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MEETING OF THE SAGEBRUSH ECOSYSTEM COUNCIL

Thursday, August 21, 2014 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 July 10, 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. ELECTION OF A NEW VICE-CHAIR - *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*

A. Due to Member Drew designating a representative, the Council will elect a new Vice-chair.

7. PRESENTATION OF A DEMONSTRATION PROJECT AND BENEFICIAL SAGE-GROUSE ACTIVITIES ON BARRICK PROPERTY KNOWN AS THE JUARISTI RANCH IN NORTHERN WHITE PINE COUNTY, FUNDED BY BARRICK GOLD CORPORATION AND NOBLE ENERGY, INC.

A. A presentation of Sage-grouse improvement plans on Barrick's Juaristi Ranch with the goal of adding to the cummulation of "best available science" with a net gain in sage-grouse and habitat fitness. This project is a cooperative activity between Barrick Gold Corporation and Noble Energy, Inc. The SETT has been invited and is planning to do field work on the property in order to field test the HQT -- *Bill Upton, Director of Permitting, Barrick Gold Corporation and Robert Veldman, Senior Environmental Coordinator, Noble Energy, Inc.*

8. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ADOPTION OF PROPOSED REVISIONS TO SECTION 6.0 MAPPING, OF THE 2012 STATE PLAN - *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*

A. Discussion and possible adoption of the proposed Mapping section of the 2014 State Plan -- *Sagebrush Ecosystem Technical Team.*

9. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ADOPTION OF PROPOSED REVISIONS TO SECTION 9.0, MONITORING AND ADAPTIVE MANAGEMENT, OF THE 2012 STATE PLAN; INCLUDING A REPORT FROM THE COUNCIL'S MONITORING COMMITTEE - *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*

A. Report of discussions and actions by the Council's Monitoring Committee regarding their assistance in development of the Monitoring section of the 2014 State Plan – *Dr. Sherm Swanson, Chair, and the Sagebrush Ecosystem Technical Team.*

B. Discussion and possible adoption of the proposed Monitoring section of the 2014 State Plan -- *Sagebrush Ecosystem Technical Team.*

10. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ADOPTION OF THE NEW 2014 STATE PLAN - *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*

A. Discussion and possible adoption of the newly revised 2014 State Plan – *Sagebrush Ecosystem Technical Team.*

11. DISCUSSION OF OPPORTUNITIES AND PROTOCOL FOR INVOLVING PRIVATE LAND OWNERS IN SAGE-GROUSE HABITAT PROTECTION AND ENHANCEMENT PROJECTS.

A. A brief overview of private land ownership in relation to habitat management categories for an intial discussion on developing protocols regarding projects on private land. – *Sagebrush Ecosystem Technical Team, and others.*

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, September 11, 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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