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**STATE OF NEVADA
Sagebrush Ecosystem Program**

MEETING OF THE SAGEBRUSH ECOSYSTEM COUNCIL

Thursday, August 3, 2017 – 8:30 a.m.

**Nevada Legislature, Room 4100
401 S. Carson Street
Carson City, NV 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. APPROVAL OF AGENDA - *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*

A. Approval of agenda for August 3, 2017.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*

A. Approval of minutes from the meeting held on June 8, 2017.

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. UPDATE ON SECRETARY ZINKE'S SECRETARIAL ORDER 3353 AND THE STATE'S PARTICIPATION IN THE PROCESS - *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION* Pam Robinson, Office of the Governor and Marci Todd, Bureau of Land Management

7. PRESENTATION ON THE CHALLENGES WITH IMPLEMENTING THE CONSERVATION CREDIT SYSTEM (CCS) FOR SMALL DISTRIBUTION LINE PROJECTS - *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION* Hank James, Executive Director, Nevada Rural Electric Association

8. SAGEBRUSH ECOSYSTEM TECHNICAL TEAM (SETT) UPDATES/REPORTS TO THE SEC - *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION* *SETT Staff*

- A. Discussion of Greater Sage-grouse habitat on existing State lands and potential preservation, restoration, or enhancement of those areas.
- B. Update on the status of debit and credit projects underway in Nevada.
- C. Update on the status of the Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP) announcement and participation.
- D. Update on 2017 Nevada wildfires and their potential effects on Nevada CCS projects.
- E. Introduction of 2017 Improvements for CCS.

9. UPDATE ON 2017 STATUS AND TRENDS OF GREATER SAGE-GROUSE IN NEVADA - *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION* *Shawn Espinosa, NDOW*

10. UPDATE ON ELKO LAND AND LIVESTOCK/NEWMONT PROJECTED CREDIT DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS - *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION* *Jeff White, ELLCo/Newmont Mining*

11. PRESENTATION ON LITHIUM EXPLORATION AND POTENTIAL DEVELOPMENT IN NEVADA - *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION* *Nevada Division of Minerals*

12. REVIEW OF THE RANGELAND MONITORING HANDBOOK UPDATE AND A PRESENTATION ON THE EFFECTS OF MOWING SAGEBRUSH - *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION* *Dr. Sherman Swanson, UNR-UNCE*

13. PRESENTATION REGARDING THE SHORT AND LONG TERM EFFECTS OF WILDFIRE ON GREATER SAGE-GROUSE - *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION* *Dr. Peter Coates, USGS*

14. REVIEW OF ACTION ITEMS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS DISCUSSED 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.

15. 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

16. 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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18. ADJOURNMENT

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Department of Wildlife, 6980 Sierra Pkwy #120, Reno, NV

Sagebrush Ecosystem Program, 201 S. Roop 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

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