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MEETING OF THE SAGEBRUSH ECOSYSTEM COUNCIL

REVISED AGENDA

As of May 6, 2014

Tuesday, May 13, 2014 9:00 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 February 24, 2014.

B. Approval of minutes from the meeting held April 8, 2014.

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. PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION OF H.R. 4419 BY CONGRESSMAN MARK AMODEI - *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*

A. Congressman Amodei will present and discuss his Bill, introduced in early April. The Council may choose to comment on the Bill – Congressman *Mark Amodei (NV-2)*.

7. DISCUSSION OF INCORPORATION OF DISTURBANCE THRESHOLDS INTO THE CONSERVATION CREDIT SYSTEM (CCS) - *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*

A. Previous action of the Council has relied on the CCS addressing disturbance thresholds through economic restrictions. This discussion will provide information on that issue – *Tony Wasley, Director NDOW; Jim Lawrence, Special Advisor to the Director, DCNR; Jeremy Sokulsky, CEO, Environmental Incentives (Invited)*.

8. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE DIRECTION TO STAFF FOR DEVELOPING COMMENTS ON THE BI-STATE LISTING DECISION TO THE USFWS - *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*

A. On April 8, 2014, the US Fish and Wildlife Service announced a 60-day extension of the comment period on their proposed decisions, which include listing the bird as a threatened species, designating approximately 1.86 million acres of critical habitat for the species, and a special rule that would provide increased flexibility for land management practices that are intended to benefit the Bi-state sage-grouse. The extended comment period closes on June 9, 2014. The Council will discuss the proposals and may provide direction to staff on commenting on the FWS proposals – *Sagebrush Ecosystem Technical Team*.

9. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ADOPTION OF PROPOSED REVISIONS TO SECTIONS OF THE 2012 STATE PLAN, INCLUDING: PREDATION; WILD HORSE AND BURRO MANAGEMENT; IMPROPER LIVESTOCK GRAZING; AND MITIGATION - *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*

A. Discussion, consideration, and possible adoption of proposed revisions to Section 7.3 – Predation of the 2012 State Plan – *Sagebrush Ecosystem Technical Team*.

B. Discussion, consideration, and possible adoption of proposed revisions to Section 7.4 – Wild Horse and Burro Management of the 2012 State Plan – *Sagebrush Ecosystem Technical Team*.

C. Discussion, consideration, and possible adoption of proposed revisions to Section 7.5 – Improper Livestock Grazing of the 2012 State Plan – *Sagebrush Ecosystem Technical Team*.

D. Discussion, consideration, and possible adoption of proposed revisions to Section 8.0 – Mitigation of the 2012 State Plan – *Sagebrush Ecosystem Technical Team*.

10. PRESENTATION, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE CREATION OF A COMMITTEE TO WORK ON ISSUES INVOLVING RANGE MONITORING PROGRAMS ON FEDERAL LAND, AND APPOINTMENT OF COUNCIL MEMBERS - *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*

A. Presentation on BLM's current range monitoring processes, protocols, and who is involved – *Mr. Joe Tague, BLM State Office*.

B. Possible creation of a committee, selection of members, and determination by the Council of any specific issues the committee will address.

11. PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION OF INVASIVE PLANT FUNDS AND IDENTIFICATION OF POSSIBLE PROJECTS - *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*

A. Presentation and discussion regarding the funding balance and possible options for projects to benefit Sage-grouse. – *Jim Barbee, Director, Nevada Department of Agriculture*

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 next regularly scheduled Council meeting. Currently the next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 12, 2014.

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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