

# 2024 INCA ANNUAL NATIONAL CONFERENCE

*"Celebration of Conservation on Tribal Nations"*



OCTOBER 22 – 24, 2024

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## TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2024

REGISTRATION BEGINS @ 7 AM

MODERATOR: Carl Etsitty

8:00 AM	Invocation: TBA
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8:15 AM	Welcome by Delane Atcitty, INCA Executive Director
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9:00 AM	Guest Speaker, Pedro Torres, NRCS National Tribal Liaison
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10:00 AM - Water is Life Network Break

10:30 AM	Tribal Partnerships	Astor Boozer, Regional Conservationist/NRCS
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11:00 AM	Virtual Fencing Project	Jonathan Romero, Jemez Pueblo
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11:30 AM to 1:00 PM - LUNCH

MODERATOR: Delane Atcitty

12:30 PM	Arizona-Natural Resource Conservation District Board	Deborrah Smith, Executive Director-Arizona Association of Conservation District (AACD)
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1:00 PM	<p>Introduce the Western Grazing Network Vision, Objectives, and Strategies (or Pillars)</p> <p>Explain Measurement, Monitoring, Reporting and Verification (MMRV); the importance of it and how it supports marketing of ranch derived goods and services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Learn from partners about soil carbon</li> </ul>	<p>Natalie Allio, Manager-Western Grazing Network (WGN)</p> <p>Kris Hulvey, Lead Scientist-Working Lands Conservation/ Partner with WGN</p>
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2:30 PM	Discuss marketing pathways with participants to better understand options that work for Tribal	Ian Chamberlin, Pasture Proteins/Partner with WGN
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3:00 PM - Rangeland Steward Network Break

3:30 PM	INCA Exchange App	Sadie Lister, Deputy Director-INCA
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4:00 PM	Value Added	Deb Webster
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“What Happens Here, Only Happens Here” is meant to reflect the city’s growing reputation as a sports and entertainment epicenter, according to the Las Vegas Review-Journal

## WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2024

MODERATOR: Wallace Tsosie, INCA

8:00 AM	Promoting Traditional Ecological Knowledge and Indigenous Stewardship Methods in NRCS Conservation Program Delivery	Amanda Branham, Ed D, Director, Soil Health Division Leader, NRCS Tribal and Indigenous Practices Team
9:00 AM	Drought Management Grant using Enriched Ag Vision Camera and insight software for timely ranch management decisions	Billy Cooke, Enriched Ag
9:30 AM	USDA Insurance programs – livestock and crop insurance scenarios	Jaime Cortes, Business Insurance
10:00 AM - Sovereign Food Champion Network Break		
10:30 AM	Soil Health	Rob Wilson, State Resources Inventory Coordinator – NRCS Ecological Sciences Team
11:30 LUNCH		MODERATOR: Sadie Lister, INCA
12:00 PM	Documentary Film “Bring Them Home”, produced by Thunderheart Films and Lily Gladstone. This powerful film sheds light on the profound relationship between the Blackfeet Nation of Montana and bison, focusing on the heartfelt journey to return the Elk Island Herd from Canada	Helen and Sheldon Carlson, The linnii Initiative
1:45 PM	1994 Tribal College Land Grant institutions	Benita Litson, Land Grant Office, Dine’ College
3:00 PM – Sovereign Food Champion - Network Session		
3:30 PM	APHIS Funding Opportunities	Carl Etsitty, Tribal Liaison/ APHIS
4:00 PM	CSU Recruiting Native Students for Ranch	Anthony Vorster, CSU
4:30 PM	Reflections	Delane Atcitty, Executive Director/INCA
		
MODERATOR: Tracy Tyner, INCA		



8:00 AM	<p><u>Board and Leadership Training</u></p> <p>What is a nonprofit board of directors?</p> <p>How are nonprofit boards structured?</p> <p>Governance vs. Management</p> <p>Recruiting Board Members</p> <p>What are the responsibilities of a nonprofit board of directors?</p> <p>Top Nonprofit Board Mistakes</p> <p>Leadership Skills</p>	<p>Karla Bylund, Sourcing Birds Solutions</p>
10:00 AM - Network Break		

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11:30	What is the future of Conservation Districts?	INCA Board of Directors
Benediction: TBA		
12:00 – 1:00 PM - Lunch		

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