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MEETING OF THE SAGEBRUSH ECOSYSTEM COUNCIL

Thursday, June 27, 2019 - 8:30 a.m.

Nevada Department of Wildlife 6980 Sierra Center Parkway #120 Reno, NV 89511

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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 June 27, 2019.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*

A. Approval of minutes from the meeting held on April 29, 2019.

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. UPDATES AND POTENTIAL REQUESTS FROM THE FOLLOWING NEVADA NATURAL RESOURCE CONSERVATION WORK GROUPS NEVADA ASSOCIATION OF CONSERVATION DISTRICTS, LOCAL AREA WORKING GROUPS, NEVADA COLLABORATIVE CONSERVATION NETWORK, LOCAL WORKING GROUPS, NEVADA ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES, RESULTS ORIENTED GRAZING FOR ECOLOGICAL RESILIENCY, STEWARDSHIP ALLIANCE OF NORTHEAST ELKO, AND NORTHEAST NEVADA STEWARDSHIP *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*

- 7. DISCUSSION ON THE FEDERAL SEED STORAGE OPERATIONS; SEED PROCUREMENT (NATIVE AND NON-NATIVE), AVAILABILITY, PRIORITIES, LIMITATIONS, DEMAND, ETC. *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION* Patricia Roller, BLM National Seed Coordinator; Derek Conn, BLM-Boise Regional Seed Warehouse Manager; USFS Staff; Kacey KC, State Forester, NDF
- 8. DISCUSSION ON THE POTENTIAL USE OF USDA-NRCS FUNDING ON FEDERAL LANDS *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION* Ray Dotson, Nevada State Conservationist USDA-NRCS
- 9. UPDATES FROM THE BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT, U.S.FOREST SERVICE, AND NEVADA DIVISION OF FORESTRY ON RECENT AND PLANNED WILDLAND FUEL TREATMENTS AND FIRE OUTLOOK *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION* Tim Theissen, State Fuels Program Manager, BLM; Paul Peterson, State Fire Management Officer, BLM; Duncan Leao, Forest Fuels and Vegetation Program Manager, Silviculturist, USFS; Kacey KC, State Forester, NDF
- 10. UPDATE FROM THE U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE RELATING TO THE POTENTIAL INCREASE IN RAVEN TAKE PERMITS IN NEVADA *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION* Justin Barrett, Assistant Field Supervisor, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- 11. DISCUSSION OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW TIMELINES FOR CURRENT PROPOSED ANTHROPOGENIC DISTURBANCES AND THE APPLICABILITY OF STATE ADOPTED TEMPORARY REGULATIONS REQUIRING MITIGATION *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION* SETT Staff
- 12. REVIEW AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF TWO CCS IMPROVEMENTS:
 - A. CLARIFICATION OF UPLIFT CREDIT TERM LENGTH *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*
 Ethan Mower, SETT
 - B. USE OF PRE-PROJECT CONDITION FOR UPLIFT CREDIT BASELINE *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION* Ethan Mower, SETT
- 13. REVIEW OF THE JUNE 2019 SEMI-ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION* SETT Staff
- 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 Natural Resources Conservation Service
- 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 Conservation and Natural Resources 901 S. Stewart Street, Carson City, Nevada 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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