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MEETING OF THE SAGEBRUSH ECOSYSTEM COUNCIL

Thursday, August 13, 2020 – 8:30 a.m.

Pursuant to Governor Sisolak's March 12, 2020 Declaration of Emergency Directives 006 and subsequently 026 and 029, there will be no in-person attendance at this meeting.

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1. CALL TO ORDER

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

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3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA - *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*

A. Approval of agenda for Thursday, August 13, 2020.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*

A. Approval of minutes from the meeting held on June 17, 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 OF THE ANALYSIS CONDUCTED BY THE SETT REGARDING POSSIBLE MITIGATION VIOLATIONS RELATED TO EXPLORATION ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED BY WESTERN OIL AND WESTERN GOLD EXPLORATION IN NEWARK VALLEY, NV – *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION* Kelly McGowan, SEP Manager; Katie Andrlle, SETT-NDOW Representative

7. OVERVIEW AND FORECAST OF 2020 WILDLAND FIRES WITHIN HABITAT MANAGEMENT AREAS – *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION* Dan Huser, SETT-NDF Representative

8. REVIEW OF CCS MITIGATION TRANSACTIONS AND ADDITIONAL RESOURCES TO ENHANCE THE EFFECTIVE USABILITY OF THE CCS – *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION* SETT Staff

A. **OVERVIEW OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF A CONSERVATION UPLIFT TOOL USED IN THE HABITAT QUANTIFICATION TOOL CALCULATOR – Kathleen Petter, SETT-NDSL Representative**

B. **PRELIMINARY OVERVIEW OF THE TOOL DEVELOPED TO IDENTIFY PRIORITY CONSERVATION AREAS IN RELATION TO INVASIVE ANNUAL GRASSES AND THEIR TREATMENT – Ethan Mower, SETT-NDA Representative**

C. **INTRODUCTION TO THE NEVADA CCS FOR CREDIT DEVELOPERS – Dan Huser, SETT-NDF Representative**

D. **FAQs FOR CREDIT PRODUCERS AND THOSE GENERATING DEBITS – Kathleen Petter, NDSL-Representative; Katie Andrlle, NDOW-SETT Representative**

E. **GUIDANCE FOR CREATING CONSERVATION UPLIFT IN MEADOW AND UPLAND HABITATS – Kathleen Petter, NDSL-Representative; Ethan Mower, NDA-Representative**

F. **DEVELOPMENT OF A WEB-BASED INTERACTIVE CCS PROJECTLIST – Ethan Mower, NDA-SETT Representative**

G. **UPDATE ON CCS TRANSACTIONS – Kelly McGowan, SEP Manager**

9. 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.

10. 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

11. 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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13. ADJOURNMENT

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Department of Conservation and Natural Resources 901 S. Stewart Street, Carson City, Nevada

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Department of Wildlife, 1100 Valley Road, Reno, Nevada

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