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MEETING OF THE SAGEBRUSH ECOSYSTEM COUNCIL

Thursday, November 02, 2023

8:30 AM

Physical Location

**Nevada Department of Agriculture
Main Conference Room
405 21st St, Sparks, NV 89431**

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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, November 02, 2023.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*

A. Approval of minutes from the meeting held on Friday, May 12, 2023.

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. REVIEW THE UPDATED SCIENCE AND THE PROPOSED IMPROVEMENT TO THE CONSERVATION CREDIT SYSTEM'S HABITAT QUANTIFICATION TOOL. CONSIDER ADOPTION OF UPDATED SCIENCE TOOLS, SPECIFICALLY UPDATES TO THE ABUNDANCE AND SPACE USE INDEX AND THE HABITAT SUITABILITY INDEX. - *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION* SEP Staff

7. REVIEW THE UPDATED SCIENCE AND THE PROPOSED IMPROVEMENT TO THE CONSERVATION CREDIT SYSTEM'S HABITAT QUANTIFICATION TOOL. CONSIDER FOR ADOPTION THE METRIC PROPOSED IN THE CALCULATION OF CREDITS AND/OR DEBITS WHILE APPLYING THE UPDATED SCIENCE. - *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION* SEP Staff

8. UPDATE ON COMMON RAVEN MANAGEMENT TO PROTECT GREATER SAGE GROUSE. USGS, NDOW, APHIS-WS

9. REGULATORY TOOLS FOR COMMON RAVEN MANAGEMENT. CONSIDER DIRECTING THE STAFF TO FOLLOW UP ON DISCUSSION OR START A REQUEST PROCESS FOR RAVEN POPULATION CONTROL. - *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION* USFWS

10. STAFF BRIEFINGS AND UPDATES TO THE COUNCIL

A. CCS Update

11. 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.

12. 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

13. 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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15. ADJOURNMENT

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Department of Conservation and Natural Resources 901 S. Stewart Street, Carson City, Nevada
Department of Agriculture, 405 South 21st Street, Sparks, Nevada
Department of Wildlife, 1100 Valley Road, Reno, Nevada
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