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**STATE OF NEVADA
Sagebrush Ecosystem Program**

MEETING OF THE SAGEBRUSH ECOSYSTEM COUNCIL

Thursday, March 26, 2020 – 1:00 p.m.

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Meeting Location:

Nevada Sagebrush Ecosystem Program

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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 Thursday, March 26, 2020.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*

A. Approval of minutes from the meetings held on December 5, 2019, and February 25, 2020.

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 COMMENTS SUBMITTED TO ADDRESS THE PROPOSAL BY THE FEDERAL COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY TO MODERNIZE NEPA IMPLEMENTING REGULATIONS (SUBMITTED MARCH 10, 2020) – *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION* Kelly McGowan, SEP Manager

7. REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF COMMENTS TO BE SUBMITTED ON THE NEVADA AND NORTHEASTERN CALIFORNIA GREATER SAGE-GROUSE DRAFT SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT (COMMENTS DUE APRIL 6, 2020) – *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION* SETT Staff and SEC Members

8. REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF COMMENTS TO BE SUBMITTED PERTAINING TO THE BLM PROPOSAL TO EXPEDITE REVIEW OF PINYON-JUNIPER RESTORATION PROJECTS (COMMENTS DUE APRIL 13, 2020) – *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION* SETT Staff and SEC Members

9. STATUS UPDATE AND DISCUSSION ON THE JOINT CHIEFS' FUNDING AWARDED TO ADDRESS SPECIFIC AREAS IMPACTED BY FIRES, AND ALTERNATIVE FUNDING SOURCES AVAILABLE TO MAXIMIZE TREATMENTS AND COVERAGE – *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION* Bill Dunkelberger, Forest Supervisor HTNF-USFS, Ray Dotson, State Conservationist USDA-NRCS NV, Kacey KC, State Forester/Firewarden NDF-DCNR

10. 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.

11. 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

12. 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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14. ADJOURNMENT

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Sagebrush Ecosystem Program, 201 S. Roop Street, Carson City, Nevada (Meeting Location)

Legislative Building, 401 South Carson Street, Carson City, Nevada

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

Department of Conservation and Natural Resources 901 S. Stewart 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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