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MEETING OF THE SAGEBRUSH ECOSYSTEM COUNCIL
Thursday, March 2, 2023 – Immediately Following the Public Workshop

Nevada Department of Wildlife Headquarters
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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, March 2, 2023.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*

A. Approval of minutes from the meeting held on Thursday, December 8, 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 NAC 232.400 – 232.480 AND DISCUSS POTENTIAL OPPORTUNITIES TO STREAMLINE, CLARIFY, REDUCE, OR OTHERWISE IMPROVE THE REGULATION TO ENSURE IT PROVIDES FOR THE GENERAL WELFARE OF THE STATE WITHOUT UNNECESSARILY INHIBITING ECONOMIC GROWTH. THE COUNCIL MAY PROVIDE GUIDANCE AND INSTRUCT STAFF TO COMPILE A LIST OF COMMENTS TO BE CONSIDERED AT A FUTURE PUBLIC HEARING. - *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION* SEC members and SEP staff**
- 7. REVIEW THE PROPOSED IMPROVEMENT TO THE CONSERVATION CREDIT SYSTEM'S HABITAT QUANTIFICATION TOOL TO MORE ACCURATELY ACCOUNT FOR IMPACTS TO POPULATIONS THROUGH THE ADDITION OF THE MOST CURRENT GREATER SAGE-GROUSE SPACE USE DATA AND MODELING. THE SEC MAY CONSIDER ADOPTION OF THE PROPOSED APPROVEMENT OR MAY ASK STAFF TO EXECUTE CERTAIN EDITS. - *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION* SEP Staff**
- 8. REVIEW THE LETTER SUPPORTING THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR'S CONTINUED FUNDING FOR WILD HORSE AND BURRO GATHERS IN NEVADA TO PROTECT, ENHANCE, AND PRESERVE NEVADA'S ECOSYSTEMS, MULTIPLE USES, WILDLIFE, AND ECOLOGICAL DIVERSITY. THE SEC WILL CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE LETTER AS PROPOSED OR MAY ADOPT CERTAIN EDITS WITHIN THEIR APPROVAL. - *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION* Kelly McGowan, Manager, SEP**
- 9. STAFF BRIEFINGS AND UPDATES TO THE COUNCIL**
- A. CCS Projects and Transactions
 - B. Recent workshops to coordinate efforts in updating the NV Strategic Action Plan and NDOW's development of the Sagebrush Habitat Framework
 - C. Consideration of updating the Habitat Management Areas Map in Nevada
 - D. Next steps in reviewing and providing recommendations to NAC 232.400 – 232.480
- 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 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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