



STATE OF NEVADA
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MEETING OF THE SAGEBRUSH ECOSYSTEM COUNCIL

Thursday September 12, 2013 8:30 a.m.

The Legislative Building

401 S Carson Street, Room 1214, Carson City, Nevada 89701

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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 meeting held July 30, 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
- B. Bureau of Land Management
- C. US Forest Service Other

7. STATE AGENCY UPDATES – UPDATES OF AGENCY ACTIVITIES SINCE LAST MEETING:

- A. Department of Conservation and Natural Resources
- B. Department of Wildlife
- C. Department of Agriculture
- D. Sagebrush Ecosystem Technical Team
- E. Other

8. DISCUSSION OF THE USFWS’ OBSERVATIONS ON MAXIMIZING SAGEBRUSH ECOSYSTEM COUNCIL EFFECTIVENESS

- A. This discussion item will provide an opportunity for the Council to discuss and review some of the USFWS’ suggestions on effectiveness – *Ted Koch, State Supervisor, USFWS*

9. DISCUSSION OF RESPONSES TO THE SETT’S SUGGESTED CHANGES TO SECTION 3.0 GOALS AND OBJECTIVES TO THE STATE PLAN. CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS FOR INCORPORATION INTO AN UPDATED VERSION OF SECTION 3.0, WILL BE DISCUSSED. - *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*

A. A discussion and possible consideration of issues related to “Avoid, Minimize and Mitigate”.

B. A discussion and possible consideration of the goal regarding “no net loss” and determination of the parameters and definitions involved.

C. A discussion and possible consideration of processes and definitions regarding issues with the concept of Maximum Allowable Disturbance.

D. A discussion and possible consideration of indirect impacts and determination of a process to determine the parameters of these issues.

10. PRESENTATION ON INVASIVE SPECIES

A. Presentation and discussion on noxious and invasive plant species, review of State definitions and regulations, and potential mapping features offered through EDDMapS – *Kelly McGowan, SETT; Robert Little, Noxious Weeds Coordinator, Nevada Department of Agriculture, and Jaime Greer, Weed Free Certification and Grant Programs Coordinator, Nevada Department of Agriculture.*

11. DISCUSSION OF MODIFIED SAGEBRUSH ECOSYSTEM PROGRAM DETAILED TIMELINE *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*

A. Discussion of changes made to the detailed work timelines pertaining to the Conservation Credit System and the USGS Habitat Suitability Mapping since the Council’s review at the July 30, 2013 Council Meeting.

12. 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.

B. Determination of whether the Council will meet on October 10, 2013 which is the next regularly scheduled Council meeting.

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14. ADJOURNMENT - *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*

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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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