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**STATE OF NEVADA**  
**Sagebrush Ecosystem Program**

**MEETING OF THE SAGEBRUSH ECOSYSTEM COUNCIL**

**Thursday, October 3, 2019 – 8:30 a.m.**

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

**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 Thursday, October 3, 2019.

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - \*FOR POSSIBLE ACTION\***

A. Approval of minutes from the meeting held on June 27, 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. REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF THE PROPOSED IMPROVEMENT TO THE CONSERVATION CREDIT SYSTEM TO ADDRESS EXPLORATION DRILLING THAT EXCEEDS FIVE ACRES OF DISTURBANCE – \*FOR POSSIBLE ACTION\* *Katie Andrlle, SETT-NDOW Representative***

**7. REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF THE PROPOSED IMPROVEMENT TO THE CONSERVATION CREDIT SYSTEM FOR CERTAIN CREDIT PROJECTS TO BE DEVELOPED ON PUBLIC LANDS – \*FOR POSSIBLE ACTION\* *Ethan Mower, SETT-NDA Representative***

8. **UPDATE AND DISCUSSION ON THE RESPONSES RECEIVED FROM ENTITIES THAT DO NOT INTEND TO USE THE CCS FOR MITIGATION. DEVELOPMENT AND ADOPTION OF A POLICY FOR NOTIFICATION TO ENTITIES THAT ARE NOT IN COMPLIANCE WITH STATE MITIGATION REQUIREMENTS – \*FOR POSSIBLE ACTION\*** *Kelly McGowan, SEP Manager*
  
9. **UPDATE AND DISCUSSION ON THE RECENT AMENDMENTS TO THE ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT AND HOW IT MAY IMPACT THE PROCESS USED BY THE U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE TO ASSESS AND ADMINISTER THE ACT – \*FOR POSSIBLE ACTION\*** *Justin Barrett, US F&WS Assistant Field Supervisor*
  
10. **NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING – POSSIBLE ADOPTION OF THE PERMANENT MITIGATION REGULATION - (REFER TO SEPARATE AGENDA FOR NOTICE OF HEARING) - \*FOR POSSIBLE ACTION\* (HEARING IS SCHEDULED TO COMMENCE NO EARLIER THAN 1:00 PM)**
  - A. The Council will consider adopting a permanent regulation 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.
  
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 21<sup>st</sup> 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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