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MEETING OF THE SAGEBRUSH ECOSYSTEM COUNCIL'S **COMMITTEE ON MONITORING**

Tuesday, June 24, 2014 8:00 a.m.
PEBS Conference Room, 1st Floor, Bryan Building
901 S Stewart Street, Carson City, Nevada 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. REVIEW AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF MINUTES - *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*

A. Review of minutes for the May 30, 2014 meeting of the Committee.

4. COMMITTEE MEMBER ITEMS AND CORRESPONDENCE:

A. Committee members may make comments at this time and the Program Manager will bring forward any pertinent correspondence directed to the Committee.

5. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE CONSIDERATION OF CHANGES TO THE MONITORING SECTION OF THE 2012 STATE PLAN - *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*

A. Discussion and consideration of an adaptation of the Monitoring Section of the 2012 State Plan. This, if adopted by the Council, is expected to be incorporated into the 2014 State Plan. A "mark-up" of the current document in a workshop format, led by SETT

members is the anticipated excersize but the Chair will consider other possible options and determine the method for discussion – *Sagebrush Ecosystem Technical Team*.

6. PRESENTATION ON SHORT AND LONG-TERM MONITORING CURRENTLY IN USE AND ANTICIPATED FOR LINKING OBJECTIVES, MANAGEMENT ACTIONS, AND DOCUMENTATION OF THE RESULTS

A. Successes, challenges, and adequacy of monitoring for programs where monitoring informs management of sagebrush ecosystems and landscapes, including but not limited to monitoring strategies, methods of selection and locations of long-term monitoring, documentation of objectives, and evaluation process of monitoring data and adaptive management processes – *Speakers TBD, USFS, HTNF; and BLM*.

7. A DISCUSSION OF POSSIBLE STAKEHOLDER MONITORING, ITS INTRICACIES AND STRATEGIES:

- A. Joint fact finding for collaboration and possible Permittee monitoring
- B. Monitoring of other lands and by other agencies
- C. Adequacy and efficacy of data collection methods
- D. Certification process for consultants or others
- E. Evaluation of collective monitoring data to adjust and adapt management
- F. Any other stakeholder monitoring strategies or issues

8. DISCUSSION, POSSIBLE MODIFICATIONS, AND CONSIDERATION OF THE CURRENT OR REVISED DRAFT STAKEHOLDER MONITORING AGREEMENT AND OTHER EXISTING MONITORING AGREEMENTS AND HANDBOOKS. - *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*

A. The existing “Draft Monitoring Agreement”, intended for stakeholder monitoring in coordination with the BLM, will be reviewed and discussed. Changes to the agreement may be proposed and adopted by the Committee for future presentation to the Council and eventually to the BLM. *Representatives of the BLM and the USFS will begin this discussion.*

B. Discussion of other existing Monitoring Agreements and handbooks that the Committee would like to consider.

9. DISCUSSION (TIME PERMITTING) OR POSTPONEMENT OF ITEMS DEEMED IMPORTANT BUT NOT URGENT AT THE PREVIOUS MEETING - *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*

A. Discussion of recommendations to the authors for possible improvement of the 2006 Nevada Rangeland Monitoring Handbook – Second Edition, and the 2006 Ranchers’ Monitoring Guide

B. Discussion of parameters and components of a possible future pilot project, including determination of a timeline for the project. Discussion of the components, location, and other possible parameters of the project may be determined.

10. REVIEW OF ACTION ITEMS, DETERMINATION OF NEXT MEETING DATE, AND DISCUSSION OF FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS - *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*

A. Determination of any specific items the Committee would like to work on at their next meeting, and setting of their next meeting date, including a discussion of possible agenda items.

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12. ADJOURNMENT - *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*

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