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**STATE OF NEVADA
Sagebrush Ecosystem Program**

MEETING OF THE SAGEBRUSH ECOSYSTEM COUNCIL

Tuesday, February 25, 2020 – 8:30 a.m.

**Nevada State Legislature – Room 4100
401 S. Carson Street
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 Tuesday, February 25, 2020.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*

A. Approval of minutes from the adoption hearing and meeting held on December 5, 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. UPDATE ON THE STATUS OF BI-STATE AND GREATER SAGE-GROUSE CA/NV, THE DEVELOPMENT OF CONSERVATION PLANNING TOOLS AND THEIR UTILITY TO THE SAGEBRUSH ECOSYSTEM PROGRAM, AND UPDATE ON THE POPULATION ASSESSMENT (2018-2019) – *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION* *Dr. Peter Coates et al., USGS*

7. OVERVIEW OF THE RESPONSES RECEIVED FROM LOCAL CONSERVATION GROUPS TO ADDRESS SAGE-GROUSE POPULATION AND HABITAT WARNINGS/TRIGGERS RELATED TO THE ADAPTIVE MANAGEMENT PROCESS AND THE PROCESS MOVING

FORWARD – *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION* *Ethan Mower, SETT-NDA Representative; Katie Andrie, SETT-NDOW Representative*

8. **UPDATE FROM THE HUMBOLDT-TOIYABE NATIONAL FOREST ON THE 2019 FIRE SEASON AND CURRENT REHABILITATION AND PLANNING EFFORTS – *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*** *Bill Dunkelberger, Forest Supervisor, HTN-USFS*
9. **UPDATE AND DISCUSSION ON HOW THE BLM IS IMPLEMENTING THE GREATER SAGE-GROUSE LAND USE PLANS IN LIGHT OF THE COURT INJUNCTION ON THE 2019 PLAN AND THE RELEASE OF THE SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENTS TO THE 2019 PLAN – *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*** *Jon Raby, State Director, BLM Nevada*
10. **REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF THE PROPOSAL BY THE FEDERAL COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY TO MODERNIZE NEPA IMPLEMENTING REGULATIONS AND POSSIBLE EFFECTS IT MAY HAVE ON STATE AGENCIES – *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*** *Kelly McGowan, SEP Manager*
11. **STATUS UPDATE AND FORECASTS FOR CREDIT AND DEBIT PROJECTS WITHIN THE CCS – *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*** *Kelly McGowan, SEP Manager*
12. **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.

13. 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

14. 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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16. 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

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