



STATE OF NEVADA
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MEETING OF THE SAGEBRUSH ECOSYSTEM COUNCIL

Tuesday, April 8, 2014 9:00 a.m.

The Legislative Building

401 S Carson Street, Room 4100, 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 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 24, 2014.
- B. Approval of minutes from the meeting held March 13, 2014.

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. FURTHER DISCUSSION ON STATE ALTERNATIVE E BASED ON ADDITIONAL COMMENTS. - *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*

7. PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION OF SOME OF THE WATER ISSUES FACING THE GREATER SAGE-GROUSE RANGE IN NEVADA - *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*

A. At the request of the Council, Mr. Jason King, P.E., Nevada's State Engineer will discuss range-wide water issues facing the Greater Sage-grouse. – *Mr. Jason King, P.E., Nevada State Engineer.*

8. UPDATE AND DISCUSSION OF THE “DISCUSSION DRAFT” OF A POSSIBLE SAGE-GROUSE BILL BEING BROUGHT FORWARD BY NEVADA’S UNITED STATES SENATORS REID AND HELLER.

A. At the request of the Council, staff from the Senator Heller's office has been invited to update the Council on any developments of the “discussion draft” of a possible bill – *Mr. Sam Crampton, Senator Heller's Office (Invited).*

9. REVIEW, DISCUSSION, AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF A DRAFT LETTER TO THE NEVADA ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES AND THE NEVADA FARM BUREAU FEDERATION, REGARDING A LAWSUIT ABOUT THE MANAGEMENT OF WILD HORSES AND BURROS ON UNITED STATES’ PUBLIC LANDS IN NEVADA - *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*

A. Review and discussion of modifications to a draft letter. Authorization for the Chair to sign and send to the respective recipients.

10. REVIEW, DISCUSSION, REVISIONS, AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF A DRAFT LETTER TO NEVADA’S UNITED STATES CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION REGARDING MANAGEMENT OF WILD HORSES AND BURROS ON UNITED STATES’ MANAGED PUBLIC LANDS IN NEVADA - *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*

A. Review and discussion modifications to a draft letter. Determination of a list of recipients and authorization for the Chair to sign and send to the respective elected officials.

11. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ADOPTION OF PROPOSED REQUEST TO USFWS REGARDING REVISIONS TO NEVADA’S “PRIORITY AREAS FOR CONSERVATION” (PACs) - *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*

A. The SETT will present and ask for approval, proposed, revised PACs to be presented to the USFWS for their concurrence and approval – *Sagebrush Ecosystem Technical Team.*

12. PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION OF ITEMS THAT WILL BE BROUGHT FORWARD TO THE COUNCIL BY THE SETT FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE 2014 STATE PLAN - *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*

A. The SETT will discuss and propose a number of products to be developed prior to the data call in September of 2014, and look to the Council for direction regarding the development of a State Plan, a Strategic Action Plan, and other products as we transition from EIS work to other issues – *Sagebrush Ecosystem Technical Team.*

B. Environmental Incentives will provide the Council with a brief update on progress and plans regarding development of the Conservation Credit System – *Sagebrush Ecosystem Technical Team and Environmental Incentives Staff.*

13. REVIEW OF ACTION ITEMS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS DRAFTED ON FLIP CHARTS DURING THIS 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. Currently the next meeting is scheduled for May 8, 2014; due to the staff being invited to the Annual SGI Workshop in Twin Falls, Idaho that week, a suggestion has been made to move the next meeting to May 13 or 16.

14. FEDERAL AGENCY UPDATES AND COMMENTS:

- A. US Fish and Wildlife Service
- B. Bureau of Land Management
- C. US Forest Service
- D. Other

15. STATE AGENCY UPDATES AND COMMENTS:

- A. Department of Conservation and Natural Resources
- B. Department of Wildlife
- C. Department of Agriculture
- D. Sagebrush Ecosystem Technical Team
- E. Other

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17. ADJOURNMENT - *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*

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Department of Wildlife, 1100 Valley Road, Reno, Nevada
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