



STATE OF NEVADA
SAGEBRUSH ECOSYSTEM COUNCIL
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MEETING OF THE SAGEBRUSH ECOSYSTEM COUNCIL
Thursday and Friday, October 10th and 11th, 2013 8:30 a.m.
The Legislative Building
401 S Carson Street, Room 4100, 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 September 12, 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. DISCUSSION OF CONSERVATION CREDIT SYSTEM:

A. Released RFP for the Conservation Credit System

7. PRESENTATION ON THE SAGE-GROUSE INITIATIVE :

A. Presentation and discussion on the Sage Grouse Initiative (SGI). Launched in 2010 by NRCS, SGI is a science driven, partnership-based effort that is implementing conservation in sage-grouse strongholds across 11 western states to reduce threats and improve sustainability of working ranches. In this presentation, SGI national and state leadership will describe the Initiative's strategic solutions to tackling key threats to sage-grouse, highlight rangewide accomplishments to date, and help partners explore opportunities to expand successes in Nevada. - *Tim Griffiths, National SGI Coordinator, NRCS, Bozeman, MT; Dave Naugle, National SGI Science Advisor & Professor, Wildlife Biology Program, University of MT, Missoula; Jeremy Maestas, National SGI Technical Lead, NRCS, Redmond, OR; Bruce Petersen, State Conservationist, NRCS, Reno, NV; Thad Heater, State Biologist, NRCS, Reno, NV*

8. PRESENTATION OF NDOW'S SAGE-GROUSE POPULATION DISTRIBUTION MAPS - *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*

A. Presentation, discussion and consideration of sage-grouse population distribution maps that present various percent population distributions across Nevada's three management zones, as identified in the COT report. These maps will help guide discussions and facilitate understanding of key sage-grouse areas in the state. – *Tony Wasley, Director, NDOW and Shawn Espinosa, Upland Game Staff Biologist, NDOW*

9. AVOID PROCESS - *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*

A. Discussion and consideration of possible process steps for the "Avoid" principle to be included in policies, as requested during the September 12, 2013 Council Meeting, Agenda Item 9. – *Sagebrush Ecosystem Technical Team*

10. OBJECTIVES FOR ACTS OF NATURE - *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*

A. Discussion and consideration of possible objectives for "Acts of Nature" to be established in the revised State Plan, as requested during the September 12, 2013 Council Meeting, Agenda Item 9. – *Sagebrush Ecosystem Technical Team*

11. 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 "Minimize".

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

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

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 November 14, 2013 which is the next regularly scheduled Council meeting.

13. FEDERAL AGENCY UPDATES AND COMMENTS:

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

14. STATE AGENCY UPDATES AND COMMENTS:

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

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16. ADJOURNMENT - *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*

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