



## Cal-Neva AFS Newsletter

September 2024



### **OUTGOING PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

It has been a rewarding year serving as Cal-Neva President! The annual meeting in Redding, CA was a success, and it was especially fun to meet so many of you at the Welcome Event. Recently, I had the opportunity to attend the AFS Society meeting in Honolulu, where I connected with Society officers and am eager to strengthen our collaboration going forward. I hope these connections will help shape future initiatives for Cal-Neva.

In the new year, I'm excited to launch a skills/science series. I hope this series will foster engagement in the fisheries community. This series will be free for members, encouraging professionals to join Cal-Neva AFS.

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

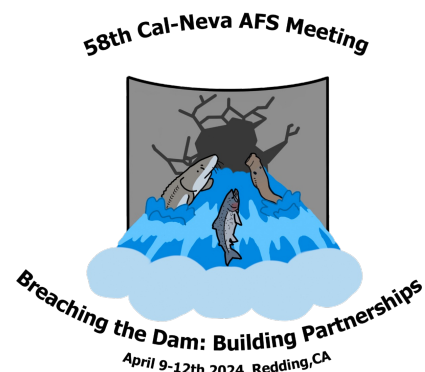
Thank you to all who attended our 2024 Meeting in Redding this year! We tried a few new things this year; we used an application, Whova for tickets and scheduling, and we added an opening event to give a little more networking time based on feedback from the 2023 Long Beach meeting. It was a very successful meeting! By the numbers:

- 215 total attendees (198 full registration with 123 of them Cal//Neva Members)
- 80 talks
- 36 posters

Despite rising costs around hosting meetings, we were able to make a net profit!

- Total expenses were \$46,114 (hotel contracts, supplies, raffle prizes, student travel support etc)
- Indirect costs were \$7,726 (passes for planning committee and volunteers, discounted tickets)
- Total net income was \$77,396 (ticket and merchandise sales, vendors, donors, raffles income)
- Net profit \$23,556!

I'm really proud of the crew that pulled this off in what had the potential to be a rough year, and the success is due to countless hours put in by the planning committee, volunteers, continuing education instructors, sponsors and exhibitors and donors! The profits will give us the opportunity to continue to manage chapter business expenses, and have some wiggle room for small events over the next year. Though each of our planning committee make a huge difference, I'd especially like to thank Kelly Souza who has been pivotal to helping with this meeting as our Time and Place. She was involved from the very beginning in contract negotiations with all venues and stepped up to help wherever there



were gaps. I appreciate all your skilled and detail-oriented work, and your voice of reason, over the years and am very thankful you helped us pull this meeting together!

Speaking of next year, we know it'll be a shift from having an annual meeting. The Executive Committee discussed this at great length before changing to a biennial meeting. It was not a decision we came to lightly. Cal/Neva AFS (unlike organizations supporting other meetings) is entirely volunteer run, and the meeting takes a lot of our focus throughout the whole year. We're not the only annual meeting occurring each spring and with state scientists and others limited on how many meetings they can attend we have been forced to reevaluate and prioritize what we provide our members, what makes logical fiscal sense, and what an all-volunteer organization has time to execute effectively. We hope this shift will allow us time and energy to run a few smaller, more local events and give the membership the chance to connect and network in different ways.

We still want to hear from our members on what you'd like to see and of course, as always, we're looking to fill open committee chair positions. If you would like to help run a small event in your area or be a part of shaping what our chapter provides for you, our members, please reach out to us! Positions range in time investment and tasks so there's opportunities for everyone interested!

I'd be remiss if I didn't close with a note to outgoing ExCom folks. The chapter is, as always, grateful to everyone who's helped it run and as there is ebb and flow through these volunteer positions, I find myself ever thankful for those who've carved out some of their precious time to be a part of it and wish them luck in their next endeavors as they feel pulled elsewhere. Thank you to everyone who's been a part of the ExCom for the last year or years!

I look forward to seeing all of the membership at different events this year! Watch for information via emails and through our social media!

Sincerely,  
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Incoming Cal/Neva Chapter President  
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## RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP!

Your support is crucial for advancing fisheries science and conservation efforts. By renewing, you contribute to AFS's important work on fisheries policy, professional development, sharing of science, and much more.

By joining or renewing your *California-Nevada Chapter* membership, the chapter benefits financially as well as from your expertise. Additionally, chapter membership provides you with opportunities to network with other fisheries professionals in your region at our annual events and meetings.

Renew your membership easily by logging into your account: [AFS Sign In \(fisheries.org\)](https://fisheries.org).

If you encounter any issues logging in, need help adding the CA-NV Chapter to your membership, or believe you received this in error, please reach out to [membership@fisheries.org](mailto:membership@fisheries.org) or AFS Membership Manager Kelly Kotche at [kkotche@fisheries.org](mailto:kkotche@fisheries.org).

We hope you continue to be part of the AFS community!

## Officer Transition!



**Kim Luke**  
President - elect



**Parisa Hurley**  
Secretary

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### Student Subunits

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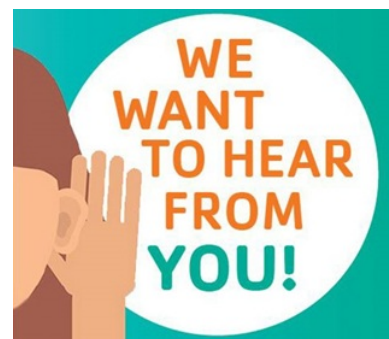
[Sacramento-Davis](#) – Alexandra Ginez, President.  
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[University of California, Irvine](#) - Sam Apodaca

California Polytechnic State University - Hayley Mapes

## Member Highlight

Cal-Neva wants to hear from you! In an effort to highlight our awesome members, please submit a brief narrative and photo to be featured on the Chapter website and social media outlets. Narratives can include topics like "What Cal-Neva has done for you", a relevant research project, species highlight, etc. Please submit entries to [Cal-Neva Communications](#) with **Member Highlight** in the subject line.



# Trawl for Upcoming Events



[2024 Bay Delta Science Conference - September 30 - October 2, 2024, Sacramento, CA](#)

September 30 - October 2, 2024, Sacramento, CA



[Western Division AFS Annual Meeting](#)

\*Hosted by the Colorado/Wyoming Chapter

May 11-15, 2024, Westminister, Colorado



[Native Fishes Workshop! - Spring 2025](#)

Near Clear Lake, CA



[42nd Annual Salmonid Restoration](#)

[Conference – April 29 - May 2, 2025](#) Santa Cruz, California

[Get information about other upcoming fisheries meetings here](#)

## Angle for opportunities and jobs

[See fisheries jobs based in California and Nevada](#)

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[See current job postings related to fisheries at the AFS job board](#)

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