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**STATE OF NEVADA
Sagebrush Ecosystem Program**

MEETING OF THE SAGEBRUSH ECOSYSTEM COUNCIL

Thursday, October 11, 2018 – 8:30 a.m.

**Nevada State Legislature, Room 1214
401 S. Carson Street
Carson City, NV 89701**

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1. CALL TO ORDER

A. Determination of quorum (roll call).

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 October 11, 2018.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*

A. Approval of minutes from the meeting held on August 30, 2018.

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. PRESENTATION FROM 96 RANCH REGARDING LIVESTOCK GRAZING TO REDUCE FUEL LOADS AND ACHIEVE RANGE REHABILITATION AFTER WILDFIRE – *INFORMATIONAL ONLY* *Kris Stewart, 96 Ranch*

7. **REVIEW OF CURRENT AND PENDING STATUS OF ALL DEBIT AND CREDIT PROJECTS INVOLVING THE SAGEBRUSH ECOSYSTEM PROGRAM - *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION***
Kelly McGowan, SEP Manager
8. **REVIEW OF EXISTING OR PROPOSED ACTIONS TAKEN BY OTHER WESTERN STATES REGARDING COMPENSATORY MITIGATION REQUIREMENTS FOR THE CONSERVATION OF GREATER SAGE-GROUSE - *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*** *Ethan Mower, SETT NDA Representative*
9. **DISCUSSION ON POTENTIAL OPTIONS THE SAGEBRUSH ECOSYSTEM COUNCIL MAY CONSIDER TO ENSURE COMPENSATORY MITIGATION IS CARRIED OUT TO OFFSET CERTAIN DISTURBANCES TO GREATER SAGE-GROUSE HABITAT. - *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*** *Jim Lawrence, Nevada Department of Conservation and Natural Resources; Pam Robinson, Office of the Governor*
10. **REVIEW AND GUIDANCE OF LETTER FROM THE SAGEBRUSH ECOSYSTEM COUNCIL TO THE SECRETARY OF INTERIOR ADVOCATING THE USE OF NEVADA'S CONSERVATION CREDIT SYSTEM AND ITS HABITAT QUANTIFICATION TOOL IN THE APPLICATION OF COMPENSATORY MITIGATION WITHIN HABITAT MANAGEMENT AREAS (HMAs) IN NEVADA - *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*** *Kelly McGowan, SEP Manager*
11. **REVIEW THE DRAFT LIST OF POTENTIAL IMPROVEMENTS TO THE CCS FOR 2018-2019 - *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*** *SETT Staff*
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- NRCS
 - 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 Wildlife, 6980 Sierra Pkwy #120, Reno, NV

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

Legislative Building, 401 South Carson Street, Carson City, Nevada

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