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**MEETING OF THE SAGEBRUSH ECOSYSTEM COUNCIL**

Thursday, February 24, 2022 – **8:30 a.m.**

The meeting will be held via the Lifesize virtual meeting information listed below.

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1. CALL TO ORDER; ROLL CALL

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 Thursday, February 24, 2022.

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

A. Approval of minutes from the meeting held on Wednesday, December 15, 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. REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF THE BAKER RANCH POWER TIE-IN PROJECT AND THEIR PROPOSED MITIGATION PLAN IN CONFORMANCE WITH NEVADA**

**ADMINISTRATIVE CODE 232.470 - \*FOR POSSIBLE ACTION\*** *Kelly McGowan, Manager, and Kathleen Petter, NDSL Representative, SEP; Kevin Robison, Chief Executive Officer, and Jake Brunson, Design Engineer, Mt. Wheeler Power, Inc.*

**7. OVERVIEW OF GREATER SAGE-GROUSE CONSERVATION AND MITIGATION STRATEGIES EMPLOYED IN THE WESTERN U.S. - \*FOR POSSIBLE ACTION\***

*Dan Huser, NDF Representative, SEP*

**8. DISCUSSION OF STAFF PRIORITIES FOR CURRENT AND PROJECTED WORKLOAD - \*FOR POSSIBLE ACTION\***

*Kelly McGowan, Manager, SEP*

**9. STAFF BRIEFINGS AND UPDATES TO THE COUNCIL**

- A. CCS Projects and Transactions
- B. Big Ledge/NOV Mitigation
- C. Sagebrush Ecosystem Program/DCNR Scoping Comments – BLM Greater Sage-Grouse Land Use Plan
- D. Direct and Significant Indirect Impacts to Greater Sage-Grouse Leks and Mitigation
- E. Mitigation for Minor Credit Obligation Projects – Availability of Adjacent Credits

**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. Other

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### 14. ADJOURNMENT

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

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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 21<sup>st</sup> Street, Sparks, Nevada

Department of Wildlife, 1100 Valley Road, Reno, Nevada

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

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