

BRIAN SANDOVAL
Governor



Sagebrush Ecosystem Program

201 Roop Street, Suite 101
Carson City, Nevada 89701
Telephone (775) 684-8600
Facsimile (775) 684-8604

www.sagebrusheco.nv.gov

**STATE OF NEVADA
Sagebrush Ecosystem Program**

MEETING OF THE SAGEBRUSH ECOSYSTEM COUNCIL

Thursday, April 9, 2015 8:30 a.m.

**At the State Capital Building, Guinn Room
101 N. Carson Street, Carson City, NV 89701**

This is scheduled to be a conference call meeting; there will be a telephonic connection available to anyone wishing to attend the meeting. Please call 888-808-6929, and then enter code 3678844 to participate. Limited seating will be available at the above address. The elevators in the building are not working so the staircase is the only way to access the room. If you need accommodations, please call 775-684-8600 at least two days prior.

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 19, 2015.

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. INFORMATION ON SAGE-GROUSE MITIGATION BANK ENABLING AGREEMENT BETWEEN DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR AND BARRICK GOLD OF NORTH AMERICA –
*Amy Lueders, Nevada State Office Director, BLM***

**7. INFORMATION AND UPDATE ON THE BI-STATE ACTION PLAN FOR CONSERVATION OF THE GREATER SAGE-GROUSE BI-STATE DISTINCT POPULATION SEGMENT –
*Steve Abele, Wildlife Biologist, USFWS***

8. PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION ON THE UPDATE OF THE SAGE-GROUSE MANAGEMENT CATEGORIES MAP - *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*

- A. Approval of March 2015 update to the Management Categories map – *Jim Lawrence, Special Advisor to the Director, DCNR; Pete Coates, Research Wildlife Biologist, USGS*
- B. Approve policy for updating state maps in the future – *Lara Niell Enders, Wildlife Staff Specialist, SETT*

9. PRESENTATION, DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF UPDATED 2014 STATE PLAN IN RESPONSE TO AN UPDATED TABLE 4-1- *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION* – *Jim Lawrence, Special Advisor to the Director, DCNR; SETT*

10. PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION ON IMPROVEMENTS LIST TIMELINE *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION* – *SETT*

11. 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, May 14, 2015.

12. FEDERAL AGENCY UPDATES AND COMMENTS:

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

13. STATE AGENCY UPDATES AND COMMENTS:

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

14. PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comment may be made on any matter, provided that comment will be limited to matters relevant to the Council. 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.

15. ADJOURNMENT - *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*

NOTICE: Items on this agenda may be taken in a different order than listed, combined for consideration, or removed from the agenda at the discretion of the Chair.

Notice of this meeting was posted in the following location:

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
Capitol Building, 101 North Carson Street, Carson City, Nevada
Legislative Building, 401 South Carson Street, Carson City, Nevada

Notice of this meeting was also posted on the Sagebrush Ecosystem Program website at:
<http://sagebrusheco.nv.gov> and the Nevada Public Notices Website at <http://notice.nv.gov/>

We are pleased to make reasonable accommodations for individuals with disabilities who wish to attend the meeting. If special accommodations or assistance at the meeting are requested, please notify our office by writing to the Sagebrush Ecosystem Program, 201 S. Roop Street, Suite 101, Carson City, NV 89701; or by email at kaceykc@sagebrusheco.nv.gov or calling 775-684-8600 no later than two (2) working days prior to the scheduled meeting.

Please contact Kacey KC at 201 S Roop St Ste 101 Carson City, Nevada 89701; or email kaceykc@sagebrusheco.nv.gov ; or phone 775-684-8600 to obtain support material for the agenda. Materials will also be posted on the <http://sagebrusheco.nv.gov> website.