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MEETING OF THE SAGEBRUSH ECOSYSTEM COUNCIL

Thursday, April 28, 2022 – 8:30 a.m.

Physical Location

Nevada Department of Wildlife Headquarters
6980 Sierra Center Pkwy #120
Reno, NV 89511

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1. CALL TO ORDER; ROLL CALL

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

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3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA - *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*

A. Approval of agenda for Thursday, April 28, 2022.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*

A. Approval of minutes from the meeting held on Thursday, February 24, 2022.

5. COUNCIL MEMBER ITEMS AND CORRESPONDENCE:

A. Council members may make comments at this time and the Program Manager will bring forward any pertinent correspondence directed to the Council.

6. CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST FOR EXEMPTION TO MITIGATE FOR THE PROPOSED “PLAN OF DEVELOPMENT FOR THE COUNTY ROADS PROJECT (UPGRADES TO ROADS 719 AND 100)” IN CONFORMANCE WITH NEVADA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE 232.460 - *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION* Kelly McGowan, Manager, SEP; Beth Erickson, Principal Advisor – Permitting, Kinross Gold Mines; Bill Calderwood, Public Works Director, White Pine County; Curtis Moore, Elko County Natural Resources Director

7. REVIEW OF CONSERVATION PRIORITIZATION TOOL DEVELOPED IN UTAH TO OPTIMIZE HABITAT BENEFITS FOR GREATER SAGE-GROUSE - Justin Small, NDOW Representative, SEP

8. UPDATE ON SCIENCE WORK GROUP THAT CONSIDERED ADDITIONAL SCIENCE THAT MAY BE INCORPORATED INTO THE CONSERVATION CREDIT SYSTEM TO ACCOUNT FOR GREATER SAGE-GROUSE POPULATIONS - *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION* Kelly McGowan, Manager, SEP

9. STAFF BRIEFINGS AND UPDATES TO THE COUNCIL

- A. CCS Projects and Transactions
- B. Greenlink West – Adaptation of CCS for use in Bi-State habitats
- C. SWIP Transmission Line
- D. Baker Ranch Power Tie-In
- E. Gold Bar and Gold Bar South Mine Mitigation
- F. National Mitigation & Ecosystem Banking Conference

10. REVIEW OF ACTION ITEMS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS DISCUSSED DURING THIS MEETING AND SCHEDULING NEXT SEC MEETING - *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*

- A. With staff assistance, the Council will review items discussed, as well as items acted upon during this meeting, and determine which of those they wish to direct staff to do further work on, as well as which items the Council wishes to act on that may not have been acted upon during earlier discussion.
- B. Determination of any specific items the Council would like to work on at their next regularly scheduled Council meeting.
- C. Scheduling of the next Council meeting date, time, and place.

11. FEDERAL AGENCY UPDATES AND COMMENTS:

- A. US Fish and Wildlife Service
- B. Bureau of Land Management
- C. US Forest Service

- D. USDA – Natural Resources Conservation Service
- E. Other

12. STATE AGENCY UPDATES AND COMMENTS:

- A. Office of the Governor
- B. Department of Conservation and Natural Resources
- C. Department of Wildlife
- D. Department of Agriculture
- E. Other

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14. ADJOURNMENT

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Department of Agriculture, 405 South 21st Street, Sparks, Nevada

Department of Wildlife, 1100 Valley Road, Reno, Nevada

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