains (Figure 6), with below normal SWE through mid-December 2021. A period of heavy snow occurred in mid-late December boosting the snowpack well about the 30-year median by early Jan 2022. Mostly dry conditions were observed from Jan 1 through late Feb 2022. Additional snowfall occurred from late Feb through mid-late-March. The anomalous warm period which occurred over the Ruby Mountain in late March and early April also impacted the Santa Rosa Mountain, with much of the snow below 7,000' MSL melting. A big storm in mid-April added 2-3" of SWE to the low-elevation dry ground and upper mountain snowpack. When all of the snowfall was added the overall seasonal amounts approached 100% with 130% of normal in the northern Santa Rosa at Buckskin Lower SNOTEL.

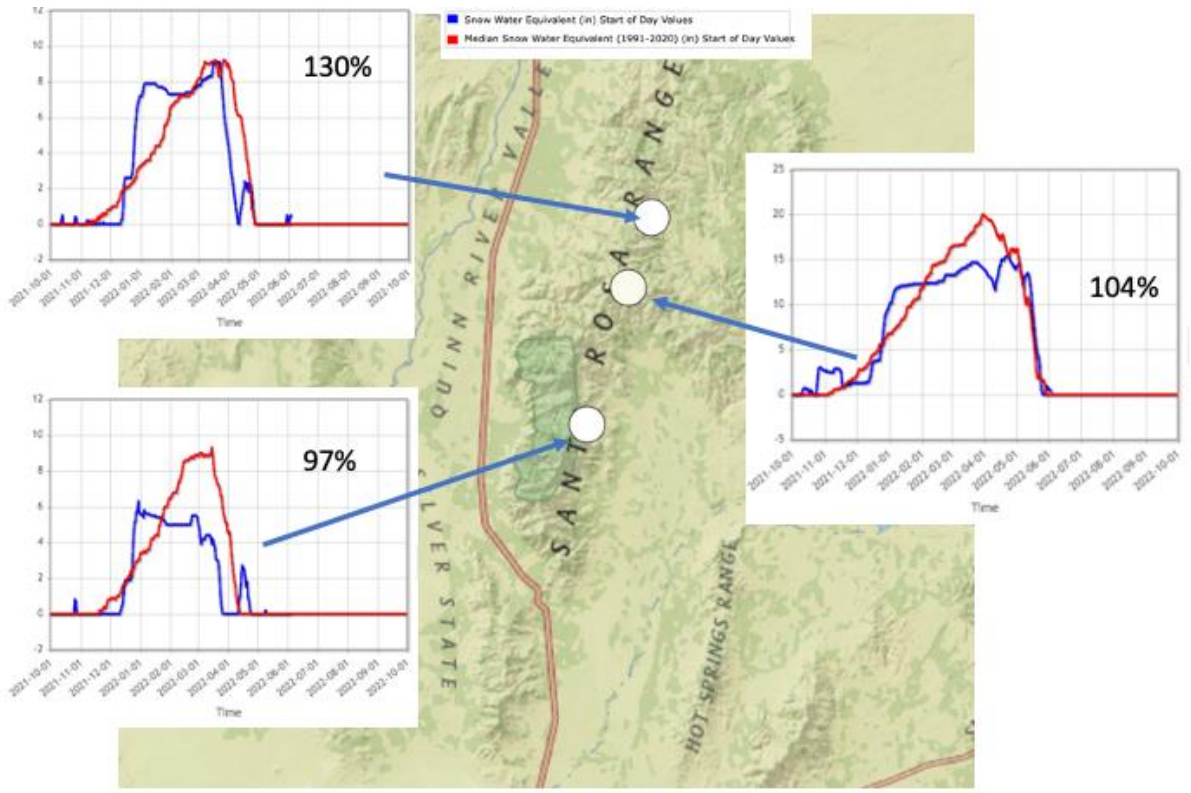


Figure 6 The seasonal cumulative water year 2022 (WY22) snow water equivalent across the Santa Rosa Mountains

Cloud Seeding Operations

The operational project came online in late November 2021 and continued into early May 2022. Weather conditions were monitored 24/7 for this entire period by the two project meteorologists and the equipment was maintained and repaired by the project technicians as necessary.

Ruby Mountains

The 6 cloud seeding generators were operated during 26 storm periods, creating 704 operational generator-hours (Figure 7). There were 6 seeded storms in both February and March, 5 in both December and April, with only 2 during January and May.

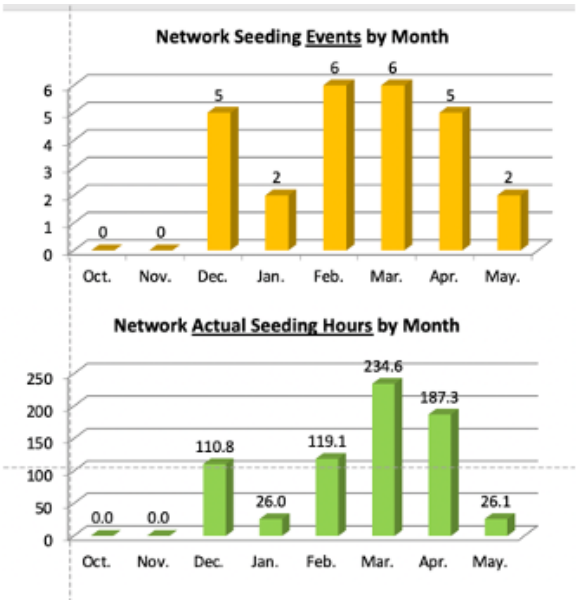


Figure 7 Summary of Ruby Mountains cloud seeding operations winter 2021-2022

Hourly SWE observations for the Lamoille SNOTEL site in the central Ruby Mountains were compared to the time periods when cloud seeding active.

SWE for December 2021 is presented in Figure 8. There were 5 seeded storms during the last 8-days of the month. During January 2022 there were 3 operational periods early in the month Figure 9. A big storm during Jan 21 was initially too warm to seed, the last couple of hours should have been seeded but the project meteorologist missed that opportunity. The month of Feb 2022 had 4 successful seeding events creating 119 generator-hours Figure 10. A storm between Feb 10 – 12 was initially too warm and also had rare northeasterly winds which are unfavorable for operations. March had 5 successful seeding operations with 235-generator hours, were only a few missed hours on March 6 Figure 11. After a big SWE loss in late March and the first 9 days of April due to warm temperatures, April produced 5.6” of SWE and had 235-generator hours Figure 12. Four storms were seeded. In May and another 26 seeding hours were accumulated during 2 storms Figure 13.

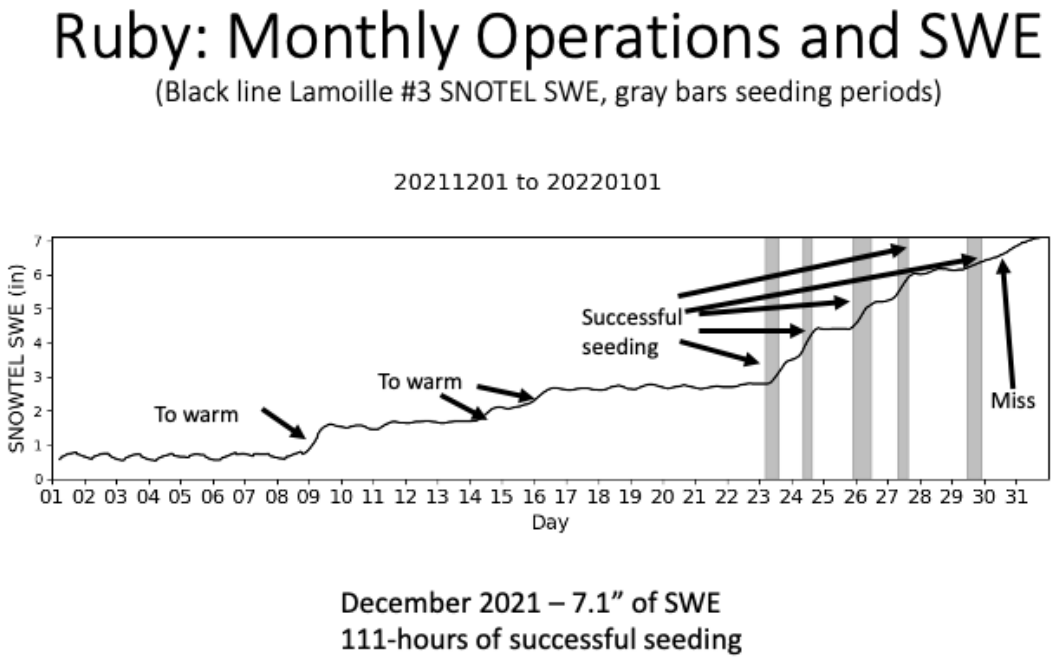


Figure 8 Ruby Mountain snowfall and seeding operations for December 2021. The black trace is the time series of SWE with the gray boxes showing the cloud seeding periods.

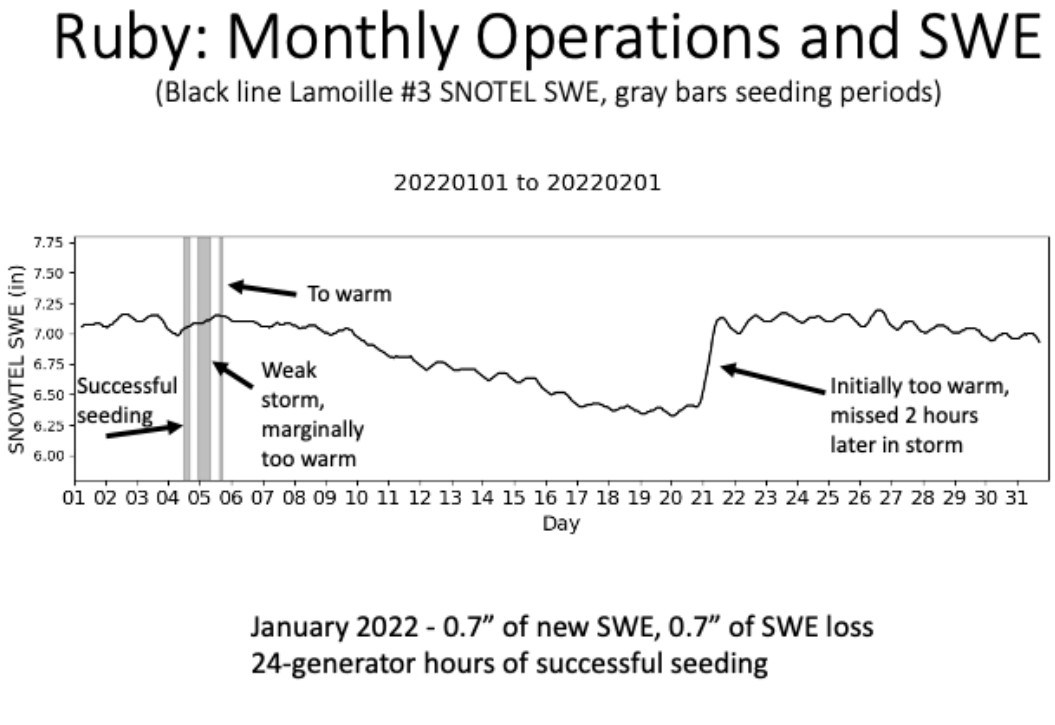


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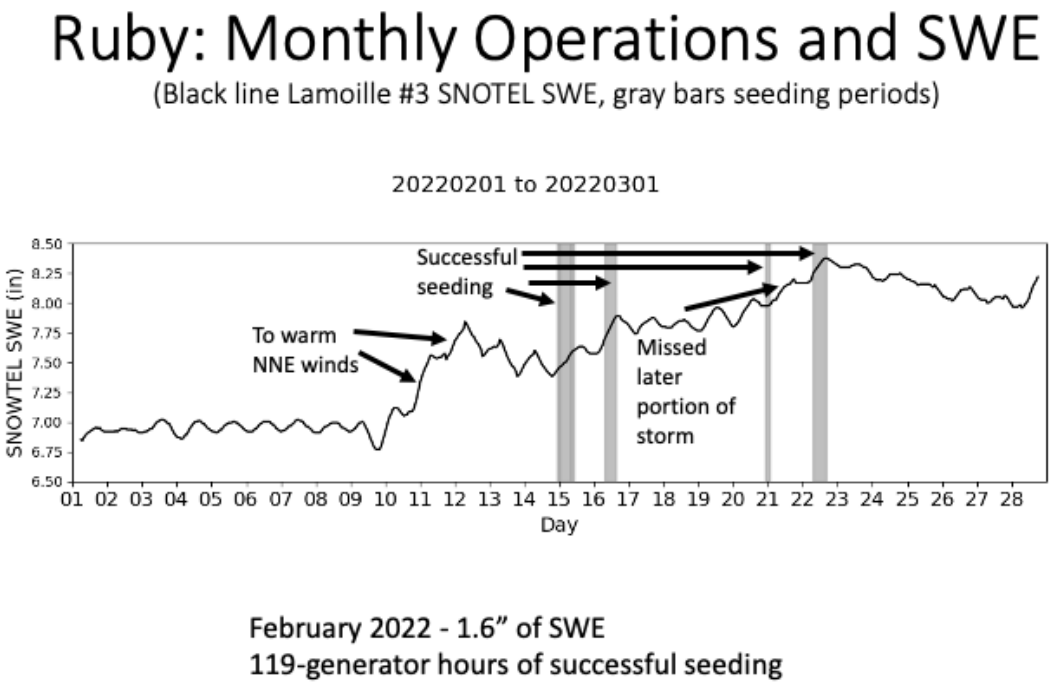


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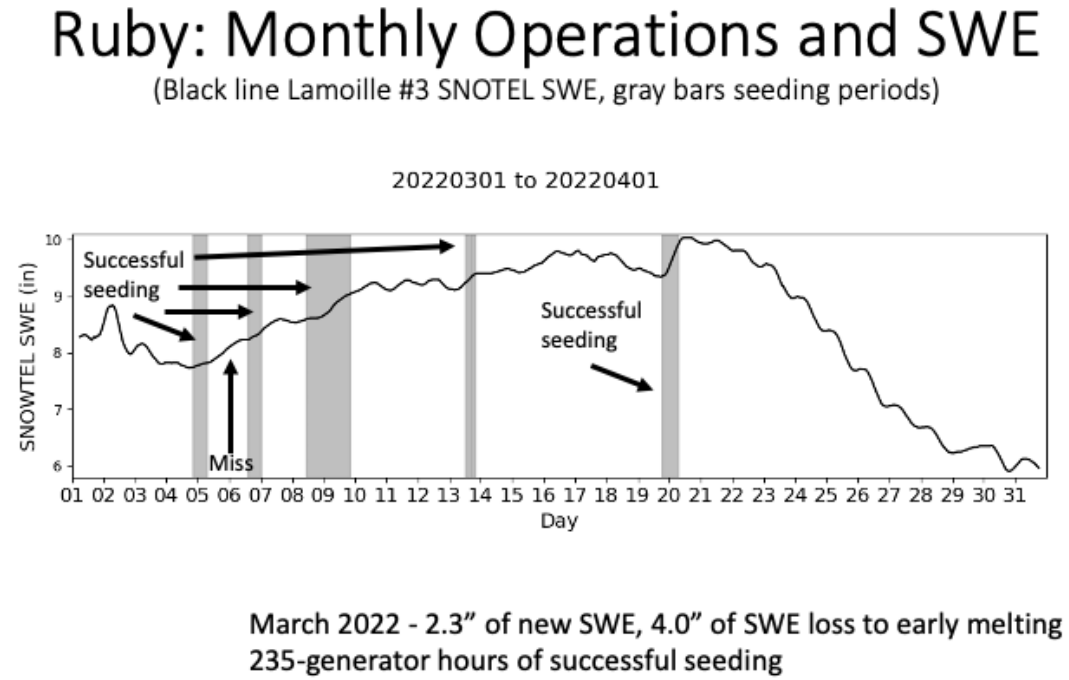


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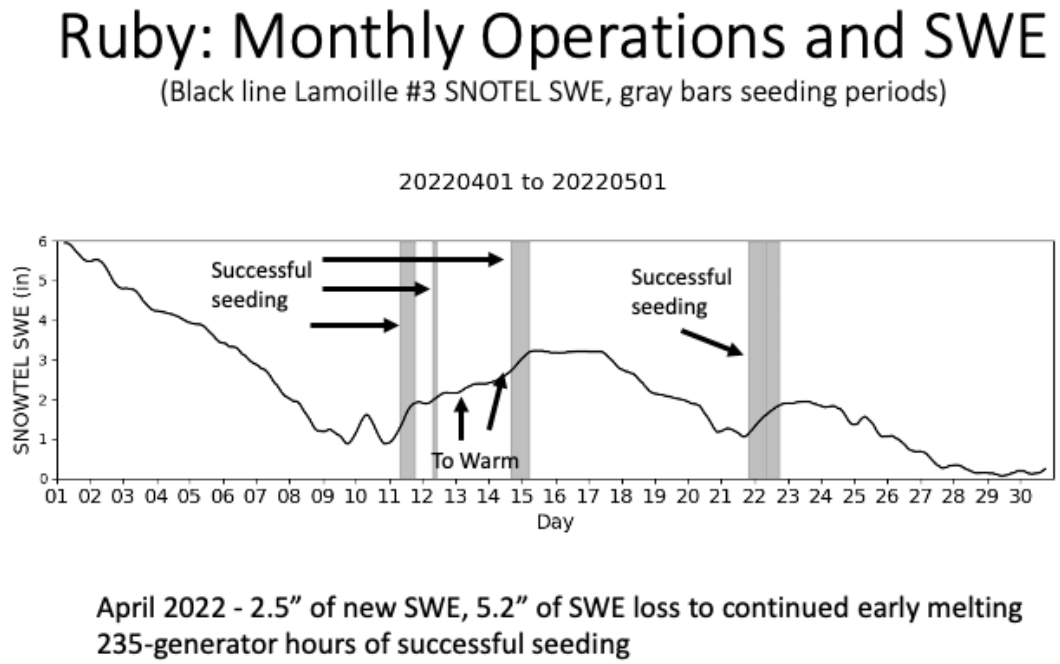


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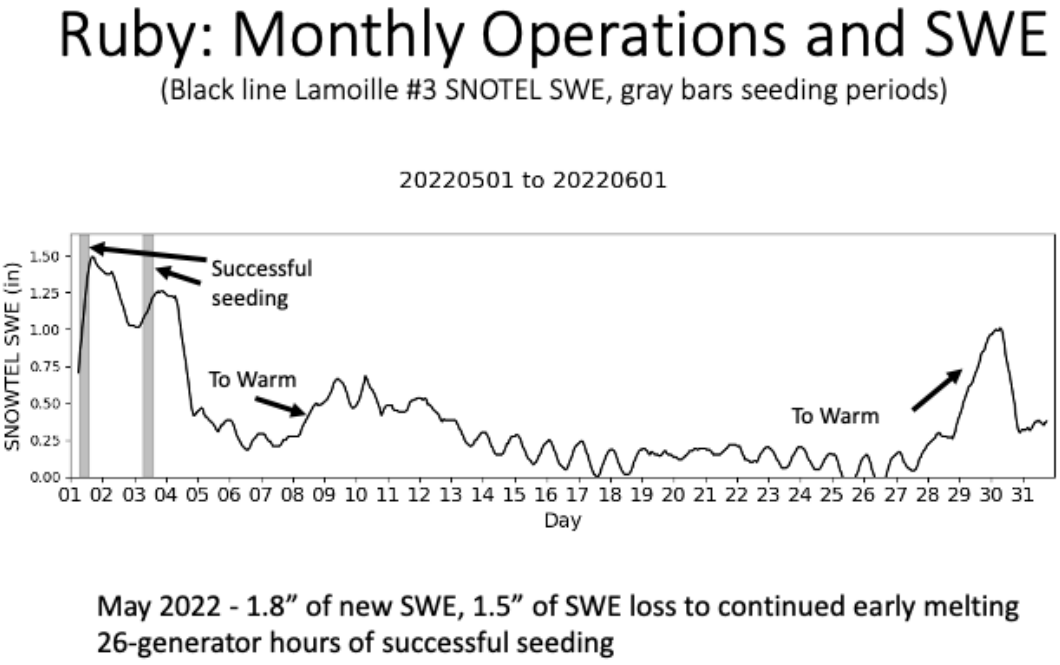


Figure 13. As in Fig. 8 except for May 2022

Ruby Mountains Results

All of the time periods when the Ruby Mountain cloud seeding generators were operated had, low cloud bases and favorable temperatures and wind directions and speeds. They also had likely supercooled liquid water droplets. Previous studies have shown on average 0.01" to as much as 0.35" per hour (in southern Idaho) of additional SWE can be produced beneath the seeding plume.

Using a conservative estimate of 0.02" per hour across all the seeding periods and a seeding plume footprint of 22400 acres yields;

Cloud Seeding SWE = 704 generator-hours X 0.015" per hour SWE X 22400 acre =
19,712 acre-ft.

This is enough water for over 39,000 Reno homes.

To validate the program a stream flow 'target and control' analysis between the North Fork of the Humboldt River (unseeded) and the South Fork of the Humboldt River (seeded) was conducted. The total yearly runoff for the past 30-year between April 1 and August 1 was calculated for both rivers. The seeded years are the blue dots and the orange dots are the unseeded years, with the big blue dot WY22 Figure 14. Although the runoff was quite low, the results suggested additional water in the river from the seeding project.

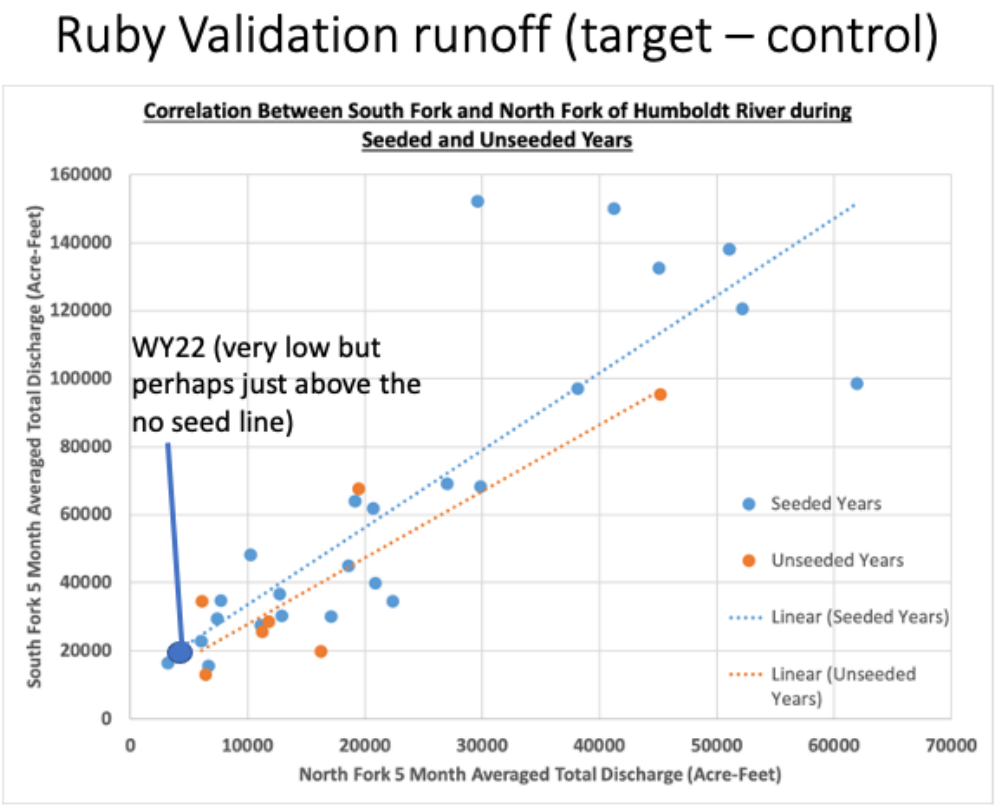


Figure 14 March 1 – August 1 streamflow comparison between the unseeded North Fork Humboldt and the seeded South Fork Humboldt for the past 30-years. Blue dots are seeded years and orange dots are unseeded years. Big blue dot is winter 2021-2022 (WY22).

Santa Rosa Mountains

The 2 cloud seeding generators were operated during 24 storm periods, creating 177operational generator-hours Figure 15. There were 6 seeded storms in both December and April, 4 in March, 3 in both February and April, with only 2 during January.

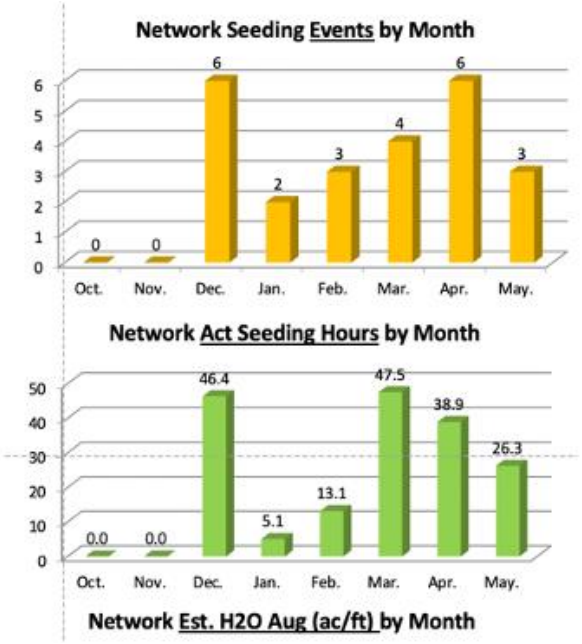


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Hourly SWE observations for the Buckskin Lower SNOTEL site in the northern Santa Rosa Mountains were compared to the time periods when cloud seeding active.

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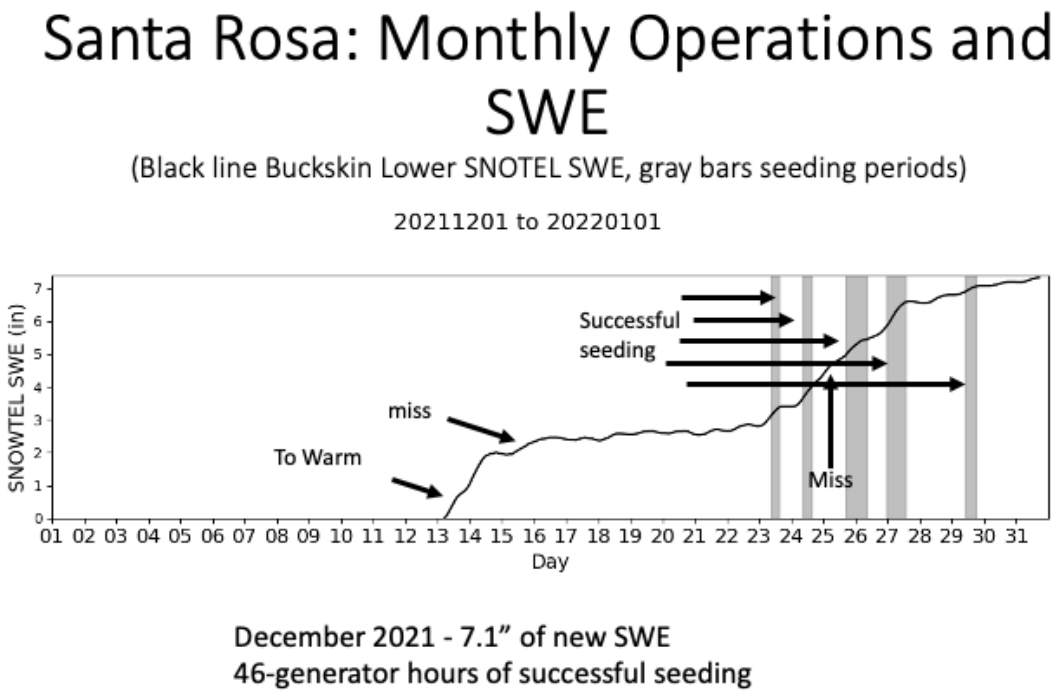


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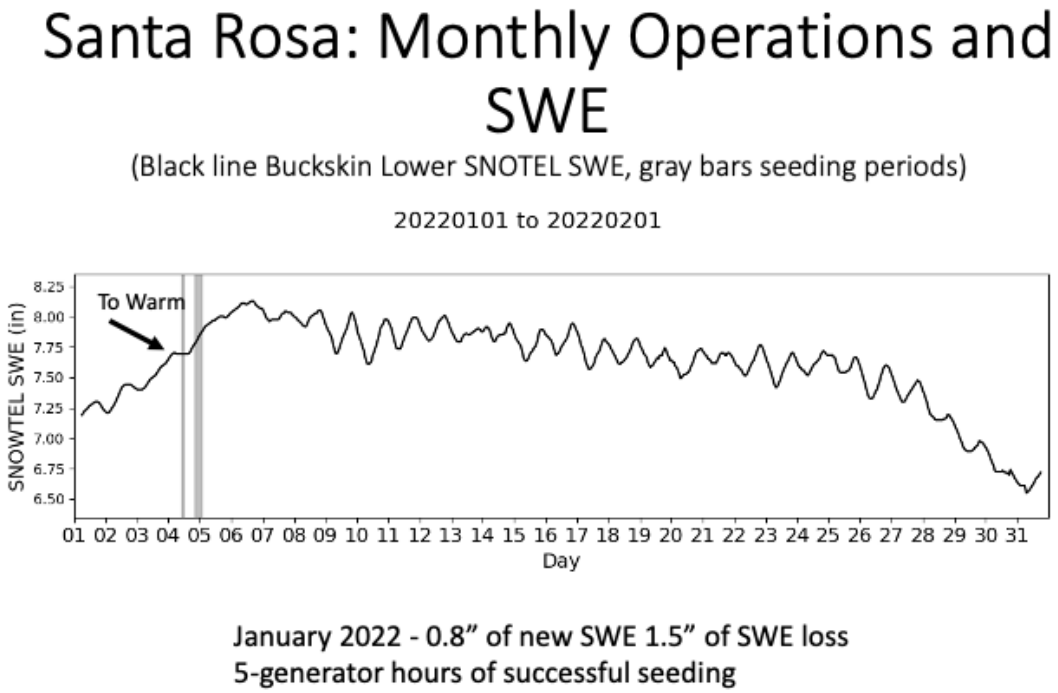


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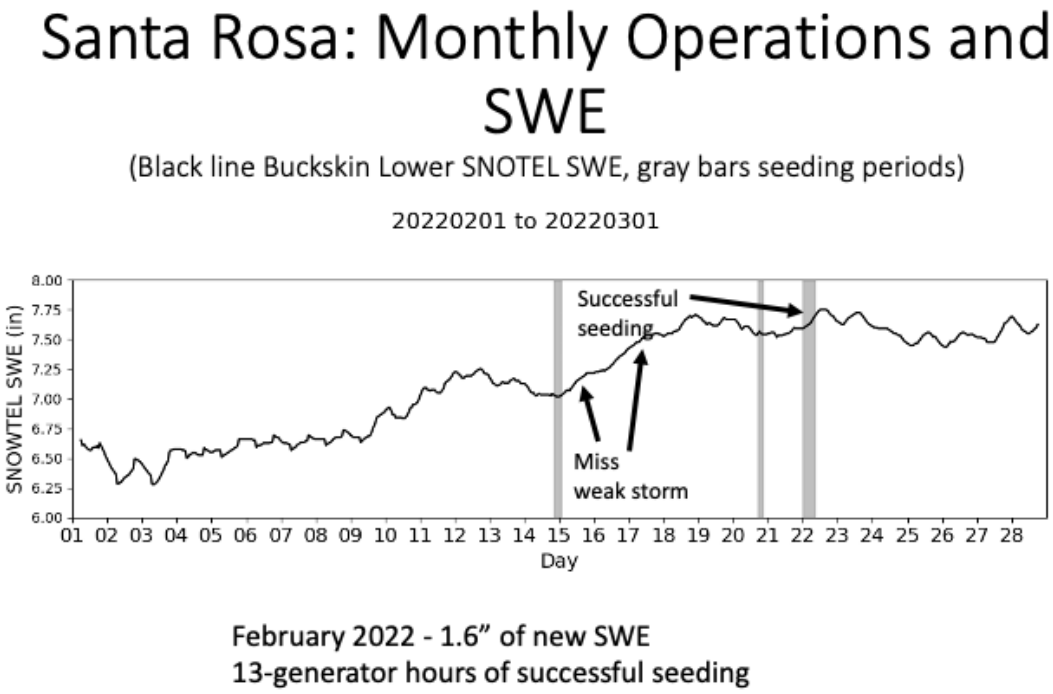


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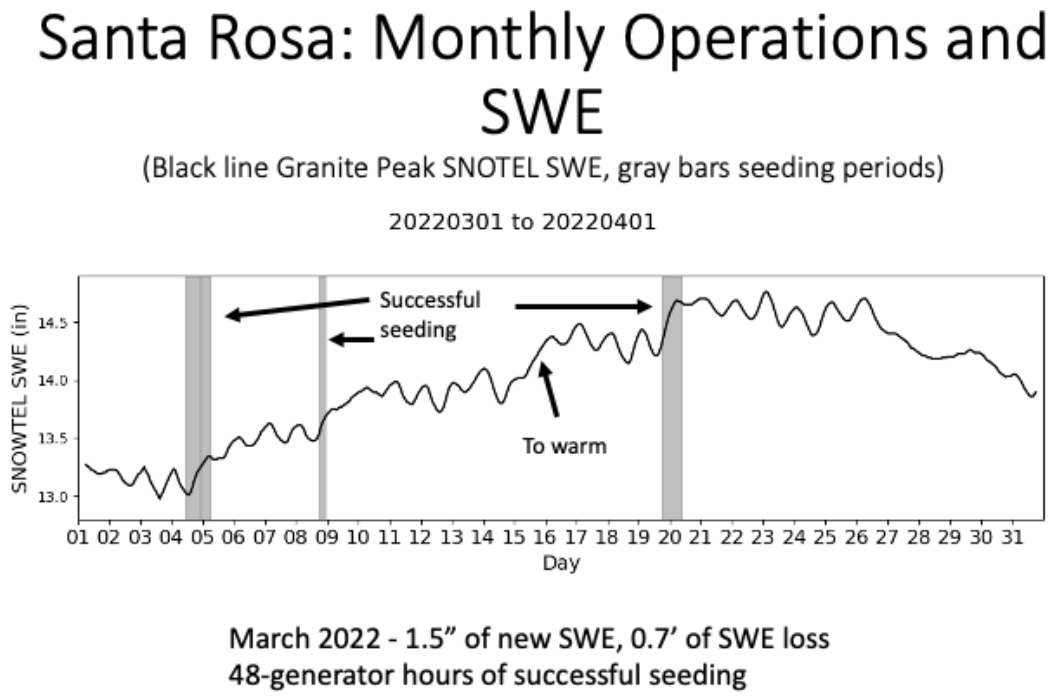


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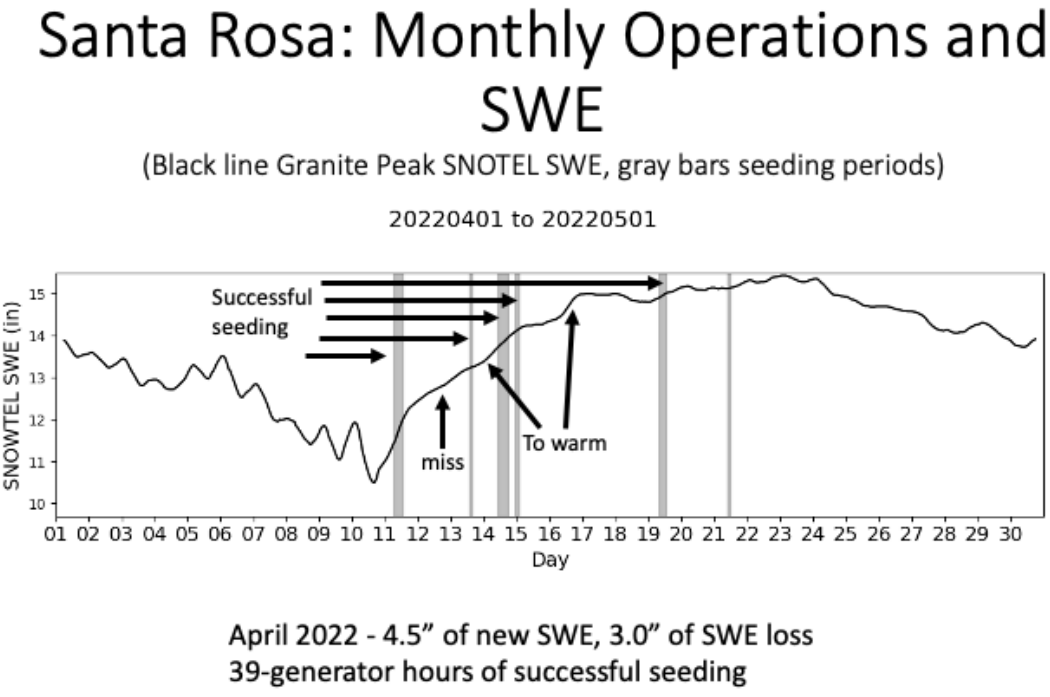


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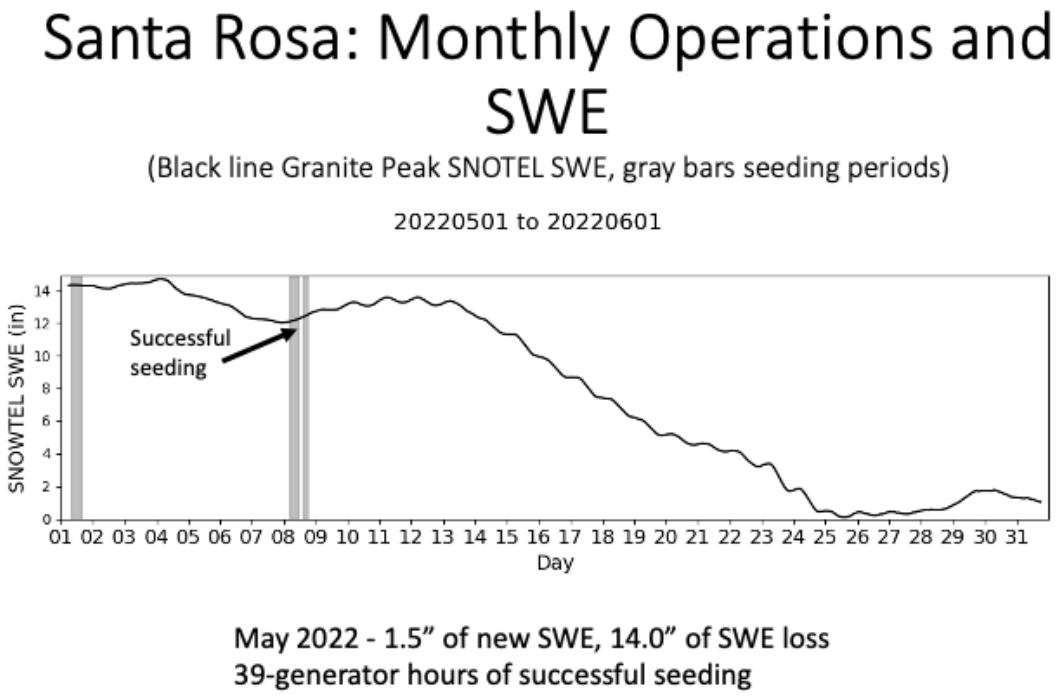


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A target and control assessment was conducted between the Buckskin Lower SNOTEL site (target) and the Summit Lake SNOTEL site (control) Figure 22 . These sites were chosen due to the fact that they are impacted by the same winter storms and are at the same elevation. The results show that the Santa Rosa site had 37% more precipitation than would be expected through the climatological analysis Figure 23 .

Validation (Snow: Santa Rosa Target-Control)

- Define appropriate control site, same storms and same elevation (Summit Lake vs. Buckskin Lower)
- Assess historical unseeded snow relationship
- Test seeded site SWE to control site relative to the historical relationship

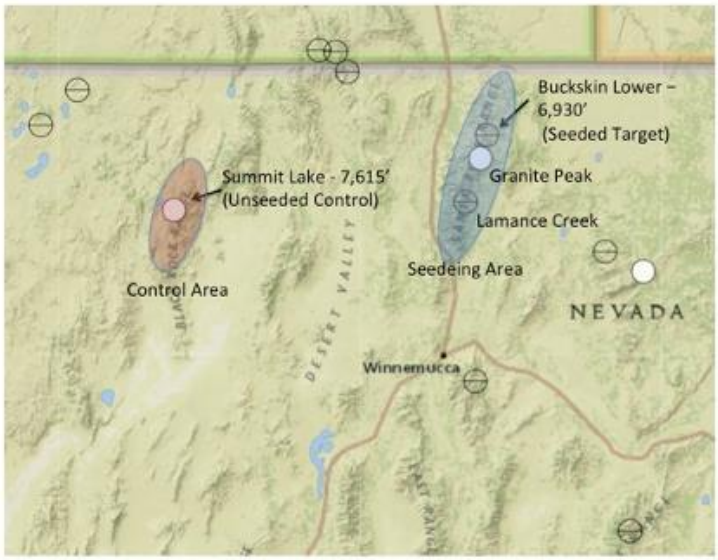


Figure 22 Map of the Santa Rosa Target – Control Areas.

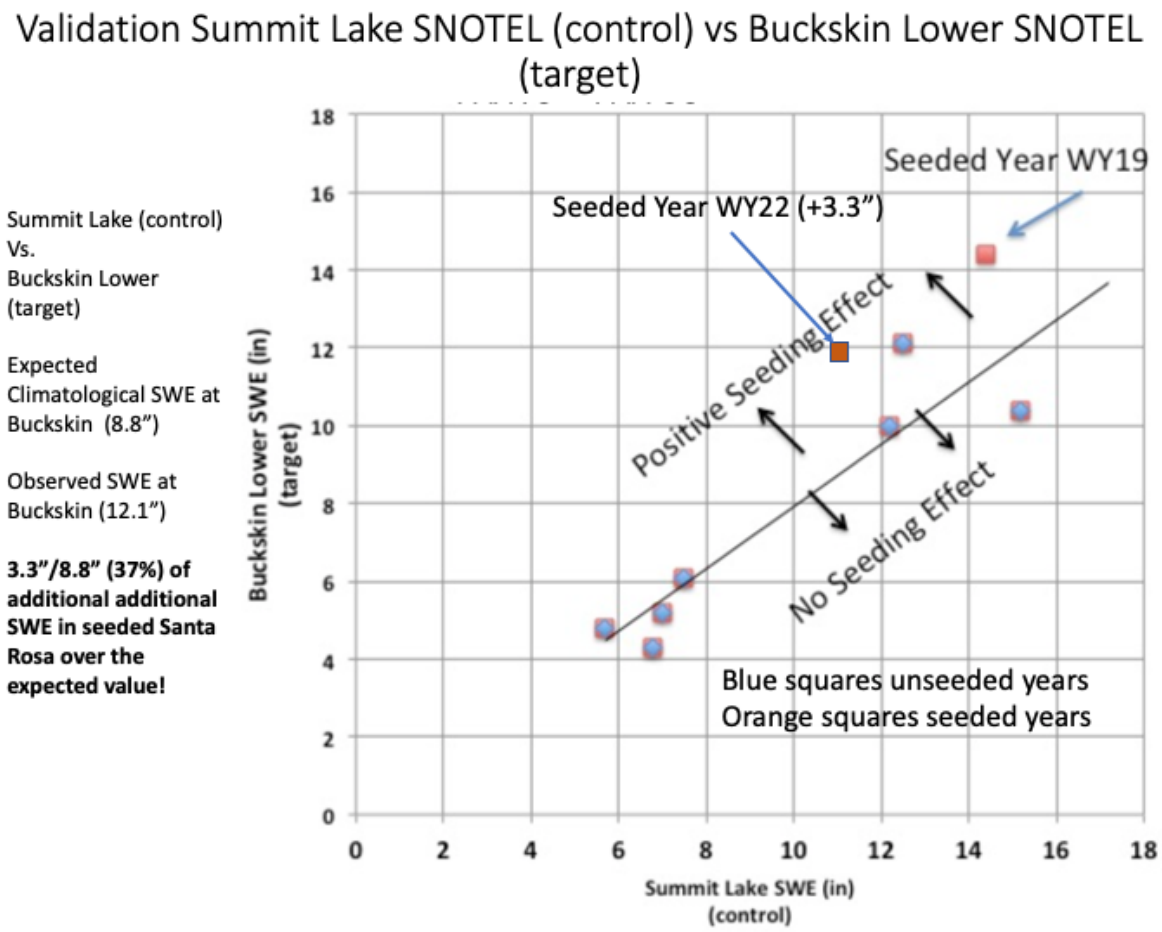


Figure 23 Results of the Santa Rosa Project target and control analysis.

Modeling Study

As part of the Humboldt Basin Cloud Seeding Project, a study of several of the runoff producing unseeded mountain ranges in the Basin were analyzed Figure 24. The modeling study analyzed hourly output from the operational 13-km Rapid Refresh Numerical Weather Prediction Model. The model has explicit predictions of clouds including subfreezing (supercooled) liquid water drops and cloud ice crystals, temperatures, and winds. All of the hours between November 1, 2021 and April 15, 2022 were tallied for each of the 6 mountain ranges studied.

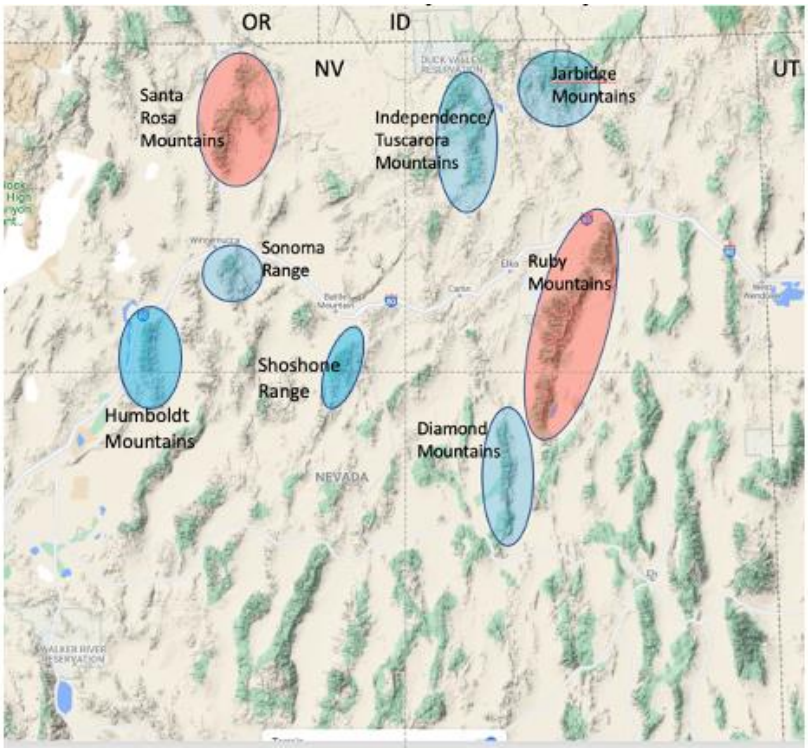
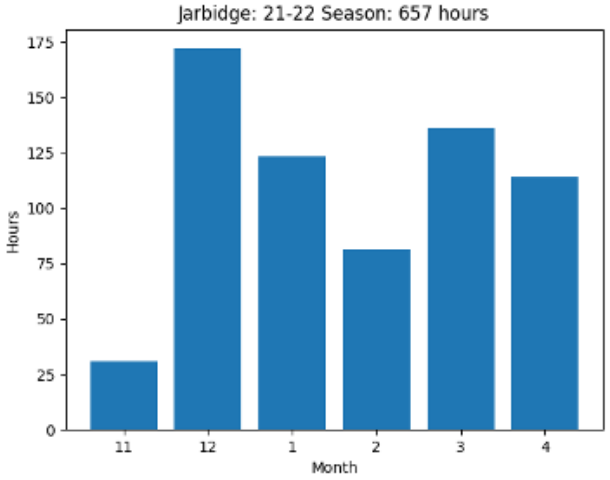


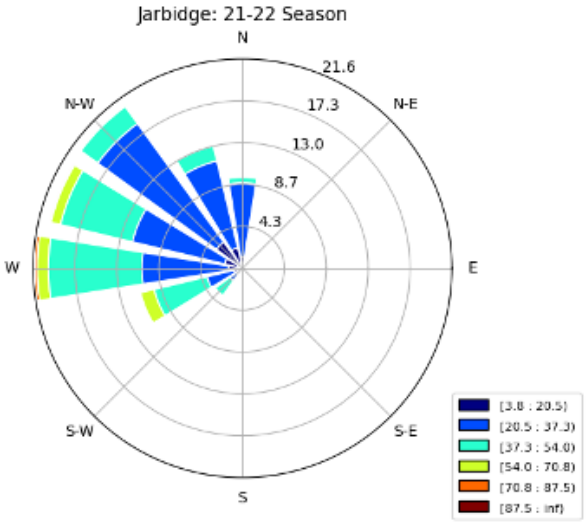
Figure 24. The cloud seeding potential was calculated for winter 2021-2022 (blue shading), operational program (red shading).

The number of hours that seeding conditions were present below 11,000' MSL (the approximate altitude that the cloud seeding plume can typically reach from the ground over northeastern NV). Cloud seeding conditions were considered present when model clouds containing supercooled water were present, and temperatures were between -5°C and -16°C. If these conditions were present then it was considered a cloud seeding hour. The associated wind speed and direction was updated. The results of the analysis for the are shown in Figure 25 - Figure 30

Feasibility study WY22 results: Jarbidge Mountains



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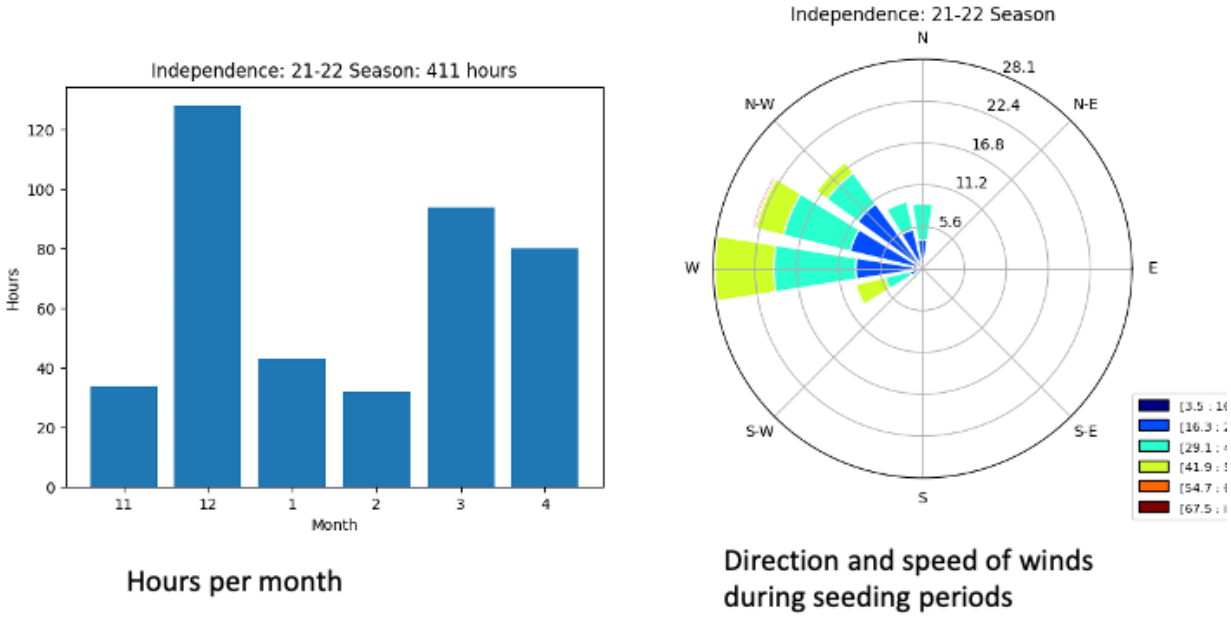


Direction and speed of winds during seeding periods

Estimated seeding results for a 4 generator project seeding half the seedable times would generate:
4 generators X 328 hours X 20 acre-feet per hour =
26,000 acre-feet of additional SWE across Jarbidge Mountains

Figure 25. The cloud seeding modeling analysis for the Jarbidge Mountains. Number of seeding events by month (left), wind directions and speeds during cloud seeding periods (right).

Feasibility study WY22 results: Independence



Hours per month

Direction and speed of winds during seeding periods

Figure 26 The cloud seeding modeling analysis for the Independence Mountains. Number of seeding events by month (left), wind directions and speeds during cloud seeding periods (right).

Feasibility study WY22 results: Humboldt Range

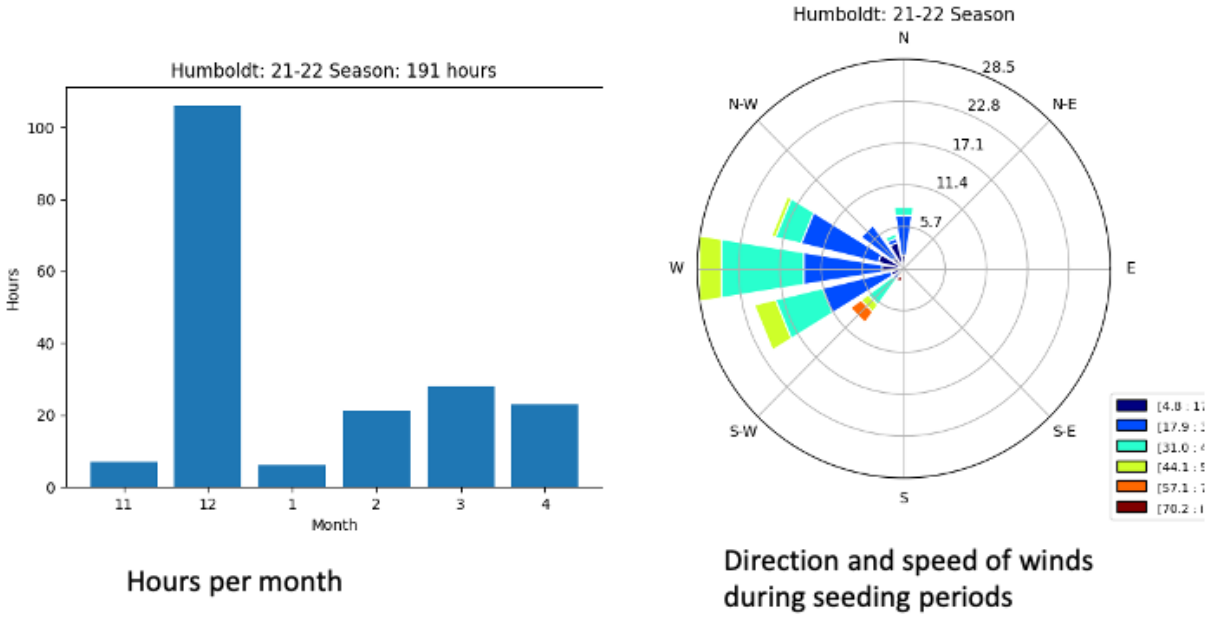
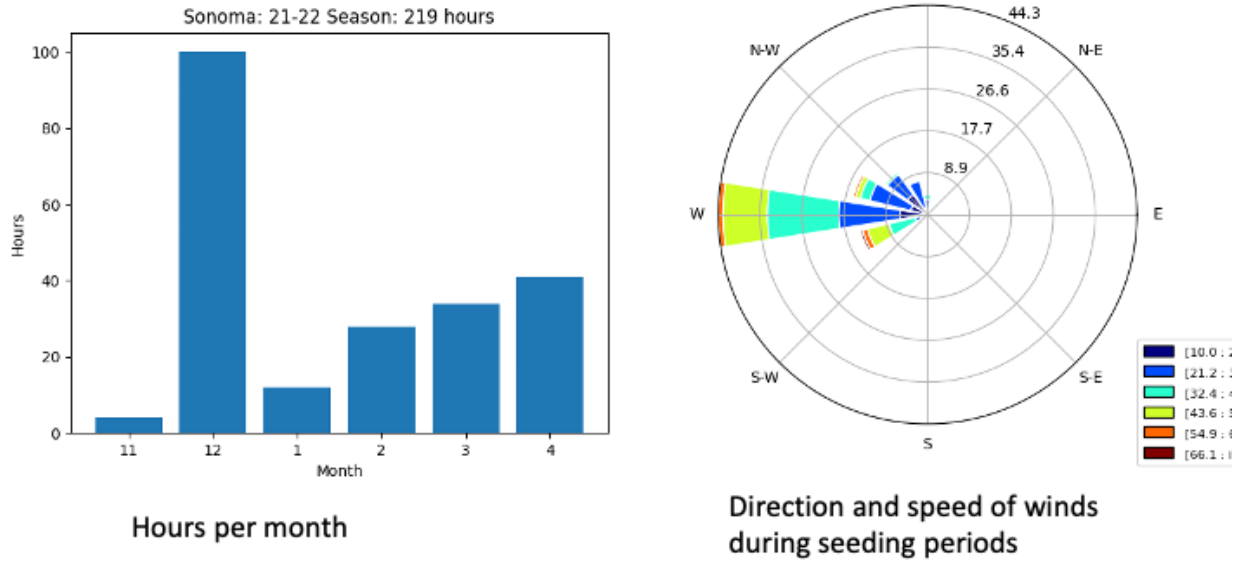


Figure 27. The cloud seeding modeling analysis for the Humboldt Range. Number of seeding events by month (left), wind directions and speeds during cloud seeding periods (right).

Feasibility study WY22 results: Sonoma Range



Hours per month

Direction and speed of winds during seeding periods

Figure 28 The cloud seeding modeling analysis for the Sonoma Range. Number of seeding events by month (left), wind directions and speeds during cloud seeding periods (right).

Feasibility study WY22 results: Shoshone Range

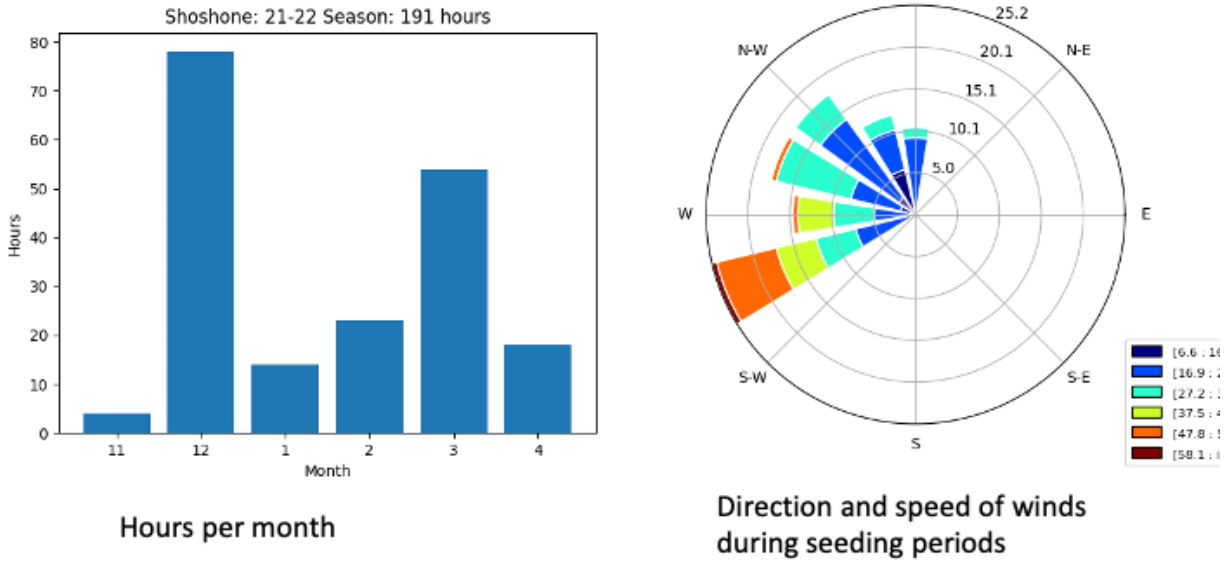
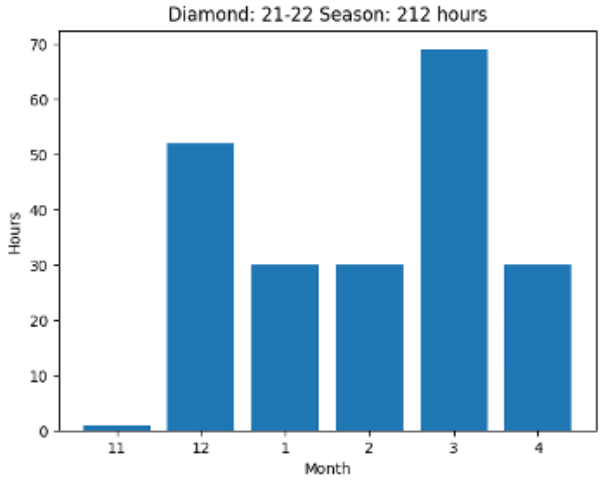
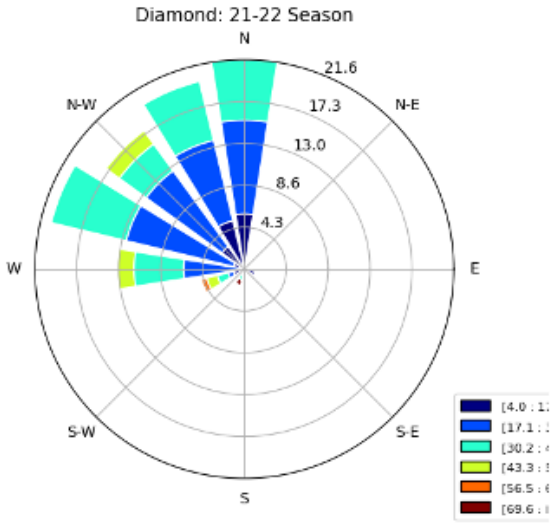


Figure 29 The cloud seeding modeling analysis for the Shoshone Range. Number of seeding events by month (left), wind directions and speeds during cloud seeding periods (right).

Feasibility study WY22 results: Diamond Mountains



Hours per month

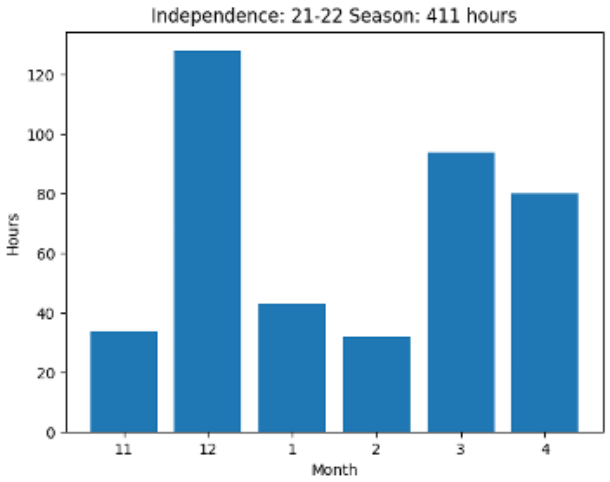


Direction and speed of winds during seeding periods

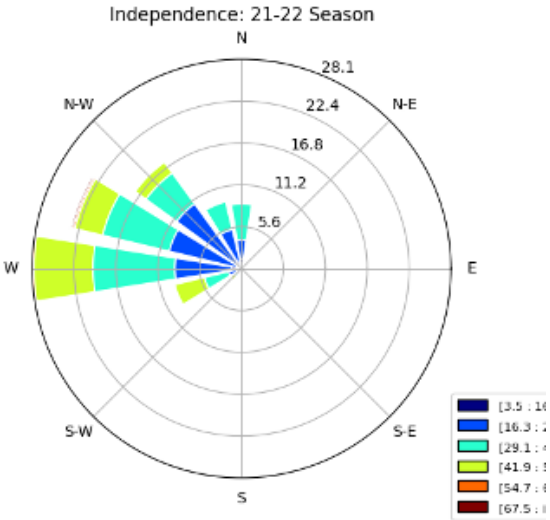
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4 generators X 106 hours X 20 acre-feet per hour =
8,400 acre-feet of additional SWE across Jarbidge Mountains

Figure 30 The cloud seeding modeling analysis for the Diamond Mountains. Number of seeding events by month (left), wind directions and speeds during cloud seeding periods (right).

Feasibility study WY22 results: Independence



Hours per month



Direction and speed of winds during seeding periods

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Humboldt River Basin Water Authority

December 22, 2022

Humboldt County Board of Commissioners
50 W. Fifth Street
Winnemucca, NV 89445

Dear Commissioners,

The William N. Pennington Foundation has for a second consecutive year agreed to provide $60,000 to the Desert Research Institute to help pay for cloud seeding operations in the Humboldt River Basin. While there is an expectation of a local match no minimum amount has been set as was the case last year. To demonstrate their commitment and help DRI maximize operations this winter the Humboldt River Basin Water Authority Board voted to contribute $5,000 and also request each member county to consider contributing $3,500, the same as last year, to match the Pennington Foundation's generous contribution.

Last year, the Pennington Foundation's contribution and local match supported cloud seeding operations and also an analysis of its impact on the water supply in the Humboldt River Basin. The enclosed Desert Research Institute's *Humboldt River Basin Cloud Seeding Project Water Year 2022 Report* indicates that the project produced 704 generator-hours and an estimated 19,712 acre-ft of additional snow water equivalent (SWE) in the Ruby Mountains and 177 generator hours and 4,956 acre-ft of SWE in the Santa Rosa Mountains at a cost of $4.86 per acre-foot to produce this additional SWE.

Looking ahead, the Humboldt River Basin Water Authority is pursing funding for the 2023-2025 winter seasons and working with Senator Goicoechea on a bill for an appropriation of $1.2 million to conduct statewide cloud seeding operations at existing sites on a cost share basis.

Thank you for considering this request to match the Pennington Foundation's funding for cloud seeding in the Humboldt River Basin this winter season and please do not hesitate to contact me at (775) 443-7667 or ccjfontaine@gmail.com if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Jeff Fontaine

Jeff Fontaine
Executive Director

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STAFF REPORT

DATE: Thursday, December 22, 2022

TO: County Commission

FROM: Tami Rae Spero – Humboldt County Clerk

SUBJECT: Request for waiver of Attrition Policy

REQUESTED AGENDA DATE: January 3, 2023

SUMMARY

A request from the Humboldt County Clerk for approval of a waiver of the Attrition Policy.

WHY ARE YOU BRINGING THIS BEFORE THE BOARD NOW:

The position being filled become vacant due to the resignation of an employee effective December 23, 2022.

PREVIOUS ACTION

This is a first request

BACKGROUND

During previous budget hearings an additional full-time position was approved for the Clerk's Office. With that approval the Office is making great strides in addressing back logs in a number of areas. Should this position not be filled it will result in a return to the prior employee level which is not sufficient given the duties handled by the Office. In the past this Office has had between seven and eight employees on site. With the current staffing there is six. The employee who has departed was assigned to the business license duties, election duties and various other duties within the Office. Additionally, this employee was being trained to assist with Commission minutes.

FISCAL IMPACT

This should result in no additional impact on the payroll line item as the position is currently contained in the Clerk's budget.

RECOMMENDATION

No recommendation offered. I just thank the Commission for considering my request.

LIST SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS IF APPLICABLE:

No documentation submitted

POSSIBLE MOTION

To approve the waiver of the attrition policy for the Humboldt County Clerk for an Administrative Clerk I or II.

Assistant County Manager/
Human Resources Director,

Abel del Real-Nava, eMBA,
SHRM-SCP, IPMA-SCP

Humboldt County Courthouse
50 West Fifth Street Room 205
Winnemucca, Nevada 89445

Humboldt County, Nevada
Human Resources Department

Memorandum

Date:	December 27, 2022
To:	Humboldt County Board of Commissioners
From:	Abel del Real-Nava, Assistant County Manager/Human Resources Director
Subject:	Staff Report for Request for Waiver of Attrition Policy for Sheriff's Office Personnel

Summary

The Sheriff's Office respectfully requests a waiver of the attrition policy for one Administrative Clerk IV position, and three Deputy Sheriff positions.

Why this is being brought before the Board now:

The new Sheriff's Office Administration, led by Sheriff-Elect Angel Cardenas, will see four employees promoted to Command Staff positions that will leave vacancies for their current positions:

- Angel Cardenas
  - Deputy Sheriff to Sheriff
- Damon Kuskie
  - Deputy Sheriff to Undersheriff
- Jeremy Peters
  - Sergeant to Captain
- Liz Sjoblom
  - Administrative Clerk IV to Office Manager

Previous Action

N/A

Background

See *Why this is being brought before the Board now.*

Fiscal Impact

The change in administration, resulting retirement of outgoing staff, and incoming command staff wages at lower rates than outgoing staff will have a positive impact on the corresponding budget.

The current salary range for this position is;

1. Administrative Clerk IV
    a. $22.58 – $31.03 or $46,966.40 - $64,542.40
2. Deputy Sheriff
    a. $29.35 – $36.67 or $61,048.00 - $76,273.60

Administrative Clerk IV at a starting rate of $46,966.40 annually[1];

- Annual Salary $46,966.40
- Employer-paid PERS Contribution[2] $13,972.50
- Insurance Stipend[3] $15,600.00
- Employer-paid Medicare Tax $681.01
- Workers' Compensation $1,675.69
- Approximate Total **$78,895.61 Annually**

Deputy Sheriff at a starting rate of $61,048.00 annually[4];

- Annual Salary $61,048.00
- Employer-paid PERS Contribution[5] $26,861.12
- Insurance Stipend $15,600.00
- Employer-paid Medicare Tax $885.20
- Workers' Compensation $1,675.69
- Approximate Total **$106,070.01 Annually**

[1] Assuming positions were hired for at the beginning of Fiscal Year 2022-2023.
[2] Employer Paid rate is 29.75%.
[3] $1,300.00 per month if employee elects to enroll in Humboldt County's health benefits program.
[4] Assuming positions were hired for at the beginning of Fiscal Year 2022-2023.
[5] Employer Paid rate is 44.00%.

Recommendation

Staff recommends approval of this request for a waiver of the attrition policy.

List of Supporting Documents (If Applicable)

N/A

Possible Motion

"I move to approve the request for waiving the attrition policy for one Administrative Clerk IV and three Deputy Sheriff positions in the Sheriff's Office."

DocuSigned by:
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Abel del Real-Nava, eMBA, SHRM-SCP, IPMA-SCP
Assistant County Manager/Human Resources Director

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STAFF REPORT

DATE: Tuesday, December 13, 2022

TO: County Commission

FROM: Don Kalkoske, Public Works Director

SUBJECT: Waiver of Attrition Policy

REQUESTED AGENDA DATE: 01/03/2023

SUMMARY

Public Works/Roads Division is requesting a waiver of the Attrition Policy to proceed with filling a Road Maintenance Equipment Operator Position that will be vacated in January 2023 with the retirement of an Operator.

WHY ARE YOU BRINGING THIS BEFORE THE BOARD NOW:

To fulfill needed staffing levels in the Humboldt County road maintenance system.

PREVIOUS ACTION

None

BACKGROUND

The Humboldt County Public Works, Roads Division System provides maintenance and servicing of County roads. The position being vacated is typically responsible for maintaining roads throughout Humboldt County. Not filling this position will put added responsibility and demand on existing Operators and will likely result in road neglect. Road neglect may result in inefficiencies and unsafe driving conditions throughout the County.

FISCAL IMPACT

This position is currently budgeted for the Public Works Department, however filling this position should result in a savings as the current employee is close to being topped out on the compensation schedule.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that a waiver to the Attrition Policy be granted to allow the Public Works Department to continue the level of service currently provided.

LIST SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS IF APPLICABLE:

Resignation Letter

POSSIBLE MOTION

Should the Board agree with Staff's recommendation; a possible motion would be: "Move to approve the waiver of the Attrition Policy for the Public Works Department to hire a Road Maintenance Equipment Operator for the position being vacated in January 2023."

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STAFF REPORT

DATE: Tuesday, December 20, 2022

TO: County Commission

FROM: Mitch Mauk, Facility Operations

SUBJECT: Request for Approval to Replace the CMA Dishwasher in the Humboldt County Detention Center Kitchen.

REQUESTED AGENDA DATE: January 3, 2023

SUMMARY

Facility Operations is requesting approval to replace the CMA dishwasher in the Humboldt County Detention Center kitchen.

WHY ARE YOU BRINGING THIS BEFORE THE BOARD NOW:

For approval to replace the CMA dishwasher in the Humboldt County Detention Center kitchen in an amount not to exceed $8,387.34 by T.L Snyder Enterprises or in an approximate amount of $5,700.00 by Burney's Commercial Service of NV Inc. Snyder's proposal is for the removal of the old machine and replacement with the new machine with Facility Operations performing the electrical connection. Burney's Commercial Service is in an approximate amount as this amount would be exceeded due to the requirement of a site survey to remove and install the new machine. The site survey would come at an additional charge of $115.00 per round trip and $1.50 per mile round trip. This will cause the $5,700.00 proposal amount to be exceeded.

PREVIOUS ACTION

None

BACKGROUND

The Detention Center is approximately 28 years old. As far as Facility Operations Manager, Mitch Mauk is aware, the dishwasher located in the Detention Center kitchen is the original unit. It has not been replaced and has had routine maintenance and a few repairs since being in operation. Around August 23, Facility Operations received a report that the machine was not working properly. At this time, Maintenance Operations Technician Pat Brooks worked on the machine and was able to repair it enough to make it operable for use for the time being.

FISCAL IMPACT

Expenditure of an amount not to exceed $8,387.34 or in an approximate amount of $5,700.00 from the approved 2022-2023 fiscal year Service and Supplies budget for the Building and Grounds Department.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that this request to replace the CMA dishwasher in the Humboldt County Detention Center Kitchen in an amount not to exceed $8,387.34 by T.L. Snyder Enterprises or in an approximate amount of $5,700.00 by Burney's Commercial Service of NV Inc. be approved.

LIST SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS IF APPLICABLE:

Proposals from T.L. Snyder Enterprises and Burney's Commercial Service of NV Inc.

POSSIBLE MOTION

Motion to approve Facility Operations' request, as presented, to approve the replacement of a CMA dishwasher in the Humboldt County Detention Center kitchen in an amount not to exceed $8,387.34 by T.L. Snyder Enterprises or in an approximate amount of $5,700.00 by Burney's Commercial Service of NV Inc.

Burney's Commercial Service of NV Inc.
Dale@burneyscommercial.com

1528 Linda way, Sparks, NV 89431
Phone 1-775-355-9111 Fax 775-355-9128

Parts & Service Quotation

DATE:08/29/22

Customer: Humboldt Co. Building & Grounds attn: Rebecca Azurmendi
(Detention center)

QUOTE# 082922-D

SALESPERSON	JOB	SHIPPING METHOD	SHIPPING TERMS	DELIVERY DATE	PAYMENT TERMS	DUE DATE
Dale H.		UPS ground	Prepaid & Add			

QTY	ITEM #	DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	DISCOUNT	LINE TOTAL
1	EST-AH	New CMA dish machine We could possibly deliver this unit and perform the install at the same time. A "site survey" would be needed before we could produce a quote for removal and installation of the new unit. Unfortunitally, we would have to charge you for the site survey. $115.00 per hour round trip and $1.50 per mile round trip. Free shipping to Burney's Sparks, Nv. 8 to 10 week lead time Freight est.			5700.00
				PARTS TOTAL	5700.00
				SUBTOTAL	
				SALES TAX	Exempt
				TOTAL	5700.00

QUOTATION PRICING ONLY GOOD FOR 30 DAYS
THANK YOU FOR YOUR BUSINESS!

T.L. SNYDER ENTERPRISES
115 E 2nd St
Winnemucca, NV 89445



Estimate

ADDRESS
HUMBOLDT CO, ENOCK
50 W FIFTH ST
WINNEMUCCA, NV 89445

ESTIMATE # 1415
DATE 12/16/2022

PROJECT
JAIL KITCHEN

ATTENTION
MITCH

DESCRIPTION	QTY	RATE	AMOUNT
REMOVE EXISTING DISHWASHER, REPLACE WITH NEW, PLUMB AS NEEDED.	1	1,200.00	1,200.00
NOTE: ELECTRICAL CONNECTION PROVIDED BY HUMBOLDT COUNTY.			
CMA DISH MACHINE MDL #ESTAH	1	6,612.34	6,612.34T
FREIGHT	1	450.00	450.00
ASST'D MATERIALS	1	125.00	125.00T
UNIT IS PROX 2-WEEKS OUT!			

SUBTOTAL	8,387.34
TAX	0.00
TOTAL	**$8,387.34**

Accepted By

Accepted Date

HUMBOLDT COUNTY

50 W. 5th Street
Winnemucca, Nevada 89445
www.hcnv.us

STAFF REPORT

DATE: Friday, December 9, 2022

TO: County Commission

FROM: Mitch Mauk, Facility Operations

SUBJECT: Request for Approval to Contract Advance Installations, Inc. to Conduct the Asbestos Abatement at the Residence located at 543 Melarkey Street.

REQUESTED AGENDA DATE: January 3, 2023

SUMMARY

Facility Operations is requesting approval to contract Advance Installations, Inc. to conduct the asbestos abatement at the residence located at 543 Melarkey Street.

WHY ARE YOU BRINGING THIS BEFORE THE BOARD NOW:

For approval to contract Advance Installations, Inc. to conduct the asbestos abatement at the residence located at 543 Melarkey Street in an amount not to exceed $13,928.00.

PREVIOUS ACTION

None

BACKGROUND

The residence has already been surveyed by Sato Environmental Consultants, Inc., and is ready for abatement. The proposal from Advance Installation, Inc. will furnish all labor, equipment, materials, personnel air monitoring, laboratory fees, disposal permits/fees, asbestos notifications and special asbestos liability insurance necessary for the safe and proper removal for the location mentioned.

FISCAL IMPACT

This is the last remaining site that is ready for the asbestos abatement. Expenditure of an amount not to exceed $13,928.00 from the 2022-2023 fiscal year from the Building Reserve fund.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that this request to approve Facility Operations to contract Advance Installations, Inc. to conduct the asbestos abatement at the residence located at 543 Melarkey Street be approved.

LIST SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS IF APPLICABLE:

Proposal from Advance Installations, Inc. Due to prior and current services from Advance Installations, Inc., provided to Humboldt County, this was not a process that was published for bids or proposals.

POSSIBLE MOTION

Motion to approve Facility Operations' request, as presented, to contract Advance Installations, Inc to conduct the asbestos abatement at the residence located at 543 Melarkey Street in an amount not to exceed $13,928.00.

ADVANCE INSTALLATIONS, INC.

November 9, 2022

Proposal submitted to:					Work To Be Performed At:			
Name:	Humboldt County				Name:	Residence		
Address:					Address:	543 Melarkey Street		
City, State:		Zip:			City, State	Winnemucca		
Phone:		Fax:			Phone:			
Contact:	Dave.mendiola@humboldtcountynv.gov							

BID PROPOSAL

We propose to furnish all labor, equipment, materials, personnel air monitoring, laboratory fees, disposal permits/fees, asbestos notifications and special asbestos liability insurance necessary for the safe and proper removal and disposal of all drywall from living room and bedroom and all blown in insulation from attic. Wrap and cut ducting from basement and seam tape from air registers.

BID PRICE: $ 13,928.00

Prevailing ____ NON-Prevailing _X_

NOTE: Due the rising costs of materials, freight and fuel, we can not honor the quote for more than 30 days.
All invoices are due and payable upon receipt. A service charge of 18.00% per annum will be computed on all amounts overdue. **We accept VISA, MASTERCARD & DISCOVER cards up to $ 5,000.00 per project.**

Due to the "sealed containment" requirement for abatement work, we cannot be held responsible for damaged finishes where tape must be attached. All workers are EPA/AHERA certified and DEISH LICENSED. All work will be performed in full compliance with local, state and federal regulations. EPA and DEISH may require a 10 day notification period.

Owner Responsibilities:

1. **Additional cost of any third party project monitoring or final air clearance tests.**
2. **General Contractor responsible for securing any City and or County building/demo permits**
3. Furnish power and water within 50 feet of each work area.
4. Owner responsible for moving any and all furniture from work area, unless pre arranged.
5. Any additional Insurance requirements that result in charges to Advance Installations will be passed onto the owner/contractor.

Respectfully,
Tom Davis
Estimator Project Manager

TD:jl

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Acceptance of proposal Date

Payment may be available from the Residential Recovery Fund, if you are damaged financially by a project performed on your residence pursuant to a contract, including construction, remodeling, repair or other improvements, and the damage resulted from certain specified violations of Nevada law by a contractor licensed in this state. To obtain information relating to the Residential Recovery Fund and filing a claim for recovery from the Fund, you may contact the Nevada State Contractors Board at the following location – Nevada State Contractors Board 5390 Kietzke Lane #102 Reno, Nevada 89511 (775) 688-1141.

P.O. Box 2163 Sparks, Nevada 89432-2163
(775) 359-1468 FAX (775) 359-1484
Contractor's Lic. NV #033627 NV #0027501 CA #649749
License Limit $10 Million

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STAFF AGENDA REQUEST

DATE: Friday, December 23, 2022

TO: County Commission

FROM: County Manager and Road Department

SUBJECT: BLM Soldier Meadows Road Rerouting Cooperating Agency Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)

REQUESTED AGENDA DATE: January 3, 2023

SUMMARY

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is preparing an Environmental Assessment (EA) to analyze a proposed road re-route within the Soldier Meadows Area of Critical Environmental Concern. The BLM is inviting Humboldt County to participate as a Cooperating Agency in the preparation of this EA through the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). Humboldt County Public Works has requested to accept this invitation to participate. Public Works has identified the proposed rerouted road as one of the RS2477 roads and believes the County should be involved with this re-route to assure this access remains.

WHY ARE YOU BRINGING THIS BEFORE THE BOARD NOW:

The BLM is inviting the County to participate as a Cooperating Agency and has provided an MOU.

PREVIOUS ACTION

N/A

FISCAL IMPACT

None at this time

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends to approve the MOU granting Cooperative Agency status regarding the preparation of an EA to analyze a proposed road reroute within the Soldier Meadows Area of Critical Environmental Concern, and to authorize County Manager Dave Mendiola to sign it.

LIST SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS IF APPLICABLE:

BLM Letter

POSSIBLE MOTION

Motion to approve the MOU granting Cooperative Agency status regarding the preparation of an EA to analyze a proposed road reroute within the Soldier Meadows Area of Critical Environmental Concern, and to authorize County Manager Dave Mendiola to sign it.

Cooperating Agency
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
Between
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT
WINNEMUCCA DISTRICT, BLACK ROCK FIELD OFFICE
and the
COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT, NEVADA
regarding the
Soldier Meadows ACEC Road Reroute Environmental Assessment

I. Introduction

The Humboldt County Board of Commissioners (Humboldt County) and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), herein referred to as "the parties," are responsible for developing and implementing land use management plans and authorizing lands actions within their respective jurisdictions.

Under the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) of 1976, as amended, the BLM is required to manage public lands and their various resource values, using principles of multiple use and sustained yield, to best meet the present and future needs of the American people. The term "public lands" means any land and interest in land owned by the United States within the State of Nevada and administered by the Secretary of the Interior through BLM, without regard to how the United States acquired ownership. The public lands and resources administered by the BLM were officially designated the National System of Public Lands in 2008 underscoring the landscape approach of managing the interconnected lands for multiple use.

The BLM, Winnemucca District, Black Rock Field Office is preparing an Environmental Assessment (EA) to analyze a proposed road reroute within the Soldier Meadows Area of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC). Route 2054 "High Rock Lake Road" is part of the road system in the Soldier Meadows ACEC, which connects the Soldier Meadows area to High Rock Lake and the southern entrance of High Rock Canyon. Route 2054 crosses critical habitat for the desert dace (*Eremichthys acros*), a federally protected fish species only found within the Soldier Meadows area. This route has flooded in the past with water connected to desert dace critical habitat and motorists travelling through the area have created new, unauthorized routes to avoid the flooded sections. The proposed reroute would address these issues by going around the Soldier Meadows campground to avoid the area prone to flooding.

The project is located approximately 50 miles north of Gerlach in Humboldt County, Nevada. Access to the proposed project area would be from Soldier Meadows Road. The project would take place on public lands based on the Mount Diablo Base and Meridian as follows:

T.40 N., R. 24 E., All or portions of Sections 22-27

II. Purpose

The Purpose of this project specific MOU is to:

A. Establish and maintain coordination and cooperation between Humboldt County and the Winnemucca BLM for their respective individual participation in the administration of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) for the Soldier Meadows ACEC Road Reroute EA. This coordination allows for the BLM to evaluate and address Humboldt County's comments and resolve issues early in the EA process.
B. Develop and maintain common guidelines and procedures for expediting the NEPA process for approval of the Soldier Meadows ACEC Road Reroute.
C. Facilitate the administration, review, and approval of the Soldier Meadows ACEC Road Reroute EA.

III. Authorities

The laws and their associated implementing regulations cited below require or support this course of action.

A. The federal authorities applicable to this agreement for the BLM are:

1. The Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) of October 21, 1976 (43 USC 1737) Section 307 (b)
2. The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 (42 USC 4321 et. Seq.)
3. The Council of Environmental Quality Regulations (40 CFR Parts 1500-1508)
4. The Alternative Dispute Resolution Act (ADRA) of 1990 (5 USC 581 et. Seq.)
5. 40 CFR 1500-1508, 1515 Royalty Environmental Protection and Freedom of Information Act (FOIA)
6. 43 CFR 2800 Rights-of-Way under the Federal Land Policy and Management Act

B. The authorities applicable to this agreement for Humboldt County are:

1. Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) 278.030 *et seq.*

IV. Responsibility

A. The parties:

1. **Termination:** Either party may terminate the MOU in whole, or in part, at any time before completion of the EA. Termination must be through written request and comply with section V (D) below.
2. **Participation in Similar Activities:** Acknowledge that this instrument does not restrict the BLM or Humboldt County from participating in similar activities with other public or private agencies, organizations, and individuals.
3. **Sovereign Immunity:** Recognize and do not waive their respective sovereign immunities by entering into this MOU, and each fully retains all immunities, rights, and defenses provided by law with respect to any action occurring within the context of this MOU.

4. **Conflict Resolution:** Will attempt to resolve controversies through alternative dispute resolution methods that are mutually acceptable.

B. **The Bureau of Land Management will**:

1. Be the lead agency for the EA.
2. Identify a primary liaison for Humboldt County coordination.
3. Coordinate NEPA with the state permitting process to the extent possible.
4. Provide timely notification of meeting dates, deliverable due dates, and public comment opportunities.
5. Ensure compliance with the NEPA and associated Council of Environmental Quality Regulations (40 CFR Parts 1500-1508).
6. Determine the scope of the EA and shall ensure environmental issues, effects, and reasonable alternatives are appropriately described and analyzed in the EA.
7. Provide updates and briefings, at agreed upon times, to Humboldt County.
8. Determine the extent and manner of release of data to governmental agencies and other interested parties in accordance with the Freedom of Information and Privacy act, BLM policy, and pertinent legal decisions.
9. Develop the EA schedule and advise the Humboldt County of any schedule changes.

C. **Humboldt County will**:

1. Identify a principle Humboldt County contact who will serve as a liaison to the BLM. The designated principle Humboldt County contact will participate in meetings, site visits and/or conference calls, and review internal documents as requested by BLM.
2. Assist in the preparation and review of the EA, as requested by the BLM.
3. Provide responses to data requests and provide review of comments within established timeframes.
4. Provide comment to BLM on issues of particular concern, if any, during the NEPA scoping process.
5. Comment on the EA within Humboldt County's jurisdiction.
6. Prior to publication of the preliminary and final analyses, maintain the confidentiality of pre-decision work products, proprietary information, and sensitive resource data and locations.

V. Administration

A. The BLM shall timely notify Humboldt County of pertinent meetings. EA meeting summaries between the parties would be prepared by the BLM. The BLM reserves the right to consult and coordinate with other federal, tribal, state, and local government agencies during the preparation of the EA.

B. Nothing in this MOU will be construed as limiting or affecting in any way the authority or legal responsibility of Humboldt County or the BLM to perform beyond the respective authority of each, or as requiring either party to assume or expend any sum in excess of appropriations available.

C. Amendments or supplements to this MOU may be proposed by either party and shall become effective upon written approval by both parties of such amendments or supplements.

D. This MOU shall become effective when signed by the parties hereto. This Memorandum may be formally terminated by either party 30 days following written notice to the other of the intention to do so.

E. Each and every provision of this MOU is subject to the laws of the United States, the regulations of the Secretary of the Interior, and the laws of the State of Nevada.

In Witness whereof, the parties herein, the Field Manager, Black Rock Field Office, Winnemucca District, Bureau of Land Management, and the Humboldt County Board of Commissioners have caused this document to be executed as of the date of the last signature shown below.

VI. Signatures

Date:

J.A. Boerigter, Acting Field Manager
Black Rock Field Office
Winnemucca District
Bureau of Land Management
5100 E. Winnemucca Blvd
Winnemucca, NV 89445

Date:

Dave Mendiola, County Manager
Humboldt County, Nevada
50 West 5th Street
Winnemucca, NV 89445

DRAFT

December 27, 2022

Objection Reviewing Officer
Intermountain Region USFS
To be submitted via email to: objections-intermtn-regional-office@usda.gov; CC: boyd.hatch@usda.gov

RE: Humboldt County, Nevada Comments to the Santa Rosa Range Management Project draft Decision Notice/Finding of No Significant Impact and Final Environmental Assessment

Humboldt County, Nevada (County) appreciates this opportunity to review and provide comment to the Santa Rosa Range Management Project (SRRMP) Draft Decision Notice/Finding of No Significant Impact and Final Environmental Assessment (Final EA). The County has participated in public meetings and has submitted written comments associated with the following public involvement opportunities:

- Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest Notice of Proposed Action: Comment letter submitted May 13, 2020
- Santa Rosa Ranger District Rangeland Management Plan scoping notice comment period: scoping letter submitted May 10, 2019.

These previous comments are hereby incorporated by reference. As stated in the County's 2019 scoping comments this project has the potential to impact the County's customs, culture and economy. In previous letters, the 2012 Update of the Humboldt County Master Plan was cited to provide basis for comments. Since that time, both the Rangeland Management and Health and Livestock Grazing portions of the County Plan were updated in 2019 and 2020 and are incorporated by reference below. The County's Goals for rangelands are broadly summarized below as seen in master plan updates:

Rangeland Management and Health

Goal**:** *In order to protect public welfare and safety, safeguard a stable local economy, and protect ecological health throughout the County, Humboldt County expects federal land management agencies to conduct ongoing, scientifically informed range management activities on federal lands, executed with the maximum cooperation and coordination allowable under federal law with Humboldt County, local weed, fire, and conservation districts, and grazing permittees.*

Livestock Grazing

Goal: *To ensure that public lands grazing in Humboldt County is a permanent, primary economic driver, an effective range management tool, and a thriving element of County culture through:*

1) ensuring active livestock AUMs are maintained, at a minimum, at current levels;

2) ensuring all currently designated grazing allotments continue to be available for grazing;

3) ensuring that forage production is maximized by maintaining or (where appropriate) improving rangeland health trends;

4) ensuring all management decisions are based on current, scientifically sound, site-specific findings;

> *5) developing and implementing ongoing cooperative permittee rangeland monitoring regimes and*
>
> *6) achieving a high level of permittee / agency collaboration and trust by ensuring: joint development of allotment management plans; annual permittee/agency operating plans; cooperative adaptive management; transparency in management; ongoing communication; and common goal setting.*

Based on consistency with the above elements of the Humboldt County Master Plan, the County supports the following key elements of the SRRMP Draft Decision Notice and Alternative 1.

- Continual grazing authorizations within all Santa Rosa Ranger District active grazing allotments (see Livestock Grazing Goal no. 2 above).
- Added flexibility granted to permittees in season of use and varying head months with an objective of ecological sites meeting their current site potentials. The County recognizes increased flexibility as an opportunity to increase ecological condition (see Livestock Grazing Goal nos. 3, 4, and 6 above).
- Similar to above, the County supports the flexibility of Forest Service staff and the permittee to modify grazing management systems as needed based on site conditions (see Livestock Grazing Goal nos. 3, 4, and 6 above).
- The standardization of monitoring and management objectives developed in close coordination with permittees (see Livestock Grazing Goal nos. 5 and 6 above). Additionally, clarification explaining that utilization studies to determine utilization conformance will be conducted at end of growing season is appreciated as incorporated from the County's Comment letter submitted May 13, 2020.
- Incorporation of monitoring methodology specified by the Nevada Rangeland Monitoring Handbook (3rd edition, SP-18-03) as requested in the County's Comment letter submitted May 13, 2020.
- The modification, maintenance, and improvement of 11 existing rangeland developments to encourage better livestock distribution across vast landscapes as requested in the County's Comment letter submitted May 10, 2019.

The County supports the SRRMP and proposed decision broadly in its intent to increase flexibility to permittees with the goal of enhancing ecological conditions within a site's current potential. However, the permanent retirement of 868 head months in the Granite Peak Allotment (found in the Draft Decision Notice) is in direct conflict of Livestock Goal no. 1 cited above in the County Master Plan. The importance of maintaining head month numbers at current levels at minimum was made clear in the County's May 13, 2020 comment letter to the proposed action. Head month reduction was not analyzed in the Final EA or made available for comment prior to the objection period. Additionally, the claim made on page 23 of the Final EA stating that head months across the district will not be reduced is no longer true. The County appreciates the willingness of the Forest Service to relocate a permittee out of Granite Peak to the Buttermilk allotment and recognizes that this redistribution does not change the number of active head months on the district. However, this decision does reduce unallocated head months available in the district that could be used at a later date when conditions allow. Rather than permanent retirement,

the County would prefer that unallocated head months in Granite Peak remain unallocated to be available for use at a later period when ecological conditions justify, similar to how unallocated head months are managed in the Buttermilk Allotment.

On pages 15 and 16 of the EA, the wildlife design elements call for specific buffers from sensitive wildlife habitat but the locations of these habitats have not been made available to permittees. As stated in the County's May 10, 2019 scoping comment letter, increased flexibility and adaptive management should be based on close coordination with effected permittees. With open communication, these sensitive areas can be managed for prior to a resource concern arising.

The County recommends adding to the draft decision that utilization rates stipulated in Table 5 are intended to be averages of multiple utilization studies within an allotment. Currently, (pg. 9) utilization rates are described as not to exceed a specified percentage which may mislead a reader into understanding that a single utilization measurement over the desired goal could trigger livestock to be moved immediately. Rather, the understood intent of the Santa Rosa Ranger District is that average utilization levels during the grazing season will trigger livestock moves and averaged end of season utilization studies will determine compliance.

On page 13 of the EA it is stated that initial short term monitoring may occur suddenly without notice to the permittee. The County recommends adding clarification that permittees should be contacted prior to monitoring as much as possible to maintain open communication throughout the grazing season.

Based on the above, the County appreciates the Forest Service's initiative to better meet resource goals and objectives by increasing flexibility of grazing management on the Santa Rosa Ranger District. The County intends to remain engaged in this project as it has a direct effect on the County's custom, culture and economy. As such, please feel free to contact me anytime to discuss this comment letter or the project in general.

Respectfully,

Dave Mendiola, Humboldt County Administrator

DM/FLM