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MEETING OF THE SAGEBRUSH ECOSYSTEM COUNCIL

Wednesday, December 18th, 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 November 18, 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 THE CONSERVATION CREDIT SYSTEM:

A. A brief update on the status of the Conservation Credit System. – *Tim Rubald, Program Manager, Sagebrush Ecosystem Technical Team.*

7. DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSED REVISIONS TO SECTION 3.0 GOALS AND OBJECTIVES OF THE 2012 STATE PLAN. - *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*

A. Discussion and consideration of revisions to the 2012 State Plan, including cumulative impacts, as directed during the September 12, 2013 and October 10, 2013 Council Meetings, and discussed at the November 18, 2013 meeting. – *Sagebrush Ecosystem Technical Team*

8. DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSED SITE SPECIFIC CONSULTATION DESIGN FEATURES, PERTAINING TO THE ‘MINIMIZE’ POLICY TO BE INCLUDED IN THE REVISED VERSION OF THE 2012 STATE PLAN AND STATE EIS ALTERNATIVE. - *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*

A. Discussion and consideration of proposed Design Features to be included in the revised State Plan and EIS Alternative, as requested during the October 10, 2013 Council Meeting, incorporating comments made by the Council *et. al.* between the November 18, 2013 meeting and this meeting. – *Sagebrush Ecosystem Technical Team*

9. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE INFLUENCE OF PRIVATE LANDS BY THE SAGEBRUSH ECOSYSTEM PROGRAM.

A. On numerous occasions the issue of how private lands in the state might be affected by actions of the Council or SETT has come up in discussion. This issue will be discussed regarding how AB461 affects the Council’s actions. – *Cory Hunt, Policy Analyst, Governor Sandoval's Office*

10. DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF “HABITAT OBJECTIVES FOR GREATER SAGE-GROUSE” TO BE INCLUDED IN THE REVISED VERSION OF THE 2012 STATE PLAN AND STATE EIS ALTERNATIVE. - *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*

A. Discussion and consideration of proposed habitat objectives for greater sage-grouse that would be incorporated into the revised State Plan. These objectives were originally developed for the BLM for inclusion in the EIS and have been discussed with the Science Work Group. – *Sagebrush Ecosystem Technical Team*

11. DISCUSSION OF THE BLM/USFS SUB-REGIONAL DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT (DEIS). *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*

A. Discussion of the Sub-regional DEIS. Development of comments and specific items that need additional consideration by the Council, possibly resulting in Council developing specific comments on sections of the DEIS, and additional direction to the SETT. – *Tim Rubald, Program Manager, Sagebrush Ecosystem Technical Team.*

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 any specific items the Council would like to work on at their January 8th and 9th, 2014 two day meeting, 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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