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TOUR AND MEETING OF THE SAGEBRUSH
ECOSYSTEM COUNCIL

SEC Tour

Thursday, July 22, 2021 – 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

SEC Tour of Ormat - McGinness Hills Geothermal and Eureka Livestock Credit Project – Thursday, July 22, 2021 – 11:00 a.m.

Note: There may not be any restroom facilities until we reach the Eureka Livestock credit project at Three Bars Ranch, so please plan accordingly and if necessary, arrive in Austin a little early to use the facilities there before we begin the tour.

Itinerary: Additional roadside stops not outlined may occur but will be brief in nature. Our first meeting location and start of **the tour will begin at the top of Austin Summit at 11:00 a.m.** (there is a large pull off area on the South side of the highway). We will travel east on Hwy 50 for approximately 2 miles and turn left (North) onto Grass Valley Road for approximately 10 miles where we will stop at the McGinness Hills Geothermal Site. We will be at that site for approximately ½ hour. We will then continue North on Grass Valley Road for another 32 miles potentially stopping in several locations along the way, but not leaving the road. We will then take a right (East) onto McClusky Road and travel ~9 miles where we will take a right (South) onto 3 Bars Road. From there we will travel ~5 miles to the 3 Bars Ranch and credit project site. We should arrive at this location around 1:00 p.m. where we will discuss nearby mining activities, habitat conditions both on site and nearby. We will stay at this site for 2 hours. We will continue South on 3 Bars Road to Hwy 50 about 22 miles. We'll go East on Hwy 50 for about 25 miles into Eureka. Please plan your own lodging if you intend to overnight in Eureka and attend the SEC meeting the following morning.

The public is invited to participate but will be required to provide their own transportation, food, water, personal and fire safety equipment such as shovel, fire extinguisher, and extra water. The tour will conclude in Eureka at approximately 5:00 P.M.

SEC Meeting

**Friday, July 23, 2021 – 8:00 a.m.
Eureka County Opera House
31 South Main Street
Eureka, NV 89316
8:00 a.m.**

Given the remote location, we cannot guarantee, but plan to have a telephonic connection available. Please call 877.411.9748, and then enter code 3474617 to participate.

Support materials for the meeting will be available the day of the meeting on the https://sagebrushco.nv.gov/Meetings/2021/2021_Meetings/ website.

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 Friday, July 23, 2021.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*

A. Approval of minutes from the meeting held on Tuesday, May 11, 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. DISCUSSION ON UPDATING AND ADVANCING PRIORITIES FOR IMPLEMENTING “NEVADA’S STRATEGIC ACTION PLAN” TO CONSERVE AND ENHANCE THE SAGEBRUSH ECOYSTEM – *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION* Kelly McGowan, Program Manager – SETT

7. REVIEW OF REVISED IMPROVEMENT TO THE CONSERVATION CREDIT SYSTEM’S (CCS) MANUAL FOR THE FOLLOWING:

A. APPEALS PROCESS FOR CERTAIN DECISIONS MADE BY THE ADMINISTRATOR IN CARRYING OUT PROGRAM REGULATIONS AND CCS POLICIES; AND

PROPOSED EDITS TO PERTINENT SECTIONS IN THE CCS MANUAL – *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION* *Kelly McGowan, Program Manager – SETT*

8. **REVIEW OF DRAFT POLICY CONCERNING MITIGATION FOR PERMITTED ACTIVITIES PRIOR TO DECEMBER 07, 2018 THAT REQUIRE A PERMIT RENEWAL EXCLUSIVELY FOR AN EXTENDED TERM – *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*** *Dan Huser, Division of Forestry Representative – SETT*
9. **STAFF BRIEFINGS TO THE COUNCIL – *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION***
 - A. Mitigation Requirements - Ensuring proponents are aware of the potential that mitigation may be required regardless of the type of NEPA, size, or location of a proposed project or a proposed modification to an existing project.
 - B. Big Ledge Mine Closure Mitigation Status – Review of unmitigated authorized disturbance associated with the reclamation of an inactive mine to address existing environmental impacts. Review of the first letter to the proponent in adherence with non-compliance notification policy.
10. **UPDATE ON CCS MITIGATION TRANSACTIONS AND STATUS OF CREDIT AND DEBIT PROJECTS – *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*** *Dan Huser, Division of Forestry Representative – SETT*
11. **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.
12. **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
13. **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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15. ADJOURNMENT

NOTICE: Items on this agenda may be taken in a different order than listed, combined for consideration, or removed from the agenda at the discretion of the Chair.

Notice of this meeting was posted in the following location:

Eureka County Opera House, 31 S. Main Street, Eureka, NV 89316

Sagebrush Ecosystem Program, 201 S. Roop Street, Carson City, Nevada

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

Department of Wildlife, 6980 Sierra Pkwy #120, Reno, NV

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

Capitol Building, 101 North Carson Street, Carson City, Nevada

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<http://sagebrusheco.nv.gov> and the Nevada Public Notices Website at <http://notice.nv.gov/>

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