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**STATE OF NEVADA  
Sagebrush Ecosystem Program**

**MEETING OF THE SAGEBRUSH ECOSYSTEM COUNCIL**

**Tuesday, March 30, 2021 – 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**

**Public comment will be made on any matter relevant to the Council. Public comment will be taken at the beginning and end of the meeting and may be taken at the discretion of the Chair on specific agenda items. 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 Tuesday, March 30, 2021.**

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - \*FOR POSSIBLE ACTION\***

A. Approval of minutes from the meeting held on Tuesday, March 16, 2021.

**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 AND DISCUSSION ON THE OPEN FILE REPORT TITLED “GREATER SAGE-GROUSE HIERARCHICAL MONITORING FRAMEWORK: IMPLICATIONS FOR DEFINING POPULATION BOUNDARIES, TREND ESTIMATION, AND EARLY WARNING SYSTEM” – \*FOR POSSIBLE ACTION\* *Dr. Peter Coates, Research Wildlife Biologist, USGS***

**7. STATUS UPDATE AND DISCUSSION ON THE CONTROLS PLANNED FOR 2021 AND THE PROCESSES AND AUTHORITIES RELATED TO INCREASING THE COMMON RAVEN “TAKE PERMITS” WITHIN NEVADA – \*FOR POSSIBLE ACTION\* *Mark Ono, Nevada State Director, USDA-APHIS Wildlife Services, Reno; Kelly Myers, Acting Regional Chief for Migratory Birds, US F&WS***

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

**9. STAFF BRIEFINGS TO THE COUNCIL**

- A. Nevada Gold Mines request to terminate the Conservation Framework Agreement and to expand the Bank Enabling Agreement.
- B. Gold Bar Mine mitigation status.
- C. Conservation Credit System – Additional anthropogenic disturbance classifications.
- D. Application of the public health and safety mitigation exemption.
- E. Unfenced credit sites and the potential for negative impacts due to livestock, estrays, or free roaming horses (NRS 569).

**10. 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.

**11. 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

## 12. 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. Other

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## 14. ADJOURNMENT

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