



STATE OF NEVADA
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MEETING OF THE SAGEBRUSH ECOSYSTEM COUNCIL

Monday April 22, 2013 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
The Bryan Building
901 S Stewart Street, PEBS Conference Room, Carson City, Nevada 89701

The meeting will be video conferenced to the following locations (location addresses are listed at the end of this agenda):

Elko -- UNSOM Griswold Room 31
Winnemucca – Great Basin College Room 201
Ely – Great Basin College, Ely Campus, Room 111

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 CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF AGENDA - *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*

4. REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF MINUTES - *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*

A. Approval of Minutes from the meeting held February 21, 2013.

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. FEDERAL AGENCY UPDATES:

- A. US Fish and Wildlife Service – Ted Koch
- B. Bureau of Land Management – Amy Lueders
- C. US Forest Service – Bill Dunkelberger
- D. Other

- 7. STATE AGENCY UPDATES:**
 - A. Department of Conservation and Natural Resources – Leo Drozdoff
 - B. Department of Wildlife – Tony Wasley
 - C. Department of Agriculture – Jim Barbee
 - D. Other
- 8. DISCUSSION OF GUNNISON SAGE-GROUSE DETERMINATION BY USFWS – Ted Koch, USFWS**
 - A. Update and discussion regarding the determination of the USFWS on the Gunnison Sage-grouse.
- 9. DISCUSSION OF THE COUNCIL’S WORK TIMELINE - *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION***
 - A. A Technical Team member will present and explain the work timeline developed at the request of the Council – *Melissa Faigeles*
- 10. DISCUSSION OF USFWS SEPTEMBER 14, 2012 DRAFT COMMENTS ON NEVADA’S GREATER SAGE-GROUSE CONSERVATION STRATEGY - *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION***
 - A. Technical Team members will discuss and suggest recommendations on possible resolutions to the issues brought forward by USFWS regarding the “State Plan”; and also discuss the Nevada EIS Alternative – *Lara Niell and Melissa Faigeles*
- 11. DISCUSSION OF USFWS COT REPORT – Ted Koch, USFWS - *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION***
 - A. Discussion regarding the recently released USFWS Conservation Objectives Team Report with the Council.
- 12. PRESENTATION REGARDING “BEST AVAILABLE SCIENCE” STANDARDS -- DR. STEVEN COURTNEY, DIRECTOR OF COLLABORATIVE SCIENCE, *RESOLVE*:**
 - A. Dr. Courtney will provide the Council an explanation on what the legal standards are for “best available science”, and how it can be used as a framework for establishing a common basis for collaborative decision-making.
- 13. DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF A PROCESS TO DETERMINE THE BEST MECHANISM TO BE USED REGARDING DEVELOPMENT OF A MITIGATION CREDIT SYSTEM - *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION***
 - A. A Technical Team member will present and explain some of the options available in developing a mitigation credit system – *Tim Rubald*
- 14. DISCUSSION OF FUTURE PRESENTATIONS BY TECHNICAL TEAM - *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION***
 - A. A Technical Team member will propose a process and method for Technical Team presentations to the Council – *Tim Rubald*
- 15. DISCUSSION REGARDING SETTING REGULAR MEETING DATES - *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION***
 - A. Discussion by the Council members of setting a regular meeting date/time for meetings of the Council.

16. PUBLIC COMMENT

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17. ADJOURNMENT

NOTICE: Items on this agenda may be taken in a different order than listed, combined for consideration by the Council, or removed from the agenda.

Notice of this meeting was posted in the following location:

Sagebrush Ecosystem Program, 201 S. Roop Street, Carson City, Nevada
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
Nevada State Library & Archives Building, 100 North Stewart Street, Carson City, Nevada
Grant Sawyer Office Building, 555 East Washington Avenue, Las Vegas, Nevada
Capitol Building, 101 North Carson Street, Carson City, Nevada

Notice of this meeting was also posted on the Sagebrush Ecosystem Program website at:

<http://sagebrusheco.nv.gov>

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Video Conference Locations:

Elko UNSOM Griswold Hall Room #31
701 Walnut Street
Elko, Nevada

Great Basin College – Winnemucca Campus, Room 201
5490 Kluncy Canyon Road
Winnemucca, Nevada

Ely Campus, Great Basin College, Room #111
2115 Bobcat Drive
Ely, Nevada