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**STATE OF NEVADA
Sagebrush Ecosystem Program**

MEETING OF THE SAGEBRUSH ECOSYSTEM COUNCIL

Thursday, January 26, 2017 – 8:30 a.m.

**At the Public Employee Benefits Program Conference Room, First Floor
Overflow room available on the Second Floor, Tahoe Room
901 South Stewart Street, Carson City, NV 89701**

There will be a telephonic connection available to anyone wishing to attend the meeting.
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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. APPROVAL OF AGENDA - *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*

A. Approval of agenda for January 26, 2017.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*

A. Approval of minutes from the meeting held on November 10, 2016.

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. USING DRONES FOR RANGELAND ANALYSIS & MONITORING - *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*

Kirk Ellern, Co-Founder - AboveNV Inc. - Drone Data and Services

7. **REVIEW AND DISCUSSION ON THE CONJUNCTIVE MANAGEMENT OF THE HUMBOLDT RIVER BASIN - *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION***
Jason King, State Engineer, Nevada Division of Water Resources
8. **OVERVIEW AND DISCUSSION ON THE RECEIVED 'LETTERS OF INTEREST' FOR STATE FUNDING TO IMPROVE, RESTORE, OR MAINTAIN SAGEBRUSH ECOSYSTEMS WITH THE INTENT TO GENERATE CREDITS - *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION***
SETT STAFF
9. **REVIEW AND DISCUSS THE 2016 FINDINGS AND IMPROVEMENTS RECOMMENDATIONS REPORT RELATED TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NEVADA CONSERVATION CREDIT SYSTEM - *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION***
SETT STAFF
10. **OVERVIEW AND DISCUSSION ON THE USDA-NRCS ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY INCENTIVES PROGRAM AND THE CONSERVATION CREDIT SYSTEM - *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION***
Ray Dotson, USDA-NRCS, and Kelly McGowan, SETT
11. **REVIEW AND DISCUSSION ON THE HUMBOLDT-TOIYABE ANNUAL REPORT - *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION***
Bill Dunkelberger, Humboldt-Toiyabe Forest Supervisor, U.S. Forest Service
12. **REVIEW OF ACTION ITEMS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS DRAFTED ON FLIP CHARTS DURING THIS MEETING AND SCHEDULING NEXT SEC 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.
 - C. Scheduling of the next Council meeting date, time, and place.
13. **FEDERAL AGENCY UPDATES AND COMMENTS:**
 - A. US Fish and Wildlife Service
 - B. Bureau of Land Management
 - C. US Forest Service
 - D. USDA- NRCS
 - E. Other
14. **STATE AGENCY UPDATES AND COMMENTS:**
 - A. Office of the Governor
 - B. Department of Conservation and Natural Resources
 - C. Department of Wildlife
 - D. Department of Agriculture

- E. Conservation Districts Program
- F. Sagebrush Ecosystem Technical Team
- G. Other

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16. ADJOURNMENT - ***FOR POSSIBLE ACTION***

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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

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<http://sagebrusheco.nv.gov> and the Nevada Public Notices Website at <http://notice.nv.gov/>

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