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**STATE OF NEVADA
Sagebrush Ecosystem Program**

MEETING OF THE SAGEBRUSH ECOSYSTEM COUNCIL

Tuesday, March 19, 2019 – 8:30 a.m.

**Public Employee Benefits Program
1st Floor Conference Room in the Bryan Building
901 S. Stewart St., 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 March 19, 2019.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*

A. Approval of minutes from the meeting held on December 11, 2018.

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. REVIEW DRAFT MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT AND THE NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES FOR COMPENSATORY MITIGATION IN GREATER SAGE-GROUSE HABITAT IN NEVADA- *INFORMATIONAL*

7. NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING – POSSIBLE ADOPTION OF PROPOSED TEMPORARY MITIGATION REGULATION - (REFER TO SEPARATE AGENDA FOR NOTICE OF HEARING) - *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*

The Council will consider adopting a temporary regulation is to ensure continued management and conservation of Greater Sage-grouse and sagebrush ecosystems through the Conservation Credit System pursuant to NRS 232.162, NRS 321.592, and NRS 321.594 by setting forth requirements to mitigate certain disturbances in identified Greater Sage-grouse Habitat.

8. **REVIEW AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF THE 2018-2019 CONSERVATION CREDIT SYSTEM CONTINUAL IMPROVEMENT RECOMMENDATION RELATING TO THE BURIAL OF CERTAIN ANTHROPOGENIC DISTURBANCES - *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION***
SETT Staff

9. **REVIEW AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF UPDATES TO THE CCS MANUAL AND SCIENTIFIC METHODS DOCUMENT/HABITAT QUANTIFICATION TOOL- *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*** *SETT Staff*

10. **REVIEW AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF UPDATES TO THE 2014 NEVADA GREATER SAGE-GROUSE CONSERVATION PLAN - *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*** *SETT Staff*

11. **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.

12. **FEDERAL AGENCY UPDATES AND COMMENTS:**

- A. US Fish and Wildlife Service
- B. Bureau of Land Management
- C. US Forest Service
- D. USDA – Natural Resources Conservation Service
- E. Other

13. **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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15. ADJOURNMENT

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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

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