



STATE OF NEVADA
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MEETING OF THE SAGEBRUSH ECOSYSTEM COUNCIL

Friday May 31, 2013 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
The Nevada State Capitol Building
101 N Carson Street, Guinn 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 – High Tech Center Building Room 121
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 meetings held March 27, 2013 and May 13, 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. Sagebrush Ecosystem Technical Team
- E. Other

8. PRESENTATION REGARDING ACTIONS TO ADDRESS FIRE ISSUES AS THEY RELATE TO BEING A THREAT TO SAGE-GROUSE - *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*

- A. Presentation and discussion of changes in processes to protect sage-grouse habitat, recent agreements with local governments, and changes recently made by the Nevada Legislature regarding wildland firefighting plans and protocols, particularly as they pertain to the Nevada Division of Forestry – *John Copeland, Tech Team Member; and Rich Harvey, Deputy State Forester.*

9. PRESENTATIONS BY RESPONDENTS TO THE COUNCIL’S REQUEST FOR INFORMATION, RELEASED MAY 15, 2013, TO FURTHER DEVELOP A CONSERVATION CREDIT SYSTEM - *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*

- A. Up to five separate respondents will provide the Council with twenty minute presentations of their information.
- B. A discussion of the US Fish and Wildlife Service’s preliminary ideas for mitigation crediting, including a description of the context in which the need for mitigation crediting occurs.
- C. Council will then discuss the presentations and provide staff with direction on next steps, including preferred process moving forward and preferential aspects of the presentations to be included in that process.

10. PRESENTATION BY KENT MCADOO, NATURAL RESOURCES SPECIALIST WITH UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA COOPERATIVE EXTENSION, ENTITLED SAGE-GROUSE IN NEVADA: INTEGRATING SCIENCE AND HISTORY.

- A. Mr. McAdoo will review historical information from proto-history to the present, and then compare what science and history tell us regarding six relevant factors of the sage-grouse.

11. DISCUSSION OF REGULATORY ASSURANCES AND THE POTENTIAL FOR SAGE-GROUSE CONSERVATION REGULATIONS – Ted Koch, USFWS - *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*

- A. Mr. Koch will discuss with the Council a number of possible Regulatory Assurance programs that perhaps could be considered for development by the Council.

12. 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. Currently, there are meetings scheduled for Monday June 3, 2013 which is a facilitated collaborative meeting; and June 17, 2013. There are no meetings scheduled past that date.

13. PUBLIC COMMENT

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14. 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:

Great Basin College - Elko Campus
1500 College Parkway
High Tech Center Building, Room 121
Elko, Nevada

Great Basin College – Winnemucca Campus, Room 108
5409 Kluncy Canyon Road
Winnemucca, Nevada

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