

## Groups hold Weeds and Watersheds Annual Gathering

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The Lake County Umbrella Watershed Council (LCUWC) and the Lake County Cooperative Weed Management Area (LCCWMA) hosted the Weeds and Watersheds Annual Gathering on Thursday, Jan. 26. Over 60 landowners, partners, and board members attended the event at the Lakeview Elks Lodge.

The LCUWC and the LCCWMA provided annual report summaries and guests listened to a presentation by Ed Contreras of the Intermountain West Joint Venture. Contreras discussed drought resiliency in arid watersheds like those found in Lake County.

The groups also recognized landowners and partners with annual awards. For the LCUWC, the Landowner of the Year was awarded to Robert Squires for his extraordinary efforts on multiple restoration projects and the Partner of the Year was awarded to Jimmy Leal for his major support of the Warner Basin Aquatic

Habitat Partnership during his tenure with the Bureau of Land Management. Additionally, the LCUWC recognized Roger Linton, who recently resigned from the council after nearly 14 years. The LCWMMA recognized Bob Warner as its Cooperator of the Year.

All enjoyed a tri-tip lunch catered by P's Q to conclude the gathering. If you would like to know more about the Lake County Umbrella Watershed Council, visit [www.lakecountywsc.com](http://www.lakecountywsc.com). If you would like to know more about the Lake County Cooperative Weed Management Area, contact director Jason Jaeger at 541-219-0537.