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**STATE OF NEVADA
Sagebrush Ecosystem Program**

MEETING OF THE SAGEBRUSH ECOSYSTEM COUNCIL

Thursday, November 9 – 9:00 a.m.

**Nevada State Legislature, Room 1214
401 S. Carson Street
Carson City, NV 89701**

There will be a telephonic connection available to anyone wishing to attend the meeting. Please call 877.411.9748, and then enter code 3474617 to participate.

It is anticipated that prior to convening the Sagebrush Ecosystem Council (SEC) meeting, there will be a thirty (30) minute recognition ceremony to celebrate the execution of the first completed transaction of the Conservation Credit System between the Sagebrush Ecosystem Program and Kinross Gold Corporation.

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 November 9, 2017.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*

A. Approval of minutes from the meeting held on September 14, 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. U.S. FOREST SERVICE PRESENTATION ON THEIR REVIEW OF THE SAGE-GROUSE PLAN AMENDMENTS - *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION* John Shivik, Regional Sage-Grouse Implementation Lead, USFS

7. REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF SEC INPUT AND RESPONSE TO THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR'S (DOI) NOTICE OF INTENT TO AMEND LAND USE PLANS REGARDING GREATER SAGE-GROUSE CONSERVATION - *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*
8. REVIEW AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF A DRAFT LETTER TO U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE REQUESTING AN INCREASE IN TAKE PERMITS SPECIFIC TO TARGETED RAVEN CONTROL - *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*
9. REVIEW AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF A DRAFT LETTER OF SUPPORT TO IMPLEMENT MANAGEMENT MEASURES, WITHIN THE WILD HORSES AND BURROS ACT, TO MAINTAIN APPROPRIATE MANAGEMENT LEVELS (AML) IN HERD MANAGEMENT AREAS, HERD AREAS, AND WILD HORSE AND BURRO TERRITORIES - *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*
10. REVIEW AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF A DRAFT LETTER TO ADDRESS ISSUES WITH "FIRE BORROWING" IN FEDERAL AGENCY BUDGETS AND ASSOCIATED FUNDING FOR LONG TERM RECOVERY AND MONITORING OF SITES AFFECTED BY FIRE - *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*
11. REVIEW OF THE 2017 CONSERVATION CREDIT SYSTEM CONTINUAL IMPROVEMENT FINDINGS AND POTENTIAL RECOMMENDATIONS FOR IMPROVEMENTS - *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION* *Kelly McGowan, Program Manager*
12. INTRODUCTION TO THE ONLINE SITE SCREENING TOOL ALLOWING LANDOWNERS TO INSTANTANEOUSLY ASSESS CREDIT POTENTIAL - *Kelly McGowan, Program Manager*
13. 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.

14. 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

15. 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

16. PUBLIC COMMENT

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17. ADJOURNMENT

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Department of Conservation and Natural Resources/Public Employees Benefit Program 901 S. Stewart Street, Carson City, Nevada

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

Legislative Building, 401 South Carson Street, Carson City, Nevada (Meeting Location)

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

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