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MEETING OF THE SAGEBRUSH ECOSYSTEM COUNCIL

Thursday, September 1, 2022 – 8:30 a.m.

Physical Location

Nevada Department of Wildlife Headquarters
6980 Sierra Center Pkwy #120
Reno, NV 89511

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1. CALL TO ORDER; ROLL CALL

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

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3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA - *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION***
 - A. Approval of agenda for Thursday, September 1, 2022.
4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES - *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION***
 - A. Approval of minutes from the meeting held on Thursday, June 23, 2022.
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 THE APPLICABILITY OF IMPLEMENTING CURRENT SCIENCE AND TOOLS AVAILABLE FOR ADDRESSING RAVEN ABUNDANCE AND REDUCING THEIR IMPACTS ON GREATER SAGE-GROUSE IN NEVADA. THE SEC MAY RECOMMEND INCLUSION OF THESE RESOURCES INTO EXISTING PROGRAM DOCUMENTS. - *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*** *Dr. Peter Coates, Research Wildlife Biologist, USGS-Western Ecological Research Center*
7. **REVIEW STATUS OF RAVEN PERMITS, PROCESS FOR APPLYING, METHOD OF PRIORITIZATION, AND APPLICATION BY AUTHORIZED AGENCIES. THE SEC MAY REQUEST STAFF TO PROVIDE SUPPORT TO THE EFFORT. - *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*** *Mark Ono, State Director, NV USDA-APHIS – Wildlife Services; Pat Jackson, Wildlife Staff Specialist, NDOW; Shawn Espinosa, Upland Game Staff Specialist, NDOW*
8. **REVIEW THE OUTLINE INTENDED TO BE USED FOR UPDATING THE 2016 NEVADA STRATEGIC ACTION PLAN. THE SEC MAY ADOPT THE OUTLINE AS PRESENTED OR MAY PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS. - *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*** *Kelly McGowan, Manager, SEP & Justin Small, NDOW representative, SEP*
9. **STAFF BRIEFINGS AND UPDATES TO THE COUNCIL**
 - A. CCS Projects and Transactions
 - B. Gold Bar and Gold Bar South Mine Mitigation
 - C. Greenlink North – Transmission line
 - D. Integrating population modeling within the Conservation Credit System
 - E. Western Agencies Sage and Columbian Sharp-tailed Grouse Workshop – Logan, UT
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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Department of Wildlife, 6980 Sierra Pkwy #120, Reno, NV (LOCATION OF MEETING)

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

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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