



STATE OF NEVADA
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MEETING OF THE SAGEBRUSH ECOSYSTEM COUNCIL
Monday June 17, 2013 9:00 a.m.
The Nevada State Capitol Building
101 N Carson Street, Guinn Room, Carson City, Nevada 89701

The meeting will be video conferenced to the following locations (location addresses are listed at the end of this agenda):

Elko – High Tech Center Building Room 121
Winnemucca – Great Basin College Room 108
Ely – Great Basin College, Ely Campus, Room 111

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comment will be taken at the beginning and end of the meeting, and may be taken at the discretion of the Chair on agenda items listed for possible action. Public comments may be limited to 3 minutes per person at the discretion of the Chair. Comment will not be restricted based on viewpoint. No action will be taken on any matters raised during the public comment period that are not already on the agenda. Persons making comment will be asked to begin by stating their name for the record.

3. REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF AGENDA - *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*

4. REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF MINUTES - *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*

A. Approval of minutes from the meetings held April 22, 2013, May 31, 2013, and June 3, 2013.

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. FEDERAL AGENCY UPDATES – UPDATES OF AGENCY ACTIVITIES SINCE LAST MEETING:

- A. US Fish and Wildlife Service – Ted Koch
- B. Bureau of Land Management – Amy Lueders
- C. US Forest Service – Bill Dunkelberger
- D. Other

7. **STATE AGENCY UPDATES – UPDATES OF AGENCY ACTIVITIES SINCE LAST MEETING:**
 - A. Department of Conservation and Natural Resources – Leo Drozdoff
 - B. Department of Wildlife – Tony Wasley
 - C. Department of Agriculture – Jim Barbee
 - D. Sagebrush Ecosystem Technical Team
 - E. Other

8. **PRESENTATION BY KENT MCADOO, NATURAL RESOURCES SPECIALIST WITH UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA COOPERATIVE EXTENSION, ENTITLED SAGE-GROUSE IN NEVADA: INTEGRATING SCIENCE AND HISTORY.**
 - A. Mr. McAdoo will review historical information from proto-history to the present, and then compare what science and history tell us regarding six relevant factors of the sage-grouse.

9. **PRESENTATION REGARDING ACTIONS TO ADDRESS PINYON/JUNIPER ENCROACHMENT ISSUES AS THEY RELATE TO BEING A THREAT TO SAGE-GROUSE - *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION***
 - A. Presentation and discussion of issues relating to the encroachment of pinyon/juniper (PJ) forest lands, its effect on the sagebrush ecosystem, and actions being taken to protect and expand sage-grouse habitat – *John Copeland, Technical Team Member.*

10. **DISCUSSION OF REGULATORY ASSURANCES AND THE POTENTIAL FOR SAGE-GROUSE CONSERVATION REGULATIONS – Ted Koch, USFWS - *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION***
 - A. Mr. Koch will discuss with the Council a number of possible regulatory assurance programs that perhaps could be considered for development by the Council.

11. **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ADOPTION OF MISSION STATEMENT - *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION***
 - A. Discussion of the possible adoption of the following draft mission statement: “The SEC mission is to maintain and restore an ecologically resistant and resilient sagebrush ecosystem to benefit all species while allowing for various land uses. This will be accomplished by working through a diverse coalition of public and private stakeholders.”

12. **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ADOPTION OF A STATEMENT OF SUPPORT FOR PAST, CURRENT AND FUTURE WORK BEING DONE ON THE GROUND FOR THE BENEFIT OF SAGE-GROUSE - *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION***
 - A. A draft ‘Statement of Support’ has been written and this will be reviewed, changed as needed, and possibly adopted. The statement will then be distributed throughout appropriate locations in Nevada.

13. **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE REVISIONS TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS ON A MITIGATION CREDITING SYSTEM BASED ON THE RFI PRESENTATIONS MADE DURING THE MAY 31, 2013 COUNCIL MEETING - *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION***
 - A. Review of Technical Team staff report on presentations made at the Council meeting on May 31, 2013 in response to the RFI. – *Tim Rubald*

14. DISCUSSION OF REVISIONS TO GOALS AND OBJECTIVES SECTION OF THE STATE PLAN - *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*

A. Technical Team members will discuss revisions to Section 3.0 Goals and Objectives to the State Plan made per discussions of the April 22, 2013 Council Meeting Agenda Item 10. – *Lara Niell and Melissa Faigeles*

15. DISCUSSION REGARDING SETTING REGULAR MEETING DATES - *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*

A. Discussion by the Council members of setting a regular meeting date/time for meetings of the Council beginning September, 2013. Staff suggestions are the second Thursday or second Friday of each month.

16. DETERMINATION OF DATE OF MEETINGS TO BE HELD IN JULY AND AUGUST, 2013 - *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*

A. Staff suggestions are July 26th, 29th, or 30th; and August 16th or 20th.

17. REVIEW OF ACTION ITEMS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS DRAFTED ON FLIP CHARTS DURING THIS 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.

18. PUBLIC COMMENT

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19. ADJOURNMENT

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Sagebrush Ecosystem Program, 201 S. Roop Street, Carson City, Nevada
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
Nevada State Library & Archives Building, 100 North Stewart Street, Carson City, Nevada
Grant Sawyer Office Building, 555 East Washington Avenue, Las Vegas, Nevada
Capitol Building, 101 North Carson Street, Carson City, Nevada

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Video Conference Locations:

Great Basin College - Elko Campus
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High Tech Center Building, Room 121
Elko, Nevada

Great Basin College – Winnemucca Campus, Room 108
5409 Kluncy Canyon Road
Winnemucca, Nevada

Ely Campus, Great Basin College
2115 Bobcat Drive, Room #111
Ely, Nevada