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53RD ANNUAL STATE PLANNING CONFERENCE



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Nevada State Planning Conference

23rd + 24th October
Minden, Nevada
Carson Valley Inn
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Home Grown Nevada:
Planning Today for Nevada's Tomorrow

WELCOME TO THE **53RD ANNUAL** NEVADA STATE PLANNING CONFERENCE!



Conference Information

The Nevada Chapter of the American Planning Association is excited to host our annual conference, providing a platform for members to explore the latest trends in Nevada planning and network with top planners statewide. This year's theme, **"Home Grown Nevada: Planning Today for Nevada's Tomorrow,"** will unite planners from across the state to discuss key issues, share innovative solutions, and collaborate on building a sustainable future for Nevada.

Schedule of Events:

Thursday, October 23:

7:30 - 9:00 am: Breakfast

8:00 am - 9:00 am: Conference Opens. Keynote Address.

10:30 am - 11:45 am: Sessions

12:00 am - 1:15 pm: Lunch and Equity Plenary

1:30 pm - 5:45 pm: Sessions, and Mobile Tours Available (Please sign up for the mobile tours at the registration desk)

6:30 pm - 8:00 pm: DoBoer Excellence in Planning Awards Dinner

Friday, October 24:

7:30 am - 9:00 am: Breakfast

8:00 am - 9:00 am: Ethics Jeopardy (Ethics Plenary)

9:00 am - 11:45 am: Sessions, and Mobile Tours Available (Please sign up for the mobile tours at the registration desk)

12:00 am - 1:15 pm: Lunch and Annual Chapter Business Meeting

1:30 pm - 5:45 pm: Sessions, and Mobile Tours Available (Please sign up for the mobile tours at the registration desk)

5:30 pm: Evening Mixer at Minden Mill



Welcome to the Beautiful Carson Valley!

It's wonderful to be back in Douglas County and to reunite with our Nevada planning family. This conference is a time to celebrate the exceptional planning efforts taking place across our state—and to exchange ideas that will help us enhance the quality of life for all Nevadans. Together, we continue to shape a future rooted in collaboration, innovation, and community pride.

This year's conference theme—Home Grown Nevada: Planning Today for Nevada's Tomorrow—celebrates the power of thoughtful, locally rooted planning to shape a resilient and prosperous future.

Nevada continues to experience unprecedented growth, placing immense pressure on communities of all sizes across the state. From housing shortages and strained infrastructure to congested roadways, declining air quality, and limited resources for essential public services—this rapid expansion is testing our collective capacity like never before. Effectively managing this growth will require skilled and visionary planners who can chart a sustainable path forward—one that balances opportunity with responsibility and ensures a high quality of life for all Nevadans.

This year's conference offers a critical opportunity to develop a strategic framework that better aligns Nevada's economic development goals with local land use planning—grounded in the realities of available resources and the unique needs of our communities.

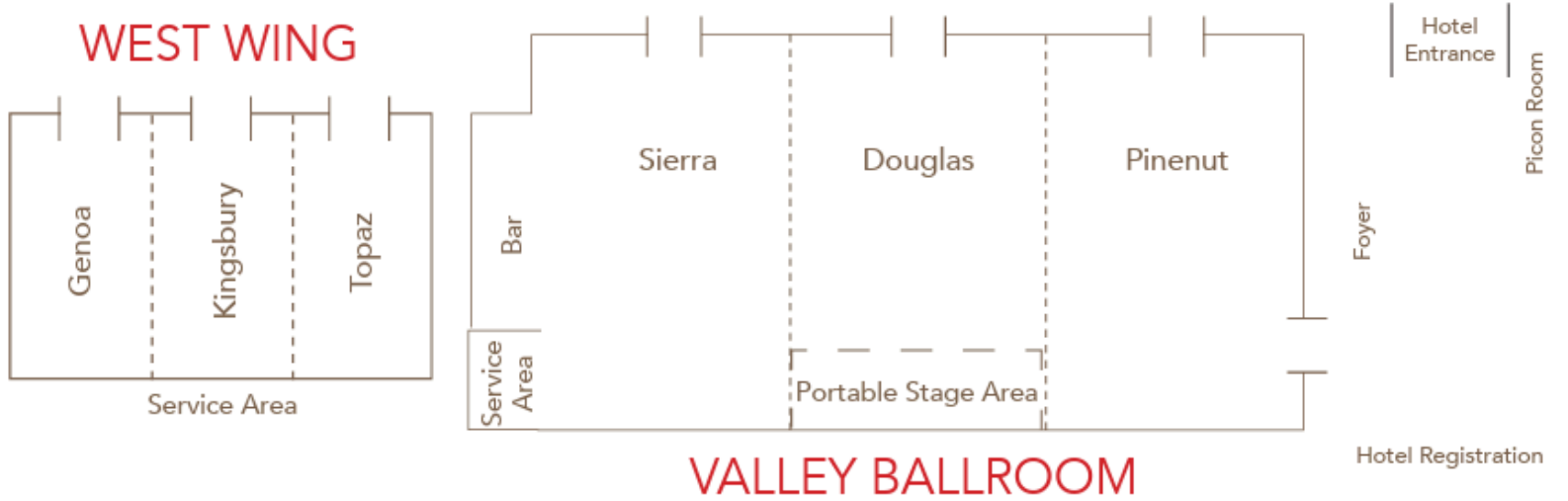
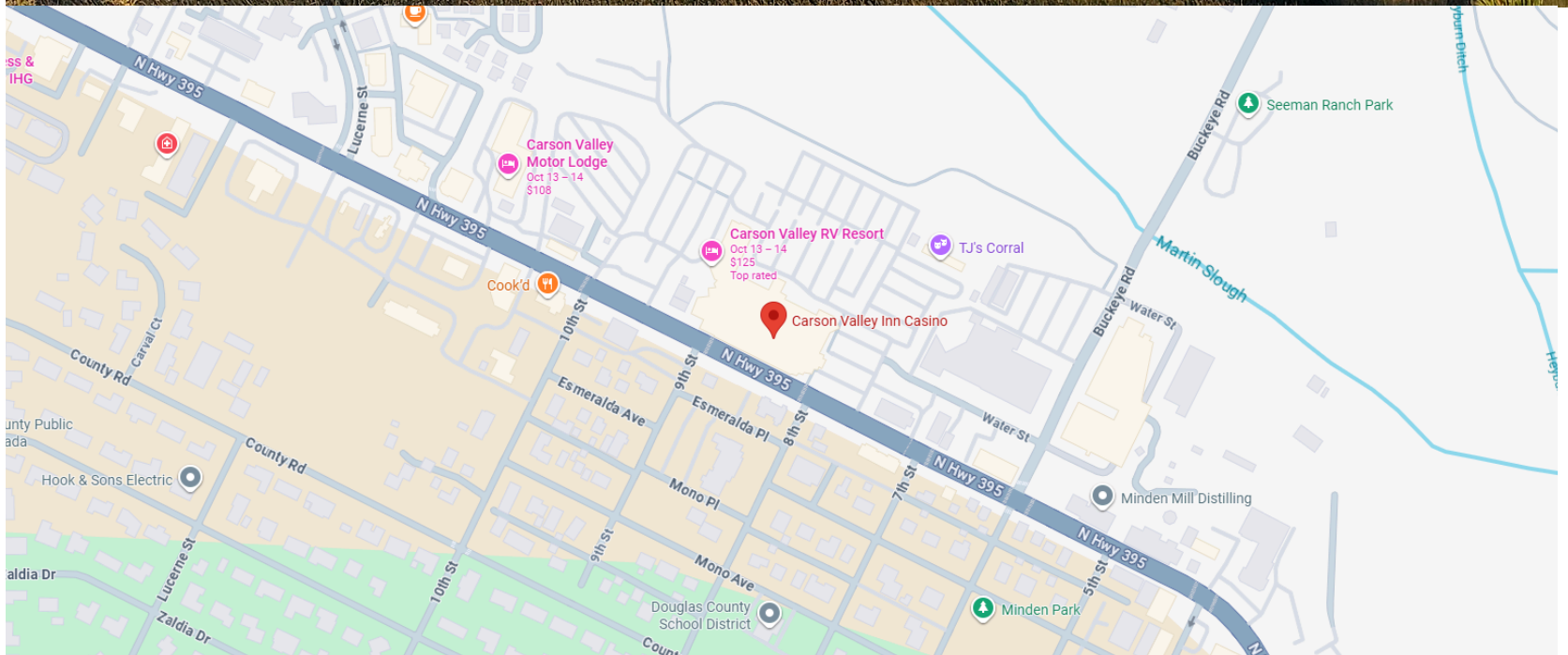
I'd like to extend my heartfelt appreciation to all the members of our Conference Planning Committee who have worked diligently over the past 11 months to organize this year's conference. Your dedication and hard work have been essential in ensuring that the Nevada State Planning Conference continues to be the premier gathering for the planning profession in our state.

A special thank you to our generous sponsors, whose continued support helps keep this conference affordable and accessible for our Chapter members. Your commitment to our mission makes a lasting impact—enabling us not only to learn and collaborate, but to shape Nevada's future for years to come. And to Northern Nevada Region Director Theresa Avance—thank you for your outstanding leadership and tireless efforts throughout the past year. Your dedication has been instrumental in bringing us together once again—not just to exchange ideas, but to celebrate the planning work that truly makes a difference across Nevada.

On behalf of the Nevada Chapter, welcome to the Beautiful Carson Valley!

Scott Carey, AICP
President
Nevada Chapter of the American Planning Association

CARSON VALLEY INN CASINO VENUE LAYOUT & MAP



Keynote Speaker

Alexis Hill was born and raised in Nevada. Hill completed her master's degree in public administration and public policy at the University of Nevada and spent over a decade in municipal service working as a planner and in economic development. In 2020, she was elected to the Washoe County Commission, where she serves as chair of the five-person board. In 2024, her friends, neighbors, and constituents re-elected her to her commission seat.

Hill also worked in the private sector, including at the Lake Tahoe Shakespeare Festival and as executive director of a fantastic non-profit, Kids & Horses. Hill lives in Reno with her husband, Matthew Tuma, and her daughter, Zora, who was born in 2021. They love riding bikes, camping, all things arts and culture, and Eleanore Roosevelt, their Boston Terrier.



HOME GROWN NEVADA

PLANNING TODAY FOR NEVADA'S TOMORROW

Elected Official

Councilman Dian VanderWell
City of Sparks

Professional Planner

Cathy Laughlin
City of Elko

Citizen Planner

Maureen Casey
Douglas County

President's Award

Alfredo Melesio Jr., AICP
City of North Las Vegas

Special President's Award

John Hester, AICP
Citygate Associates

Outstanding Rural Plan or Project

The Let's Go 2050 Regional Transportation Plan
*Regional Transportation Commission
of Southern Nevada*

Outstanding Cultural or Environmental Plan

Open Space and Trails Plan
City of Henderson

Outstanding Public Outreach and Journalism

Dr. Alicia Barber
The Barber Brief

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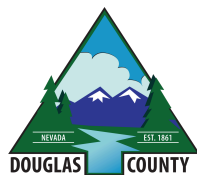
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APA NEVADA CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

| Day | Time | Sierra | Pinenut | Topaz | Mobile Session |
|-----------|---------------------|--|---|---|---|
| Wednesday | 06:00 PM - 07:30 PM | Conference Registration Table | | | |
| Thursday | 07:00 AM - 06:00 PM | Conference Registration Table (As Needed) | | | |
| Thursday | 07:30 AM - 09:00 AM | Breakfast Buffet | | | |
| Thursday | 08:00 AM - 09:00 AM | Keynote/Plenary | | | |
| Thursday | 09:00 AM - 10:15 AM | Plenary - PLANNING LAW | | | |
| Thursday | 10:30 AM - 11:45 AM | Planning Commissioner's Roundtable | Carson River Watershed Flood Mgmt Plan | A Planner's Role in Providing Affordable Housing | |
| Thursday | 12:00 PM - 01:15 PM | Plenary - EQUITY | | | |
| Thursday | 01:30 PM - 02:45 PM | Transforming Boulder Hwy | Planners' Role in a High Energy Demand Future | | *Walking Tour of TRPA Projects in Lake Tahoe & presentation Transportation: DART Buses Depart: 1:30 Return: 5:30 **40 Max Occupancy |
| Thursday | 03:00 PM - 04:15 PM | AI In Planning | Mapping Urban Heat Hazards | Housing: The Long Game | |
| Thursday | 04:30 PM - 05:45 PM | SUSTAINABILITY: Planning for Heat Mitigation | | Room for Change: Repurposing Hotels & Motels for Affordable Housing | |
| Thursday | 06:30 PM - 08:00 PM | AWARDS BANQUET | | | |
| Friday | 07:30 AM - 12:00 PM | Conference Registration Table (As Needed) | | | |
| Friday | 07:30 AM - 09:00 AM | Breakfast Buffet | | | |
| Friday | 08:00 AM - 09:00 AM | ETHICS JEOPARDY | | | *Walking Tour on Martin Slough Trail Transportation: Walk from CVI to Heritage Park & Return to CVI Depart: 8:00am Return: 12:00pm **40 Max Occupancy |
| Friday | 09:00 AM - 10:15 AM | Battle Royale - North-South Projects | Carson River 30 Year Drought and Water Plan | Grocery-Food Access | |
| Friday | 10:30 AM - 11:45 AM | Carson City Master Plan | Nevada Commission on Ethics Training | Breaking Boundaries - Regional Housing Strategies | |
| Friday | 12:00 PM - 01:15 PM | CHAPTER BUSINESS MEETING LUNCHEON | | | |
| Friday | 01:30 PM - 02:45 PM | | Floodplain Management in Douglas County | Are Planners Stopping Affordable Housing? | *Walking Tour on Martin Slough Trail |
| Friday | 03:00 PM - 04:15 PM | Planning at Edge of Henderson | Lithium Loop & Innovation Hub | Tipping the Scale for Affordable & Workforce Housing | |
| Friday | 04:30 PM - 05:45 PM | 2025 Nevada Legislative Update | | | *Tour at the Minden Mill Distillery |
| Friday | 05:45 PM - 07:00 PM | Mixer at the Minden Mill + Food Truck | | | |