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MEETING OF THE SAGEBRUSH ECOSYSTEM COUNCIL

Thursday, December 10, 2020 – 8:30 a.m.

Pursuant to Governor Sisolak's March 12, 2020 Declaration of Emergency Directives 006 and subsequently 026 and 029, there will be no in-person attendance at this meeting.

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1. CALL TO ORDER

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

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3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA - *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*

A. Approval of agenda for Thursday, December 10, 2020.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*

A. Approval of minutes from the meeting held on Thursday, October 8, 2020.

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. BLM UPDATE ON THE STATUS OF WILD HORSES AND ACTIVE MEASURES BEING TAKEN TO ADDRESS POPULATIONS EXCEEDING APPROPRIATE MANAGEMENT LEVELS AND THE RECENT STUDIES BY THE USGS TO UNDERSTAND THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN WILD HORSES, GREATER SAGE-GROUSE AND THEIR SHARED HABITATS – *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION* Alan Shepard, Acting Deputy State Director for Resources, BLM-NV; Ruth Thompson, Wild Horse and Burro State Lead, BLM-NV; Dr. Peter Coates, Research Wildlife Biologist, USGS

7. STATUS UPDATE RELATIVE TO WESTERN OIL AND WESTERN GOLD EXPLORATION IN NEWARK VALLEY, NV – *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION* Kelly McGowan, SEP Manager

8. REVIEW OF THE TIMELINES ESTABLISHED FOR THE PROPONENT DRIVEN MITIGATION AND THE MITIGATION STATUS FOR GOLD BAR, GOLD ROCK, PROSPECT, AND ROSSI MINES - *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION* Kelly McGowan, SEP Manager; Katie Andrie, SETT - NDOW Representative

9. REVIEW AND DISCUSSION ON THE SEMI-ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE - *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION* Kelly McGowan, SEP Manager

10. REVIEW AND DISCUSSION ON THE 2020 ANNUAL CCS SPECIFIC PERFORMANCE REPORT - *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION* Kelly McGowan, SEP Manager

11. UPDATE ON CCS MITIGATION TRANSACTIONS AND STATUS OF CREDIT AND DEBIT PROJECTS – *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION* Kelly McGowan, SEP Manager

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 – Natural Resources Conservation Service
- 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 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
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